

# 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' šhmtg.*

Table 1: Alphabet and commands

Name	Meaning	Value	Glyph(s)	ASCII	Commands
alpu	ox	,	א א ב	' a A	\Aa \Aaleph \AAa \AAaleph
betu	house	b	ב ב	b B	\Ab \Abeth \AAb \AAbeth
??	throw-stick?	g	ג ג	g G	\Ag \Agimel
??	fish?	d?	ד ?	d D	\Ad \Adaleth \AAd \AAdaleth
??	man?	e?	ו ו	e E	\Ah \Ahe \AAh \AAhe
wawwu	hook/peg	w	ו ו	w W	\Aw \Avav
??	??	z	= =	z Z	\Az \Azayin
hotu	fence	h	ח ח	h H	\Ahd \Aheth \AAhd \AAheth
??	twisted flax	t?	ת ?	T T	\Atd \Ateth
yadu	hand/arm	y	י י	y Y	\Ay \Ayod \AAy \AAyod
kappu	palm of hand	k	ק ק	k K	\Ak \Akaph \AAk \AAkaph
lamdu	ox goad	l	ל ל	l L	\Al \Alamed \AAl \AAAlamed
mayyuma?	water	m	מ מ	m M	\Am \Amem
nahasu	snake	n	נ נ	n N	\An \Anun
enu	eye	'	ו ו ו	' o O	\Ao \Aayin \AAo \AAayin
??	??	s?	ש ש	s S	\As \Asamekh
??	leg/foot?	p?	פ פ	p P	\Ap \Ape \AAp \AApe
??	plant?	s?	ס ס	x X	\Asd \Asade \AAsd \AAAsade
??	knot?	q?	ק ק	q Q	\Aq \Aqoph \AAq \AAqoph
rasu	head	r	ר ר	r R	\Ar \Aresh \AAr \AAresh
??	lotus pool?	š	ש ש	S S	\Asv \Ashin
tawwu	mark	t	ת ת	t T	\At \Atav
??	??	?	ו ו	v V	\Av \Ahelmet \AAv \AAhelmet