Epistle to the Dispersion  
By Daniel al-Qumisi

**Introduction:** Daniel al Qumisi (late 9th – early 10th century) was a Karaite sage during the nascency of the organized Karaite movement. He wrote a commentary on the Torah, some of which has survived in fragmentary forms.

The text presented here, referred to as Kumisi’s Epistle to the Dispersion, urges his fellow Karaites to rise up and come to Jerusalem. He encourages his Karaite brethren to adhere to biblical commandments and not follow the teachers of the Exile (i.e., the Rabbanites). In this text, he also deems that pronouncing the tetragrammaton is forbidden.

**Other Resources**:

* **The Chief Cornerstone:** The Karaite Jews of America has published a book about Daniel al-Kumisi with extensive footnotes and explanations. You can purchase it [here](https://thekaraitepress.com/products/the-chief-cornerstone).
* **The Remnant and the Relic:** Fragments of Kumisi’s religious rulings are reflected this short work by The Karaite Press. You can purchase it [here](https://thekaraitepress.com/products/the-remnant-and-the-relic).

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