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(p. 475) SAMARITAN TESTIMONY TO CHRIST.

A PIECE of contemporaneous testimony to the truth of the Gospel history is alleged to have been discovered among the remnant of the Samaritans :—'An American gentleman and his wife, stopping in their journeyings at the Arab village of Nablus, anciently called Shechem, and distinguished as the scene of the alternate blessings and cursings pronounced from Mounts Gerizim and Ebal, made the acquaintance of El Karey, a Samaritan by descent and birth, who had embraced Christianity, received an education in London, and returned to his native people for the purpose of making converts to his new faith. In the course of conversation this person mentioned the fact that it had been the custom of the ancient high-priests of Samaria to keep a record on parchment of the most noteworthy events of their respective terms of office; and that in one of these chronicles he had found two references to the Christian Messiah.

These were merely a few words inserted in the midst of the other events with which the record was occupied; but they immediately attracted his attention, and he translated them thus:—"In the thirty-second year of the priesthood of Yahakem was born Jesus, the son of Mary, the son of Joseph the carpenter, the impostor, and professed to be a prophet in Nazareth." "And in the twenty-second year of the priesthood of Yahanatan was crucified Jesus, the son of Joseph the carpenter, the impostor, in Jerusalem, the accursed city, by the principal one, in the days of Tabrados" (Tiberius). The evident hostility of the writer to the claims of our Lord, and his use of the word "accursed" to characterise the holy city of the Jews, are to be attributed to the ill-feeling known to have existed at that time between the Samaritans and the Hebrews; and they may be regarded as evidence tending to show the genuineness of the record.'

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El Karey was not or never was born a Samaritan but was an Arab Christian that knew the Samaritans.