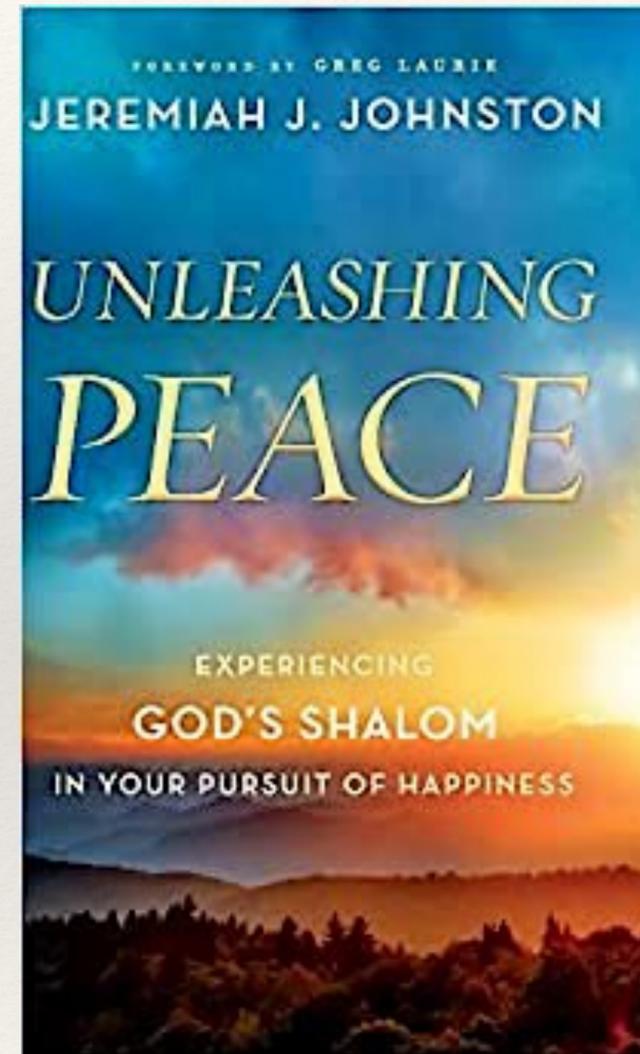
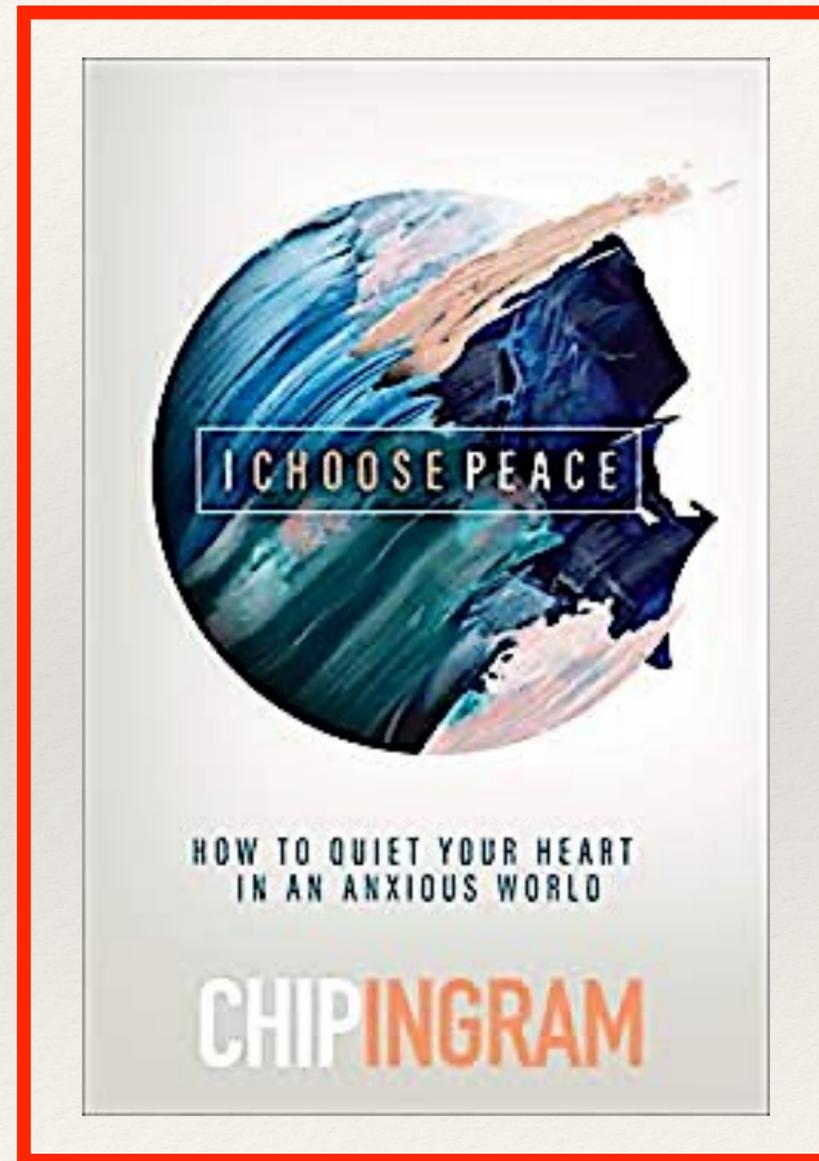


