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Binding:

Binding made of marbled paper, very average, made in the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin after accession of the manuscript to this library: in 1854 or later.

History:

Although the whole volume consists of various parts of different formats, it should be treated as a whole in terms of codicology and history. Considering the writing, the manuscript was made in the 18th century. Because of the fact that there are references in the manuscript to the edition from the second half of the 18th century, the manuscript was made precisely in this period. Taking into account the figure of the author, Guillaume de Saint-Paul, the place of origin of the manuscript is Germany. Therefore, its history from its origin until World War II has been German. The manuscript was registered in the accession catalogue of the Königliche Bibliothek in Berlin on the 20th of July 1854, under number 3922, as a gift from the author's daughter-in-law.

Content:

Guillaume de Saint-Paul (1722 ? – 1797 ?) is the author of this work; a court counsellor and a judge in the French colonies in Potsdam and Brandenburg. There is a summary of the work on the title page: *Essai critique de l'ancienne chronologie tendant à mettre d'accord les époques du texte hébreu de la Bible avec les années qu'elle rapporte en détail, accompagné de la chronologie du Canon de Ptolomée, de celle de la Chronicque de Paros et de celle des Dynasties de Manethon, le tout représenté par une table chronologique et synchronistique depuis la création du monde jusqu'à l'Ere chrétienne* (fol. 2r^o). On fol. 576r^o there is a cost estimate for printing prepared in German by the printer Sommer; this also bears his signature and the date of 4th January 1845. The manuscript bears numerous signs of editorial work, which purpose was to publish the work in print. On fol. 566r^o there is an inscription: *Original*. The main part of the manuscript was written by the hand of the Author. It is accompanied by later supplements included in the 19th century, probably during the preparations for the print

edition. Therefore, the manuscript is very important from a textological point of view. However a printed edition has not been found and it is possible that the work has never been published. With reference to this manuscript, cf. Lemm, p. 11.