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5. Root structure and noun patterns; comparative lexicography

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1 Common-Semitic noun patterns (Fox 2003)

– Isolated nouns

* /CaCC/

* /CiCC/

* /CuCC/

* /CaCaC/

* /CaCiC/

* /CaCuC/

* /CaCāC/

* /CaCīC/

* /CaCūC/

* /CuCuC/

* /CuCūC/

* /CiCaC/

* /CuCaC/

* /CiCāC/

* /CuCāC/

* /CāCiC/

* /CaC_iC_iaC/ ≈ * /CaC_iC_iāC/

* /CaC_iC_iiC/ ≈ * /CaC_iC_iuC/

/CaC_iC_iūC/

* /CuCC_iuC_i/ ≈ * /CuCC_iūC_i/

* /CiC_iC_iaC/ ≈ * /CiC_iC_iāC/

* /CuC_iC_iaC/ ≈ * /CuC_iC_iāC/

– Patterns with geminate C₃

– Non-reconstructible patterns

2 Noun patterns in Biblical Hebrew

2.1 Derivation of surface vowels in Biblical Hebrew

- * /ā/ > /ō/, e.g., *māqōm* 'place (general Canaanite sound shift);
- * /ī/ > /i/, e.g., *šīr* 'song';
- * /ū/ > /u/, e.g., *gabūl* 'border;
- * /a/ > /ā/, e.g., *lebāb* 'heart' (tonic syllable):
- * /a/ > /a/, e.g., *ʾāmartī* 'I said'
- * /a/ > /i/, e.g., *yilmad* 'he learns' (dissimilation of prefix-vowel: Barth-Ginsberg Law);
- * /a/ > /ε/, e.g., *mélék* 'king' ("segholation" of */malk/);
- * /a/ > /ə/, e.g., *dabārīm* 'words'; *yikbādū* 'they are heavy' (vowel reduction in pro-pretonic open syllables)
- * /i/ > /ē/, e.g., *leb* 'heart' (compensatory lengthening: < */libb/);
- * /i/ > /i/, e.g., *libb-ī* 'my heart'
- * /i/ > /a/ e.g., *bat* 'daughter (< *bint); *zāqantī* (< */zaqintī/) 'I am old' (vowel lowering in originally closed accented syllables: Philippi's Law)
- * /i/ > /ε/, e.g., *šédeq* (< */šidq/) 'what is right';
- * /i/ > /ə/, e.g., *šōmārīm* 'guards'
- * /u/ > /ō/, e.g., *dōb* (< */dubb/) 'bear';
- * /u/ > /u/, e.g., *dubb-ī* 'my bear';
- * /u/ > /ā/, e.g., *ḥādš-ā(h)* 'her new moon';
- * /u/ > /ə/, e.g., *yišmārū* (< */yišmurū/) 'they guard'

2.2 Derivation of surface forms

pattern	example (masc.)	example (fem.)
Uniradical forms:		
* /Cv̄/:	<i>ʾī</i> 'island'	—
Biradical forms:		
* /CaC/:	<i>yād</i> 'hand'	<i>šāpā(h)</i> 'lip'
* /CiC/:	<i>ʾēl</i> 'god'	<i>mēʾā(h)</i> 'one hundred'
* /CuC/:	<i>tōr</i> 'turtle-dove'	—
Forms <i>mediae infirmae</i> (II-weak):		
* /CāC/:	<i>tōb</i> 'good'	<i>tōbā(h)</i> 'good'
* /CīC/:	<i>mīn</i> 'kind'	<i>bīnā(h)</i> 'understanding'
* /CūC/:	<i>šūr</i> 'wall'	<i>šūrā(h)</i> 'row'

Forms *mediae geminatae* ($C_2 = C_3$):

* /CaC ₁ C ₁ /:	<i>rab</i> ‘great, much’	<i>rabbā(h)</i> ‘great, much’
* /CiC ₁ C ₁ /:	ʿ <i>ēm</i> ‘mother’	<i>pinna(h)</i> ‘angle’
* /CuC ₁ C ₁ /:	<i>kōl</i> ‘all’	<i>sukkā(h)</i> ‘booth’

