

The Proto-Semitic Fonts

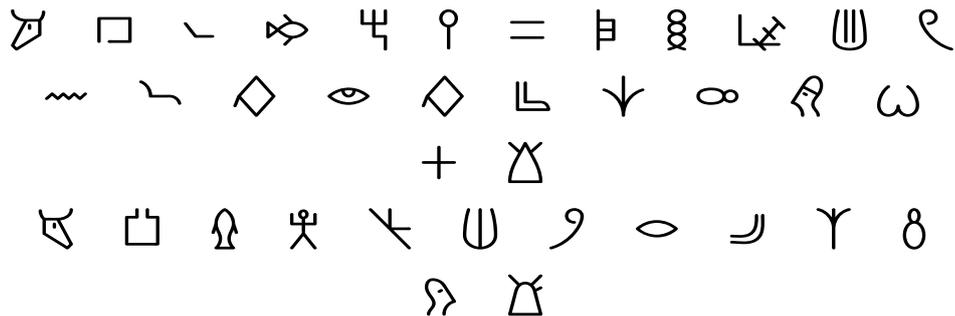
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This provides a short test of the characters in the Proto-Semitic fonts — the proto font family.

Following the declaration `\protofamily` the Proto-Semitic font is used. For just a few characters the `\textproto{arg}` macro will typeset `arg` in the Proto-Semitic font.

The Proto-Semitic font, and alternate glyphs, in the huge size



The font, and alternates, in its normal size followed by the Computer Modern Roman for comparison



The macro `\translitproto{<cmds>}` will give a transliteration of the commands in its argument. For example, Proto-Semitic, as near as possible, in Proto-Semitic is: $\text{\textproto{pr't' šhmtg}}$.

Table 1: Alphabet and commands

Name	Meaning	Value	Glyph(s)	ASCII	Commands
alpu	ox	'	𐤀 𐤁 𐤂	' a A	\Aa \Aaleph \AAa \AAaleph
betu	house	b	𐤃 𐤄	b B	\Ab \Abeth \AAb \AAbeth
??	throw-stick?	g	𐤅	g	\Ag \Agimel
??	fish?	d?	𐤆 𐤇	d D	\Ad \Adaleth \AAD \AADaleth
??	man?	e?	𐤈 𐤉	e E	\Ah \Ahe \AAh \AAhe
wawwu	hook/peg	w	𐤊	w	\Aw \Avav
??	??	z	=	z	\Az \Azayin
hotu	fence	h	𐤋 𐤌	h H	\Ahd \Aheth \AAhd \AAheth
??	twisted flax	f?	𐤍	T	\Atd \Ateth
yadu	hand/arm	y	𐤎 𐤏	y Y	\Ay \Ayod \AAy \AAyod
kappu	palm of hand	k	𐤐 𐤑	k K	\Ak \Akaph \AAk \AAkaph
lamdu	ox goad	l	𐤒 𐤓	l L	\Al \Alamed \AAl \AAlamed
mayyuma?	water	m	𐤔	m	\Am \Amem
nahasu	snake	n	𐤕	n	\An \Anun
enu	eye	'	𐤖 𐤗 𐤘	' o O	\Ao \Aayin \AAo \AAayin
??	??	s?	𐤙	s	\As \Asamekh
??	leg/foot?	p?	𐤚 𐤛	p P	\Ap \Ape \AAp \AApe
??	plant?	s?	𐤜 𐤝	x X	\Asd \Asade \AAsd \AAsade
??	knot?	q?	𐤞 𐤟	q Q	\Aq \Aqoph \AAq \AAqoph
rasu	head	r	𐤠 𐤡	r R	\Ar \Aresh \AAr \AAresh
??	lotus pool?	š	𐤢	S	\Asv \Ashin
tawwu	mark	t	+	t	\At \Atav
??	??	?	𐤣 𐤤	v V	\Av \Ahelmet \AAv \AAhelmet