



The Samaritan Update  
"Mount Gerizim,  
All the Days of Our Lives"



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January 2022, the Samaritan Community number about 850.

**Future Events**

The Thirteenth Month 3661 Tuesday evening, 21 March 2023

The First Month 3661 (6450) Wednesday evening, 19 April 2023

Passover Sacrifice 3661 Wednesday evening, 3 May 2023, from sunset to morning

Beginning of the days of Unleavened Bread evening 3 May.

Wednesday sunset, May 3, 2023 - The Passover Sacrifice

Thursday, May 4, 2023 - The Festival of Passover - Starts with the offering of the Sacrifice on May 3, 2023 and ends with the complete burning of the rest of the meat on early morning of May 4, 2023.

May 4-10, 2023 - The Seven Days of the Festival of Unleavened Bread

May 6, 2023 - Special Sabbath - The Sabbath of the Unleavened Bread Festival

Sunday, May 7, 2023 - The First Day of the Counting of Omer - Ending on Sunday, June 24, 2023. Each day it should be mentions the number of the day of this counting.

Wednesday, May 10, 2023 - THE FESTIVAL OF UNLEAVENED BREAD [MATZOS]

May 13, 2023 - The First Sabbath of the Seven Weeks of the Counting of the Omer

May 20, 2023 - The Second Sabbath of the Seven Weeks of the Counting of the Omer

11. May 27, 2023 - The Third Sabbath of the Seven Weeks of the Counting of the Omer

12. June 2, 2023 - Friday Sunset - The Second Passover - For those who were impure in the first Passover - The 27Th day of the Counting of the Omer.

June 3, 2023 - Please read Leviticus 19:9 - 22:33 - The Fourth Sabbath of the Seven Weeks of the Counting of the Omer

June 10, 2023 - The Fifth Sabbath of the Seven Weeks of the Counting of the Omer

June 17, 2023 - The Sixth Sabbath of the Seven Weeks of the Counting of the Omer

THE SEVEN DAYS OF SHAVUOTH [FEAST OF WEEKS] - Monday - Sunday, June 19 - June 24, 2023

Tuesday, June 20, 2023, Evening, Memorial Day of Sinai Assembly

Wednesday, June 21, 2023 - Memorial Day of Sinai Assembly - The 46Th day of the Counting of the Omer

June 23, 2023 - Special Sabbath of the Ten Commandments

June 24, 2023 - Saturday - The Festival of Weeks

Omer Ben Yakira and Lior Ben Nissim Marhiv - Torah seal in Holon

Sixth day, 10th of the new thirteen - signing of the year.  
30.3.2023

OMER B. YAKIRA AND LIOR B. NISSIM MARCHIV - **TORAH CONCLUDER** IN HOLON - 30.3.2023

Most of the time, the Torah signing of Moshe Omar (7), Ben Yakira and Lior Marhiv signed was held, on the synagogue plaza. Omar read with great taste the verses of Moses blessing until the end of the Torah. Accompanied by his teacher Menashe Ben Yitzhak Tzadeka Hatzafari.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jRxtZISH4VQ>

### **Births**

A beautiful son was born in Holon.

A beautiful son was born in Holon and his name is in Israel will be handed over on the eighth day to the beautiful Rotem daughter Ronit and Naftali son of Yafari and innocent Tedka Hazafari and father Shlomo = Shlomi Ben Zakia and the priest Elazar Ben Afaf and the great priest Yaakov Hahabtai.  
Holon, Friday 10.3.2023



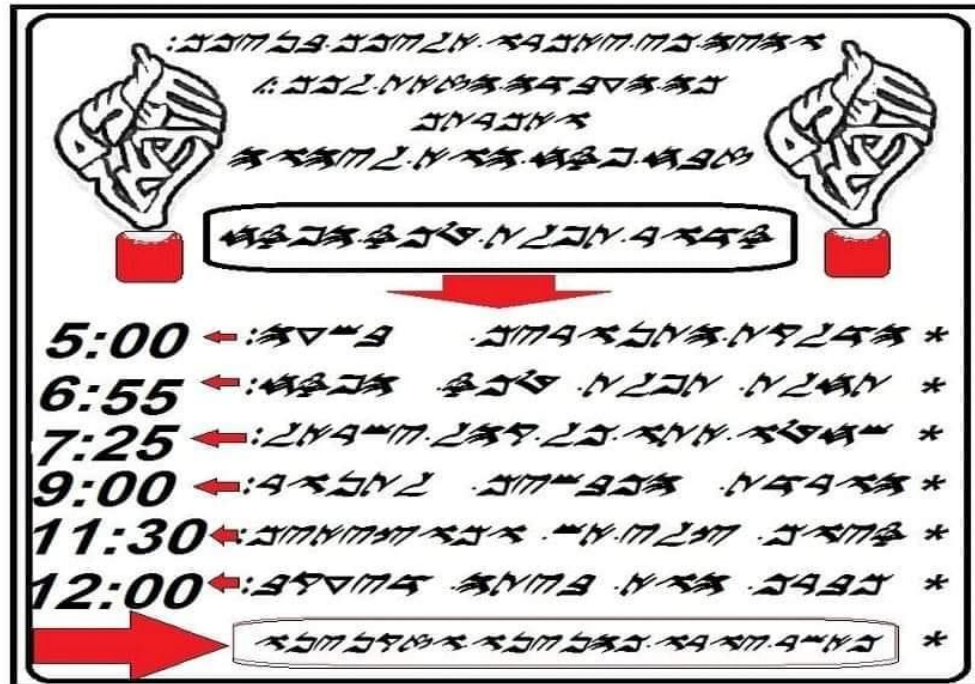
## **NEW AND IMPROVED ISRAELITE SAMARITAN HAGGADAH FOR AROUND THE WORLD PASSOVER 2023**

**...Will give you the chance to experience the spirit of this very ancient biblical festival no matter your background.**

GET READY FOR THE SAMARITAN PASSOVER THIS YEAR SUNDOWN MAY 3RD 2023, WITH THIS BEAUTIFULLY DESIGNED, NEW AND IMPROVED ISRAELITE SAMARITAN PASSOVER HAGGADAH FOR AROUND THE WORLD. [Feenahs Binyaamem Maanaashe](https://drive.google.com/.../1yOIKm9VuUQEggtkfp.../view...)

