

The Gnoster in Roman Egypt

Abstract:

This research deals with the office of the Gnoster which appeared in the early Ptolemaic period and continued during the Roman. The research also discusses the development of the term, its various uses, and its various forms, such as the Gnoster of the quarter, the tribe, the city, the people who held it, and the duration of the occupation. The study also examines the appearance of Gnoster of the village at the beginning of the fourth century, its nature and development, the people who held it, the tasks entrusted to them, how they were nominated for this office, and the duration of the office. In addition to this, the study relies on almost all the papyrological documents which contain references to the office of the Gnoster, and which allow the researcher to identify the nature of this office and the stages of its development. In the end of the study, the researcher includes a list of names of those who served in this office.