

The Biblical Archaeology Forum (BAF) presents:

Rediscovering the Lost Library of Alexandria

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The fabled lost library of ancient Alexandria was more than a collection of books: It was a temple to the Greek muses that combined a museum and library. It became the great center of learning and cultural preservation in the Hellenistic era, the centuries that bridged the gap between the death of Alexander the Great and the advent of Rome as the central power in the Mediterranean world.

It was at the Library that seventy Judean scholars are said to have translated the Hebrew Bible into Greek. This translation, called the Septuagint, was the version of the Hebrew Bible read for centuries by Greek-speaking Jews through the ancient Diaspora.

Founded by Alexander's successor kings in Egypt, the Ptolemies, the Library was conceived as a vehicle for bringing Greek culture to Egypt. The Library became a magnet for Greek scholars from throughout the world who made astounding achievements in astronomy (including the recognition of the heliocentric solar system by Aristarchus of Samos), topography (the measurement of the circumference of the earth by Eratosthenes of Cyrene), poetry (the epic Argonautica by Apollonius of Rhodes), and other fields of learning

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