Triradical forms:

* /CaCC/:	<i>mélēk</i> ‘king’	<i>malkā(h)</i> ‘queen’
* /CCaC/:	<i>dabaš</i> ‘honey’	<i>hādassā(h)</i> ‘myrtle’

(Aramaic pattern; note the C_3 -gemination in the feminine form)

* /CiCC/:	<i>sēper</i> ‘book’	<i>biqā(h)</i> ‘valley’
	<i>bēten</i> ‘belly’	ʿ <i>ēglā(h)</i> ‘heifer’
* /CCiC/:	<i>bāʿer</i> ‘well’	<i>qəhillā(h)</i> ‘community’

(note the C_3 -gemination in the feminine form)

* /CuCC/:	ʾ <i>ōzen</i> ‘ear’	<i>hākmā(h)</i> ‘wisdom’
* /CCuC/:	<i>bāʾoš</i> ‘stench’	<i>səgullā(h)</i> ‘property’

(pattern of bound / construct infinitive (G))

(note the C_3 -gemination in the feminine form)

* /CaCaC/:	ʾ <i>ādām</i> ‘man’	<i>šadāqā(h)</i> ‘justice’
* /CaCiC/:	<i>kābēd</i> ‘heavy’	<i>bərəkā(h)</i> ‘pool’
* /CaCuC/:	ʾ <i>ādōm</i> ‘red’	ʾ <i>ādummā(h)</i> ‘red’

(adjectives of color and space)

* /CiCaC/:	ʿ <i>enāb</i> ‘grape’	—
* /CaCāC/:	<i>šālōm</i> ‘peace’	—

(pattern of absolute infinitive (G))

* /CaCīC/:	<i>šāʿir</i> ‘small’	<i>salihā(h)</i> ‘forgiveness’
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(adjective, often with passive meaning; fem.: *nomen actionis*)

* /CaCūC/:	ʿ <i>ašūm</i> ‘mighty’	<i>qəburā(h)</i> ‘burial’
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(passive participle (G))

* /CiCāC/:	<i>zarōa</i> ‘arm’	<i>ʿābōdā(h)</i> ‘work’
* /CuCāC/:	<i>rəhōb</i> ‘broad place’	<i>nəʿōret</i> ‘tow’
	<i>qərāb</i> ‘fight’	— (Aramaic pattern)

* /CāCaC/:	ʿ <i>olām</i> ‘world’	—
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* /CāCiC/:	ʾ <i>oyēb</i> ‘enemy’	<i>hōmā(h)</i> ‘wall’
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(active participle; *nomen agentis*)

* /CūCaC/:	<i>šošan</i> ‘lily’	—
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- * /CaC_iC_iaC/: *dayyān* ‘judge’ *yabbāšā(h)* ‘dryness’
 (nomen agentis)
 * /CaC_iC_iaCt/: ‘*awwérēt* ‘blindness’
 (the feminine form is a pattern denoting sicknesses / physical defects)
 * /CaC_iC_iiC/: ‘*iwwēr* ‘blind’ —
 * /CaC_iC_iiC/: *la-dabbēr* ‘to speak’
 (infinitivus constructus (D))
 * /CuC_iC_iaC/: *sullām* ‘ladder’ *qubbá‘at* ‘chalice’
 * /CaC_iC_iāC/: *qannō* (‘) ‘jealous’
 /CaC_iC_iiC/: ‘*attīq* ‘old’
 /CaC_iC_iūC/: *ḥannūn* ‘gracious’ *ḥabbūrā(h)* ‘bruise’

Examples of forms with one or two reduplicated radicals:

- * /CaCC_iaC_i/: *ra‘ānān* ‘green’
 * /CaCC_iiC_i/: *saḡrīr* ‘rain’
 * /CaCC_iūC_i/: *ša‘ārūr* ‘horrible’
 * /CaC_iaC_jC_iaC_j/: ‘*ādamdām* ‘reddish’ (color adjectives)
 * /CaC_iaC_jC_iuC_j/: — *šəḥarḥōret* ‘blackish’
 * /CaC_iaC_jC_iūC_j/: ‘*āsaḡsūp* ‘mixed multitude’
 * /C_iaC_jC_iaC_j/: *galgal* ‘wheel’
 * /C_iuC_jC_iuC_j/: *qādqōd* ‘top of the head’ *gulḡōlet* ‘skull’
 * /C_iaC_jC_iūC_j/: *baqbūq* ‘jug’

