

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

𐎠 𐎡 𐎢 𐎣 𐎤 𐎥 ܧ ܨ = ܰ ܱ ܲ ܳ ܴ ܵ ܶ ܷ ܸ
ܾ ܭ ܮ ܯ ܰ ܱ ܲ ܳ ܴ ܵ ܶ ܷ ܸ
ܾ + ܰ
ܠ ܫ ܬ ܭ ܮ ܰ ܱ ܲ ܳ ܴ ܵ ܶ ܷ ܸ
ܰ ܱ

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

𐎠 𐎡 𐎢 𐎣 𐎤 ܧ ܨ ܰ ܱ ܲ ܳ ܴ ܵ ܶ ܷ ܸ
ܰ + ܰ
ܠ ܫ ܬ ܭ ܮ ܰ ܱ ܲ ܳ ܴ ܵ ܶ ܷ ܸ
a b g d e w z h T y k l m n s o s p x q r S t v
A B D E Y K L O P X Q R V

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: ܱܴܷܸܲܰܲܳܵܶ, which transliterates as *pr't' shmtg.*

Table 1: Alphabet and commands

Name	Meaning	Value	Glyph(s)	ASCII	Commands
alpu	ox	'	𐎂 𐎃 𐎄	' a A	\Aa \Aaleph \AAa \AAaleph
betu	house	b	囗 匚	b B	\Ab \Abeth \AAb \AAbeth
??	throw-stick?	g	݂	g	\Ag \Agimel
??	fish?	d?	݂ ݂	d D	\Ad \Adaleth \AAd \AAdaleth
??	man?	e?	݂ ݂	e E	\Ah \Ahe \AAh \AAhe
wawwu	hook/peg	w	ܭ	w	\Aw \Avav
??	??	z	=	z	\Az \Azayin
hotu	fence	h	ܧ ܨ	h H	\Ahd \Aheth \AAhd \AAheth
??	twisted flax	t?	ܥ	T	\Atd \Ateth
yadu	hand/arm	y	ܵ ܶ	y Y	\Ay \Ayod \AAy \AAyod
kappu	palm of hand	k	ܴ ܵ	k K	\Ak \Akaph \AAk \AAkaph
lamdu	ox goad	l	ܲ ܹ	l L	\Al \Alamed \AAI \AAIamed
mayyuma?	water	m	ܼ ܼ	m	\Am \Amem
nahasu	snake	n	݂	n	\An \Anun
enu	eye	'	ܼ ܼ ܼ	' o O	\Ao \Aayin \AAo \AAayin
??	??	s?	ܮ	s	\As \Asamekh
??	leg/foot?	p?	ܲ ܲ	p P	\Ap \Ape \AAp \AApe
??	plant?	s?	ܵ ܵ	x X	\Asd \Asade \AAsd \AAasade
??	knot?	q?	ܸ ܸ	q Q	\Aq \Aqoph \AAq \AAqoph
rasu	head	r	ܰ ܰ	r R	\Ar \Aresh \AAr \AAresh
??	lotus pool?	s̄	ܳ	S	\Asv \Ashin
tawwu	mark	t	+	t	\At \Atav
??	??	?	ܲ ܲ	v V	\Av \Ahelmet \AAv \AAhelmet