



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 Fourth Month: evening of 17 July 2023

The Fifth Month: evening of 15 August 2023

Passover Sacrifice Monday April 22, 2024

**Births**

**A beautiful son was born in Holon.**

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A beautiful son was born in Holon to the beautiful Revital and Elad Ben Mira and Avraham = Rami Ben Tzpora and Abd-Hanuna Shashoni Danafi.

Holon, Tuesday, - Thursday to the first new year - 9.5.2023  
New baby boy born in Holon, son of the pretty Ravital and Elad b. Mira and Abraham Sassoni Hadinfi - 9.5 2023

A beautiful son was born in hergarzim.

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A beautiful son named in Israel Avraham was born in the Hergarzim to the beautiful Meirav and Shlomo Ben Tamima and Itamar Ben Avraham, Vice Grand Priest.  
Holon, Wednesday, - Power to the New Year - 17.5.2023  
New baby boy and his name is Abraham born in Mt. Gerizim, son of the pretty Meirav and Shalma b. Tmima and Itamar b. Abraham the Deputy High Priest - 17.5 2023

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A beautiful daughter was born in the Hergarzim

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A beautiful daughter was born in the Hergarzim Maayan and Amir Ben Nili = Noel and the deceased Cohen Yotah Ben H.C. Joseph

Holon, Monday 22.5.2023 - Wednesday for the second new year

New baby girl born in Mt. Gerizim, daughter of the pretty Maayan and Amir b.the late Yiftah b. Hlgh Priest Yusef.22.5.2023



A beautiful son was born in the Hergarazim.

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A beautiful son, Adi, was born in Hergrazim to the beautiful Lin and her workers Ben Hala and Shalom Altif Danafi The Hargarazim, Wednesday, 4th of the third renewal - 21.6.2023 New baby boy has born in Mt. Gerizim, Adi son of the pretty Lyn and Abood b. Halah and Shalom Altif Hadinfi - 21.6 2023

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#### Passing

Tova Bat Yaffa and Nur Ben Avraham Tzadeka Hatzafari (2023-1938) May Jehovah have mercy on her.

Tova b. Yafa and Nor b. Abraham Tsedaka Hassafari(1938-2023) Shemah will forgive her Died in Holon

85-year-old was at her death.

Baruch's widow Ben Esther and

Gamliel Ben Avraham Tzdeka HaTzafari.

Together they raised four daughters; Orna, Osnat, Ayala and Sofia and one son Neri. Tova was known for her beauty the rabbi she inherited to her children. We will strengthen them in their grief.

Condolences to her immediate family

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### Concluder of Torah

YACOB B. ETI AND ITAMAR B. TIKVA AND PRIEST YEFET B. AB-HISDA - TORAH CONCLUDER IN HOLON - 6.6.2023

Most of the time, the Torah signing of Moshe Yaakov (7), was held in the synagogue plaza. Jacob read with great taste the verses of Moses blessing until the end of the Torah.

Accompanied by his teacher Menashe Ben Yitzhak Tzadeka Hatzafari. The priests and the peoples' generous from the Gargarzim and Holon gave the boy jobs in cash.

Blessings to the child's parents and grandparents to his uncle and aunts and all his loving relatives.

May the seal of the Torah Yaakov grow and establish a family in Israel.

Video by Nir Sasoni

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=btHlth8gNuM>

### Concluder of Torah



Violetta daughter of Tanya and Tamim Ben Bekasha and Menashe Altif Danafi in Kiryat Loza in Hergarazim

Thursday, 12th of the third news - 29.6.2023

Violatte b. Tania and Tamem b. Bakasha and Manashe Altif Altif Hadinfi - 29.6.2023 in Kiriati Luza in Mount Gerizim

Most of the people was the signing of the Torah of the seal of the Torah Moshe Violeta (7), in the synagogue square. Violetta read with great taste the verses of Moses' blessing until the end of the Torah. She was accompanied by his teacher Heftz Ben Merahiv, the priests and the people's generous people from the Regerazim and Holon gave the girl tips in cash.

