



Reconsider the Problem of Jews' Arrival Time of Kaifeng

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Abstract: As for the time when the Jews arrived in Kaifeng, there are some arguments about before the Zhou Dynasty, the Zhou Dynasty, the Han Dynasty, the Tang Dynasty, the Song Dynasty and the Ming Dynasty. In general, it is difficult to confirm the arguments about before the Han Dynasty, and the argument of Tang Dynasty still lacks sufficient evidence. The argument of Ming Dynasty in recent years is obviously lack of evidence support, which is difficult to establish, and there is a suspicion of misinterpretation of the literature in the argument and analysis. The traditional Song Dynasty argument is more credible and cannot be easily denied, and the value of the inscriptions of Kaifeng Jews, especially the monument of the second year of the reign of Emperor Hongzhi of the Ming Dynasty cannot be ignored.

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