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Ben Sedaka Post



There will be 65 sheep including 1-2 goats offered this year.

## The times of the slaughter on Passover Wednesday 3.5.2023

At 5:00 in the afternoon - lighting the ovens

At 6:55 " - the beginning of prayer in the ceremony!

at 7:25 - the slaughter of the slaughter

At 9:00 p.m. - Lowering the altar to the ovens.

At 11:30 at night - taking out the roasted slaughter to the wooden trays.

At midnight tonight "Blessing Ho Beta Diacov" and eating the slaughter and everything else will be burned on the altar before morning.

## Haseeb Shehadeh's Five Articles



## حياة آدم الأول

First Adam's Life

By Kāmil Ifrayīm Salāma Alṭīf (1899-1983)

ترجمة حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

בנימים צדקה (כתב וערך), אוצר הסיפורים העממיים של הישראלים השומרונים. מכון א. ב. ללימודי השומרונות, הרגרים-חולון, 2021, כרך א' עמ' 33-36. کامل إفرایم سلامة الطيف: جمع المادة وكتبها بالعربية والأمين صدقة ترجمها إلى العبرية.

### سبعة أيام آدم وحواء في جنة عدن

في البداية خلق الله السماوات والأرض، ثم خلق الأيام، الشمس والقمر وكل الكواكب، الأشجار، الحيوانات، الطيور والدبيب. أخيراً، أراد أن يخلق الإنسان ليدير كل هذه المخلوقات. لهذا، بنى هيكلًا من التراب ونفخ في أنفه نسمة الحياة فصار آدم جسمًا حيًا [تكوين 2: 7؛ أنظر حسيب شحادة، الترجمة العربية لتوراة السامريين، المجلد الأول: سفر التكوين وسفر الخروج. القدس: الأكاديمية الوطنية الإسرائيلية للعلوم والآداب، 1989، ص. 9]. زوّده بعقل ليراقب كل أعمال الباري. كان آدم ابنَ عشرين سنة عندما خلق [على ما يبدو وفق التقليد السامري]. وحينما فتح عينيه، فهم العالم وخالقه، ونطق بالكلمات الأولى: الله إلهنا، الله واحد.

Continue reading at: <https://shomron0.tripod.com/2023/firstadamslife.pdf>

## وفاة آدم الأول

First Adam's Death

جمع وكتب بالعربية الكاهن الأكبر عبد المعين صدقة (1927-2010)

ترجمة حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

בנימים צדקה (כתב וערך), אוצר הסיפורים העממיים של הישראלים השומרונים. מכון א. ב. ללימודי השומרונות, הרגרים-חולון, 2021, כרך א' עמ' 37-40.

### آدم يستدعي ذريته قبل وفاته

قضى الله بنهاية آدم بالموت، لأنه أكل من شجرة المعرفة: هكذا قال له: لا تأكل منها ان في يوم اكلك منها عقوبة تعاقب/موتاً تموت [تكوين 2: 17، أنظر حسيب شحادة، الترجمة العربية لتوراة السامريين، المجلد الأول: سفر التكوين وسفر الخروج. القدس: الأكاديمية الوطنية الإسرائيلية للعلوم والآداب، 1989، ص. 8-9]. لو أن آدم لم يأكل من شجرة المعرفة، أو شجرة الحياة، لكان أحد الملائكة، التسابيحُ غذاؤه، ولا سيطرة للموت عليه. ولكن، كما هو معروف، لم تكن هكذا الحال.

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**لابان/ابن بن ناحور في التوراة وفي التقليد**  
**Laban Son of Nahor in the Torah and Tradition**  
 بقلم فؤاد منير الطيف الدنفى (2001-1928)  
 ترجمة حسيب شحادة  
 جامعة هلسنكي

בנימין צדקה (כתב וערך). אוצר הסיפורים העממיים של הישראלים השומרונים. מכון א.  
 ב. ללימודי השומרוניות. הרגלים-חולון, 2021, כרך א' עמ' 48-49.

**شخصية لابان/ابن الحقيقية**

يشعر الكثيرون من هذه البلاد، بالأهمية الكبيرة في بحث وتحليل حيوات آباء الأمة، والشخصيات المقربة منهم الواردة في التوراة. كتابتي هذه، تفصل سيرة حياة لابان/ابن بن ناحور، في أيام أبينا يعقوب عليه السلام.

لابان/ابن بن ناحور الآرامي، ابن صحراء سوريا ومدينة حران/حاران، شخصية عظيمة، ولقاؤه بـيعقوب حصل بعد حادثة دحرجة يعقوب للحجر من على فوهة البئر ليسقي رعاة لابان/ابن غنمهم.

Continue reading at: <https://shomron0.tripod.com/2023/labansonofnahor.pdf>

**نوح ونمرود، أحيادان والقدس**  
**Noah and Nimrod, Ahidan and Jerusalem**  
 بقلم إبراهيم فياض الطيف (1983-1903)  
 ترجمة حسيب شحادة  
 جامعة هلسنكي

בנימין צדקה (כתב וערך). אוצר הסיפורים העממיים של הישראלים השומרונים. מכון א. ב.  
 ללימודי השומרוניות. הרגלים-חולון, 2021, כרך א' עמ' 45-47.

**نوح**

وُلد نوح بن لك في الشهر الأول، في شهر الربيع، ومسقط رأسه شنعار. في يومه الرابع عشر ظهر نجم المذنب في السماء وعامود نار من المساء إلى الصباح، أعجوبة كانت.

أتى شيوخ الأرض ورؤساء الأسباط إلى آدم أبيهم وقالوا له: قُلْ لأبنائك ما هو حكم هذا النجم وما عمله؟ أجاب آدم: سيأتي فيضان على الأرض ليهلكها، ويغرق كل حي وكل البشر، كل أشجار الغابة ستقلع، وستمحي جميع الحقائق والبساتين، ويقفر كل شيء، بلا سكان.