Examples of quadriradical forms:

- * /CaCCaC/: ‘*aqrāb* ‘scorpion’
 * /CaCCuC/: *karkōb* ‘margin’
 * /CaCCiC/: *šarbīt* ‘scepter’
 * /CaCCūC/: *galmūd* ‘barren’

An example of a quinqueradical form: *šəḡpardēa* ‘frog’.

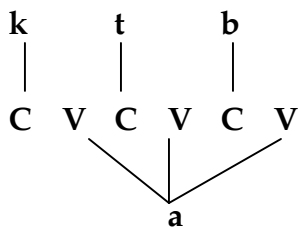
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3 Semitic root structure and morpho-phonology

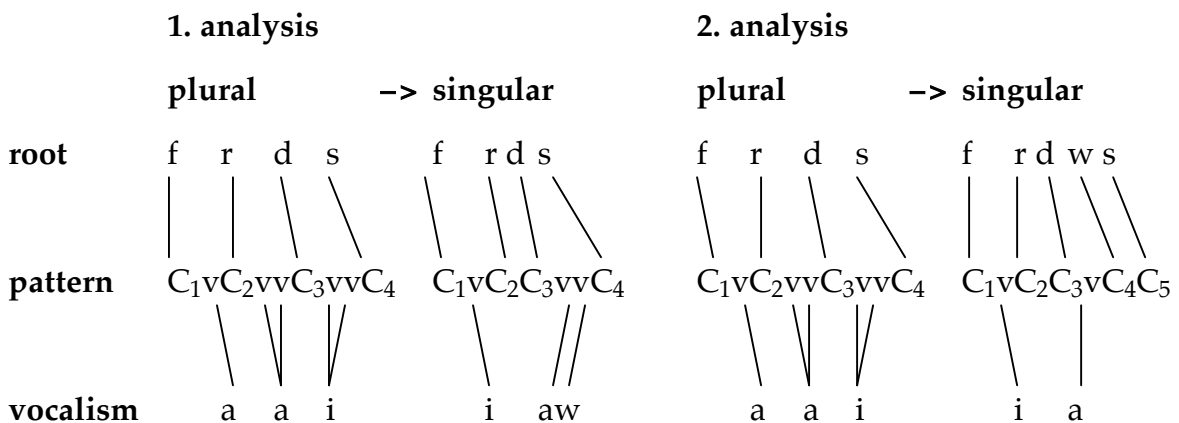
3.1 Root or base?

- kataba* 'he wrote'
- yaktubu* 'he writes'
- (^ʔ*u*)*ktub* 'write!'
- kātib* 'writing, writer'
- kitāb* 'book'
- maktab* 'office' (place of writing)



3.2 Integration of foreign vocabulary

The extrapolation of consonants of non-Arabic vocabulary when being incorporated into Arabic is a well-known process attested as such in nearly all ancient and modern Semitic languages. One interesting example in point is the "retrograde" derivation *firdaws* 'paradise' from Greek παραδεισος (*parádeisos*). *Parádeisos* is reanalyzed as the plural pattern $C_1aC_2\bar{a}C_3\bar{i}C_4$ to which a fictitious singular pattern $C_1iC_2C_3awC_4$ would belong (thereby, *r* and *d* are being "mapped" onto the C_2 - and C_3 -slots"). Alternatively, *firdaws* could be analyzed as a quinquiliteral back-formation (such nouns are regularly "reduced" to quadriliteral nouns in the plural, e.g., ^c*andalib* → ^c*anādil* 'nightingale') of the attested pattern $C_1iC_2C_3aC_4C_5$, in which *w* is taken as a root consonant and not as part of a diphthong. Here a formal representation of the two analyses is given:



