

enough can be read or guessed to assign the original composition of the work to around 120 BCE, tentatively on literary grounds.³

What exists of column two may be translated as follows.

- 1 [3.4cm] °° your God °°° °° [8.5cm]
- 2 [2.6cm] And what he said, *In [this] year of jubilee* [7.4cm] °
- 3 [1.8cm] *of the release: every creditor shall release what he has*
[ent] [6.8cm] *the release*
- 4 *for God* ° [0.7cm] for the last days: to the *captives* of whom
[6.0cm] he bound
- 5 °°°°°° °°°° °°°°°° and from the inheritance of Melchizedek °
[2.7cm] and they [1cm] [Melchize]dek who
- 6 will return them and will *proclaim liberty to them* to relieve
them from [1.1cm] all their iniquities and [1.1cm] ° [0.3cm]
this matter
- 7 °°°°° of the first jubilee after [1.5cm] jubilees. And the d[ay
of atone]ment is [1.6cm] of the tenth jubilee,
- 8 to atone on it for all the sons of [0.9cm] people of the lot of
[Melchi]zedek [1.0cm]-s for [the]m °° [0.6cm] °° [1.3cm] of
them. For
- 9 it is the time of the year of favor for Melchiz[edek] °°°° [1.4cm]
° holy ones of God for °°°°° of judgment, as it is written
- 10 about it/him in the songs of David, who said, *God takes his*
place in the c[ouncil of God, a]mid the gods he holds judgment.
And about it/him ° [0.6cm] *Over it*
- 11 *return on high. God judges the peoples.* And what h[e said]
[2.5cm] [you] *judge unjustly and s[how] partiality to the wicked?*
[Se]lah,
- 12 its pesher pertains to Belial and to the s[pirit]s of his lot,
wh[o] [2.8cm] when they turned [from] the statutes of God
to ° [1.5cm]
- 13 And Melchizedek will carry out the *ven[geance]* of the judg-
ments of God [5.0cm] [Be]lial and from the hand of all [1.7cm]
- 14 to his help all the gods [1.7cm] [h]e ° [4.9cm] [a]ll the sons of
God, and he will [1.8cm]
- 15 This is the day of the [1.0cm] [ab]out which spoke [4.2cm]
[Isa]iah the prophet, who said, [*How b]eautiful*
upon the mountains are the feet of the her[ald who pu]blishes
peace, who he[r]alds [4.0cm] salvatio]n, [s]aying to Zion, "[Reigns]
your God."
- 17 Its pesher: the *mountains* [are the] [1.7cm] [of] the prophets
w[ho] [4.5cm] °° to all °° [2.0cm]

3. Milik, "*Millî-Sedeq et Milkî-Reša*," 126; Puech, "Notes sur le manuscrit de XIMelkîsédeq," 509-10.

- 18 And the *herald* i[s the an]ointed of the spirit ab]out whom
Spoke Dan[iel] [7.5cm]
- 19 *good, publishing [salvation]*, is the one about whom it is
w[rit]ten [7.3cm]
- 20 *to comfo[rt]* the [2.8cm] to teach them all the times of the
ep[ochs] [7.3cm]
- 21 in truth °° [13.0cm]
- 22 [3.2cm] ° which was turned away from Belial and ° [7.8cm]
- 23 [3.7cm] in the judgment[s of G]od, as it is written about
him, [*Saying to Zi]on, "Reigns your God."* [Zi]on i[s]
- 24 [4.2cm] who establish the covenant, those who turn away
from walking [in the way] of the people. And *your* [G]od i[s]
- 25 [4.3cm] ° [han]d of Belial. And what he said, *You shall send
abroad the loud tru[m]pet* [1.5cm] °° °°