Peace and Shalom  
in Your Life

# Peace and Shalom



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# Introduction

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- We already have peace.
- Jesus gave peace to all of His followers the night before His crucifixion.
- John 14:27 - "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid."
- Chip Ingram - his father (an alcoholic and retired Marine) wanted to know why he had peace after his first year in college.

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# Choose peace in relational conflict

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- People search for peace from one of three sources:
- Inward - meditation, relaxation, centering, problem: it's a process.
- Outward - conquer our fears, control our emotions, problem: out of reach.
- Upward - peace is a person, not a condition (Ephesians 2:14). He gives His own peace (John 14:27). We trust in Him, depend on Him, and abide in Him.
- We don't discover it within or reach for it outside of ourselves.
- We receive it by faith.

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# Choose peace in relational conflict

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- The Hebrew word for peace is *shalom*. It is more than the English word.
- There are four aspects of the biblical use of *shalom*:
  - Complete wholeness and health
  - Harmony in relationship
  - Success and progress in our purpose
  - Victory over enemies

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# Choose peace in relational conflict

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- Paul addresses the issue of relational conflict in the book of Philippians.
- Five ways to defuse relational conflict:
  - Resolve to stop procrastinating (Romans 12:17-18)
  - Reevaluate your expectations (Philippians 4)
  - Get competent outside help
  - Refuse to allow one relationship to ruin your life
  - Remember that a right response is better than being right

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# Choose peace in a broken world

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- The truth about our thoughts and feelings
  - We are products of our thought lives (Proverbs 23:7)
  - Our emotions flow from our thoughts (Romans 8:6)
  - What we allow into our minds is the most important decision we make each day
- Philippians 4:8 - true, noble, right, pure, lovely, admirable
- Think about these things, and then put them into practice.

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# Choose peace in difficult circumstances

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- Paul writes Philippians when he is the midst of difficult circumstances.
- He describes four principles and four practices:
  - Principle 1: Contentment is not dependent on our circumstances
    - ▶ Practice 1: Be grateful
  - Principle 2: Contentment is an attitude we learn, not a thing we achieve
    - ▶ Principle 2: Be teachable

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# Choose peace in difficult circumstances

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- Paul describes four principles and four practices:
  - Principle 3: Prosperity does not have the power to give us peace and contentment, nor poverty the power to take it away.
    - ▶ Practice 3: Be flexible
  - Principle 4: Only Christ has the power to give us a peace that transcended all life's variables.
    - ▶ Practice 4: Be confident

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# Choose peace in a materialistic culture