Continue reading at: <https://shomron0.tripod.com/2023/noahandnimrod.pdf>

## هذا تاريخ حنوك

This is the History of Enoch

جمع وكتب بالعربية الكاهن الأكبر عبد المعين صدقة (2010-1927)

ترجمة حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

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ב. ללימודי השומרונות, הרגרזים-חולון, 2021, כרך א' עמ' 42-44.

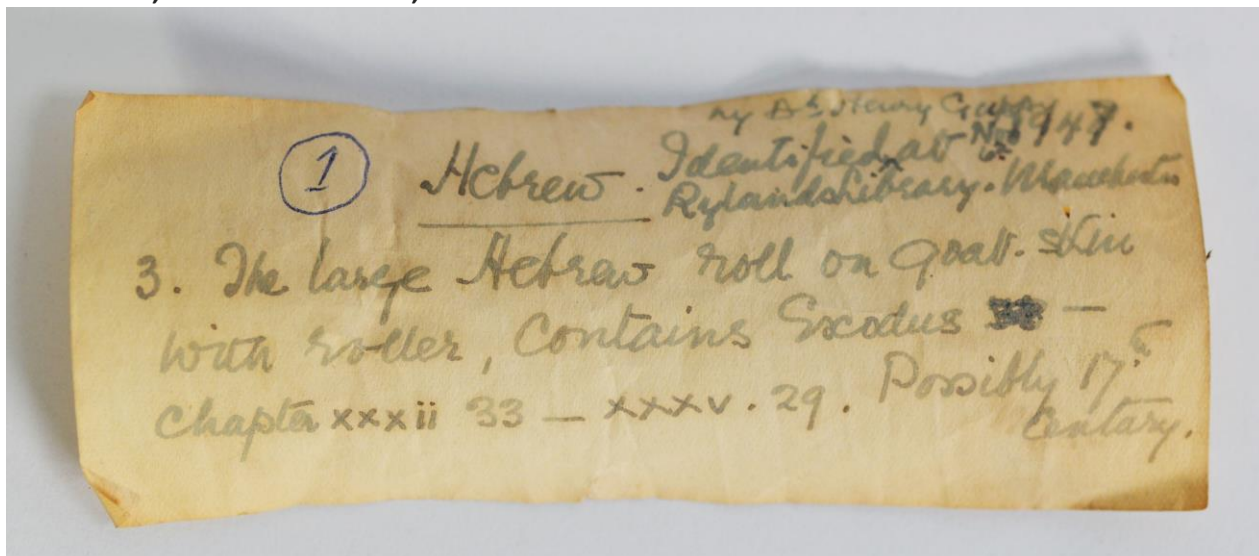
مؤلف كتاب الأساطير (مدراس سامري على التوراة من القرن العاشر للميلاد على أبعد حد) مجهول الهوية، كتب حين كبر حنوك بن يرذ وصار عمره ثلاثة عشر ربيعاً شرع بتعلم كتاب الأعاجيب، الذي تسلمه آدم من الملائكة. كان هذا الكتاب منقوشاً على أربعة وعشرين حجراً من المهاء/الجزع. اثنا عشر حجراً لأيام الرضا (رحوته) والاثنا عشر حجراً الأخرى لأسباط إسرائيل ولتاريخ عبادة الإله العلّي، الحجارة كانت موشاة بصدور أهرون الكاهن. حجارة الرضا الاثنا عشر هي للأخرة، للدولة الثانية.

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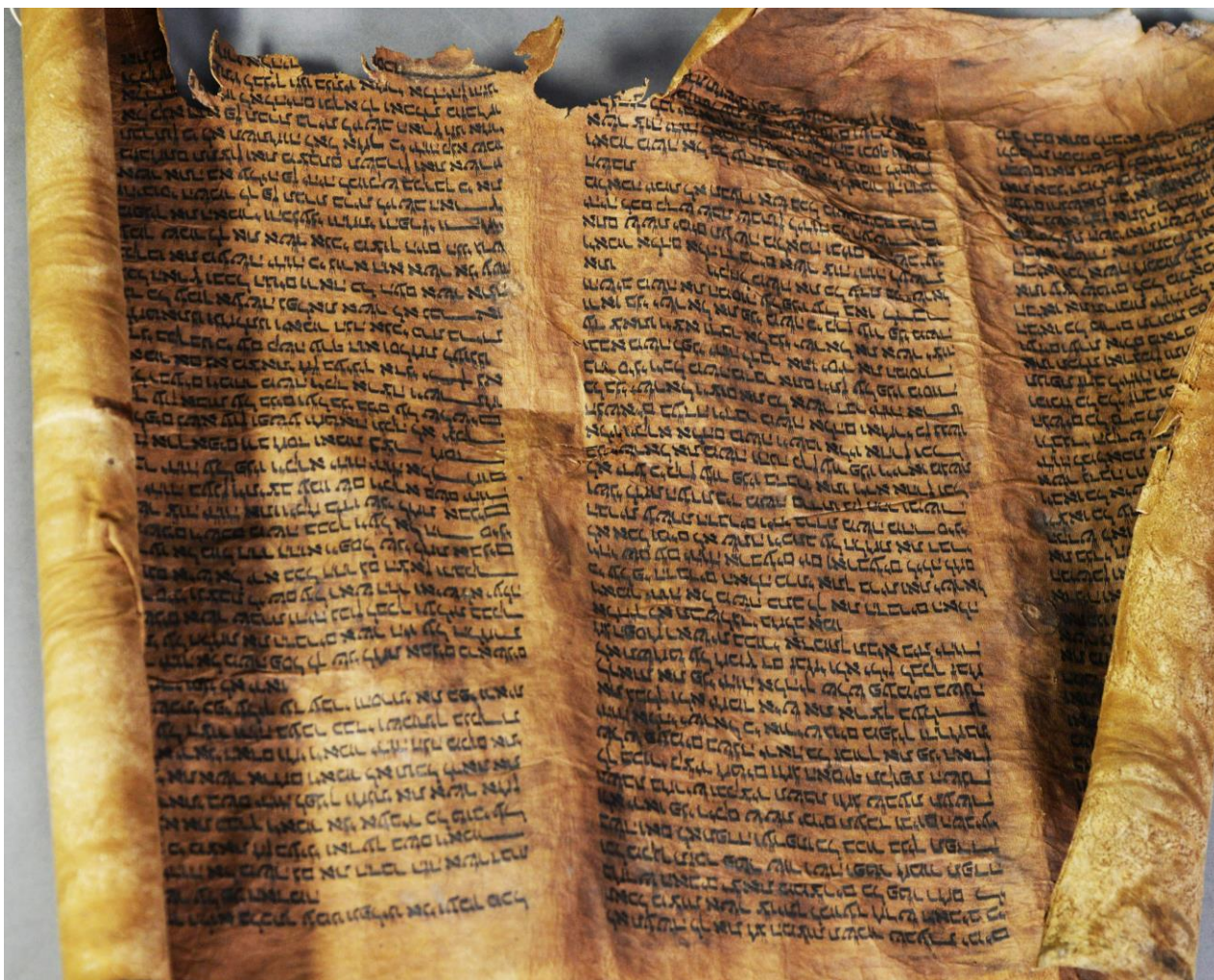
### Auction delivered Low prices for Samaritan Manuscripts in the UK, 21 Mar 2023

