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**IS THE *DAMASKIN* KEPT IN THE ARCHIVE OF THE EXPERT ON THE RHODOPES
STOYU SHISHKOV OF RHODOPEAN ORIGIN?**

Abstract:

The article studies the graphical and grammatical peculiarities of a manuscript of damaskin type kept in the archive of the expert on the Rhodopes, Stoyu N. Shishkov. The analysis of these peculiarities, as well as their comparison with the data of the most recent studies of damaskin type manuscripts, prove that the text was not written by a native Rhodopean scribe. The text can be rather associated with the damaskin manuscripts of the Sredna Gora group.

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