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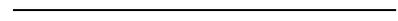
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Clues and Hints about the Yemeni Agriculture and History Sources for Its Study

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ABSTRACT

The study aims to analyze the various aspects of the agricultural thought in Yemen and its roots from the pre-islamic era till the thirteenth century (AH) \ the nineteenth century (AD), depending on some clues spread in several sources such as: the archaeological remains especially the ancient inscriptions revealed and the archaeological buildings, historical and geographical sources, and the linguistic references including the specialized glossaries dealing with the Yemeni agriculture.

Furthermore, the study points out the main water resources in Yemen particularly the rain, and the way that Yemeni used to benefit from it through the dams construction and digging canals and building of reservoirs, in addition to the springs and wells. Moreover, it points out the various crops in Yemen, mentioning the places of planting of each kind of them, and highlighting the several pests that infect them, the ways followed by Yemeni to keep their crops, and the methods used in the irrigation process and agriculture.

In addition, the study includes a list of what Murtaza al-Zabidi mentioned in his book "Tajj al-Araus" about: the different idioms used by Yemeni to name the plants and fruits, agriculture and tillage tools. The study based on Al-Zubaidi works for two reasons: on one hand, he visited Yemen and lived there for a period of time, and on the other hand he is the most recent one respecting to his fellows and this enabled him to gather what was written by others.

Finally, the study tried to point out the most important Yemeni sources in the agriculture where most of them are still unpublished manuscripts. It has mentioned these sources and where they can be reached.

Keywords: Yemen, Agriculture, Yemeni agriculture sources.

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