



The Dead Sea Scrolls (discovered in 1946-7) until recently were our oldest copies of biblical text. But when Judith Hadley spotted something resembling the metal cap of a pencil while excavating a site near Jerusalem in 1979 – and another one nearby – they revealed two tiny scrolls dating back to the Hebrew monarchy 7 CENTURIES before Christ! The text?

“The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you; the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.”

It appears in our Bible in the book of Numbers 6: 24-26. These words have been set to music many times, but never more beautifully than by Peter Lutkin. If you have ever been in a choir, chances are quite good that you have sung his arrangement!

Dwight L. Moody, the renowned 19th century evangelist and founder of Mt. Hermon School, said this of this text:



Peter Lutkin (1888-1931)

“Here is a benediction that can be given all the time... every heart may utter it, every letter may conclude with it, every day begin with it and every night be sanctified by it...”

Click on this link ... <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zrszPQyiW4U> and as you listen, close your eyes ... and allow the words and the music to sink into your heart – and to be a blessing to your entire being.