



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



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January 2024, the Samaritan Community number about 900.

**Future Events**

- Eight Month 3663 Saturday evening November 2, 2024
- Ninth Month 3663 Saturday evening November 30, 2024
- Tenth Month 3663 Monday evening December 30, 2024
- Eleventh Month 3663 Wednesday evening January 29, 2025
- Passover Sacrifice 3663 Friday evening April 11, 2025

3663 is the number of year since the Israelites entered the land of Canaan



Sukkot and Eighth Azret holiday



**Ben Sedaka**

The Succoth Festival and the  
Eighth Day of Succoth [16-24.10.2024]  
Starting today, Wednesday, with the sunset  
October 16-17, 2024

Here are good days coming:

On the eve of Yom Kippur, we begin preparing to set up the  
Sukkah until the fifteen days of the seventh day - it is the Sakat  
holiday.

The Feast of the Sacrifice - October 16 - October 23, 2024  
Starting the seven days of sakat, Thursday evening - October 16  
to Wednesday October 23, 2024

. Additional names: Holiday of Asif, Holiday of Matalata  
[=Hasakot], or also "Hasakot Holiday and Knushin Holiday" =  
Holiday of Sasakot and Holiday of Asif.



**Photos by Ori Orhof**

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/oriorhof/albums/72177720321283140/>

**The Fruit-Covered Sukkahs of the Samaritans**

<https://mosaicmagazine.com/picks/religion-holidays/2024/10/the-fruit-covered-sukkahs-of-the-samaritans/>

**A Sukkah Made of Fruit? On Samaritan Sukkahs**

[https://blog.nli.org.il/en/samaritan\\_sukkahs/](https://blog.nli.org.il/en/samaritan_sukkahs/)

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**Births**

A beautiful son is born

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Beautiful son, born to sing [=Shrian] beloved daughter [Vidad] friend Ben Yosef Hide the Danafi and Amid Ben Nili [Naval] and the late priest Yefatah son of Naama and the great priest Yosef will have mercy on Yehova - in Hargarzim

Monday, 21.10.2024



Tuesday, the seventh month of the seventh month (Tishri) 15.10.2024 at 4 in the morning, The merciful God merited us with his good will with a sixth granddaughter, the daughter of Mitar and Tomer to the charity family and the Cohen family house in Holon. Her name was named by her parents Or-ya

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**Passing**

Ratson b. Benyamim Yehusha Hmaribi buried in Mt. Gerizim today 4.9.2024

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Miriam Bat Dalia and Avraham Ben Issachar the expanding Mercy of the Lord (201-1965):

Holon, Tuesday, 24.9.2024

Miriam d. Dalia and Abraham b. Yashshikar

Hamaribi, Buried in Mount Gerizim - 24.9.2024

The 59-year-old is dead. He won life and he won death. An exemplary mother and a wife to Elizur, daughter of Rafael expanding expanding, will prolong life. We will strengthen the hands of her brother Issachar and Dror enlarges and the hands of her descendants and hope that they will prolong their lives in good.

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**A new Couple On Mount Gerizim:**

The beautiful Lior (23) daughter of Hila and Doron Tzadka Hatzafri from Holon married to Chahir Lava Amir [29] son of Shoshi and Putah son of Marahiv son of Shelah expanding in Hargarzim. Tuesday evening, Sunday of the fifth news 1.9.2024

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**Haseeb Shehadeh's Four Articles**

## جاسوسٌ بليرة

A Liira Spy

بقلم: مُبارك سعد سعد مفرج المفرجيّ (2001-1913)

ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

בנימיים צדקה (כתב וערך), אוצר הסיפורים העממיים של הישראלים השומרונים. מכון א. ב. ללימודי השומרונות, הרגרזים-חולון, 2021, כרך ג' עמ' 633-636.

