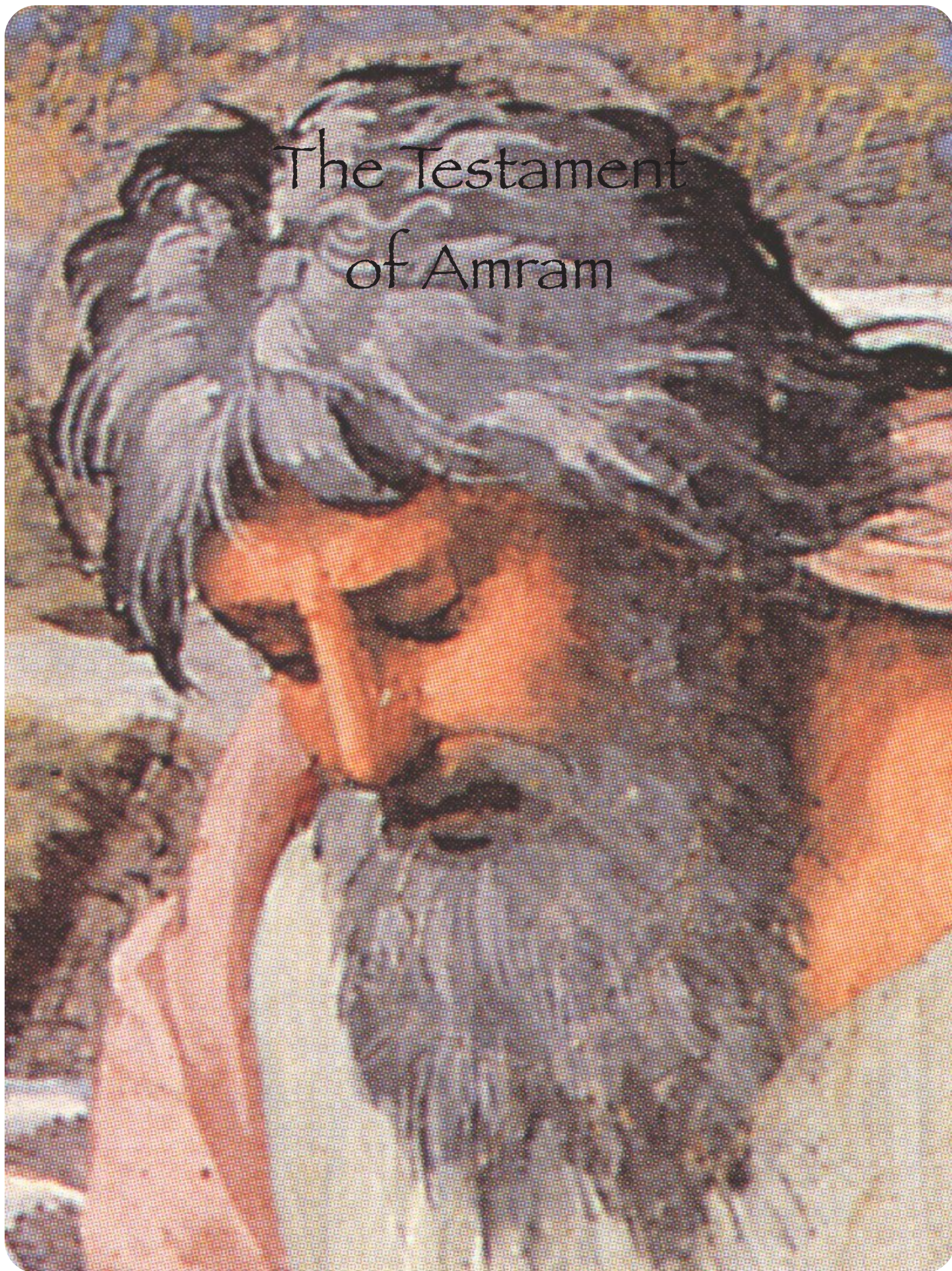


The Testament of Amram



Manuscript C
Column 1

(1) A copy [of the book of the words of the vis]ion of Amram the son of Kohath, the son of Levi: all (2) that [he re-vealed to his sons and that he commanded t]hem on the day [of his death, in] the year (3) one hundred and thirty-six, whi[ch] was the year of his death, [in the o]ne hundred (4) and fifty-second year of the exil[e of I]srael to Egypt ... upon [him, and he sent] (5) to call Uzziel his youngest brother, and [gave] to him [in marr]iage [Mir]iam [his] daughter. [For he said] (6) You (Miriam) are thirty years old. Then he gave a wedding feast seven [day]s long, (7) and ate and drank and rejoiced at the feast. Then, when (8) the [d]ays of the wedding feast were completed, he called for Aaron his son. Now, [h]e (Aaron) was a man of ... years of age (9) [... and he said] to him, 'Call ... and Malachijah ...

from the house of (10) ... above. He called him ...