In [Antiquarian and Collectable Books, Prints, Mod...](#)

LOT 72 18TH CENTURY NORTH AFRICAN HEBREW SCRIPT, TAKEN FROM THE BOOK OF EXODUS CH.24 V.27, INK ON GOATSKIN,







18TH CENTURY NORTH AFRICAN HEBREW SCRIPT, taken from the book of Exodus ch.24 v.27, ink on goatskin, with note of appraisal as being first identified by Dr Henry Guppy (1861-1948) of the John Rylands library **Estimate 50 - 100 GBP Sold Unknown price**

<https://www.the-saleroom.com/en-gb/auktion-catalogues/capes-dunn/catalogue-id-srcap10416/lot-275C8C13-1F0C-4E85-9454-AFC701082F01>

**16TH CENTURY SAMARIAN PENTATEUCH SCRIPT ON PARCHMENT, GENESIS CH.24 V.5, BILINGUAL WITH HEBREW TO**

In [Antiquarian and Collectable Books, Prints, Mod...](#) LOT 73

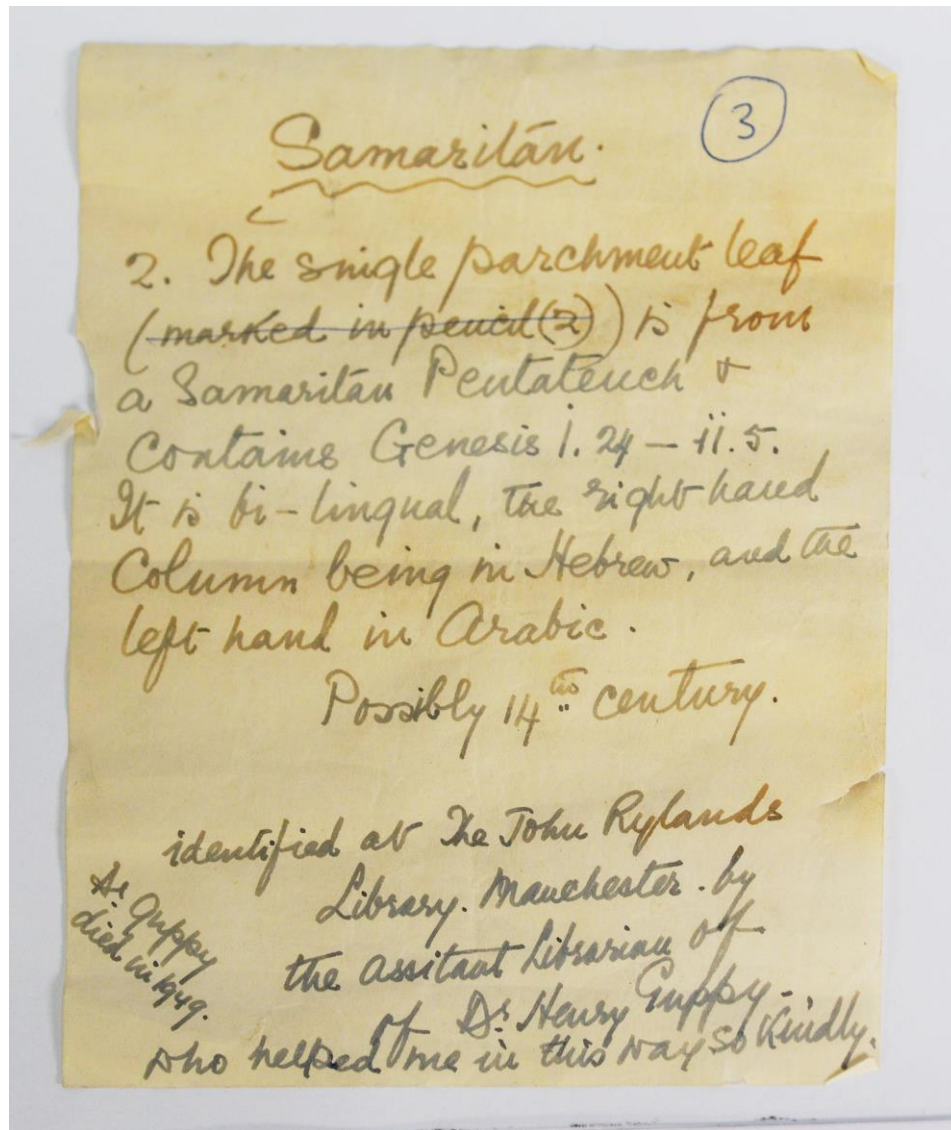
The Auction Galleries. 40 Station Road, Heaton Mersey, Stockport, SK4 3QT, United Kingdom

Auction Date: **21 Mar 2023 11:00 GMT**

Hammer Price: **Auctioneer has chosen not to publish the price of this lot**

**Description:** 16TH CENTURY SAMARIAN PENTATEUCH SCRIPT ON PARCHMENT, Genesis Ch. i.24-ii.5, bilingual with Hebrew to the right and Arabic to the left, with note of appraisal as being first identified by Dr Henry Guppy OBE (1861-1948) of the John Rylands Library (thought by him to be possibly 14th century) **Estimate 200 - 300 GBP. Sold Unknown price**

<https://www.the-saleroom.com/en-gb/auction-catalogues/capes-dunn/catalogue-id-srcap10416/lot-6f2516dc-5f70-46d7-947b-afc701082f01>





Samaritan. (2)

The three parchment leaves  
 (bearing Gal 16 29 + marked in pencil (1))  
 Contain in Samaritan  
 Syceodus xiii. 11 — xiv. 29,  
 xxii 9 (middle of verse) — xxiii. 13)  
 Early 13<sup>th</sup> century.

