

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: ﴿ ﴽ ﴾ + ﴽ ﴾ ω ﴿ ﴽ ~ + ~ , which transliterates as *pr't' šhmtg.*

Table 1: Alphabet and commands

Name	Meaning	Value	Glyph(s)	ASCII	Commands
alpu	ox	,	אָ	a A	\Aa \Aaleph \AAa \AAaleph
betu	house	b	בְּ	b B	\Ab \Abeth \AAb \AAbeth
??	throw-stick?	g	גְּ	g G	\Ag \Agimel
??	fish?	d?	דְּ	d D	\Ad \Adaleth \AAd \AAdaleth
??	man?	e?	ְֵ	e E	\Ae \Ahe \AAe \AAhe
wawwu	hook/peg	w	וְּ	w W	\Aw \Avav
??	??	z	זְּ	z Z	\Az \Azayin
hotu	fence	h	חְּ	h H	\Ahd \Aheth \AAhd \AAheth
??	twisted flax	t?	תְּ	T T	\Atd \Ateth
yadu	hand/arm	y	יְּ	y Y	\Ay \Ayod \AAy \AAyod
kappu	palm of hand	k	קְּ	k K	\Ak \Akaph \AAk \AAkaph
lamdu	ox goad	l	לְּ	l L	\Al \Alamed \AAl \AAAlamed
mayyuma?	water	m	מְּ	m M	\Am \Amem
nahasu	snake	n	נְּ	n N	\An \Anun
enu	eye	'	ְֶ	o O	\Ao \Aayin \AAo \AAayin
??	??	s?	ְׁ	s 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?	š	׆ְ	S S	\Asv \Ashin
tawwu	mark	t	ְׇ	t T	\At \Atav
??	??	?	׈ְ	v V	\Av \Ahelmet \AAv \AAhelmet