3.3 Ablaut, apophony (Schramm 1991: 1405)

root/base	binyan I	binyan II	binyan IV	binyan V
<i>kbur</i>	<i>yakbur</i>	<i>yukabbir</i>	<i>yukbir</i>	<i>yatakabbar</i>

motivation

– *lašon* ‘tongue’ cannot be derived from a root $\sqrt{\text{lšn}}$; the verb *hilšin* ‘he slandered’ is thus denominative (semantically not a regular *hifʿil* form)

– some short words, notably prepositions, cannot be derived from roots at all:

Hebrew $^{\text{c}}al$ ‘on’ <– $\sqrt{\text{ʿly}}$

$^{\text{e}}el$ ‘to’ <– ???

– “philosophically” better to have one consistent system

3.4 Secondary formations (Ussishkin 1999: 407)

a. base

hitkamec ‘to be stingy’

kace ‘edge’

mica ‘to exhaust’

hixzik ‘to hold’

safar ‘to count’

b. inflected base

kamc + an ‘stingy person’

kic + on + i ‘extreme’

ta + mc + it ‘summary’

ta + xzúk + a ‘maintenance’

mi + spar ‘number’

c. derived verb

hitkamcen ‘to be stingy’

hikcin ‘to bring to extremity’

timcet ‘to summarize’

tixzek ‘to maintain’

misper ‘to enumerate’

a. base

{slm} ‘be secure’

b. “inflected” verb

$^{\text{a}}aslama$, ‘to surrender o.s.’,

$yuslimu$ ‘to become a Muslim’

c. derived verb

$^{\text{a}}aslama$, $yuslimu$ ‘to islamize’

$ta^{\text{a}}aslama$, $yata^{\text{a}}aslamu$ ‘to be islamized’

$^{\text{a}}amrikā$ ‘America’

$^{\text{a}}amraka$ ‘he americanized’

$ta^{\text{a}}amraka$ ‘he became americanized’

3.5 Diachronic re-analysis

1. prefix + root:

Arabic <i>s</i>	+	{bqw/y}	--->	<i>sabaqa</i> {sbq}
		CAUS 'remain'		'leave behind oneself'
Arabic <i>m</i>	+	{dyn}	--->	<i>madīna</i> {mdn}
		LOC 'law/religion'		'place of court' / 'city'

2. root + preposition:

Arabic <i>jāʾa</i> {jyʾ}	+	<i>bi</i>	--->	<i>jāb</i> {jyb}
		'come' 'with'		'bring'
Syriac {ntn}	+	<i>l</i>	--->	{ntl}
		'give' 'to'		'give'

3.6 Truncation and restitution of tri-radicalism

{bn}:	(i)bn	--->	ʾabnāʾ	'sons'
{bn}:	(i)bn	--->	<i>bunayy</i>	'little/dear son'

	imperfect	apocopate/jussive	imperative
sound	<i>yaf^calu</i>	<i>yaf^cal</i>	(i) <i>f^cal</i>
I w/y	<i>yaqifu / yaysiru</i>	<i>yaqif / yaysir</i>	<i>qif / ʾisir</i>
II w/y	<i>yaqūlu / yasīru</i>	<i>yaqul / yasir</i>	<i>qul / sir</i>
III w/y	<i>yad^cū / yarmī</i>	<i>yad^cu / yarmi</i>	(u) <i>d^cu / (i)rmi</i>
C ₂ = C ₃	<i>yaruddu</i>	<i>yardud / yarudda/i/u</i>	(u) <i>rdud / rudda/i/u</i>
I r, II ʾ, III y	<i>yarā</i>	<i>yara</i>	<i>ra(h)</i>
I w, II l, III y	<i>yalī</i>	<i>yali</i>	<i>li(h)</i>
I w, II ʾ, III y	<i>yaʾī</i>	<i>yaʾi</i>	ʾ <i>i(h)</i>

Hebrew:

{ntn}: ---> *ten* 'give!'

{lqh}: ---> *qaḥ* 'take!'

Syriac:

{nsb}: ---> *nessab* (< **nensab*) 'he takes' ---> *sab* 'take!'

