

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 have read several books about the Bible and later in my professional life, I have read specialized studies of all kinds. But the day of last October 2, 2017, had prepared me a great surprise: 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 New Testament books that I have studied for several years, which is the Lucan story of Acts of the Apostles.

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