

Gary A. Rendsburg

Upcoming Programs in May

**(1) “How the Bible Reached Us”
92nd Street ‘Y’ Roundtable Series**

**(2) “The Story of the Dead Sea Scrolls”
Washington Metro Oasis Lifelong Adventure**

**(3) “The Archaeology of Judaism”
Smithsonian Associates**

May 6, 2024

Dear Friends,

Gary will be presenting lectures at three different venues in the weeks ahead, per the headline above and the details below.

We hope to see you at one or more of these programs.



(1) “How the Bible Reached Us”

92nd Street ‘Y’ Roundtable Series

Monday, May 13 / Wednesday, May 15

Monday, May 20 / Wednesday, May 22

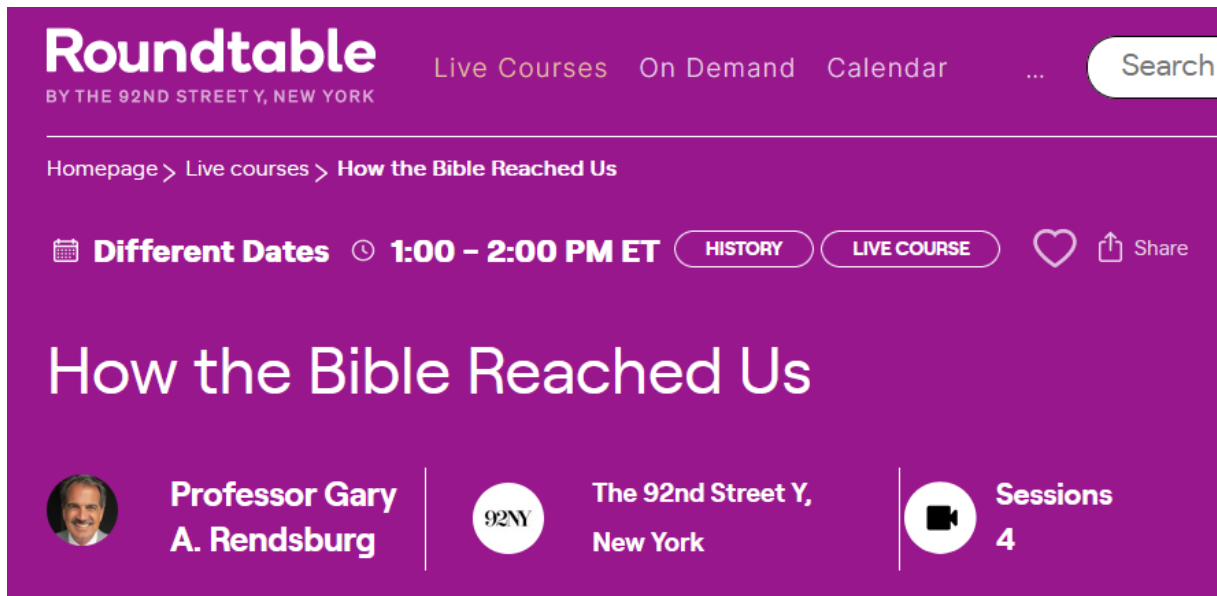
4 lectures, all at 1:00 p.m. EDT

via Zoom

Details and registration here:

<https://roundtable.org/live-courses/history/how-the-bible-reached-us>

An intensive four-part course on the history of the Bible, covering Hebrew, Greek, Latin, and English manuscripts from the ancient world through the late 1400s.



The screenshot shows the Roundtable website interface. At the top, the logo 'Roundtable' is displayed with the tagline 'BY THE 92ND STREET Y, NEW YORK'. Navigation links include 'Live Courses', 'On Demand', 'Calendar', and a search bar. The breadcrumb trail reads 'Homepage > Live courses > How the Bible Reached Us'. Below this, a section for 'Different Dates' shows the time '1:00 – 2:00 PM ET' and buttons for 'HISTORY' and 'LIVE COURSE'. A heart icon and a 'Share' link are also present. The main title 'How the Bible Reached Us' is prominently displayed. At the bottom, a profile for 'Professor Gary A. Rendsburg' is shown, along with the '92NY' logo and the address 'The 92nd Street Y, New York'. To the right, it indicates 'Sessions 4' with a video camera icon.

