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The manuscript **4Q120** (also **pap4QLXXLev^b**) is a Septuagint manuscript (LXX) of the biblical Book of Leviticus. The Rahlfs-No. is 802. Palaeographically is dating from the first century BCE. Currently the manuscript is housed in the Rockefeller Museum in Jerusalem.

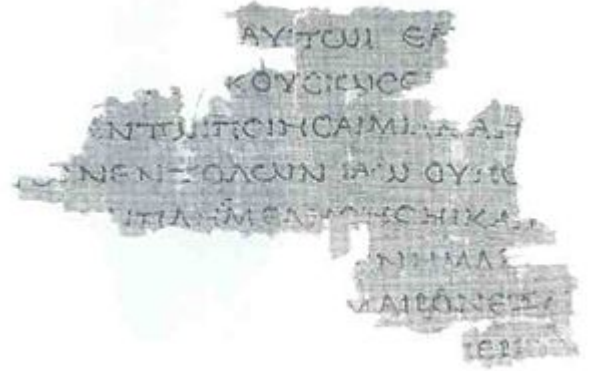
This scroll is in a very fragmented condition. Today it consists of 97 fragments. However, only 31 of those fragments can be reasonably reconstructed and deciphered, allowing for a reading of Leviticus 1.11 through 5.25; the remaining fragments are too small to allow for reliable identification. In addition to smaller text-critical variants, the manuscript displays the divine name in Greek characters, as IAΩ (the trigrammaton) in Leviticus 3:12 (frg. 6) and 4:27 (frg. 20), instead of later practice of replacing it with κύριος ("Lord"). It is transliterated as IAO. Skehan suggest that such a Greek reading is more original than *Kurios*.^[1]

Emmanuel Tov claims the use of Greek trigrammaton as proof that the "papyrus represents an early version of the greek scripture..." antedating the text of the main manuscripts of Septuagint LXX.^[2] The Codex Marchalianus is the only other extant manuscript of the Septuagint that uses IAΩ to transcribe the tetragrammaton.^[3] Scriptio continua is used throughout.

Additionally, space bands are occasionally used for the separation of concepts, and divisions within the text. A special sign (−) for separation of paragraphs is found fragment 27, between the lines 6 and 7. While the later divisions would label these verses 5:20-26, it appears to testify to a classical transition from chapter 5 to 6. Skehan dated 4Q120 to "late first century BCE or opening years of the first century CE".^[4]

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4Q120, fragment 20, 1st-century BCE, showing portions of verses 26 through 28 of Leviticus 4 (<https://biblehub.com/interlinear/apostolic/leviticus/4.htm>)



Detail: the Divine Name in verse 27

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External links

- [Image of fragment 20 of the 4Q120 scroll \(http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/rak/lxxjewpap/4QLevB.jpg\)](http://ccat.sas.upenn.edu/rak/lxxjewpap/4QLevB.jpg)

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