### الحدُّ بين يافا وتل أبيب

الحمد لله كل شيء مرّ علينا بسلام. الحمد لله تعالى، إليه أرفع صلاتي في الصباح والمساء متضرّعاً أن يستجيب لصرخة عبده ويخلصه. حقاً، الصلاة ساعدت. لم نفقد أحداً، وعمّاً قريب سنحتفل بعيد القربان، قربان الله. تلك كانت أيام توتر وقلق، وها هي قد ولت أيضاً. هذه هي التجارب التي بها يمتحنُ الله عباده. وقد ورد في التوراة: "اذ/ان ممتحن الله اياكم ليعلم/ليظهر هل كنتم محبّين لله الهكم ... " [تث 13: 4، أنظر حسيب شحادة، الترجمة العربية لتوراة السامريّين. المجلد الثاني: سفر اللاويّين سفر العدد وسفر تثنية الاشتراع. القدس: الأكاديمية الوطنية الإسرائيلية للعلوم والآداب، 2001، ص. 486-487]. حقاً أنا أحبّه من كل قلبي وكل نفسي

Continue reading at: <https://shomron0.tripod.com/2024/aliiraspy.pdf>

## نهاية ديك، ديك الديوك

A Rooster's End, "Hero of Roosters"

بقلم: مُرجان أسعد مُرجان السراويّ الدنفيّ (2022-1943)

ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة

جامعة هلسنكي

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### الديك

هذا يُعلّمنا فقط بأنّ حياةَ الجيل الذي سَبَقنا، لم تكن مملةً البتّة. على كلّ حال، اعتاد إسحاق فيّاض لطيف الدنفيّ أن يقتصدَ في شِرائه ويوفّر من المال الذي أعطاه إياه أخوه إبراهيم. جمع قرشاً فوق قرش إلى أن استطاع أن يشتري ديكاً كبيراً ذا عُرْفٍ أحمرٍ. أحضر الديك لبيته وأخذ يعتني به أياماً كثيرة، يُطعمه بحبوب الحنطة عالية الجودة إلى أن كَبُرَ وثَقُلَ وجُمِلَ. كل دجاجات الحيّ وفرخاته تمرّغت بتراب رجليه. اعتنى إسحاق بالديك بإخلاص كبير. نوى أن يضعه على مائدة عيد شهر الربيع. في كلتا الحالتين، مُصاحبات الديك القدير، لبنات جنسه، وفوق كلّ شيء، صياحه الدائم في الزمن غير الملانم، سبباً غير مرّة صدامات بين إسحاق صاحب الديك وبين جيرانه، أبناء أسرة الكهنة، وهذا ما زاد من فرح إسحاق. قبل رأس شهر الربيع ببضعة أيّام، أُصيب إسحاق بحزن شديد، إذ أنّه عرف بأنّ عليه أن يودّع ديكه الحبيب قريباً. ضاعف وجبة طعامه. لمّا حلّ وقت الذبْح، سلّم إسحاق الديك لبندر زوجة شقيقه إبراهيم، لتأخذه إلى الكاهن يعقوب شفيق الذي كان خبيراً بمهن كثيرة ومنها الذبح.

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**جوعٌ وشرفٌ ذاتيٌّ**  
**Hunger and Self-Honour**  
**بقلم: بهجة مصباح إبراهيم**  
**صدقة الصباحي (1920-1993)**  
 ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة  
 جامعة هلسنكي

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 ללימודי השומרונות, הרגזים-חולון, 2021, כרך ג' עמ' 688-691.

**عصرُ الطائفةِ الذهبيُّ**

أنظر، انظر كيف تعيش الناس اليوم، الحمد لله. لا ينقصهم شيء. أنظر كيف يسافرون في الصباح إلى البيارات لإحضار الفواكه للمظلة/سوكاه. أنظر، انظر كم صندوق فواكه يجلبون. يملؤون السيارة ببضع مئات الكيلوغرامات من الأفرسيمون، الليمون، الجريب فروت، الرمان، الفلفل، الأترنج. كل هذا من أجل سبعة أيام تكون فيها الفاكهة معلقة في العريشة، لتأدية فريضة. يصرفون كل ما في الجيب من مال، ليكون ذلك جملاً للروح. لماذا هم يقومون بذلك؟ لماذا نحن نفعل ذلك؟ بالتأكيد، لأن لديهم ولدينا المال. هكذا الدنيا، كل شيء من الله، سبحانه. لم لا يكون لديهم؟ أتعرف كم تبيع الناس من المال اليوم؟ كم تُعطيهم الحكومة؟ كم يتقاضى التجار ثمن كل

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**قوة الإيمان**  
**The Power of Faith**  
**بقلم: حسني راضي الأمين صالح صدقة الصباحي (1946 - )**  
 ترجمة ب. حسيب شحادة  
 جامعة هلسنكي

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 ב. ללימודי השומרונות, הרגזים-חולון, 2021, כרך ג' עמ' 686-688.