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Single sheet  
 Bilingual Arabic and Hebrew — the  
 manuscript is a fragment of a  
 larger version which is a sister  
 to a MS known as Nabus 6.  
 It was, therefore, copied ~~in the~~ before the  
 second half of the thirteenth century,  
 in Nabus. This version is the  
 Old Arabic translation of the Samaritan  
 Pentateuch & pre-dates Abu Sa'ud's  
 revision — [See Haseel Shehadeh,  
 "The Arabic Translation of the Samaritan  
 Pentateuch," in Crown, The Samaritans  
 (1988). We may estimate a date  
 between 1204 & 1215 for this MS  
 on the basis of its sister (1204), and  
 Cousin (Nabus 18, 1215).

**Lot 74** POSSIBLY 19TH CENTURY GRAND TOUR SOUVENIR, believed to be Ja...

POSSIBLY 19TH CENTURY GRAND TOUR SOUVENIR, believed to be Javanese script, plus another ancient three page stitched script, possibly part of Pentateuch written in 15th century ]

Estimate 80 - 100 GBP

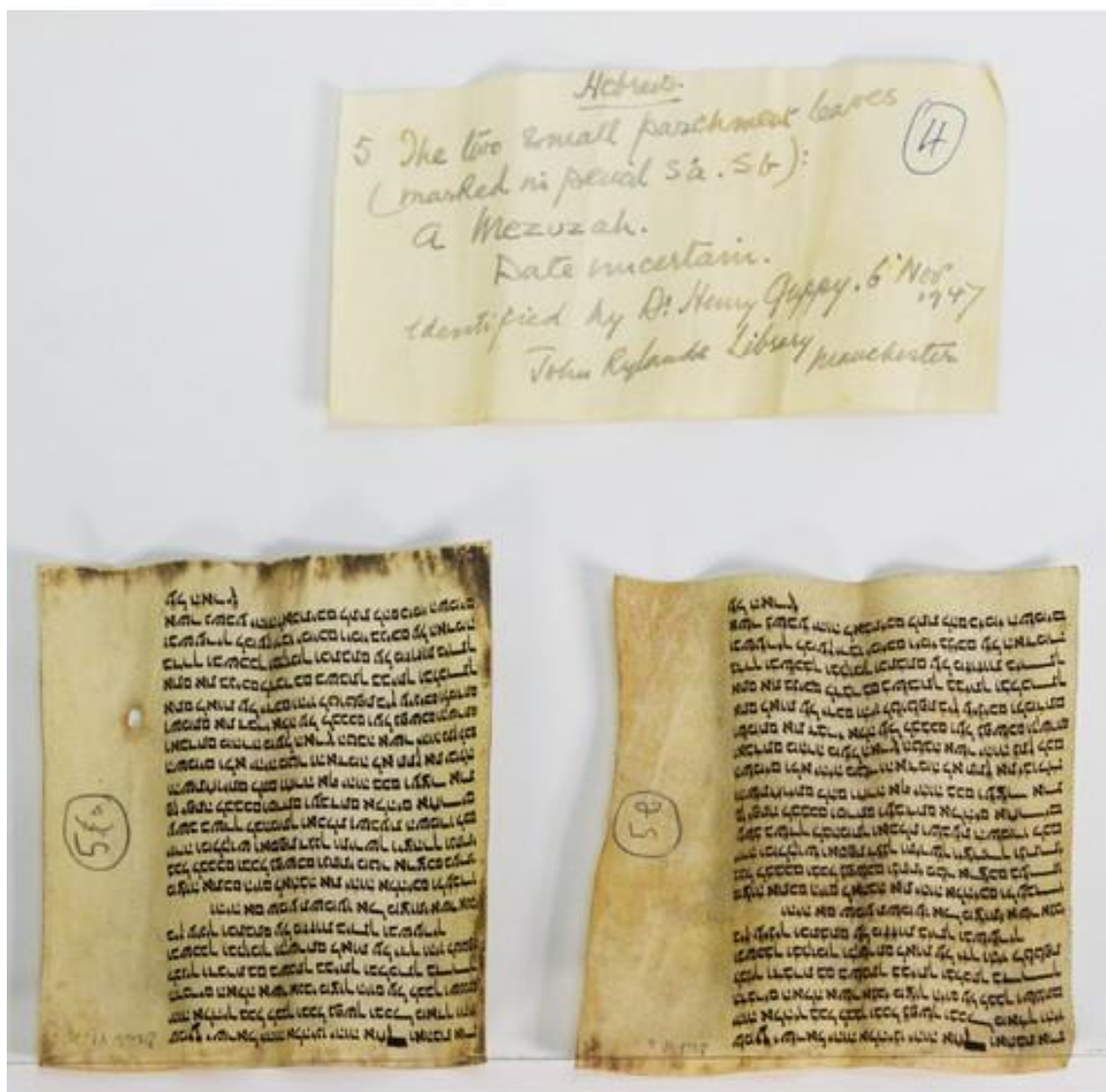
**Sold at** Hammer price; **£220**

<https://www.the-saleroom.com/en-gb/auction-catalogues/capes-dunn/catalogue-id-srcap10416/lot-5ca3bd37-a8e9-4df4-86e8-afc701082f01>

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**Lot 75**

PAIR OF MEZUZAH PARCHMENTS, inscribed on vellum, containing ...



