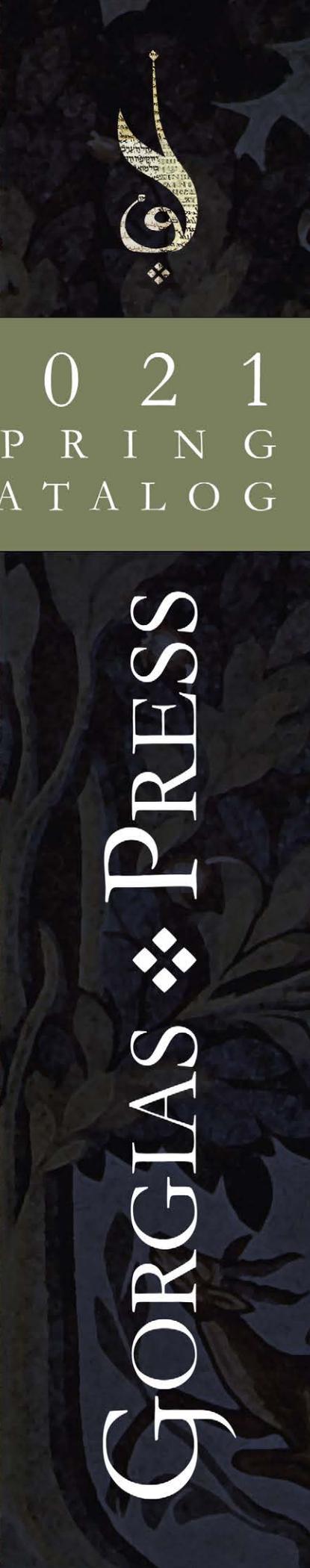
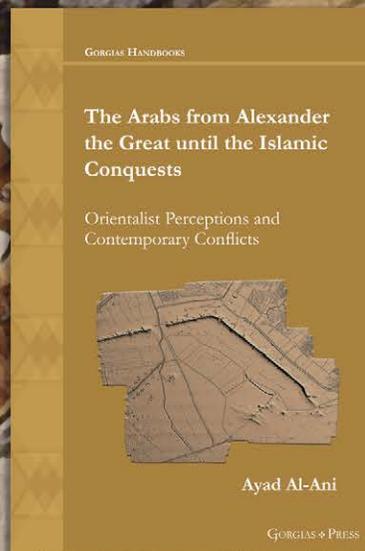
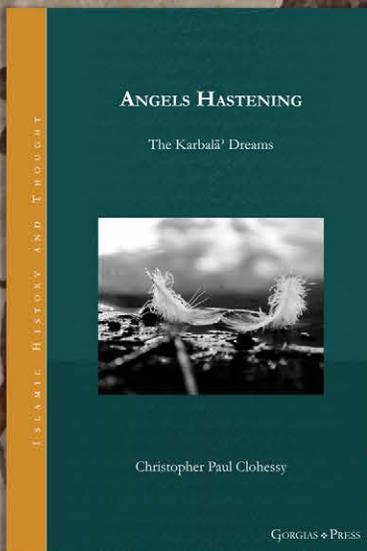
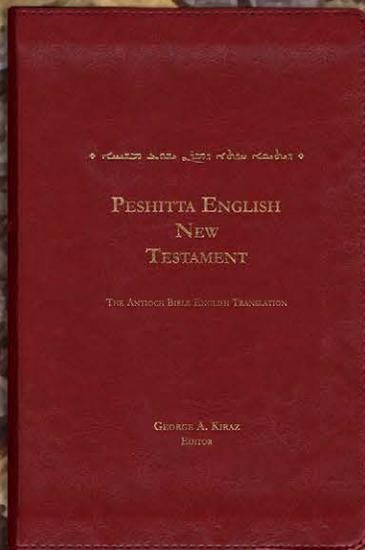
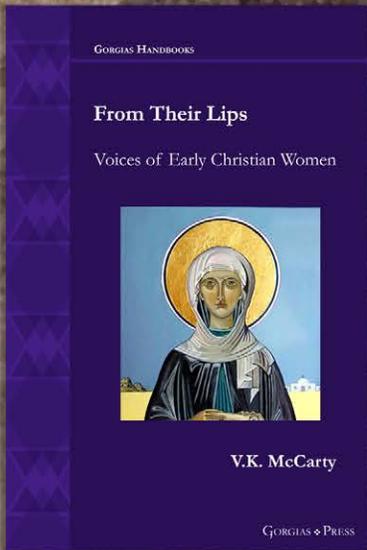