**قَدَمُ الرَّجُلِ الَّتِي أُنْقَذَتْ**

كانت الصداقة بين جدِّي حسني إبراهيم الملقَّب بـ "سيدو"، وبروفيسور حايم شيبا، مدير مستشفى تل هشومير، من الأمور المفروغ منها. كنتُ بصدد العملية التاسعة لكاحل رجلي، عندما كنتُ ابنَ خمسةَ عشرَ ربيعاً. مكثتُ في المستشفى اثنين وأربعين يوماً قبل العملية. حان أوان العملية. سيدو يزورني كعادته كل صباح. كنتُ على كرسي متحرك. أهلاً بك يا سيد صدقة، رحّب به تسعة أطباء، إننا ننتظرك بفارغ الصبر. يجب أن ندخل حفيدك للعملية لبتّر قدم رجله. نحن بحاجة لتوقيعك.

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**Auction**

**Auction 100 Important Hebrew Manuscripts and Books from the Victor (Avigdor) Klagsbald Collection**

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Manuscript – Samaritan Machzor for Shavuot – Nablus, 1743-1749 – Decorated Leather Binding

Manuscript, Samaritan machzor for Shavuot. [Nablus (Shechem)], 1743-1749. Hebrew (in Samaritan script) and some Arabic. Black and red ink on paper.

The volume contains various prayers for Shavuot: prayers for the Sabbaths leading up to Shavuot, prayers for the day of standing before Mount Sinai, and prayers for the Shabbat of the Ten Commandments.

The manuscript was made by two different copyists and contains a few colophons in Arabic and Samaritan from various dates. Colophons by the first copyist are dated (in the original according to the Islamic calendar): 1743 (p. 8a), 1744 (p. 26b) and 1745 (p. 31a). Colophon in decorated frame by second copyist, Mufraj son of Yehoshua son of Mufraj (Marchiv son of Yehoshua son of Marchiv), dated 1749 (last page).

Fine decorated leather binding, characteristic of Samaritan holy books.

[167] leaves. 21 cm. Good-fair condition. Stains, including dampstains, slightly affecting text in a few places. Wear and light tears, some repaired with tape. Open tears to leaves 75-76, affecting text. Detached and partially-detached leaves. Wear, light damage and inscriptions on binding. Detached binding.

Facebook Post by [Eyal Cohen](#) 10/27/2024

**קהילת השומרנים היקרה,**  
**האם יש קשר בין הגנטיקה של קהילת השומרנים לשכיחות, או הגנה מפני מחלות שונות?**

אנו שמחים להזמין אתכם להצטרף למיזם פסיפס, ולסייע להקמת תשתית קלינית-גנטית לאומית שתאפשר למחקרים רפואיים, ותאפשר לבחון בין היתר את הקשר בין הגנטיקה של קהילת השומרנים למחלות, וזאת באמצעות מתן דגימת דם פשוטה.

אחד המאפיינים של ישראל הוא הגיון האתני, אך הפופולריות הגבוהה של האוכלוסיות השונות נחקר עד היום רק באופן שטחי וחלקי.

כחלק מהמיזם הלאומי פסיפס, אליו הצטרפו מעל 40,000 מתנדבים בשנה החולפת, אנו סוקרים ומרצפים גנטית (רצוף מלא של ה-DNA) את האוכלוסיות השונות בישראל. המטרה היא לבחון האם יש קשר בין הגנטיקה של האוכלוסיות לשכיחות, או הגנה מפני מחלות שונות.

נכון ליום, כבר השלמנו דגימה של מרב האוכלוסיות בישראל, אך עדיין לא השלמנו את דגימת קהילת השומרנים. רבים מהדורות הממששים של השומרנים נושאים איתם את מורשת אבותיהם.

**מפגש עם פרופ' גבי ברבש יתקיים ביום ד', ה-30.10, בשעה 20:00, רחוב בן עמרם 17 חולון, המרכז הקהילתי בשכונת השומרנים**

נודה להצטרפותכם למיזם בעמדת פסיפס שתוצב באירוע ובכך תסייעו להפוך את ישראל לחלוצה בגנטיקה ברפואה הדיגיטלית ולמקור חדשנות עלמית.

