

Nomads of the Word: Reading the Book of Acts from a Semitic Perspective

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Introduction

Some books have the power to touch your mind and others, very few, can touch both your mind and soul. From an early age, the Bible has awakened my curiosity. It has amazed me with its stories, and it has touched me as a person who seeks for a meaning to life. As a young man I read several books about the Bible and later in my professional life, I read specialized studies of all kinds. But the day of October 2, 2017, had prepared a great surprise for me: the publication of *The Rise of Scripture*.¹ Of course, it is not the first time I read from among Father Paul Tarazi's extensive production. Several books in English and Arabic were scrutinized by my curiosity and desire to learn, particularly after having listened to him in regular courses at Balamand and in many other seminars in Lebanon in which he dazzled us with his methodical, critical and creative interpretation of the Bible in its two Testaments.

From this unique experience of reading and studying *The Rise of Scripture*, this article presents an application of its message and method in relation to one of the

¹ Paul Nadim Tarazi, *The Rise of Scripture* (St. Paul: OCABS Press, 2017).