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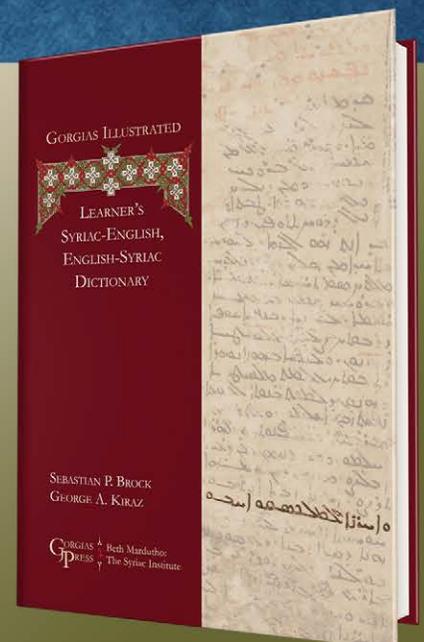
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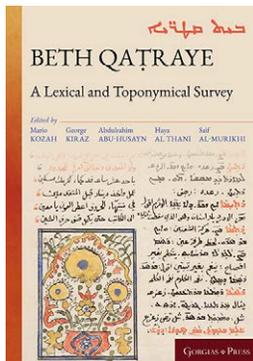
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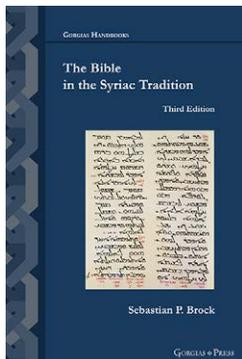
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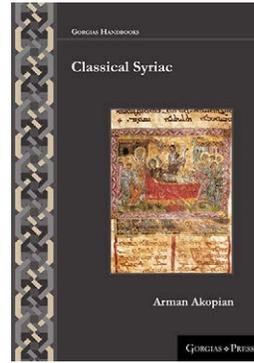


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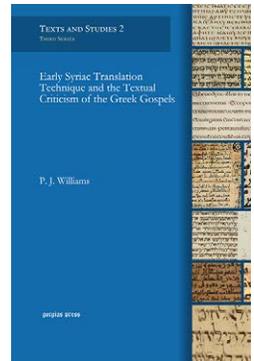


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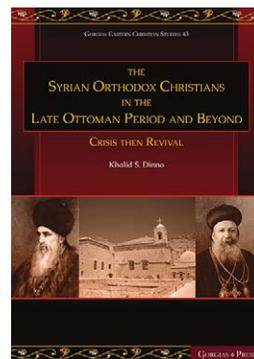


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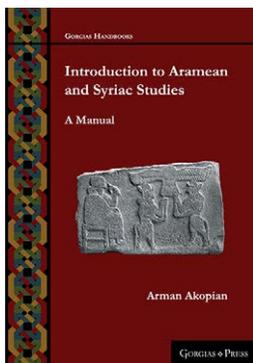
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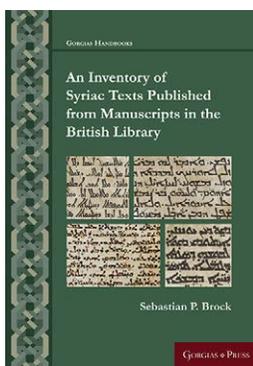
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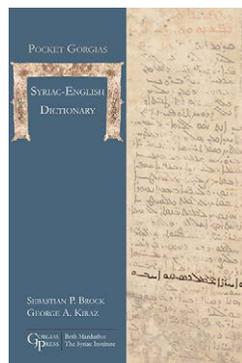
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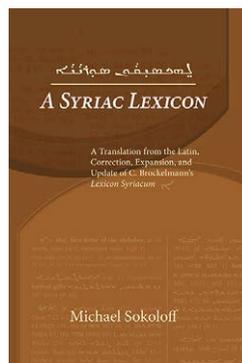


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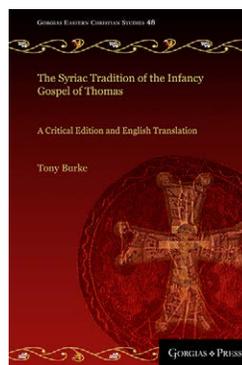
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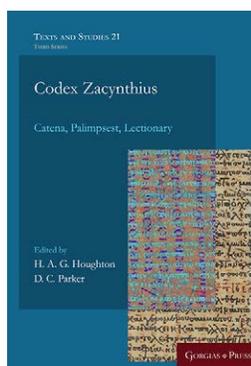


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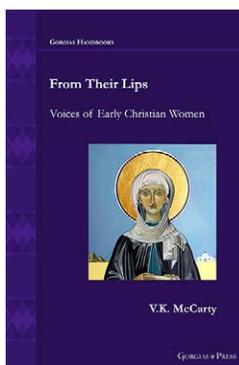


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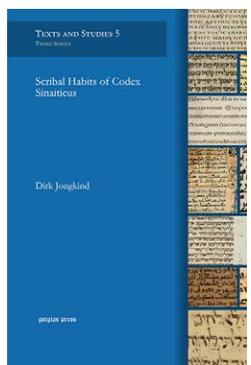


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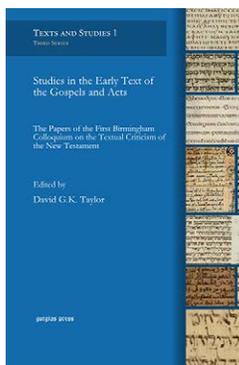


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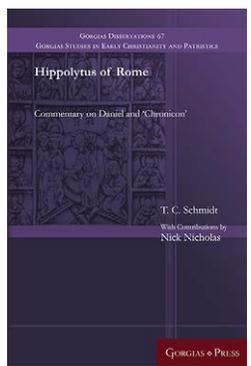