**מי יכול להצטרף?**

אם שני הורייך שומרנים 18 או הורג מבטוח/ת קופ"ח כללית, תוכליך להצטרף למיזם פסיפס. המצטרפים למיזם יזנו מבדיקת רצף גנטי מלא בשיוי אלפי שקלים ובמידת הצורך (על פי תוצאות הבדיקה) ולפי בחירתם, יינתן להם ייעוץ גנטי בודדים במרכז הרפואי בו התנדבו.

\*ההשתתפות במיזם היא על בסיס התנדבותי בלבד. התנאים הרפואיים של המתנדבים משתנים בקפידה תוך קידוד והצפנה לאור הסרת כל הפרטים המזהים כגון שם, מספר ת.ז וכדומה. ביטול ההשתתפות יתאפשר בכל שלב.

לפרטים נוספים היכנסו לאתר פסיפס [psifas.org.il](http://psifas.org.il)

\*המידע שתקבל מהרצף הגנטי שלך הוא חסוי וישמור ללא פרטים מזהים כמו שם, ת.ז, תחבובת וכו'.

\*הצטרפות ממיל 18 ומעלה.

הרצאה באירוע תינתן ע"י פרופ' גבי ברבש, מנכ"ל מיזם פסיפס.

Dear Samaritan community,

A meeting with Prof. Gabi Barbash will take place on Wednesday, 30.10, at 20:00, Ben Amram Street in the Community Center in Holon,

Is there a link between genetics of the Samaritan community and obesity, or protection against various diseases?

We are pleased to invite you to join the Mosaic project, and to help establish a national clinical-genetic infrastructure that will be used for medical research, and will allow among other things to examine the relationship between genetics of the Samaritan community and diseases, by providing a simple blood sample!

To all of those who asked to register, you must enter this link.

[https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScWJL1M\\_P9H3E.../viewform](https://docs.google.com/.../1FAIpQLScWJL1M_P9H3E.../viewform)

**YU Center for Israel Studies**

Take a virtual stroll through our Samaritan exhibition at the Museum of the Bible! So many great memories!



<https://my.matterport.com/show/?m=7arRPEUgNRA>



The Front Page of the Magazine:  
**"AB - The Samaritan News"** - no. 1388-1389 of the year  
 2023 in its 54Th year  
 3.5.2023-152 pages  
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 The Editors: The Brothers Benyamim and Yefet Tsedaka,  
 Holon, Israel and Mount Gerizim, Samaria

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**Nir Sasoni Video Posts**

The Samaritan community Bringing in a Torah book Eran Altif  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hWscf3B5KLM>

The Samaritan community Liel and Maor Banquet - son-in-law verse; 19 8 24  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qeLHsSSCrzg>  
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Samaritan Cookbook  
<https://www.1sem.org/>  
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Online: Israelite Samaritan Torah By **Tsedaka, Yisrael ben Gamliel**  
<https://archive.org/details/IsraeliteSamaritanTorah/mode/2up>

Table of the weekly Parashot (Portions of the week)  
[The-samaritans.net](http://The-samaritans.net)  
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**Books online**

Samaritan liturgy. Publication date 1850



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[https://archive.org/details/lewis\\_o\\_150/page/n5/mode/2up](https://archive.org/details/lewis_o_150/page/n5/mode/2up)

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Phone 0526511989

Email: tomer\_altef@hotmail.com

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<https://www.the-samaritans.net/>

Visit the Facebook page of Samaritan restaurants & bar

<https://www.facebook.com/Samaritanrestaurants-bar-226015214117547/>



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



## Samaritan Museum

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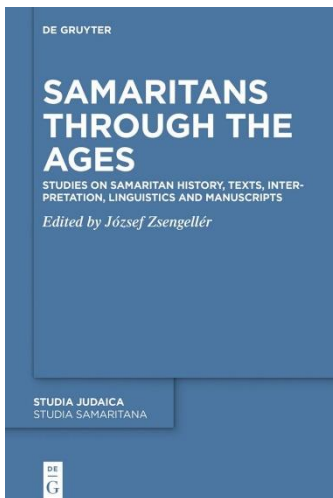
### *Samaritan Museum*