Blessings to the girl's parents and Violeta to the grandparents to his uncles and aunts

and all the loving relatives..

### Concluder of Torah

Sami Ben Ella and Azi Ben Kala and Av-Sakua Altif Danafi in Kiryat Loza in the Hergarazim

Thursday, 11th of the fourth news - 29.6.2023

Sami b. Ala and 'Azzi b. Kaleh and Ab-Sicuwah Altif Altif Hadinfi - 29.6.2023 in Kiriati Luza in Mount Gerizim



Most of the people was the signing of the Torah of Moshe Sami (7), in the synagogue square. Omri read with great taste the verses of Moses' blessing until the end of the Torah.

Accompanied by his teacher Hefetz Ben Merahiv the priests and the people's generous people from the Regerazim and Holon gave the boy tips in cash.



Blessings to the boy's parents Sammy, to his grandparents, to his uncles and aunts and to all the loving relatives..

#### **Concluder of Torah**

Madeline Bat Zahva and Barak Ben Miriam and the deceased Zebolan Altif Danafi in Kiryat Loza in the Hergarazim

Thursday, 12th of the third news - 29.6.2023

Madlyn d.. Zawah and Barak b. Miriam and Zebulan Altif Hadinfi - 29.6.2023 in Kiriya Luza in Mount Gerizim

Most of the people was the signing of the Torah of the seal of the Torah Moshe Madlin (7), in the synagogue square. Madeleine read with great taste the verses of Moses' blessing until the end of the Torah.

Accompanied by teacher Hafetz Ben Marahiv, the priests and the people's generous people from the Regerazim and Holon gave the girl tips in cash.

Blessings to the parents of the girl Madeline, to the grandparents, to his uncles and aunts and to all the loving relatives..

#### **Concluder of Torah**

Omri Ben Halama and Av-Sakua Ben Nabia, may the Lord have mercy on you and prolong your days Yehuda Altif Danafi in Kiryat Loza in the Hergarazim

Thursday, 11th of the fourth news - 29.6.2023

Omri b. Acahlama and Ab-Sicuwah b. Nebiah and Yehudah Altif Altif Hadinfi - 29.6.2023 in Kiriya Luza in Mount Gerizim

Most of the people was the signing of the Torah of Moshe Omri (7), in the synagogue plaza. Omri read with great taste the verses of Moses' blessing until the end of the Torah. Accompanied by his teacher Hefetz Ben Merahiv the priests and the people's generous



people from the Regerazim and Holon gave the boy tips in cash.

Blessings to the boy Omri's parents, to his grandparents, to his uncles and aunts and to all the loving relatives..



#### **Concluder of Torah**

Ofir Ben Erez Yehoshua, ten years old, performing a song of praise to the Great Prophet Moshe in the prayer of Mount Sinai 21.6.2023

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**Passover 2023**

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

The time 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.



**Hanan Altif Facebook Photo Post, the night before the Passover Sacrifice**

**Nir Sasoni Making Matzah/Unleavened Bread**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JkQot5MrUCc>

**Aboud Post on Youtube**

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/i7jwclhNUJc>

**The Bones of Joseph FULL DOCUMENTARY**

Shechem Media <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uhO0e-jGzk>

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**Facebook Post by Mount Gerizim**

Photo by Hajj Al-Samri on the top of Mount Jarzim during the Pilgrimage May 10, 2023

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**Ben Sedaka Facebook Post**

A book of Torah in the name of the teacher and principal and dear city Holon Penina bat Yifat ben Avraham Tzadka Tzafri Yerahma Yahova was dedicated to the central synagogue in the Hargarzim by her husband Hillel = Mehlalal Ben Binyam Tzadka Hzafrri Yahova will prolong his days. Priest Pinhas Ben Tzadik brought the book in the presence of the priests and the community's dignitaries. Today is the second Friday in the seven days of Midday - 5.5.2023