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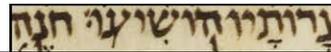
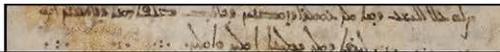
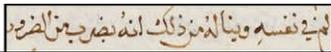


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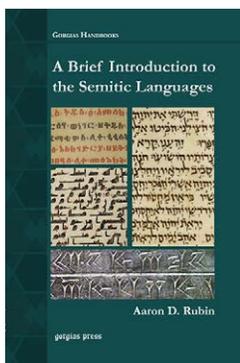
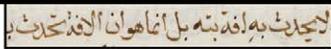
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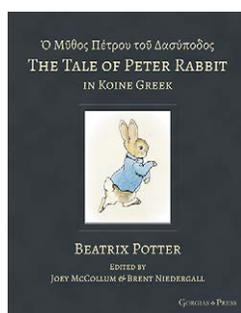


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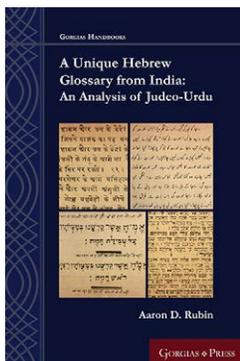


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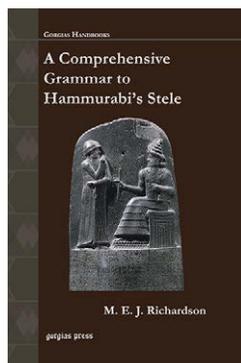
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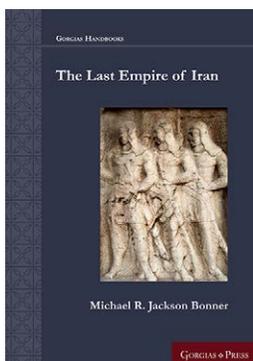
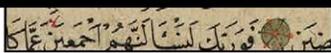
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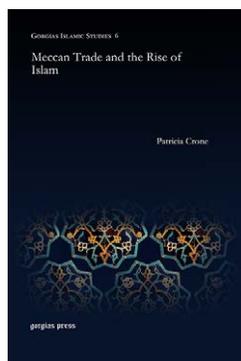


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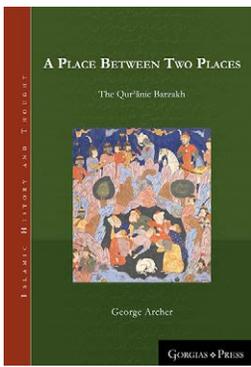


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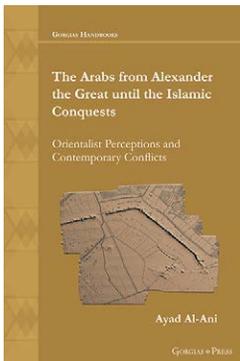
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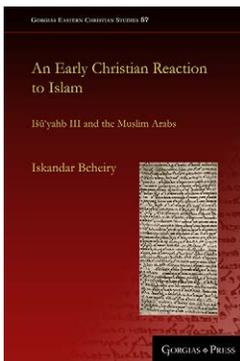
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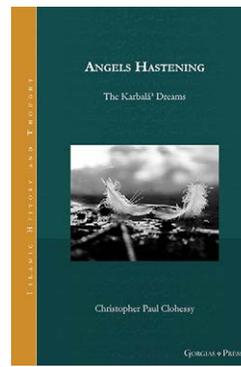
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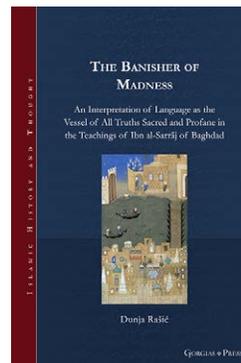
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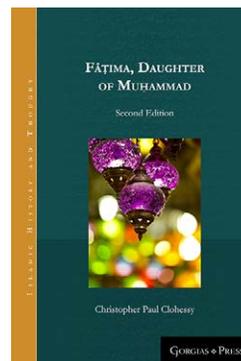
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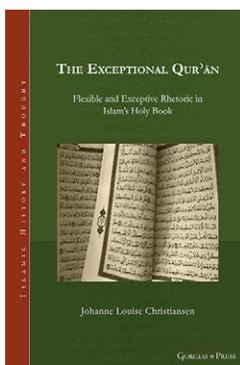
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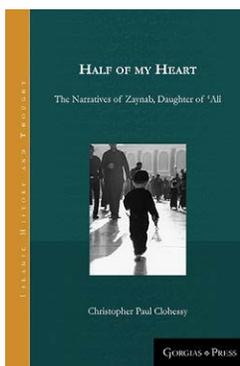
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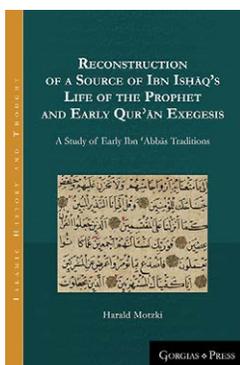
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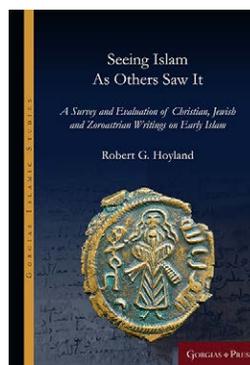
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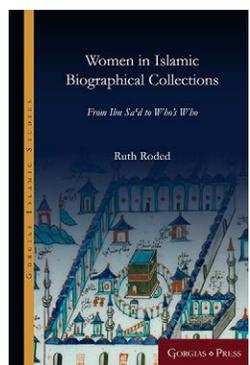