Priest Hosny Wasif, the director of the Samaritan Museum, gives an introductory lecture on the history of the Samaritans and their origins, to a number of visitors who came today to enjoy a cultural and educational tour. June 2, 2024

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## Publications

### Samaritans Through the Ages



### **Studies on Samaritan History, Texts, Interpretation, Linguistics and Manuscripts**

Edited by: **József Zsengellér**

Volume 14 in the series [Studia Samaritana](#)

#### **About this book**

The volume contains the edited papers presented at the 10th international conference of the Société d'Études Samaritaines held in Budapest in 2022. It is dedicated to the famous Hungarian rabbi and scholar Samuel Kohn (1841–1920) whose relevance in Samaritan studies was commemorated by Abraham Tal.

The articles discuss the most recent questions of Samaritan research in five different fields. Historical topics and Samaritan synagogue mosaics are investigated by Ingrid Hjelm, Innocent Himbaza and Reinhard Pummer. Greek inscriptions and Aramaic documents are studied by Magnar Kartveit, Andreas Lehnardt, and József Zsengellér. Arabic Torah interpretations, and historical documents are dealt with by Jasper Bernhofer, Leonhard Becker and Daniel Boušek. Analyses of Samaritan Hebrew and Aramaic linguistic issues and of Samaritan translation techniques are presented by Moshe Florentin, Christian Stadel, Nehemia Gordon, David Hammidovič, Patrick Pouchelle and Phil Reid. Studies on Samaritan manuscript writings and collections are presented by Evelyn Burkhardt, Stefan Schorch, Mariia Boichun and Golda Akhiezer.

Leading scholars and young new colleagues enrich the various fields of Samaritan studies with new findings, insights and implications.

<https://www.degruyter.com/document/doi/10.1515/9783111435732/html?lang=en>

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### **Who Really Wrote the Bible, The Story of the Scribes**

by **William M. Schniedewind**

See chapter 11, Working with the Samaritans. William mentions Scholar **Gary Knoppers**. Schniedewind, William M.. *Who Really Wrote the Bible: The Story of the Scribes*, Princeton: Princeton University Press, 2024. <https://doi.org/10.1515/9780691233666>

## The Formation of Biblical Texts : Chronicling the Legacy of Gary N. Knoppers

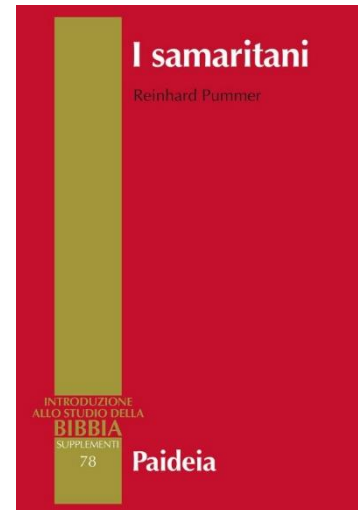
2024 - Mohr Siebeck

<https://www.mohrsiebeck.com/en/book/the-formation-of-biblical-texts-9783161627569/>

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Frutto delle ricerche più che decennali di uno dei maggiori studiosi dei samaritani, l'opera di Reinhard Pummer introduce alla storia, alla religione e alla letteratura, come pure alla cultura materiale dei samaritani, non soltanto del passato ma anche odierni. Sopravvissuti a persecuzioni, a discriminazioni religiose, politiche ed economiche, a disastri naturali, a conversioni forzate e ad apostasie tra le loro stesse file, i samaritani conservano ancor oggi la loro identità di custodi della legge e di rappresentanti autentici del popolo antico d'Israele. Col supporto di un apparato documentario di prima mano, anche iconografico, sempre illuminante senza mai risultare soverchiante, è in questo mondo che introducono le pagine di Pummer, a profitto di studiosi e studenti come del non specialista.



The result of more than ten years of research by one of the greatest scholars of the Samaritans, Reinhard Pummer's work introduces the history, religion and literature, as well as the material culture of the Samaritans, not only of the past but also of today. Having survived persecutions, religious, political and economic discrimination, natural disasters, forced conversions and apostasies within their own ranks, the Samaritans still today retain their identity as guardians of the law and authentic representatives of the ancient people of Israel. With the support of a first-hand documentary apparatus, even iconographic, always illuminating without ever being overwhelming, it is into this world that Pummer's pages introduce, for the benefit of scholars and students as well as the non-specialist.