**Passover & Shavuot articles, & such**

**Members of Samaritan sect participate in traditional Passover sacrifice in Nablus**

Source: Xinhua

<https://english.news.cn/20230504/e73ff195407b4676859c7d4bc4caeb5a/c.html>

**Samaritans participate in traditional ceremony celebrating Shavuot festival**

Source: Xinhua Editor: huaxia 2023-06-25

<https://english.news.cn/20230625/83091614aec74a55902f0bed1184f88c/c.html>

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**Israelite Samaritan Shavuot defter (Prayerbook)** revised 2023

Compiled by Feenahs Binyaamem Maanaashe

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**Haseeb Shehadeh's Five Articles**

**حمامات استبدلت بجُردان**  
**Pigeons Replaced by Rats**  
**Collections from the Samaritan Tradition**  
**مقتطفات من تقليد السامرة**  
 ترجمة حسيب شحادة  
 جامعة هلسنكي

بنيמים צדקה (כתב וערך), אוצר הסיפורים העממיים של הישראלים השומרונים. מכון א. ב. ללימודי השומרוניות, הרגלים-חולון, 2021, כרך א' עמ' 102-103.

**מִנְשֵׁה וְإِفْرَايִם**

بجوار شارع القدس- نابلس، بجبال الضفة الغربية (السامرة، في الأصل)، تقع القرية العربية ياسوف المذكورة في التاريخ السامري أيضا. بالقرب منها كانت تفوح المذكورة في الكتاب المقدس (المقرا). وفي قرية ياسوف كان شقيقان سامريان، إفرايم ومنشه، وذات يوم مرّ بالقرية حاج يهودي متوجّهاً إلى القدس، ومعه حمامتان، زُغُولان، قُربان للهيكَل في القدس.

بات اليهودي في ياسوف، أتى الشقيقان وسرقا زُغُوليه من السلّة ووضعوا بدلها جُرْدَين.

**سِجْنُ مؤبَد في الهيكل**

<https://shomron0.tripod.com/2023/pigeonsreplacedbyrats.pdf>

**طائر السّحر و"المطران" السامري**  
**The Magic Bird and the Samaritan "Bishop"**  
**Narrated by the High Priest Jacob Son of 'Uzzi (1899-1987)**  
**and Written by Menahem Kapeliuk (1900-1988)**

ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة  
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ملاحظة الأمين صدقة: الاسم "بابا" كان شائعاً بين اليهود والسامريين في الألف الأول للميلاد، لأنّه اختصار للكلمات الثلاث الأولى في التوراة: برأشית برأ آلهים - في البدء خلق الله. الجيل الثاني والثمانون في الكهنة الكبار، أبناء فنحاس في نابلس (بابا بن نتنيل بن فنحاس: 849-860 م)، كاهن أكبر في دمشق، في الجيل السابع عشر (بابا بن إلعرز 1186-1203 م). لذلك لا مسوّغ للتفسير المتأخّر للاسم: الأب، الباب.

**ليفي يُغادر إلى القسطنطينية**



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## مريم - قصة حب

### Mariam a Love Story

By Ya'qūb ben Shafīq al-Haftāwī (1899-1987)

ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة

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كان للكهنة العزرا ابنان صغيران، اسم الواحد عقوب، واسم الآخر نتانئيل، وأختهما مريم. عندما إقتربت نهاية العزرا، وكل حليفاً له اسمه مارفليته على ابنته وابنيته.

وكان لمارفليته ابنان، اسم الكبير يهودا واسم الصغير نتانئيل. عندما كبر يهودا، طلب أبوه مارفليته من مريم ابنة الكاهن العزرا أن تكون زوجة له. مريم لم تقبل بالزواج من يهودا بن مارفليته. وعندما اشتد ضغط مارفليته عليها هربت مريم إلى حيفا، مدينة الكرمل، لأن أناساً من أقارب والدها، الكاهن العزرا كانوا يسكنون هناك. بحث مارفليته عن مريم ولم يجدها. بعد ذلك، سمع أنها في حيفا، مدينة الكرمل، وأنها هربت بسبب ابنه يهودا، لأنها لم ترض به زوجاً.