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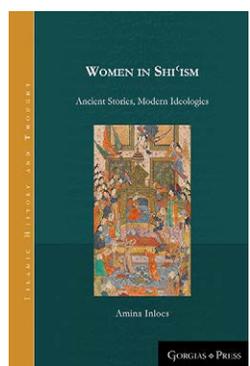


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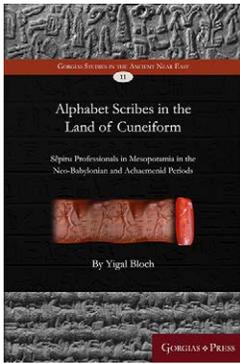
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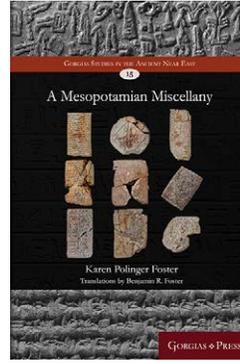
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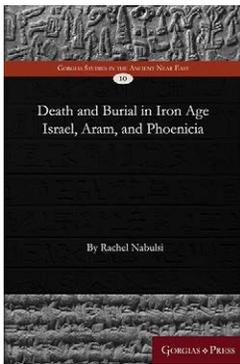


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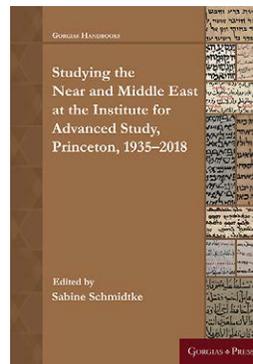


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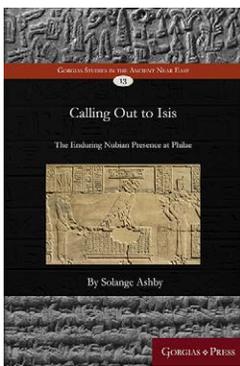


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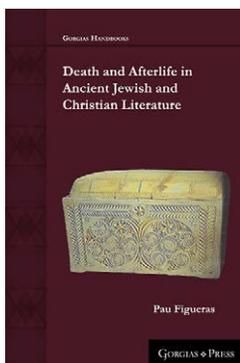


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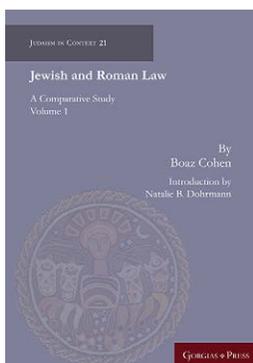
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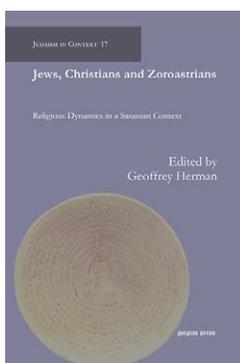


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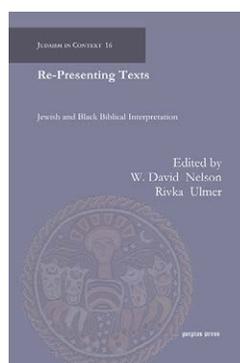


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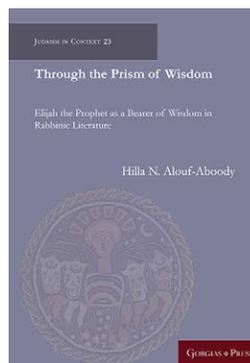


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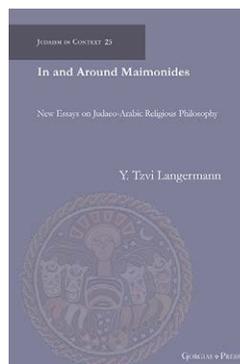