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- Chip Ingram talks about getting a scouting report on the Enemy.
- Scouting reports four questions:
  - Who is our foe? The word *philarguria* - love of money, materialism.
  - How formidable is our foe? ruin, destruction, all kinds of evil.
  - What are the foe's tactics? temptation, trap, foolish, harmful desires
  - Where are we vulnerable? Jeremiah 17:9 - heart is deceitful

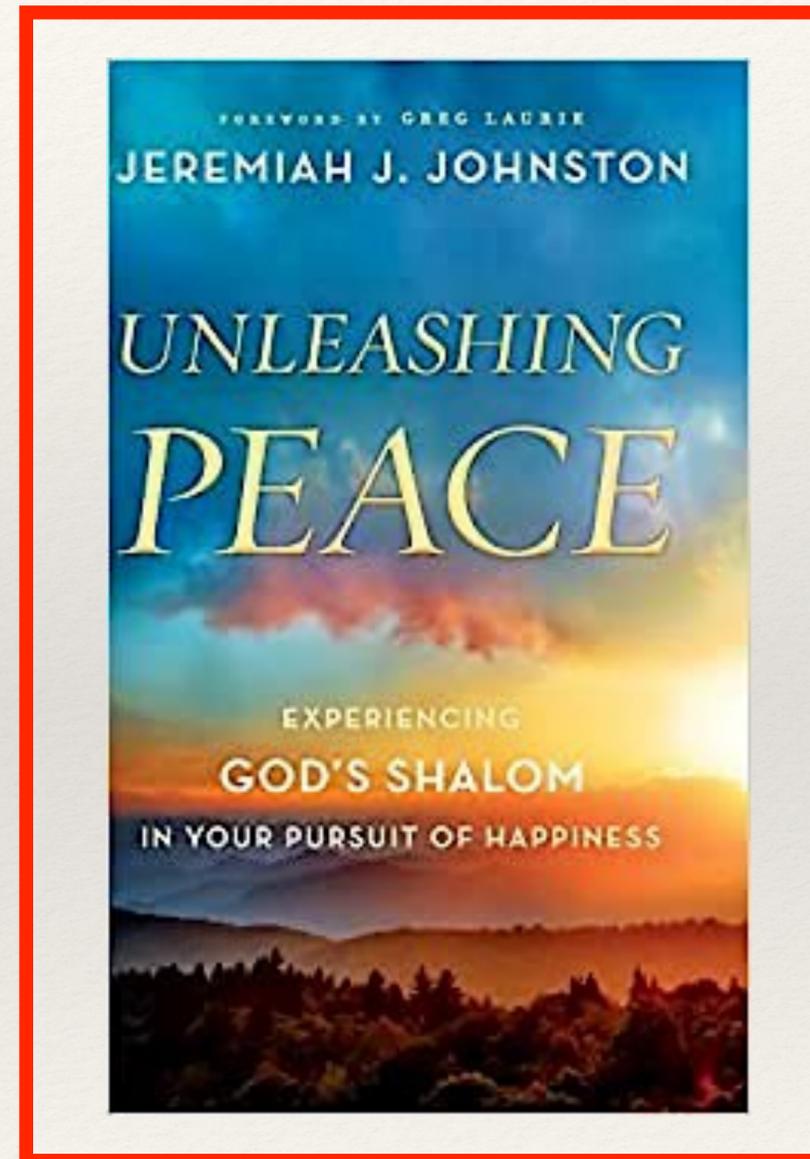
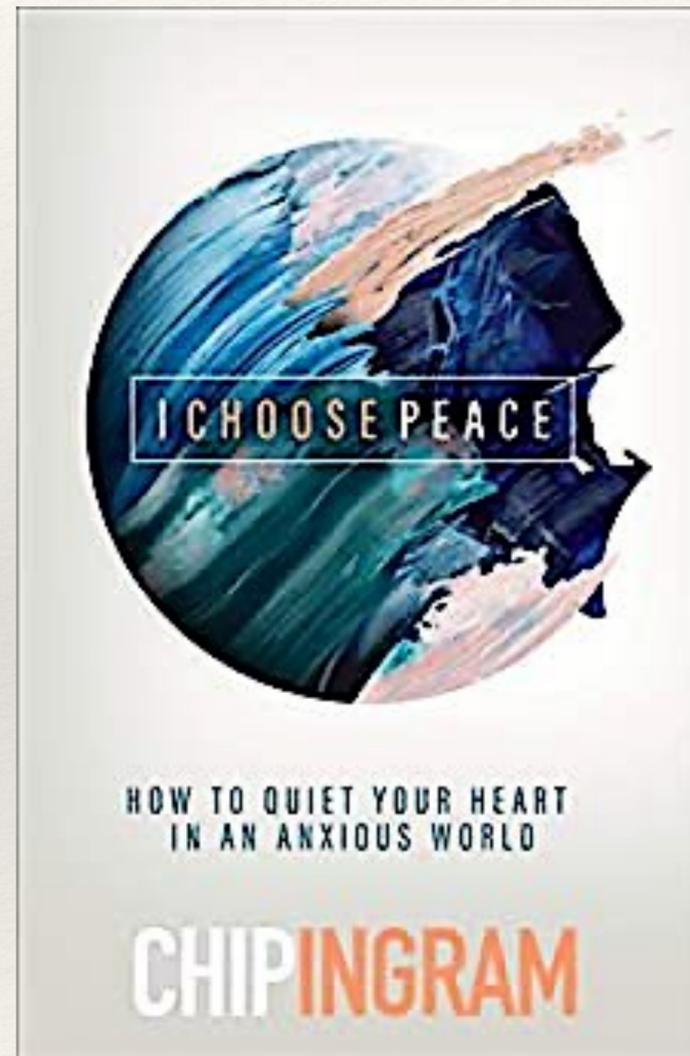
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# Choose peace in a materialistic culture