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## هرون بن منير في دمشق

### Haroun Son of Manīr in Damascus

By Rāḍī al-Amīn Ṣadaqa al-Ṣabāḥī (1922-1990)

ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة

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## ثواب الشهرة

عاش في القرن الثالث عشر للميلاد في دمشق الشاعر السامري، هرون بن منير، من أسرة الكهنة. اشتهر بمعرفة التوراة وفروضها ولا سيما معرفة شروحها. كتب صلوات كثيرة، موجودة اليوم في كتاب/دفتر الصلوات السامري. إن نهاية هذا الكاهن الجليل، يكتنفها الغموض حتى يومنا هذا.

يُحكى أنه ذات يوم، بمروره في شوارع دمشق، أعلن المؤذن من على منبذة المسجد، عن حلول وقت الصلاة كالعتاد. وقف بن منير، التفت برأسه نحو المؤذن وقال: لقد كذبت! على الفور، تجمع حوله مسلمون كثيرون عرفوه بأنه سامري، وكانوا على وشك قتله. دافع بن منير عن نفسه قائلاً: لو حقاً أعلن المؤذن، لوجب أن يتحرك البرج يميناً وشمالاً من هول قدسية الصلاة.

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

حُزْنُ يَعْقُوبَ عَلَى يُوسُفَ  
**Jacob's grief over Joseph**  
 لَا ذِكْرَ لِاسْمِ الْكَاتِبِ  
 تَرْجُومَةُ حَسْبِيبِ شِجَارَةِ  
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 ב. ללימודי השומרונות, הרגרזים-חולון, 2021, כרך א' עמ' 63-64.

**جامع حُزْنُ يَعْقُوبَ فِي نابلس**

في مدينة نابلس جامع باسم جامع الخضرة، ويجانبه حيّ السامريين القديم المعروف باسم الياسمينية. الجامع مبني مكان كنيس سامري، باسم حزن يعقوب منذ العصور الوسطى.

ما زال على برج المنارة، المطل على نابلس حجر بشكل مقلوب، وعليه منقوشة بالرسم السامري الوصايا العشر.

في جامع الخضرة، يشير العرب إلى المكان الذي جلس فيه أبونا يعقوب، عندما أتاه الذي بلغه عن مصير نجله يوسف الحبيب. وها أحضر أبناؤه قميص/تونية حبر ملطّخًا/ملطّخة بالدم وقالوا: "هذا وجدنا، إعرف الآن هل قميص ابنك هو ام لا ... ومزّق يعقوب كسوته وجعل مسحاً بمتنتيه وحزن على ابنه أياماً كثيرة" [تكوين 37: 32-34]. أنظر حسيب شحادة، الترجمة العربية لتوراة السامريين. المجلد الأول: سفر التكوين وسفر الخروج. القدس: الأكاديمية الوطنية الإسرائيلية للعلوم والآداب، 1989، ص. 182-185؛ في الترجمات المسيحية العربية الحديثة نجد: قميص ملون، تكوين 37: 3، 23، 32]. ولذلك يُطلق العرب على هذا الجامع الاسم "حُزْنُ يَعْقُوب" أيضاً، وعليه فالمكان مقدّس لدى سكّان نابلس المسلمين.

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





**Matan Torah - Yossi Marhiv**

Sounds and lightning were heard on Mount Sinai.

I will carry you on eagles wings and bring you to me

And among all, at the bottom of the mountain, the people gather

At the beginning of the third month, you will come out of slavery.

God said to Moses was right for the three days

And to the people you will say, that women will have engines to approach.

In the plain and in the mountains the people of the ultra-Orthodox voices

They looked beautiful heavy sights

Descended to the mountain all the armies of heaven

Praising and singing for the innocent prophet

And here they stand the virtue of the nations

Looking at the sky doesn't mean the ten things

This is the moment for which the world was created.

The angels did not sing poetry and everything stood still.

The senses have opened and the limits of the body have weakened.