Column 2

(11) in this land, and I went up to ... (12) to bury our fathers. And I went up ... (13) to [a]rise, to bind and pile sheaths and to build ... (14) gre[a]t from the sons of my uncle, all togeth[er ... and from] (15) our excee[ding g]reat labors, [until in Egy]pt there died ... (16) the rumor of war and unrest returned ... to the land of E[gypt ...] (17) to meet and [they had] not bui[lt gr]aves for their fa[th]ers. Then [my fa-ther Kohath] released me [to go,] (18) to build and to get [all their needs] for the[m fr]om the land of Canaan. [And while] (19) we [were] building, wa[r broke out between] the Philistines and Egypt, and ... was winn[ing ...]

Manuscript E
Fragment 1

(1) ... that Levi his son sacrificed to ... (2) I said

to you at the alt[ar] of ston[e ...] (3) [con]cerning sacrifice[s ...]

Fragment 2

(2) I rescued ... (3) he built ... (4) at Mount Sinai ... (5) a great blessing at the bronz[e] altar ... (6) from among all the people on earth his [son] will be exalted as a priest. The[n ...] (7) and his sons after him, for all the generations of eternity in Tru[th ...] (8) and I awoke from the sleep of my eyes, and [I] wrote down the vision ... (9) I went out from the land of Canaan, and it happened to me just as he said ... (10) exalting, and after-war[d], in the twen[tieth] year, [I returned to the land of Canaan] (11) ... you were ...

Manuscript B
Fragment 1

(9) [... I saw Watchers] (10) in my vision, the dream-vision. Two (men) were fighting over me, saying ... (11) and holding

a great contest over me. I asked them, Who are you, that you are thus empow[er]ed over me? They answered me, We] (12) [have been em]pow[er]ed and rule over all mankind. They said to me, Which of us do yo[u] choose to rule (you)? I raised my eyes and looked.] (13) [One] of them was terr[i]fying in his appearance, [like a s]erpent, [his] cl[oa]k many-colored yet very dark ... (14) [And I looked again], and in his appearance, his visage like a viper, and [wearing ...] (15) [exceedingly, and all his eyes...]

Fragment 2

(1) [... em]pow[er]ed over you ... (2) [I replied to him,] This [Watcher,] who is he? He answered me, This Watcher ...] (3) [and his three names are Belial and Prince of Darkness] and King of Evil. I said, My lord, what dom[inion ... ?] (4) [and his every way is da]rkened, his every work da[rk]ened. In

Darkness he ... (5) [Yo]u saw, and he is empow[er]ed over all Darkness, while I [am empowered over all light.] (6) [... from] the highest regions to the lowest I rule over all Light, and over al[] that is of God. I rule over (every) man]

Fragment 3

(1) [of His grace and peace. Over all the sons of Lig]ht have I been empow[er]ed. I asked him, [What are your names ... ?] (2) He [s]aid to me, [My] three names are [Michael and Prince of Light and King of Righteousness?.]

Manuscript ? Column 1

(1) ... tribes ... (2) to them and all [his] ways [are True ...] (3) [and he will heal] them of all their ills ... (4) them from death and from destruction [...] (5) [o]ver you, blessed sons ... (6) all the generations of Israel for [ever ...] (7) angry at me, for the sons of Ri[ghteous-

ness ...] (8) between the sons of Lying and the sons of Tr[uth ...] (9) I [will make known to you;] certainly I will inform y[ou] that all the sons of Light] (10) will be made Light, [whereas all the sons] of Darkness will be made Dark. [The sons of Light ...] (11) and in all their Knowledge [they will] be, and the sons of Dark-ness will be dest[ro]yed ... (12) For all foolishness and Evi[] will be darken]ed, while all [pea]ce and Truth will be made Ligh[t. All the sons of Light] (13) [are des- tin]ed for Light and [eternal j]oy (and) [re]joic[ing.] All the sons of Dark[ness] are des- tined for [Darkness and death] (14) and destruc- tion ... Lightness for the people. And I shall reveal [to you ...] (15) from Darkness, for all ... (16) the sons of [Darkness ...] and all the sons of Light ...

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