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- Breaking the grip of greed - Three principles, three practices:
  - Principle 1: Develop personal compassion
    - ▶ Practice 1: Put others' needs ahead of your wants
  - Principle 2: Develop a generous spirit
    - ▶ Practice 2: Release the very thing that has power to consume you
  - Principle 3: Develop an eternal perspective
    - ▶ Practice 3: Understand the relationship of money to worship

# Peace and Shalom



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# Unleashing shalom in your life

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- The Hebrew word *shalom*, which is normally translated “peace” occurs more than two hundred times in the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament).
- The Greek word appears an additional eighty-five times (slightly different).
- Does Jesus want us to be happy?
- J.B. Philips translated each of the beatitudes with the word *happy*.
- “Happy are the poor in spirit” and “Happy are those who mourn” and “Happy are the meek” and “Happy are the merciful.”

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# Unleashing shalom in your life

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- Dr. Robert J. Morgan, *Worry Less, Live More*, calls Philippians 4:4-9 the greatest anti-anxiety verses in the whole Bible “for they constitute the Bible’s premier passage on the subject of anxiety.”
- Dr. Gregory Jantz - “What has gratitude got to do with spirituality? Everything, because gratitude is a form of prayer. We are thankful *to someone*. Thirteenth-century German mystic Meister Eckhardt summed it up: ‘If the only prayer you ever say in your entire life is thank you, it will be enough.’”

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# Unleashing shalom in your life

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- The ministry of presence:
  - The “presence principle” is biblical.
  - Jesus embodies the presence principle throughout His life and work.
  - The ministry of presence shines in the simple moments of life.
  - The presence principle trusts and celebrates God’s work in people.
  - The presence principles requires no official prerequisites.

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# Unleashing shalom in your life

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- Jesus Is Our Shalom.
- Jesus with the disciples - Jesus said to them “Peace to you” (Luke 24:36).
- Luke and Paul wrote more than half of the New Testament, and “peace” is significant in all of their writings. At various places, “peace” and “salvation” are used interchangeably.
- We live in promises, not expectations.
- Salvation (shalom/peace) is the gift of God, in Jesus, through faith.

