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## New Appointment for Editor of Dead Sea Scrolls Electronic Library

Donald W. Parry, Brigham Young University professor of Biblical Hebrew and longtime contributor to the work of the Maxwell Institute, has been appointed as an editor for a new edition of *Biblia Hebraica*, the standard critical edition of the Hebrew Bible (Old Testament). He is one of about two dozen well-established Hebrew scholars from the worldwide community also serving as editors for this new edition, and one of three from the United States.

Parry will work with Professor Arie van der Kooij (Leiden, The Netherlands) on the updated translation of Isaiah, which will result in a 500-page volume on Isaiah, plus a significant portion of *Biblia Hebraica Quinta*.

The objective of this project is to create a new edition of Isaiah for *Biblia Hebraica Quinta*, which is the fifth edition of *Biblia Hebraica*.

While previous editions have for over a century been considered the standard academic editions of the Hebrew Bible, significant limitations have long been recognized. The United Bible Societies (UBS), comprising 145 worldwide Bible societies, recognized the need for an updated critical edition of the Hebrew Bible, which prompted the establishment of *Biblia Hebraica Quinta*, or *BHQ*, under the direction of the German Bible Society. The work of editing the books of the Hebrew Bible has been assigned to a team of well-established Hebrew scholars, and each book will be published independently as the editors submit their finished texts. Three fascicles (Deuteronomy, Ruth, and Proverbs) have so far been published, beginning in 2004. When all the books of the Old Testament have been finished, a final single volume will be produced, although the individual fascicles will remain available. *BHQ* will be translated into 140 different languages.

“This will benefit the entire world community of believers in the Old Testament, which includes Christians and Jews,” Parry said.

Parry, a member of the international team of Dead Sea Scrolls editors, working especially with the Isaiah scrolls, has published widely on the Dead Sea Scrolls and the book of Isaiah with a number of well-known presses, including E. J. Brill (Leiden) and Oxford University Press. He is editor

of the Dead Sea Scrolls Electronic Library (Biblical Scrolls module), which is currently being produced by the Maxwell Institute through the Center for the Preservation of Ancient Religious Texts (CPART). Parry has also contributed to the work of the Maxwell Institute through authoring or coauthoring several volumes, including *Poetic Parallelisms in the Book of Mormon*; *Harmonizing Isaiah: Combining Ancient Sources*; *Isaiah in the Book of Mormon*; *LDS Perspectives on the Dead Sea Scrolls*; *The Dead Sea Scrolls: Questions and Answers for Latter-day Saints*; and *Visualizing Isaiah*. He has edited or coedited several volumes, such as *Echoes and Evidences of the Book of Mormon: Revelation, Reason, and Faith: Essays in Honor of Truman G. Madsen*; *Temples of the Ancient World*; *The Temple in Time and Eternity*; *The Disciple as Scholar: Essays on Scripture and the Ancient World in Honor of Richard Lloyd Anderson*; and *The Disciple as Witness: Essays on Latter-day Saint History and Doctrine*; and has contributed articles to both the *FARMS Review* and the *Journal of Book of Mormon Studies*. ♦

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