Summary:

TREATISE ON THE HOLY LAND (1498):
THE OLD CZECH ADAPTATION OF THE TRAVELOGUE
WRITTEN BY HANS TUCHER, BURGHER
OF NUREMBERG

_Treatise on the Holy Land_ (Traktát o zemi svaté), printed by Mikuláš Bakalář of Pilsen in 1498, belongs to the oldest travelogues written in Czech. Up to now, the text has been considered by scholars as a shortened translation of Bernhard of Breydenbach’s bestseller _Peregrinatio ad Terram sanctam_ from 1486. Comparing the Czech text with another German travelogue _Die Reise ins gelobte Land_, written by the Nuremberg merchant Hans Tucher senior in 1482, the article demonstrates that the Czech incunable was directly translated from this source. Several aspects of this translation are analyzed, such as the process of shortening the original text, the omission of its autobiographical parts, translational strategies and mistakes. The edition of the _Treatise on the Holy Land_, preserved only in two copies, is presented as a supplement.

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