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# Living and applying shalom in God's world

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- Vulnerability is the new superpower.
- Christian vulnerability - Paul is often called the Job of the New Testament.
- Paul pleaded with the Lord three times (2 Corinthians 12:8).
- He actually heard the Lord's voice (2 Corinthians 12:9)
- "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness."

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# Living and applying shalom in God's world

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- God is my shield:
- Deuteronomy 33:29 - saved by the Lord, the **shield** of your help
- Psalm 33:20 - the Lord is our help and **shield**
- 2 Samuel 22:2-3 - You have given me the **shield** of your salvation
- Psalm 3:3 - You O Lord, are a **shield** about me
- Psalm 28:7 - The Lord is my strength and my **shield**
- Psalm 91 - his faithfulness is a **shield** and buckler

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# Protecting your shalom in the difficult times

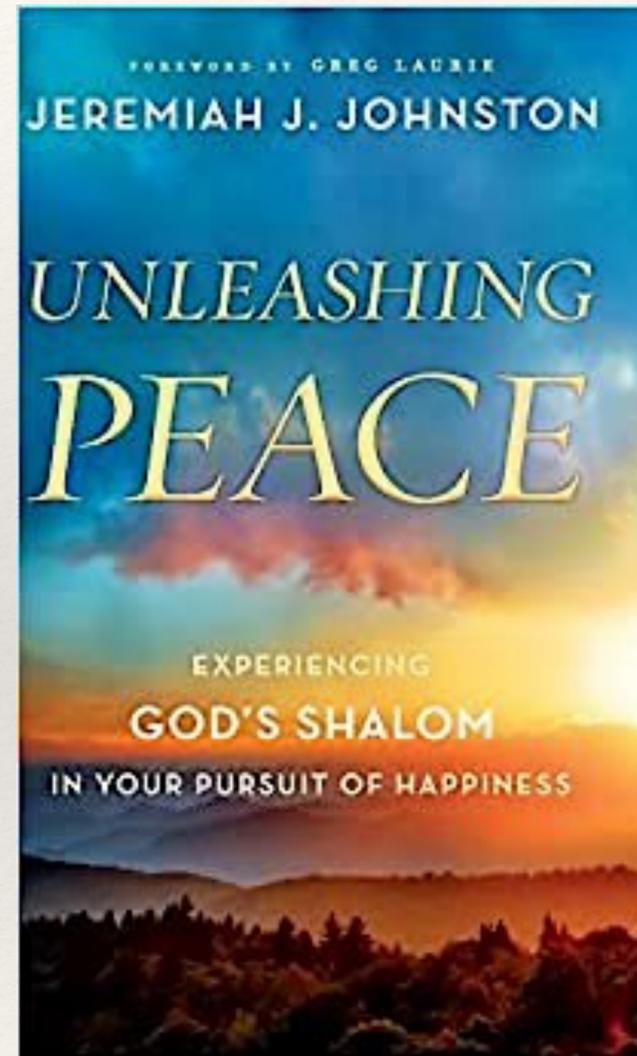
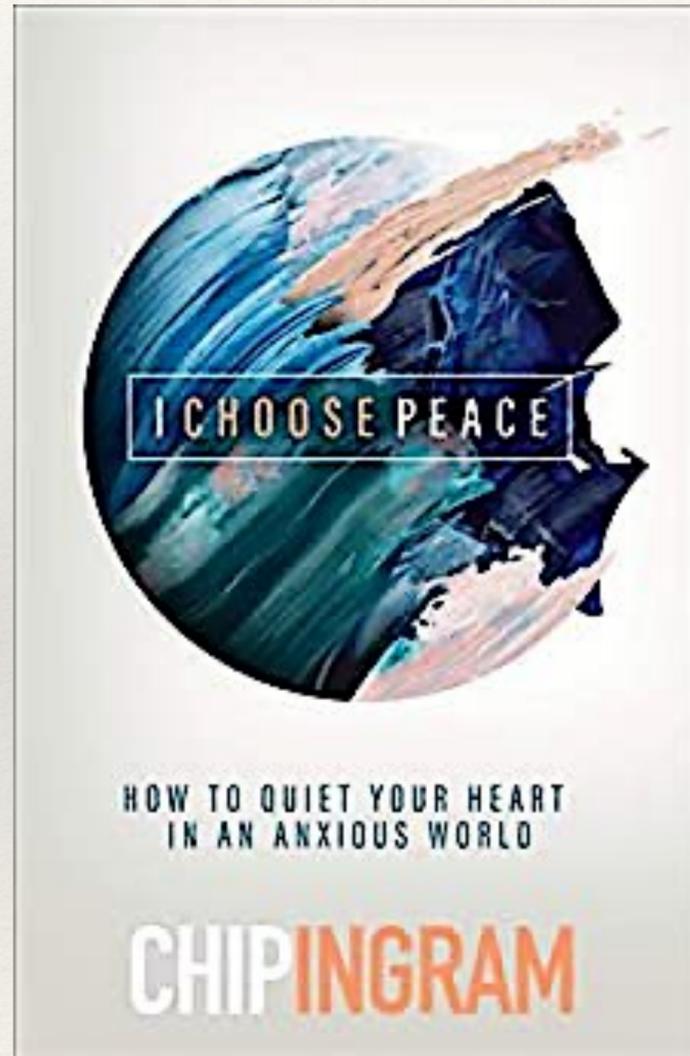
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- Mind Wars: Taking Every Thought Captive
- 2 Corinthians 10:3-6 and Ephesians 6:11-12
  - We need to be armed against enemy thoughts.
  - We need to develop the mind of Christ.
- 1 Corinthians 10:13 - temptations are common
- How you feel right now doesn't confirm or deny truth.

