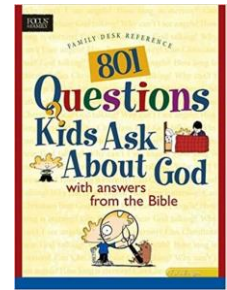




Where did they get the scrolls from?



Today, we use pencils and pens to write, and we write on paper. But the Bible was written a long time ago, long before these things were invented. Instead of using paper, people would write on long strips of papyrus or parchment. Papyrus was made from a plant that grows in Bible lands. Parchment was made from animal skins. Both papyrus and parchment could be sewn together and rolled up into long scrolls. Museums have some of these ancient scrolls. People read from these scrolls like books. But there weren't a lot of them because each one had to be copied by hand. Today, everyone has his or her own Bible to read. But in those days, most synagogues and churches would only have one copy each. So the scrolls were very valuable, and the priests took care of them. We should take care of our Bibles, too.



When you come be sure to bring the coat I left with Carpus at Troas. Also bring my books, and especially my papers.

2 Timothy 4:13

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