{slq}: ---> *nessaq* (< **neslaq*) 'he ascends' ---> *saq* 'ascend!'

3.7 Arabic grammatical tradition (Ibn Ğinnī)

Synchronic, bit not diachronic, derivation of *qāma* 'he got up' from **qawama*

3.8 bi-radicalism vs. tri-radicalism (*ʿibdāl*, “matrices et étymons”)

{ptr}	‘ablösen’ (‘to remove’)
{pšr}	‘auflösen’ (‘to dissolve’)
{pr̄r}	‘auseinandergehen’ (‘to break up’)
{prs}	‘scheiden’ (‘to cut’)
{pr̄s}	‘durchschlagen’ (‘to break through’)
{prq}	‘durchteilen’ (‘to part’)
{prk}	‘abriegeln’ (‘to shut off’)
{p̄zr}	‘sich verbergen’ (‘to hide’)
{špr}	‘senden’ (‘to send’)
{t̄pr}	‘vertreiben’ (‘to expel’)
{kpr}	‘abschneiden’ (‘to cut off’)
{h̄pr}	‘(weg)graben’ (‘to dig off’)

<i>jam-a^ca</i>	‘to gather, collect’
<i>jam-hara</i>	‘to reassemble, call together’
<i>jam-ala</i>	‘to gather, collect’
<i>jam-ara</i>	‘to gather, reassemble’
<i>jam-ā</i>	‘to collect (water)’
<i>jam-ma</i>	‘to be abundant (water, vegetation)’

<i>laqaṭa</i>	‘to pick up’ {lqt}
<i>laqifa</i>	‘to grab’ {lqf}
<i>nahada</i>	‘to become buxom’ {nhd}
<i>nahaḍa</i>	‘to get up’ {nhḍ}
<i>liṭām</i>	‘a kind of veil’ {lṭm}
<i>lifām</i>	‘a kind of veil’ {lfm}
<i>t̄āba</i>	‘to return’ {twb}
<i>tāba</i>	‘to repent’ {twb}

<i>madaha / madaḥa</i>	‘to praise’
<i>qaṭa^ca / qaṭama</i>	‘to cut’
<i>ta²rīṭ / ta²rīf</i>	‘demarcation’ / ‘land survey’
<i>mirḍaḥa / mirḍaḥa</i>	‘walnut-cracker’ / ‘hazelnut-cracker’

3.9 key consonants

^ʾ arna-b	'hare'	^ʾ imm-ar	'lamb'
dub-b	'bear'	baq-ar	'cattle'
<u>ḏ</u> i ^ʾ -b	'wolf'	ḥim-ār	'donkey'
<u>ḏ</u> ub(ā)-b	'stinging fly'	kar-r	'lamb'
kal-b	'dog'	^ʿ ay-r	'ass-foal'
lab-b	'lion'	<u>ṭ</u> aw-r	'ox'
^ʿ aqra-b	'scorpion'	^ʾ ayy-al	'deer'
<u>ṭ</u> a ^ʿ la-b	'jackal'	jam-al	'camel'

3.10 Semitic roots in permutation

1. Permutated Arabic roots

{lmj} / {mlj}	'an der Brust saugen' ('to suck')
mal ^ʾ ak / ma ^ʾ lak	'Bote' ('messenger')
sam ^ʾ al / sa ^ʾ mal	'Nordwind' (north wind')
balihā / bahilā	'verwirrt sein' ('to be confused')
šarḥ / šaḥr	'Jugendblüte' ('blossom of youth')
{qms} / {mq̄s}	'eintauchen' ('to dive')
jazama / zamaja	'den Schlauch füllen' ('to fill the hose')
{blgr} / {brgl}	'a tribe of Rum' (= 'bulgur' / 'cracked wheat')
{nrjs} / {rnjs}	'an aromatic plant'
{rwnq} / {nwrq}	'splendor, glamor'
{jzr} / {jrz}	'to hold back' [not: 'to slaughter']
za ^ʿ aja / ja ^ʿ aza	'to disturb'
jinzīr / zinjīr	'chain'
jawāz / zawāz	'marriage' [not: 'permit']
qarandalī / qalandarī	'wandering dervish' (?)

