

## 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

አዲስ አበባ የኢትዮጵያ ሚኒስቴር  
የተመለከተ ተቋማ የፌዴራል

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 ﴾ ~ + ﴾ , 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