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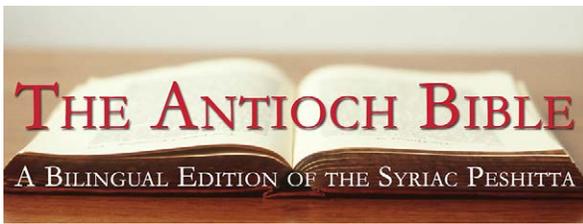
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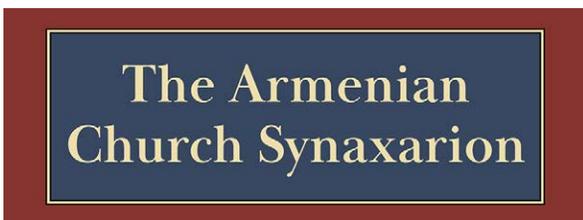
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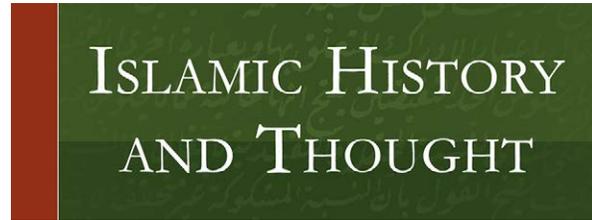
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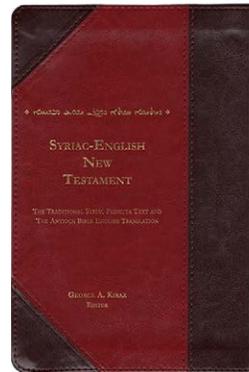
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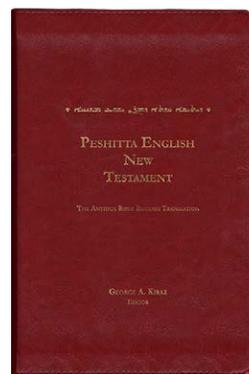
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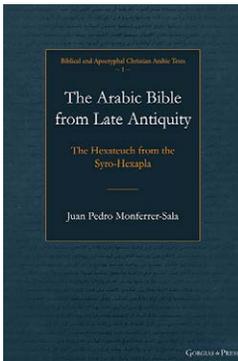
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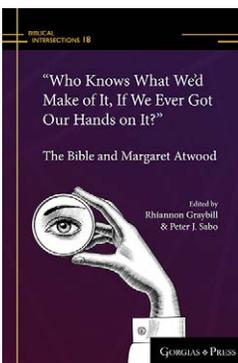
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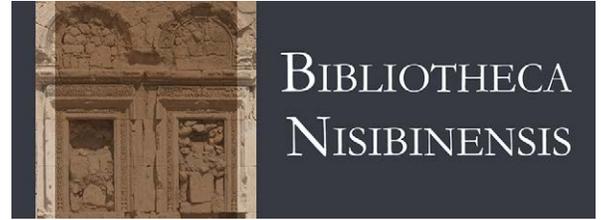
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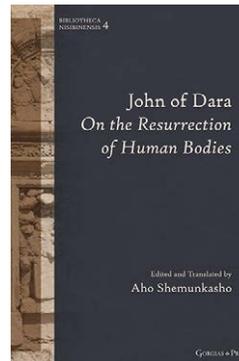
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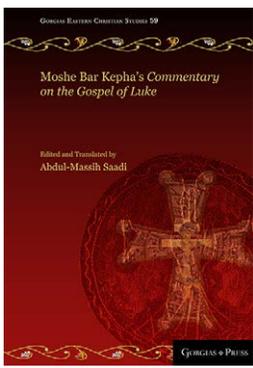
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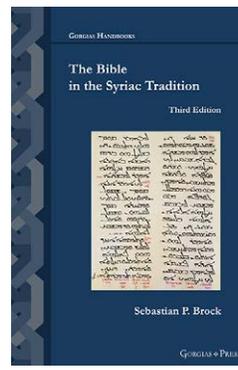
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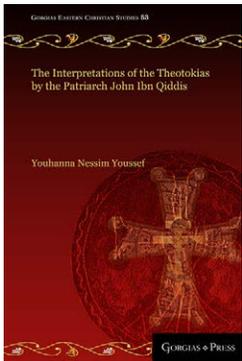


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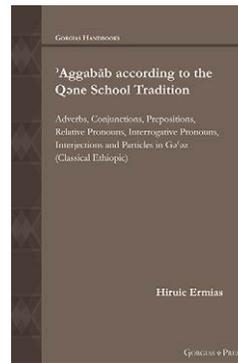
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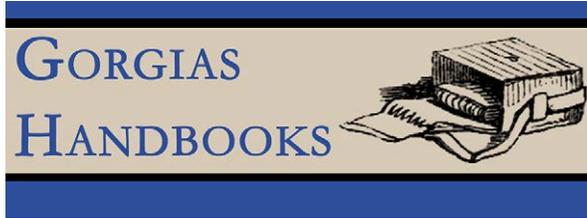
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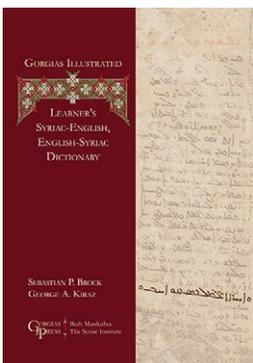
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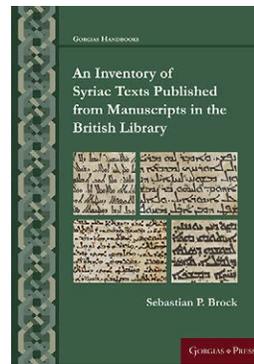
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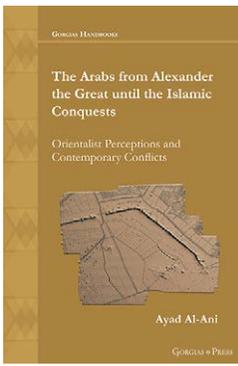
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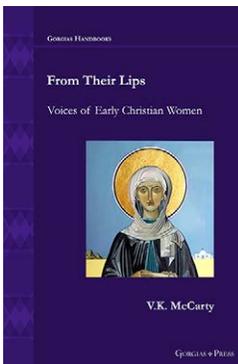
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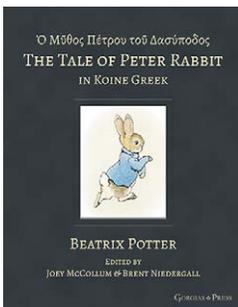
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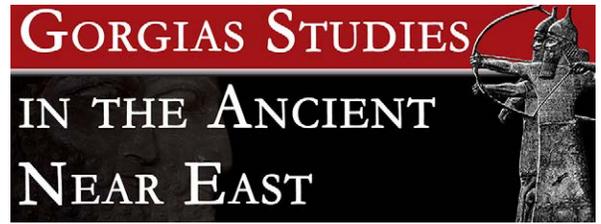