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# Resources

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# Other Interviews

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- Chip Ingram - Point of View, August 2, 2021
- Jeremiah Johnston - Point of View, January 6, 2022
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- The year 2022 marks seventy-five years since the Dead Sea Scrolls, hidden for two thousand years, began to be uncovered.
- Between 1947 and 1956 roughly nine hundred manuscripts, dated 250 BC to AD 68, were discovered in eleven caves around Qumran, along the northwestern shore of the Dead Sea.
- Muhammed edh-Dhib, a shepherd boy of the Ta'amireh Bedouin tribe, searched for a lost goat in the desert hills of Qumran.

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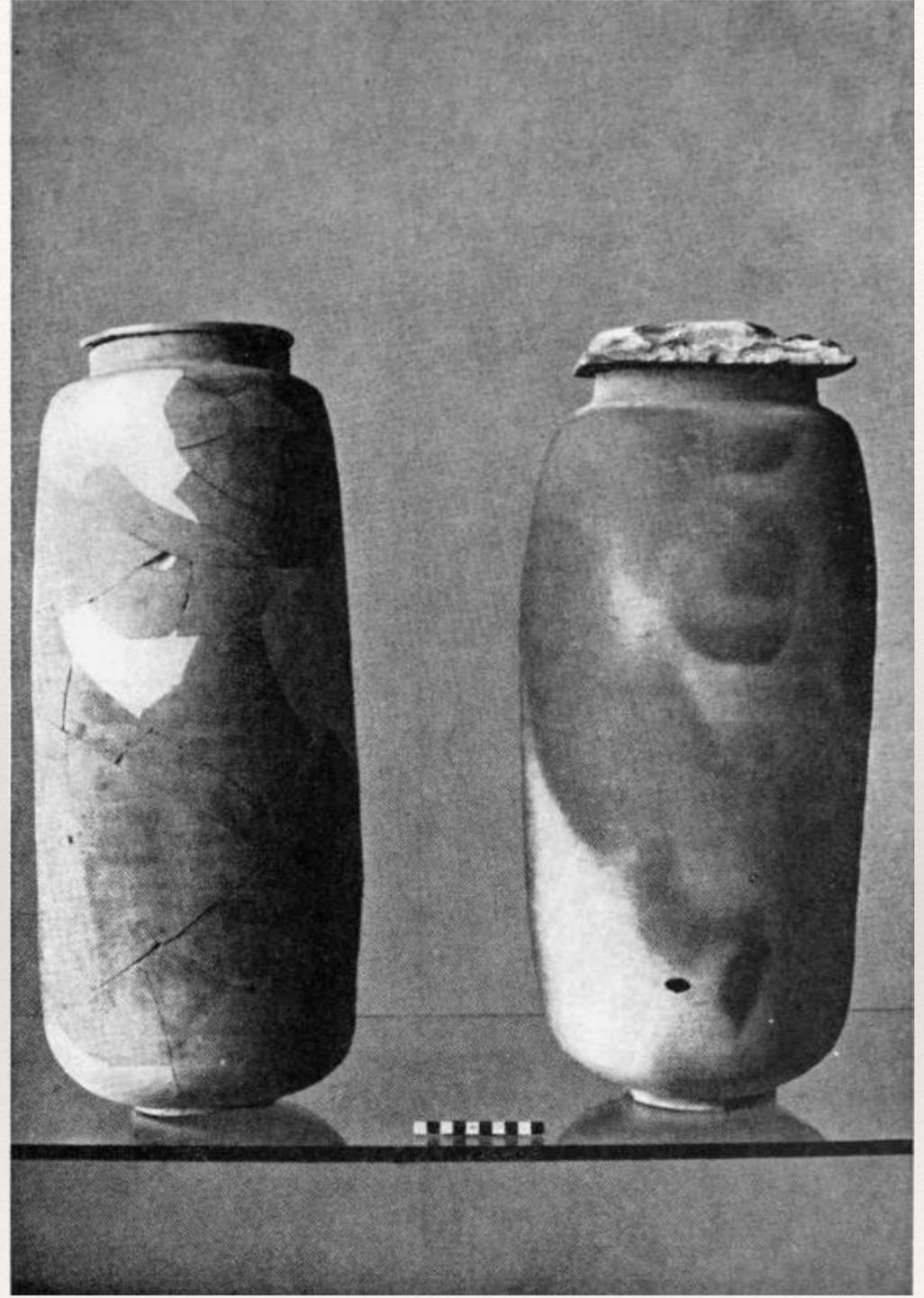
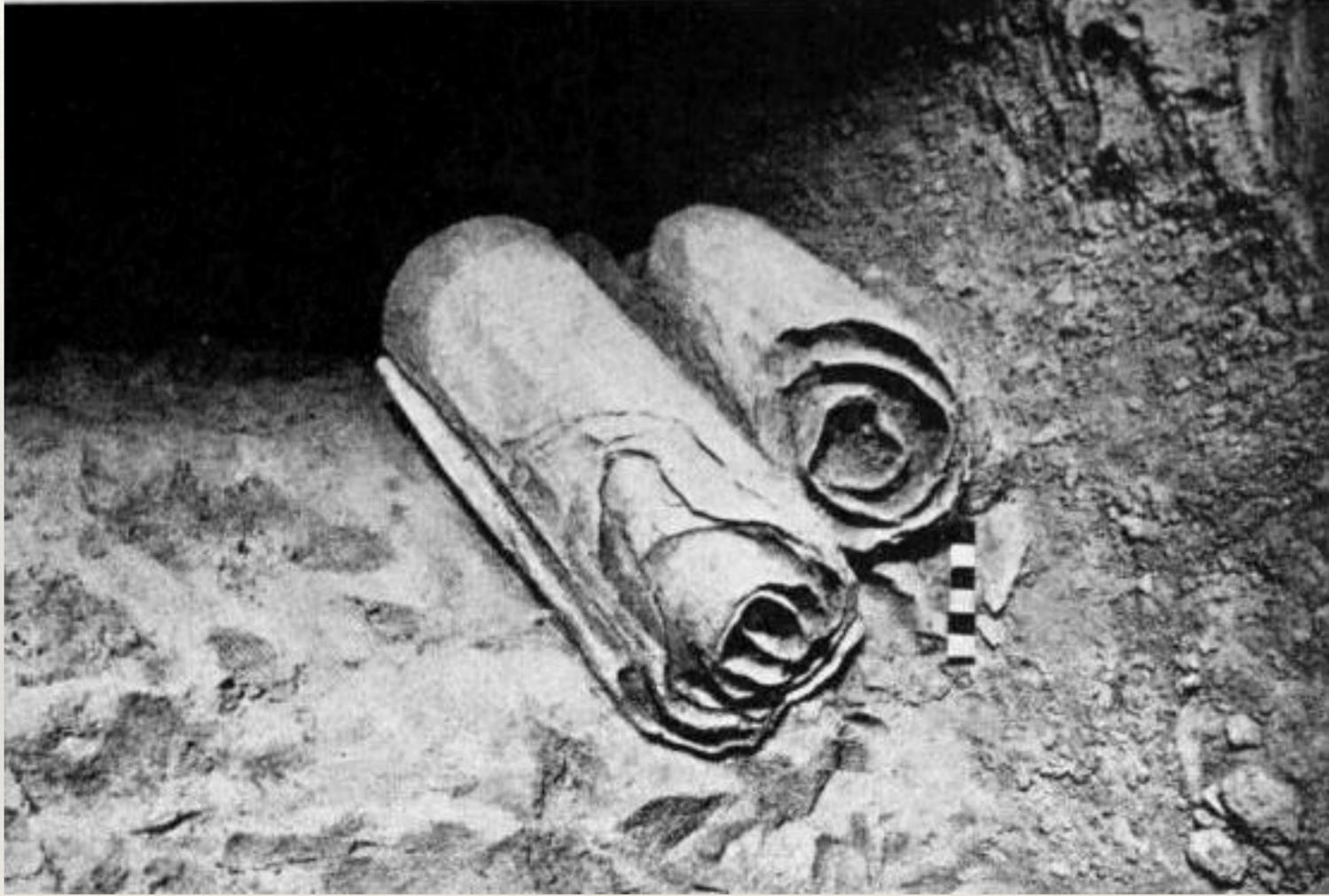
