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**THE HISTORY OF PROV IN THE APOCRYPH ABOUT THE HOLY TREE IN A
MOLDAVIAN 16TH CENTURY MANUSCRIPT**

Abstract:

The paper analyzes an unknown copy of the Story of Prov's brotherhood with God from the Cycle about the Holy Tree and offers a diplomatic edition of the text in Ms. Slav 636 of 1557 housed in the Library of the Romanian Academy in Bucharest. This copy of the text is juxtaposed with some of the earliest copies of the same text. The author discusses the textual peculiarities of the copy examined and the main changes made by the scribe concentrating on important symbols in the text and approaching the question why this apocryph was included into this manuscript (a collection of mixed content) and what its functions were. This manuscript is one of the examples of the sixteenth-century Moldavian manuscript tradition of miscellanies and collections of mixed content that were true monastic encyclopedias that reproduced the medieval-Bulgarian literary legacy.

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