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### ABSTRACT

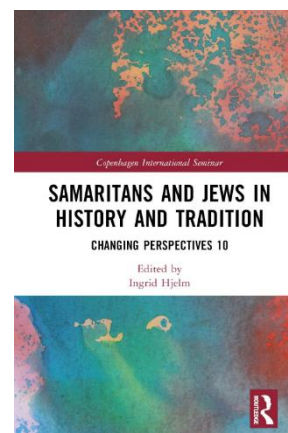
This volume presents an anthology of 19 seminal studies, some for the first time in English, which explore the history and tradition of the ancient relationship between Samaritans and Jews.

The book is arranged into three parts: Methods, Traditions, and History; Samaritan and Jewish Pentateuchs; and Studies in Bible and Tradition, each of which is chronologically ordered. It represents a collection of the author's previous publications on the relationship between Samaritans and Jews, expanding and supplementing the conclusions of her published books. Recent archaeological developments on Mount Gerizim have demonstrated that our paradigms for writing the ancient histories of the kingdoms and provinces of Samaria and Judah in the Iron II, Persian, and Hellenistic periods must change. These developments also affect how we evaluate and read ancient literary traditions, and several chapters offer challenging new perspectives on well-known themes, narratives, and compositions in this subject area.

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### IN MEMORIAM ÉTIENNE NODET, OP, (1944-2024)

Brother Étienne Nodet, OP, who died on February 4, 2024 in Jerusalem.

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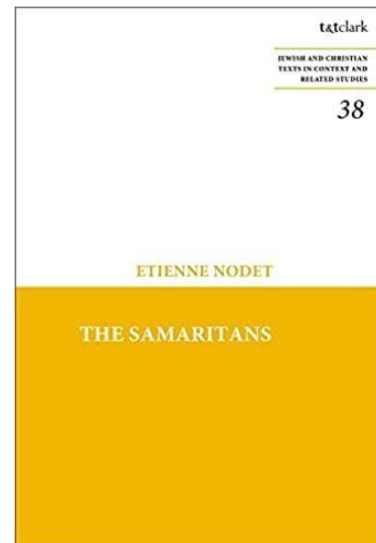
Etienne Nodet examines the Samaritans and their religion, using Jewish and Christian sources, including rabbinic literature and the latest archaeology. Nodet tells the story of the Samaritans and their religion, showing how they were faithful to a classical form of monotheism.

Nodet traces the Samaritan story from more recent to more ancient times. He begins by looking at the importance of the Samaritans in the time of Josephus and the New Testament, taking in the area formed by Galilee, Samaria, and Judea and recognizing how this corresponds approximately to Canaan at the time of Joshua, between the Jordan and the

Mediterranean. He then examines the account of 2 Kings 17, which shows the Samaritans as descendants of the settlers sent by the Assyrians, who were initiated to a certain Yahwism after the fall of the kingdom of Israel (North) in 721 BC. Next Nodet looks at the time of the Maccabean crisis, when the Samaritans separated from the Jews, showing how before then there was a peaceful coexistence.

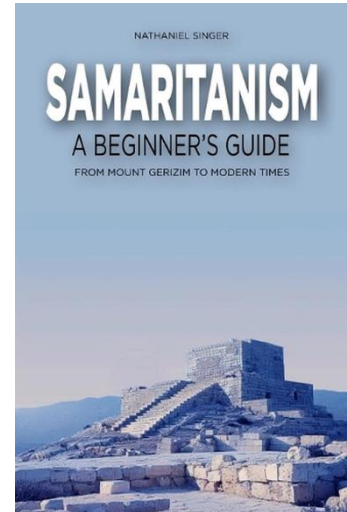
Finally, Nodet turns to the Persian period, showing how after the return from exile there was a restoration of the Babylonian-derived form of religion, which the local Israelites (including the Samaritans) opposed. Nodet contends that, as such, the Samaritan religion, with its succession of high priests up to the present day, and is of 'immemorial permanence', linking to the earliest worship of YHWH in Israel.

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### **From the Editor**

Looking for a new good book to read? I recommend; 'Samaritans Through the Ages.' See link above!!!

I also ordered 'Samaritanism: A Beginner's Guide: From Mount Gerizim to Modern Times.', we shall see what they have discovered!!!

Best, The Editor

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