PAIR OF MEZUZAH PARCHMENTS, inscribed on vellum, containing three verses of the Old Testament, 19th century or earlier.

Estimate 50 - 100 GBP **Sold at Hammer price £30**

<https://www.the-saleroom.com/en-gb/auction-catalogues/capes-dunn/catalogue-id-srcap10416/lot-e82dec5e-483b-414f-90a4-afc701082f01>

#### **A statement issued by the Samaritan Tribe Committee**

After consulting with His Eminence the High Priest of the Samaritan community, in line with the painful situations and events that have happened in our country in the last period.

The decision was made to limit the participation in the sacrament sacrifice ritual for members of the Samaritan community which falls on 3.5.2023.

We pray to God Almighty to bring peace and tranquility to the whole country and the region and its families.

And every year you are fine.





**لجنة الطائفة السامرية - جزيم نابلس**  
**Samaritan Committee - MT. Grezim Nablus**

الرقم : 01/23

التاريخ : 06/04/2023

عطوفة محافظ محافظة نابلس

اللواء أبراهيم رمضان المحترم

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله

**الموضوع : لجنة الطائفة السامرية – احتفال الغريبان عيد الفصح 2023**

تحية طيبة وبعد ,

سيدي , تهديكم لجنة الطائفة السامرية أحمل تحياتها وبالأشارة الى الموضوع أعلاه , تضامن وتماسك للأوضاع والأجواء الحزينة والمؤلمة السائدة .

وبالتشاور مع نيافة الكاهن الأكبر للطائفة السامرية , قررت لجنة الطائفة بأقتصار الاحتفال بعيد الغريبان والموافق يوم الأربعاء 03/05/2023 فقط على أفراد الطائفة السامرية , يتم استقبال المهنيين بدءاً من يوم الأحد 07/05/2023 .

نبتهل ونصلي لسيحانه وتعالى بأن يزول الاحتلال العاصب عن وطننا ويعم السلام والطمأنينة على الجميع .

نشكر جدا تفهمكم , داعيين المولى سيحانه وتعالى بأن يعم السلام المنطقة بأسرها ونقام دولة فلسطين وعاصمتها القدس الشريف .

مع فائق الاحترام  
 اخوتكم في لجنة الطائفة السامرية - نابلس  
 م. لطفي فياض الطيف - سكرتير اللجنة



## FILM SCREENING

Monday, March 13 | 5pm |

## FELD LECTURE, EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION

## Good Samaritans? Jewish-Samaritan Relations in the Roman World

## LUNCH AND LEARN

## “He Showed Him the Likeness of the Tabernacle:” The Biblical Tabernacle in Samaritan Literature and Art

Tuesday, March 14 | 12 pm | The Klau Library

*A partnership of the Klau Library, American Jewish Archives, and Mayerson JCC, in association with the Yeshiva University Center for Israel Studies*



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lw7qgMXvIZg>





*Öffentlicher Vortrag am Fachbereich Evangelische Theologie  
Professur für Neues Testament*



von Prof. PhD Steven Fine, Yeshiva University, New York

# The Samaritans – A Biblical People

*In Kooperation mit dem Bibelhaus Erlebnismuseum Frankfurt*



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**Dienstag, 16. Mai 2023**  
**16–18 Uhr**  
IG-Farben-Nebengebäude  
NG 701

*Im Rahmen der Ausstellung*

**„Respekt!“**  
**Die Samaritaner\*innen in der Bibel und heute**  
01. März—28. Mai 2023  
Metzlerstraße 19, 60594 Frankfurt am Main



## SAMARITAN.

### THE SAMARITAN PENTATEUCH.

**146 PENTATEUCH. Manuscript of the Samaritan Pentateuch (Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, Deuteronomy).**

SAMARITAN MANUSCRIPT OF EXCESSIVE RARITY, WRITTEN ON SYRIAN WHITE PAPER, IN BLACK, IN THE ORIGINAL ANCIENT SAMARITAN CHARACTERS.

Small folio, *original Samaritan binding of leather with flap.*

NINth Century.

**£21**

\*\*\* This Manuscript was bought to London from the Samaritan High Priest in 1913. The Samaritans, who to the number of 450, lived at Nablus, the site of ancient Samaria, are said to have been nearly exterminated by the Turks during the late war in Palestine.

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**Illuminated Manuscripts and Miniatures European & Oriental No. 404, 1921, Page146**  
**Maggs Bros.** Dealers in Fine & Rare books, Prints & Autographs. No. 419, 1922. 34 &35, Conduit Street, New Bond Street, London, W. 34 Page 1.

**Judaica & Hebraica Manuscripts and early Print Books illustrative of the History, Martyrdom and Literature of the Jews** Maggs Bros. Dealers in Fine & Rare books, Prints & Autographs. No. 419, 1922. 34 &35, Conduit Street, New Bond Street, London, W. 34 Page 1.

### 1391 A.D.

#### [1] THE BOOK OF DEUTERONOMY IN HEBREW, IN SAMARITAN CHARACTERS.

Samaritan Manuscript of Deuteronomy (the Fifth Book of Moses), beginning with the third chapter, till the end of the Hebrew Pentateuch, written on a scroll of vellum (measuring 10 feet 5½ inches by 13½ inches), damaged in places at top and bottom.

Shechem (Nablus in Palestine), dated 1391 A.D.

**£52 10s**

**Manuscripts of the Hebrew Bible of this date are of the greatest rarity.**

The Samaritans, who only acknowledge the five books of Moses, do not recognise any of the historical books of the Bible, such as Judges, Samuel, and Kings, or any of the prophetic books. So that the above scroll contains one-fifth of the whole of the Scriptures as recognised by them.

The characters of the Hebrew alphabet are derived from the so-called Phoenician, or old Semitic letters, to which almost all systems of letters now in use, even the Roman, can be traced. But this latter is in mediate relation only to the original source, while the Hebrew alphabet has kept closer to the primitive signs.