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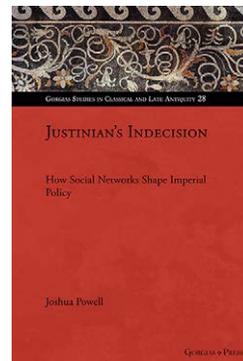
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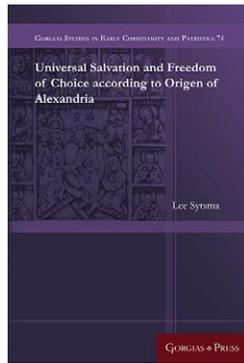
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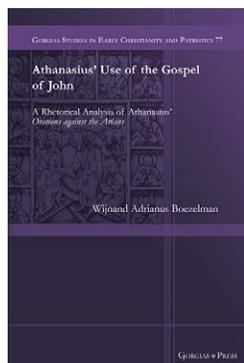
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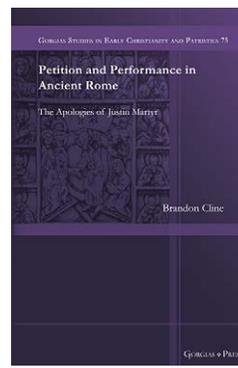
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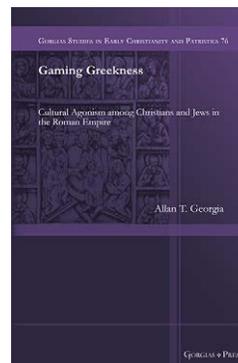
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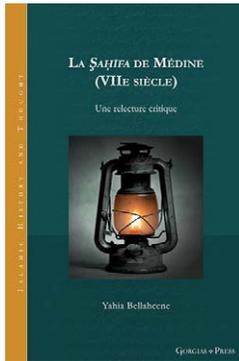
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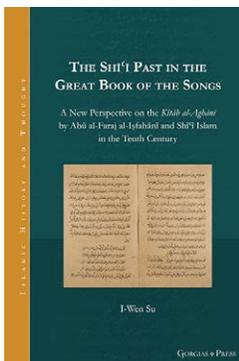
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La *Şahîfa* de Médine a été préservée grâce à deux historiographes du 9ème siècle: Ibn Hishâm et Abû 'Ubayd. Elle illustre clairement, à travers ses variantes présentes dans le texte lui-même et dans sa chaîne de transmission, les aléas, forcément dommageables, du passage de l'oralité à l'écrit. Interpréter un texte pareil, appréhender ses contours et clarifier son contexte social et politique est une vraie gageure.

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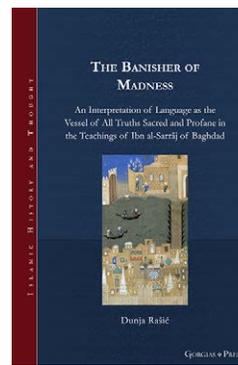
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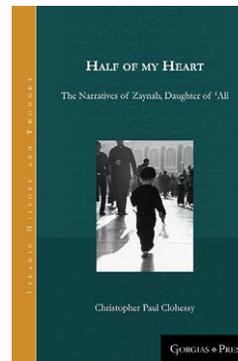
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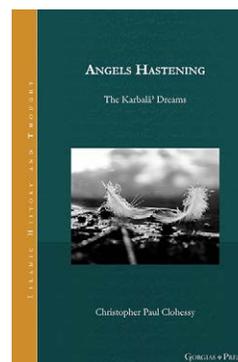
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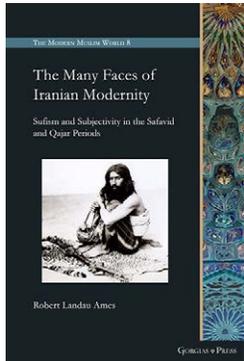
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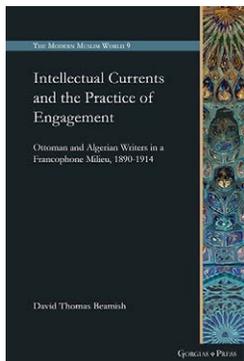
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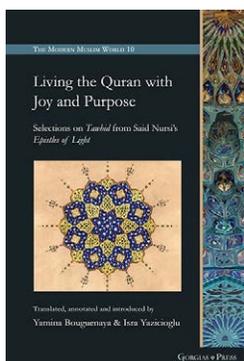
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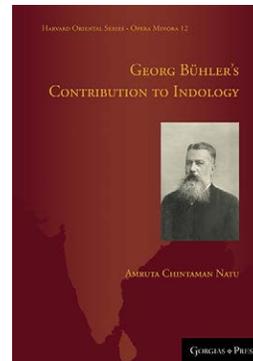
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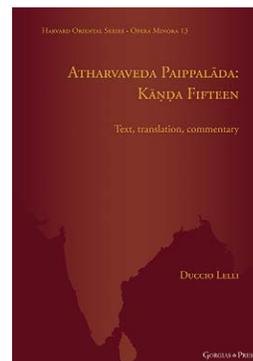


