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**TICKETS STILL AVAILABLE FOR RSF FOUNDATION EVENING AT THE
DEAD SEA SCROLLS**

Bedouin goat-herders found the first Dead Sea Scroll, in a simple earthenware jar where it had been safely hidden for more than 2000 years. With the discovery of thousands more fragments, revealing more than 900 separate documents, came the beginning of a more complete understanding of the formative years of Judaism and Christianity.

“Eschatology is defined as the Doctrine of Last Things. Judean eschatology in the period 250 BCE to 200 CE was the apocalyptic precursor to the later Christian theology of a heavenly event, such as a final battle between good and evil; or it may be an earthly reality, such as the presence of the reign of God.”

“Central to the story of the Dead Sea Scrolls is the eschatological conflict between good and evil: the "Sons of Light" versus the "Sons of Darkness." Many of the principal figures are shrouded in mystery, bearing descriptive titles rather than personal names. The leaders on either side are called the "Righteous Teacher" and the "Wicked Priest." But who are they as historical human beings?”

This is the question that will be considered by our audience on the evening of September 17th as our lecturer, Dr. David Noel Freedman, Ph.D., Endowed Chair in Hebrew Biblical Studies at the University of California, San Diego, leads us through the history and stories of the Qumran Community. Log on to www.sdcrolls.org for more information.

The Foundation invites you to hop on the bus... and join your RSF friends and neighbors for RSF Foundation Night at the Dead Sea Scrolls. The Foundation has underwritten the lecture “The Qumran Community: The Wicked Priest and the Righteous Teacher”. Tickets for the evening on **September 17**, will be offered for \$100 per person and will provide round-trip bus transportation from Rancho Santa Fe and a catered reception on the roof top of the museum after a docent led tour.

For more information and reservations, call the Foundation at 858-756-6557 (info@rsffoundation.org) – don’t delay because reservations are limited.