In the times of the kingdoms of Judah and Israel, like the Hebrew language, the Hebrew alphabet was almost exclusively used in Palestine. Only the upper classes, who were in relations with foreign lands, spoke and wrote Aramaic (II. Kings, xviii. 26). But a marked change took place after the Babylonian exile. The Aramaic language which had then already spread over the whole of Asia Minor, though used by the side of the local dialects, was gradually accepted by the Jews, together with its script. But inasmuch as the Hebrew was still used as the literary, the "Holy," language, the writers did not altogether give up the use of the ancient characters.

While the Jews adopted the Aramaic alphabet, gradually abandoning their own, the Samaritans held fast to the original forms, in order to show themselves the veritable heirs of ancient Hebraism. They then not only employed the Hebrew text for sacred books, but employed it in secular writings as well, and later on even used it for both Aramaic and Arabic. The letters already adorned with angles and corners were still further overloaded under their hands, and developed into a sort of Gothic.

It is the same character used in all the Samaritan books of to-day, and remains the only off-shoot of the old Hebrew script extant, while the modern Hebrew alphabet is of Aramaic origin.

The Samaritans are now only a small tribe of people living in Nablus (Shechem), and calling themselves Bene Yisrael. Their history as a distinct community already began by the taking of Samaria by the Assyrians in 722 B.C. It was only in the year 1616 that a copy of the Hebrew Pentateuch in the Samaritan recension was first brought to Europe by the well-known traveller Pietro della Valle, from Damascus.—(Jewish Encyclopedia.)

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[Views of Some of the Rooms in the House of Maggs Brothers,  
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### From the Editor

#### **What caused the DARK AGES?**

Quote: "during this year a most dread portent took place. For the sun gave forth its light without brightness... and it seemed exceedingly like the sun in eclipse, for the beams it shed were not clear." This quote is from Procopius of Caesarea (c500 CE-c565 CE). The year was 536 AD. Many various theories include asteroid impacts and volcano eruptions, the latter appears to have been the reason.

'It was a catastrophe without precedent in recorded history: for months on end, starting in A.D. 535, a strange, dusky haze robbed much of the earth of normal sunlight. Crops failed in Asia and the Middle East as global weather patterns radically altered. Bubonic plague, exploding out of Africa, wiped out entire populations in Europe. Flood and drought brought ancient cultures to the brink of collapse. In a matter of decades, the old order died and a new world—essentially the modern world as we know it today—began to emerge.

In this fascinating, groundbreaking, totally accessible book, archaeological journalist David Keys dramatically reconstructs the global chain of revolutions that began in the catastrophe of A.D. 535, then offers a definitive explanation of how and why this cataclysm occurred on that momentous day centuries ago.' David Keys

So if there was an origin period that started the so-called Dark Ages, how did it effect the Samaritans? Because of the volcano ash that covered the earth, crops would not have grown, drought and famine would have happened, then plague. Is this the reason for such a reduction of Samaritan numbers? Or is this maybe why some migrated elsewhere or were killed from invaders looking for food?

Volcanos are responsive to the sun's solar activity of super-flares that cause [geomagnetic volcano eruptions](#). Are there any records of solar flares at that time?

Remember that the Samaritans had just experienced the Third Samaritan Revolt in 529 C.E. against the Byzantine Christian rulers.

In 538, the Roman statesman [Cassiodorus](#);

The sun's rays were weak, and they appeared a "bluish" colour.



- ☐ At noon, no shadows from people were visible on the ground.
  - ☐ The heat from the sun was feeble.
  - ☐ The moon, even when full, was "empty of splendour"
  - ☐ "A winter without storms, a spring without mildness, and a summer without heat"
  - ☐ Prolonged frost and unseasonable drought
  - ☐ The seasons "seem to be all jumbled up together"
  - ☐ The sky is described as "blended with alien elements" just like cloudy weather, except prolonged. It was "stretched like a hide across the sky" and prevented the "true colours" of the sun and moon from being seen, along with the sun's warmth.
  - ☐ Frosts during harvest, which made apples harden and grapes sour.
  - ☐ The need to use stored food to last through the situation.
  - ☐ Subsequent letters (no. 26 and 27) discuss plans to relieve a widespread famine.
- An in-depth paper or book should investigate this time period concerning all sources to maybe explain what happened. Lots of questions!!!

[Michael the Syrian](#) (1126–1199), a patriarch of the [Syriac Orthodox Church](#), reported that during 536–537 the sun shone feebly for a year and a half.

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[The Origins of the Islamic State, being a Translation from the Arabic Accompanied with Annotations, Geographic and Historic Notes of the Kitab Futuh al-Buldan of al-Imam abu-l 'Abbas Ahmad ibn-Jabir al-Baladhuri](#) by **Philip Khuri Hitti**. Vol. 1, New York, Columbia University, Longmans, Green & Co, London: P.S. King & Son, Ltd, 1916

Page 217

Mu'awiyah besieges kaisariyah. Muhamman ibn-Sa'd from al-Wakidi:- When 'Umar ibn-al-Khattab made Mu'awiyah governor of Syria, the latter besieged kaisariyah until he reduced it, the city having been under siege for seven years. Its conquest took place in Shauwal, year 19. Muhammad ibn-Sa'd from 'Abdallah ibn-'Amir:- Mu'awiyah besieged Kaisariyaah until he lost all hope of reducing it. Previous to this, the city he lost had been besieged by 'Amr ibn-al-'Asi and his son. When Mu'awiyah at last took it by storm, he found in it 700,000 [sic!] soldiers with fixed stipends, 30,000 Samaritans and 20,000 Jews.

(Pages 244- 245) Chapter XIV

*The terms made by abu-'Ubaidah.* Hisham ibn-'Ammar from Safwian ibn-'Amr: - Abu-'Ubaidah ibn-abn-al-Jarrah made terms with the Samaritans in the provonces of Jordan and Palestine, who acted as spies and guides for Moslems, stipulating that they pay tax on their persons but nothing on their lands. When Yazid ibn-Mu'awiyah, however, assumed power he assessed *kharaj* on their lands.

*The tax imposed by Yazid.* I was informed by certain men well versed in the conditions of the Jordan and Palestine that Yazid ibn-Mu'awiyah assessed khnaraj on the lands of the Samaritans in the Jordan, and levied on every man two dinars as poll-tax. He also assessed *kharaj* on their lands in Palestine and levied five dinars on every man.

