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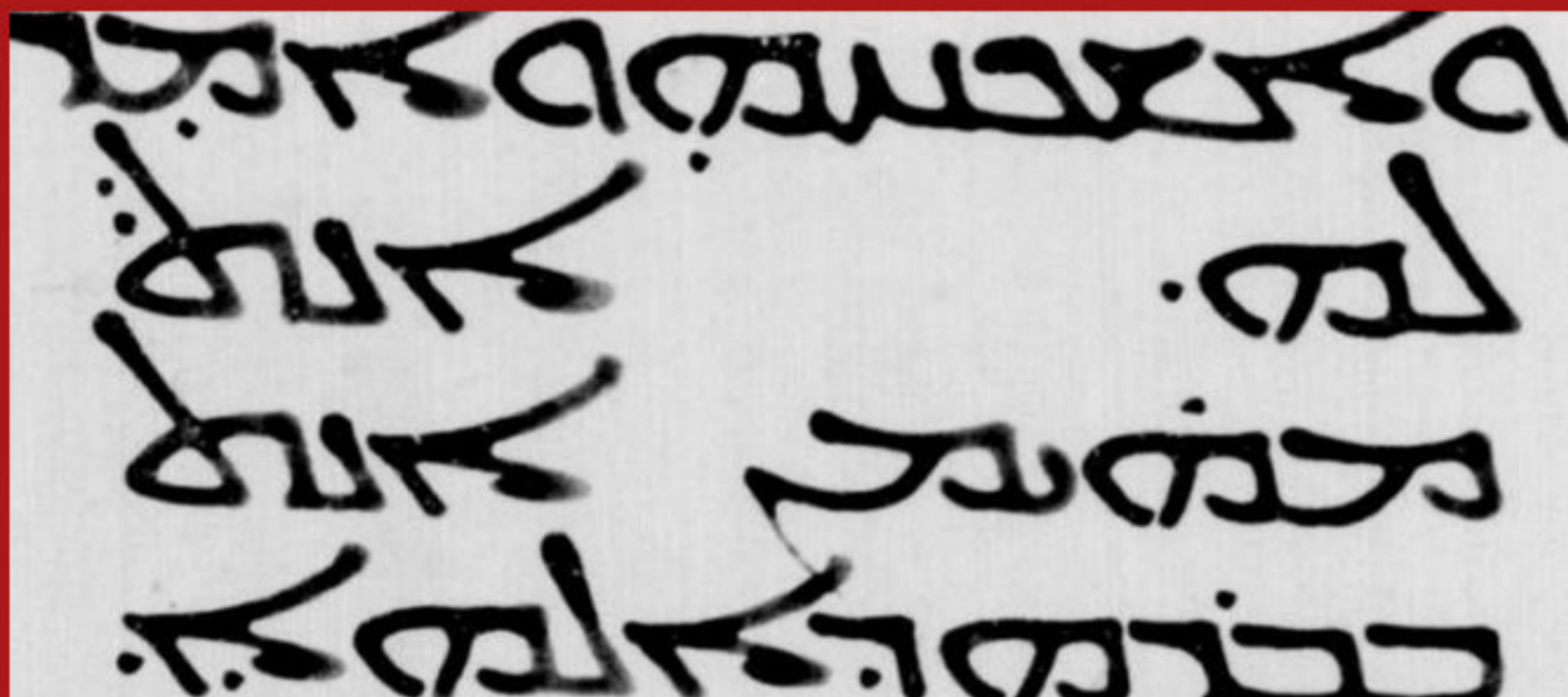
From Parchments to Bits: DH Tools in building Digital Corpora from Ancient Manuscripts

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While the field of Syriac Studies is one of the relatively smaller areas of the humanities, it has been successful in the development of digital humanities tools with a number of portals already available. This talk will concentrate on project Simtho which aims at building a large textual corpus with linguistic analysis but will discuss other building blocks that are required to make it viable: the role of standards (especially Unicode), the necessity of a lexical database and language analysis tools, the development of OCR models to make unpublished texts accessible to scholarship, etc. The projects discussed are all accessible at www.bethmardutho.org; attendees are encouraged to take a look prior to the talk.