Both the blind and the deaf saw and heard

Understanding suddenly received a prophecy

The earth shook, the sky opened and everything was visible.

This is the big day, the day of giving the Torah

**Yossi Marhiv** Facebook Post June 20 2023

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**Online: Israelite Samaritan Torah**

By **Tsedaka, Yisrael ben Gamliel**

<https://archive.org/details/IsraeliteSamaritanTorah/mode/2up>

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**From the Editor**

I thought I would try something different for this issue. So here are some Black and White images modified using online color AI software.









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## **Videos**

The Samaritans Channel

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCC9k3O7wD1mAmP8XUteloSg>

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## **Aboud Cohen Interviews**

**Bridging the gap between Torah and Science: Mori Micharl Bar-Ron**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bddP2cfdeEE>

**Talking about Samaritans: Mori Michael Bar-Ron**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kBVbyS9BEG8>

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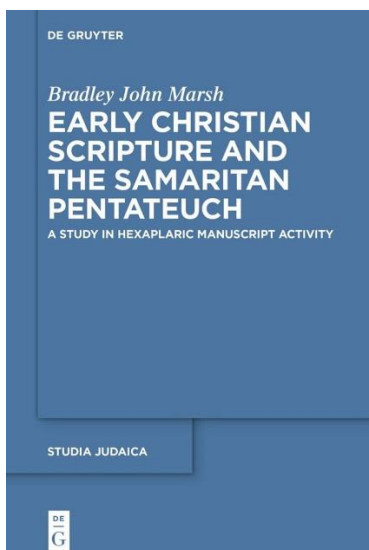
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[samaritanmuseum.com](http://samaritanmuseum.com)



Also visit the website of The Samaritan Museum  
<https://samaritanmuseum.com/>

## Publications



### [Early Christian Scripture and the Samaritan Pentateuch A Study in Hexaplaric Manuscript Activity](#)

**Bradley Marsh Jr.**

Volume 12 in the series [Studia Samaritana](#)

Planned Publication: September 14, 2023

#### About this book

Early Christian Scripture and the Samaritan Pentateuch is a study exploring Christian interaction with the Samaritan Pentateuch as evinced by hexaplaric sources. The manuscript evidence for the Samaritan Pentateuch in Greek attests two distinct, textually unrelated groups of readings: a σαμ-type (i.e., the Samareitikon) and a μovov-type. Only the latter, the subject of the present study, is hexaplarically derived and predates, considerably, any evidence for the former. The extant hexaplaric colophons and scholia found in the books of Exodus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy reveal that at some point the Caesarean library acquired a copy of the Samaritan Hebrew Pentateuch. This copy was then collated, quantitatively, against the hexaplaric Septuagint. Since the Samaritan text is often longer than the Septuagint due to a number of "expansions", taken from various pre-existing passages of the Pentateuch, the Caesarean critics "translated" these expansions into Greek with the aid of the Septuagint. No evidence was found that the so-called Samareitikon (i.e., Samaritans' own Greek translation) was either known to or used by the Caesarean critic. These "translations" bear no trace of Samaritan exegesis. It is hypothesized here, that the collation and "translation" was made possible through the use of the multi-columned Hexapla as a kind of analytical lexicon. Taking the results of this effort, the responsible party added these data to the margins of the Caesarean Septuagint edition. These passages were later translated into Syriac and were even adopted by some later Christian scribes as legitimate biblical readings. It is posited that Eusebius—not Origen, as has been commonly supposed—was the one responsible for this work. The study explores these data diachronically from inception to integration. The findings and analysis are relevant for the fields of biblical studies, Samaritan studies, and the study of Bible production and the praxis of textual research in early Christianity.