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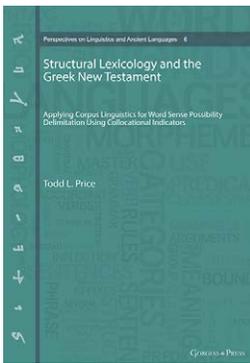
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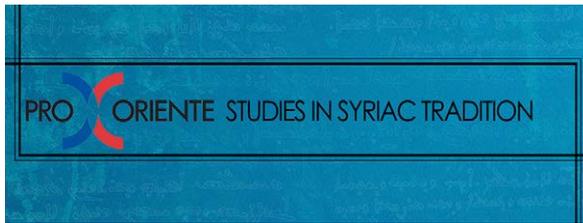


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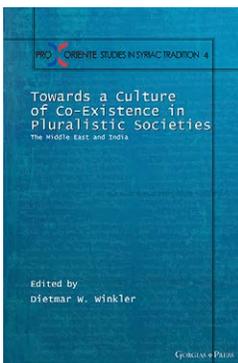
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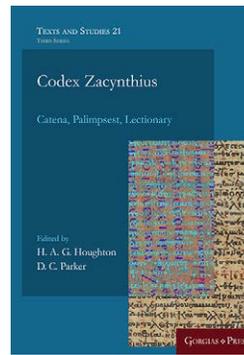
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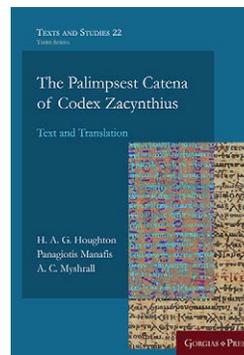


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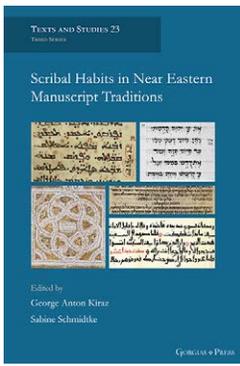
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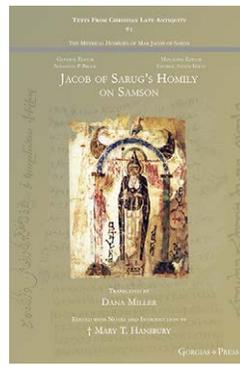


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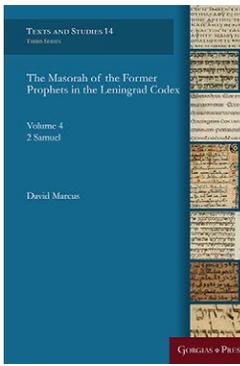


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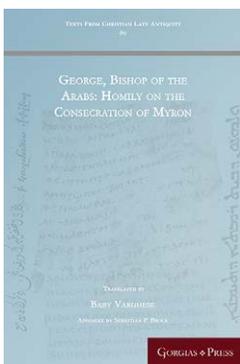
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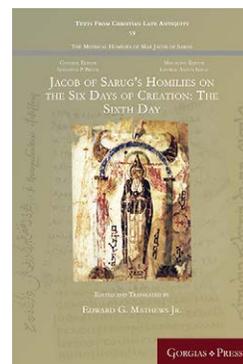
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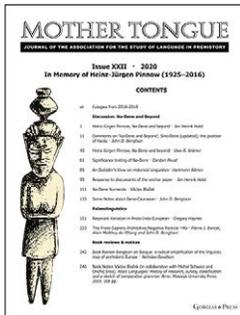