2. Permutated Semitic roots (non-Ethiopic – Ethiopic)

Akkadian	epēqu	'enclose'	haqafa	'hug, embrace, ...'
Hebrew	hāpaq	'embrace'		
Arabic	bahaq	'leprosy'	^ʿ abaqa	'itch, have scabies'
Akkadian	dišpu	'honey'	dbš	'honey' (epigraphic only)
Soqotri	ḏanaḥ	'breast'	ḥadana	'hold in the lap, nurse'
Arabic	falqata	'hurry'	qalṭafa	'hurry'
Soqotri	ig ^ʿ alil	'roll o.-self'	^ʿ agala	'place in layers, ...'
Arabic	jaraza / jazara	'tear, bite'		

Common Semitic	{grz} / {gZR} 'cut, tear, ...'	<i>gazara / garaza</i>	'cut, circumcise'
Arabic	<i>iḥṭadama</i>	'be hot'	<i>ḥamad</i> 'ashes, dust'
Arabic	<i>fahāra / ḥafara</i>	'dig, notch'	<i>fahāra</i> 'dig (up), bury' <i>ḥafra</i> 'dig' (Tigre)

3.11 *al-ištiqāq al-ʾakbar (Ibn Ǧinnī)*

1. {jbr}, the common denominator being *qūwa wa-šadda* 'force and strength':

<i>jabara</i>	'to force'
<i>mujarrab</i>	'tested, proven'
<i>ʾabjar</i>	'obese, corpulent'
<i>burj</i>	'tower, castle'
<i>rajjaba</i>	'to frighten'
<i>rabāji</i> (?)	'boasting person'

2. {qsw}, the common denominator being *qūwa wa-jtimāʿ* 'strength and togetherness':

<i>qaswa</i>	'hardness'
<i>qaws</i>	'bow, arch'
<i>waqs</i> (?)	'strong itching'
<i>wasq</i>	'load, cargo'
<i>sūq</i>	'market'

3. {slm}, the common denominator being *istimāl wa-mulāyana* 'inclusion and friendly attitude':

<i>salāma</i>	'soundness'
<i>samal</i>	'worn garment'
<i>masl</i> (?)	'water channel' (a variant of <i>masīl</i> (root {syl}))
<i>lamasa</i>	'to touch'
<i>lasma</i> (?)	'blow, breath' (a variant of <i>nasma</i>)

3.12 Evidence from psycholinguistics, aphasia, language games

permutations in a Bedouin Hijazi Arabic language game (Prunet et al. 2000: 623)

123:	<i>kattab</i> 'caused to write'	<i>s-t-aslam</i>	'surrendered	<i>ž-t-ima^c</i> 'met
321:	<i>battak</i>	<i>s-t-amlas</i>		^c <i>-t-imaž</i>
213:	<i>takkab</i>	<i>s-t-alsam</i>		<i>m-t-iža^c</i>
231:	<i>tabbak</i>	<i>s-t-almas</i>		<i>mt-a^caž</i>
312:	<i>bakkat</i>	<i>s-t-amsal</i>		^c <i>-t-ižam</i>
132:	<i>kabbat</i>	<i>s-t-asmal</i>		<i>ž-t-a^cam</i>

4 Elements of Semitic lexicography

4.1 (Sumero-)Akkadian lexicography (incl. Eblaitic, Ugaritic, Hurrian, etc.)

– the principles of arrangement (cf. Cavigneaux, “Lexikalische Listen”: 610; Civil, “Ancient Mesopotamian Lexicography”: 2308f.):

	0	1	2	3	4	5
(a)	I	du-u	KAK	gakku	<i>banû</i>	–
(b)	–	tak-tak	Tak ₄ .Tak ₄	tak minnabi	<i>ezēbu</i>	<i>arḫa dalumar</i>

(a): when pronounced du, the Sumerian logogram called *gakku* (but transliterated KAK by today’s Assyriologists) means in Akkadian *banû*, “to build”. The “I” at the left edge represents a vertical wedge, without any linguistic significance.