**The Transmission of the Pentateuch, Analysis of Variants Due to Graphic Similarity between MT and SP** by **Hila Dayfani**

Volume 124 in the series [Studia Judaica](#)

Volume 13 in the series [Studia Samaritana](#)

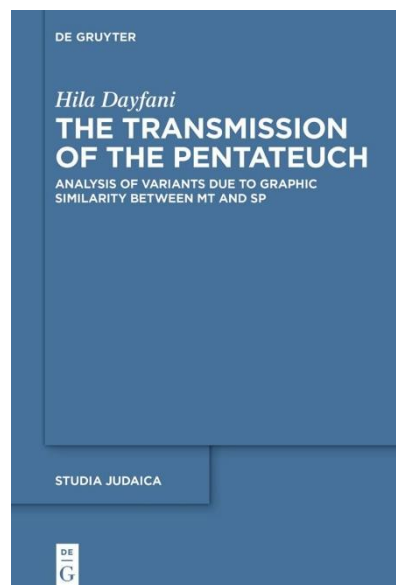
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**About this book:**

The volume focuses on variants between the Masoretic Text and the Samaritan Pentateuch prompted by graphic similarities between letters. As a phenomenon that occurs during the transmission of ancient texts, an in-depth study of the linguistic and paleographic background of these variants provides fruitful ground for the exploration of the Pentateuch transmission.

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This study has implications for the textual history of the Samaritan Pentateuch and, more broadly, for the distribution of the Pentateuch and the extent of its transmission in the late Second Temple period.

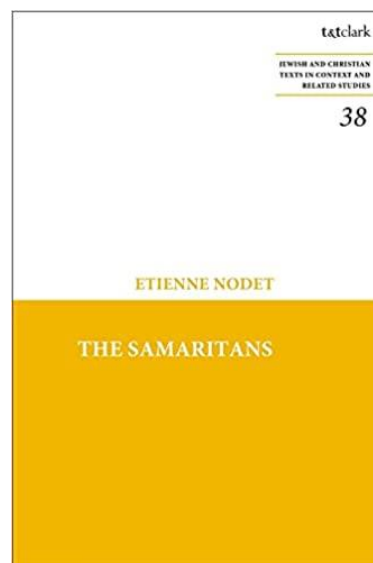


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### **Articles:**

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["The Rise and Fall of a Peripheral People? Samaritans and the Discourse of Late Antique Disaster,"](#)

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**Matthew J. Chalmers**, "The Rise and Fall of a Peripheral People? Samaritans and the Discourse of Late Antique Disaster," *Studies in Late Antiquity* 6 (2022), 217–47.

**Abstract:** This article treats the intersection of a "peripheral people"—specifically Samaritan Israelites—with scholarly narratives of disaster concerning Late Antiquity. A disaster is not so much a one-off event as an ongoing series of collective experiences, patterned and repatterned in the movements of bodies and through shared—if unstable— narrative. This article, leaning into this phenomenological complexity, attends to the shared discourse of disaster as a practice of scholarly fields concerned with the study of Late Antiquity. I highlight a scholarly tendency to rely on disaster and its related tropes as it scripts the history of a group often classified as peripheral: Samaritan Israelites.

In the case of the Samaritans, rich and varied evidence from Late Antiquity is compressed into a dominant portrayal of a group set on a collision course with the Roman Empire. Examining how this compression happens equips us to better identify the powers of historiographical curation, especially with respect to groups perceived as historical (and/ or present) minorities, in shaping narratives. In this article, I ask both a historical question— when and whether disaster struck— and a historiographical one— what does it mean for disaster to provide us with a historiographical vocabulary at all, and to which groups do we tend to apply it?

### **Regev, Dalit**

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Abstract: In 1965, the Israel Folktale Archives (IFA) published a small anthology of Samaritan folktales. The article addresses a letter (found at the archive) concerning the publication as well as the poetic aspects of the anthology itself and explores the cultural-political negotiations they entail. I argue that the same-other relationship that characterizes Zionist Jews and Samaritans is staged and embodied in these archival negotiations, manifested in a variety of sources. I suggest that despite their unique characteristics, these archival dynamics may be an intensified example of, rather than an exception to IFA practices.

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### **Il Pentateuco Samaritano e il suo contributo alla storia testuale del Pentateuco**

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