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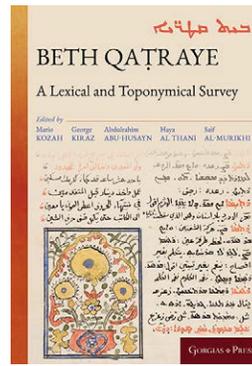
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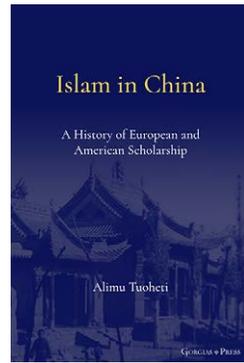
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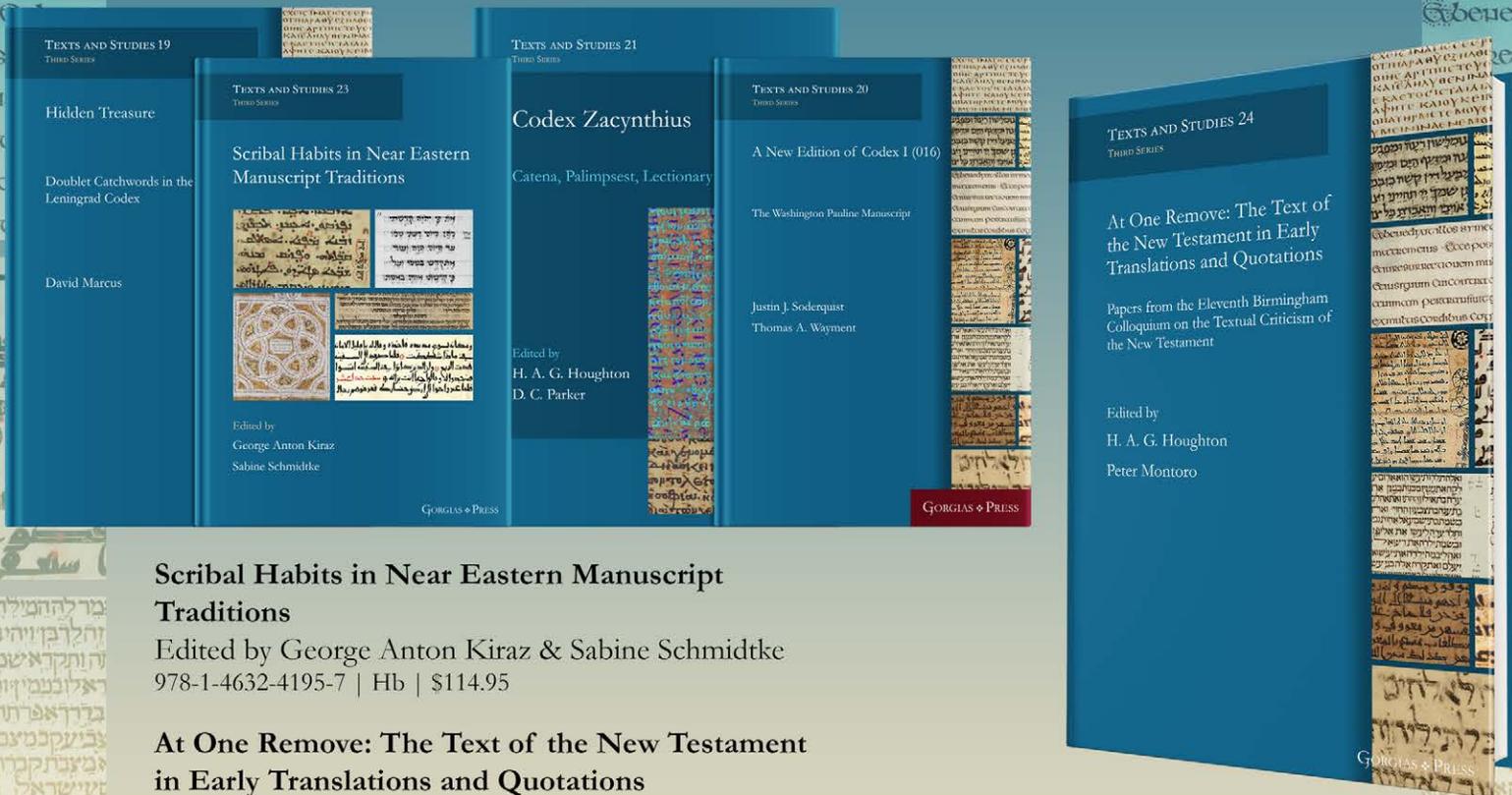
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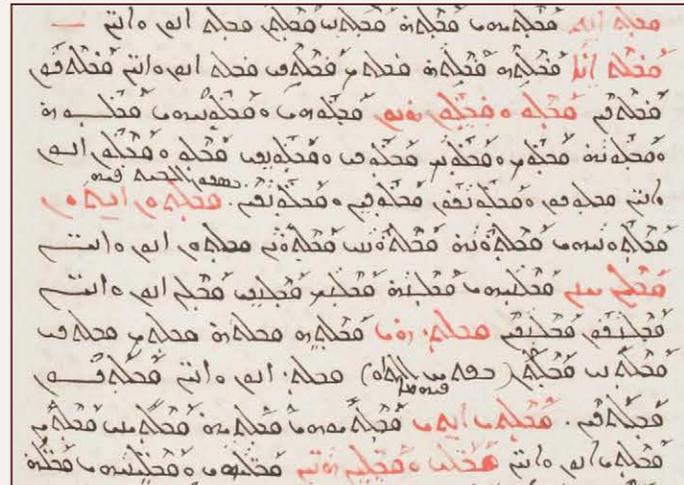


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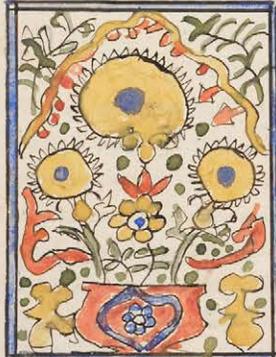
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