

Annotation

Bachelor thesis concerns the person of Balaam from the Book of Numbers 22–24 and the narrative regarding him within the whole biblical message and tradition of the texts found in Tell Deir 'Allá. By an attempt to interpret the biblical passages in simple ways and, with the help of text criticism tools, is the author trying to interpret the person of Balaam as emphasized in this tradition. Whole text is then examined in the historiographical context and in broader connection to the Aramaic oracle phenomenon. After the discovery in Deir 'Allá, the person of the Prophet Balaam becomes a deep probe not only in the formation of the biblical narrative, but also in the position of the man of that time.

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