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(2) “The Story of the Dead Sea Scrolls”

Washington Metro Oasis Lifelong Adventure

Tuesday, May 14, 1:00 p.m.

via Zoom

Details and registration here:

<https://washington-metro.oasiseverywhere.org/product/the-dead-sea-scrolls-after-75-years/>

Learn the story of the groundbreaking discovery of the Dead Sea Scrolls in 1947, including the explorations of the caves and the excavations at Qumran, and the progress of scholarly work in the subsequent 75 years. We also will look at the key documents themselves, with an eye to uncovering the salient features of the Essene community which produced these texts. Special attention will be paid to their unique theological positions, their relationship to other Jewish groups at the time, and their connections to early Christianity.

The Story of the Dead Sea Scrolls Gary A. Rendsburg Blanche and Irving Laurie Chair in Jewish History Rutgers University 	
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(3) “The Archaeology of Judaism”

Smithsonian Associates

Saturday, May 18, 2024,

All-day program, with four lectures

10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. (EDT)

via Zoom

Details and registration here:

<https://smithsonianassociates.org/ticketing/tickets/archaeology-of-judaism>

The period of post-biblical Judaism is exceedingly rich in archaeological evidence, found both in Israel and in the lands of an ever-widening Diaspora. In an illustrated full-day program, biblical scholar Gary Rendsburg synthesizes archaeological findings and literary evidence to reveal a multifaceted portrait of Jewish life in late antiquity.

The First Diasporas: Egypt and Babylonia

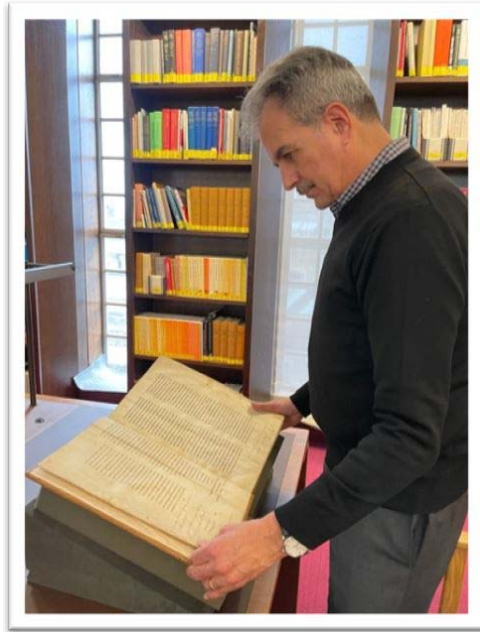


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GARY'S CORNER



“The Book of Kells and Faddan More Psalter: Two Irish Treasures”

Most people associate me with Hebrew/Jewish/Biblical studies, and rightly so, given the main focus of my teaching and lecturing. But I also have broader interests, including the transmission of the Bible in other languages, including Greek and Latin (per the upcoming 92nd Street Y Roundtable series, see above).

Thus I regularly incorporate the Book of Kells into my teaching, and now more recently (since its discovery in 2006) also the Faddan More Psalter. It was a pleasure to produce a lecture for Context Travel

dedicated to these two Irish manuscript treasures, both dated to c. 800, both housed in Dublin.

<https://www.contexttravel.com/lectures/book-of-kells>

The Book of Kells (c. 800), containing the four Gospels of the New Testament, is one of the most famous illuminated manuscripts in the world. It has been housed at the library of Trinity College Dublin since 1661, soon after the founding of the university.

The Faddan More Psalter (also c. 800) is much less well known but equally fascinating, since it was found in an Irish peat bog in 2006. After considerable conservation, this manuscript went on display at the National Museum of Ireland in 2011.

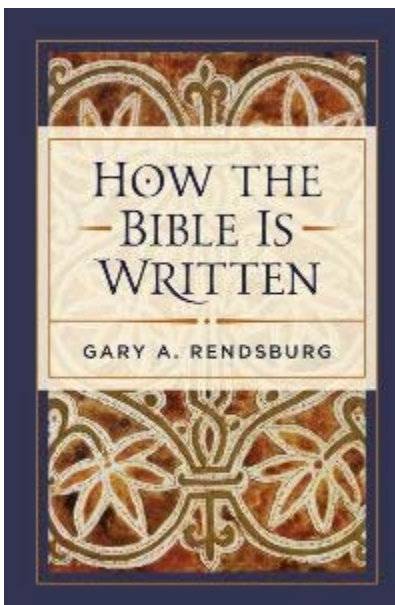
Note that you can access a 2-minute 30-second preview of the lecture at the website noted above.



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