(b): when read tak-tak, the Sumerian logogram Tak₄.Tak₄ called “double (minnabi) tak” means in Akkadian *ezēbu*, “to abandon”, and in Hittite *arḫa dalumar*, “forsaking”.

lists with subcolumns 1 and 2: “syllabaries”

other lists (with more columns): “vocabularies”

– examples across the ages:

- the “sign-list” from Ebla (cf. Archi 1987: 93-99)
- two-word Eblaitic entries / bilingual vocabularies (cf. Pettinato 1982, Krebernik 1983, Fales 1984: 175-186)
- syllabary Proto-Ea (cf. Landsberger 1951)
- vocabulary Proto-Ea (Proto-Aa) (cf. Civil 1979)
- the polyglot S^a vocabulary texts (cf. Huehnergard 1987: 24-45)
- the synonym list *malku* = *šarru* (cf. Kilmer 1963: 424-429)

4.2 example of a list giving evidence of the “root”:

the series SIG₇.ALAN = *nabnītu* (cf. Finkel 1982)

nabnītu ‘creation’
bunnan(n)û ‘features’
būnu ‘outward appearance’

amātum ‘word(s)’
qabû ‘speak’
muštabil amāti ‘participant in a discussion’

<i>amtum</i>	‘servant (f.)’
<i>emēdu</i>	‘to lean o.s. on’
<i>ummātum</i>	‘summer days’

4.3 Mediaeval Arabic lexicography

– the principles of arrangement:

1. Arab lexicographers such as al-Ḥalīl (*Kitāb al-^cayn*) and al-ʿAzharī (*Tahdīb al-luġa*) grouped together roots that were similar not only in composition, but also in their meaning. Their strategy was to give all attested permutations of a root after a given lemma. {C₁C₂C₃} would thus be followed by {C₁C₃C₂}, {C₂C₁C₃}, {C₂C₃C₁}, {C₃C₁C₂}, and {C₃C₂C₁}. This strategy was also pursued by other early lexicographers such as al-ʿAṣmaʿī, Ibn Durayd, and Ibn Fāris in their works on *ištiqāq* (etymology). The earliest ordering principle was the Ḥalīlian “row”. This principle has likely roots in the Indian grammatical tradition.
2. “rückläufige” dictionaries (ordered alphabetically according to the *last* radical, then alphabetically according to the first two radicals, perhaps to support poets): Ibn al-Manzūr: *Lisān al-^carab*, Murtaḍā az-Zabīdī: *Tāj al-^carūs*
3. alphabetical dictionaries: Wehr, etc.

4.4. Mediaeval Hebrew lexicography

– important authors: Sa^cadia Gaʿon, Judah ibn Qurayš, David ben Abraham al-Fāsi, Menaḥem ben Saruq, Dunash ben Labrat, Judah Ḥayyūj, Jonah ibn Janāḥ, Hai Gaʿon, Abū l-Faraj, Samuel ha-Nagid, Abraham ha-Bavli, Moshe ha-Kohen ibn Gikatilla, Judah ben Bal^cam, Isaac ben Barūn

– Jonah ibn Janāḥ: explanation of Biblical lemmata in:

Kitāb al-ʿuṣūl = *Sefer haš-šorašim* (cf. Neugebauer 1875)

√^ʿ*b* ‘father’, √^ʿ*bh* ‘to love’

– al-Fāsi: comparison of three lemmata:

Arabic √*zby* / Aramaic √*ṭby* / Hebrew √*šby* ‘gazelle’, but not:

Arabic √^ʿ*rḏ* / Aramaic √^ʿ*r^c* / Hebrew √^ʿ*rṣ* ‘earth’

4.5 Modern comparative Semitic and Afroasiatic lexicography

– comparative word lists (genetic relationship):

Bergsträsser-Daniels 1983: 210-223

– Swadesh list: Bennett 1998: 232-249

– comparative dictionaries:

Cohen 1970-1997; Orel & Stolbova 1995; Militarev & Kogan 2000, 2005

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