PART THREE

RELIGION
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16.1. General


Translated from the English by María Ángeles Gallego. Deals with Karaite origins, the authorized text of the Bible, Karaite Bible study.

16.2. Karaite Biblical Manuscripts


Esp. about the Ben-Asher Codex in Cairo.


Deals mainly with Karaite biblical MSS of the 10th and 11th centuries and the attitude to the biblical codex as a substitute for the destroyed Temple, as revealed in decorative elements of these MSS. Cf. the term Migdashyah, found in 14th cent. Sefardi codices and elsewhere. Cf. articles by Ben-Zvi, no. 4457 and Wieder, no. 585.


Allony points out that at first the Karaites did not use a Torah scroll in the synagogue, but rather a codex. Only later, under the influence of the Rabbanites, did they introduce the Torah scroll [JSP].