Sects. The Samaritans are Jews and are divided into two classes, one is ad-Dustan [Dositheans] and the other al-Kushan.

Their lands became crown-land. There was in Palestine in the early part of the caliphate of ar-Rashid a devastating plague which in some cases would attack all the members of a household. As a result, their land was rendered waste and useless. Ar-Rashid put it in charge of some who cultivated it and [by gifts] attracted the farmers and tenants into it, thus making it crown domains. In these places the Samaritans lived. One of those villages called bait-Mama, which lay in the district of Nablus and whose inhabitants were Samaritans, made a complaint in the year 246 to the effect that they were poor and unable to pay the five-dinar kharaj, upon which al-Mutawakkil gave orders that it be reduced again to three. (Pages 244-245)

*From the Editor of the Update:*

*The fights according to the book was against the Greeks.*

*The Muslim year 19 is 640 C.E.*

*The Muslim year 246 is 860 C.E.*

[The American Jewish Year Book 5685, September 29, 1924, to September 18, 1925.](#) Volume 26 Philadelphia: The Jewish Publication Society of America 1924.

Page 587: Distribution of the population of Municipal Areas by Sub-Districts and geographical Divisions, 1922. Samaritan population in Nablus 147, Tulkarem 8, Jaffa 8, total 163 Samaritans. Page 590: Distribution of Sexes among the Jewish Population and the Non-Jewish Population: Samaritans 84 men, 80 women, No. men per 100 women 103.8

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#### **Links:**

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volcanic\\_winter\\_of\\_536](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Volcanic_winter_of_536)

<https://www.realclimate.org/index.php/archives/2008/03/536-ad-and-all-that/>

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[Volcanic dust veils from sixth century tree-ring isotopes linked to reduced irradiance, primary production and human health](#)

<https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Krakatoa>

See the book, [Catastrophe: An Investigation into the Origins of Modern Civilization](#) Hardcover – February 1, 2000 by [David Keys](#)

Search: [volcano erupted in 536](#).

#### **Videos and Podcasts**

536 AD: The Worst Year In History? | Catastrophe

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Ax2x0MG-0Qo>

**The Mystery Volcanic Eruption in 536; The Year of Hell**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HOw9UIRpfSA>

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#### **Videos**



**He Showed Him the Likeness of the Tabernacle: The Tabernacle in Samaritan Literature and Art.** HUC-JIR Library with **Dr. David Fine** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SkgWyYfsey4>

**Hebrew Voices: Meet the Samaritans**

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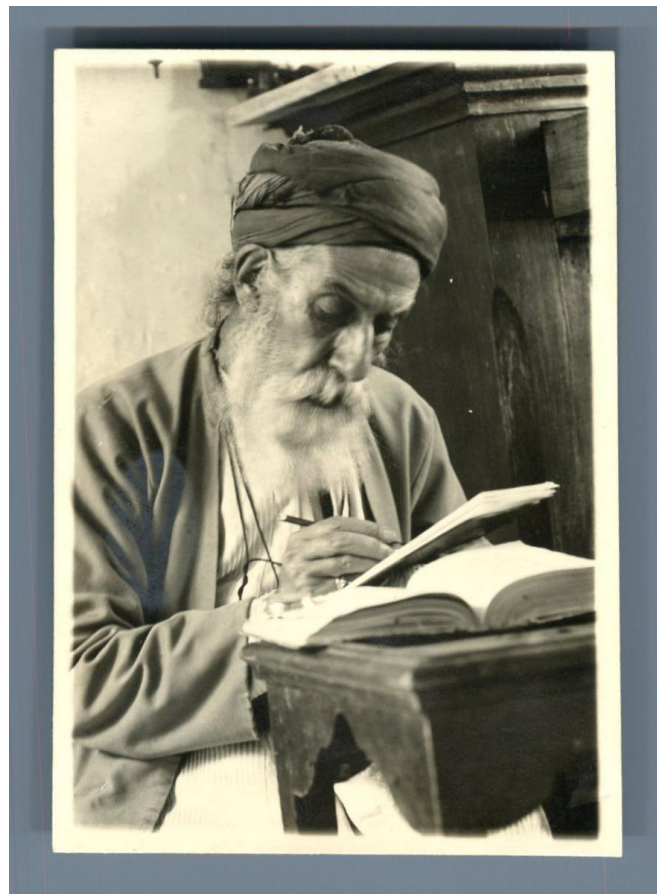
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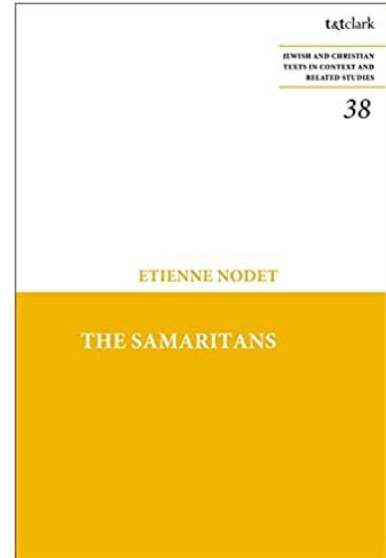
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A development in verbal morphology common to multiple forms of ancient Hebrew involves the shift of stative, intransitive, and weakly transitive verbs from G-stem (qal) to N-stem (niphal). Like other Hebrew traditions that crystallised in the Second Temple period, the reading tradition of the Samaritan Pentateuch (consisting of the oral realisation of the constituent consonantal, vocalic, and prosodic components) presents a relatively advanced stage of the shift. Against this tendency, however, Samaritan Hebrew also at times appears to preserve archaic qal morphology. This study surveys salient manifestations of “niphalisation” in Samaritan Hebrew, contrasting them with parallel features in Tiberian Hebrew and other forms of ancient Hebrew and Aramaic, especially Second Temple varieties, and seeks to reveal salient commonalities. While highlighting pertinent secondary features common to Second Temple period sources, the paper also emphasises the historical depth of the shift from qal to niphal.

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