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- Muhammed tossed a rock into a cave in which he suspected that one of his goats might have taken refuge.
- But instead of striking goat or rock, he struck pottery.
- The unmistakable tinkle of shattered clay reached his ears.
- He discovered several clay jars containing seven ancient scrolls.
- Little did he know, he had made probably the most important Bible-archaeology find of the 20th century.







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# Dead Sea Scrolls - Interpretation

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- The oldest Old Testament manuscripts we had before the Dead Sea scrolls were dated to be AD 900.
- “There can be no reasonable doubt that the Qumran manuscripts came from the century before Christ and the first century A.D. Thus, they are one thousand years older than the Masoretic manuscripts of the tenth century.”
- Isaiah 53 - Of 166 words, only 17 letters are in question (10 are spelling differences, 4 are minor stylistic changes, and 3 are the Hebrew word for “light”)

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# Dead Sea Scrolls - Translation

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- Three places the Dead Sea Scrolls have changed our English Bibles.
- 1 Samuel 1:24 - Did Elkanah and Hannah bring three bulls or a three-year-old bull to sacrifice in Shiloh? Answer: a three-year-old bull in the ESV.
- Psalm 145 is an acrostic psalm: each verse begins with the successive letter of the Hebrew alphabet. Answer: we now have the missing verse (13-14).
- Deuteronomy 32:43 - Who is exhorted to rejoice and worship? Answer: the ESV translation matches the Dead Sea Scrolls, which is different from what is in the Masoretic Text used in the KJV.



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