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When Lawrence H. Schiffman’s book, *Sectarian Law in the Dead Sea Scrolls: Courts, Testimony and the Penal Code* (1983) was first published, synthetic scholarship dealing with the Dead Sea Scrolls was still in its early stages. In this volume, Schiffman, who would go on to a career as one of the world’s premier authorities on the Dead Sea Scrolls, argues that the legal system portrayed in the scrolls coheres organically with the community’s theological outlook and idealized vision of itself. His argument thus challenges attempts to see the scrolls as having been produced by multiple groups, randomly collected and preserved.

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