Genealogical Position of Ugaritic: the Lexical Dimension
Lexical Isoglosses Between Ugaritic and Canaanite *

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The present contribution continues a series of publications by the author dealing with the lexical evidence for some of the much-discussed problems of the genealogical subgrouping of Semitic. In the present article, specific isoglosses between Ugaritic and the Canaanite languages (notably, Hebrew and Phoenician) are accumulated and discussed, their total number amounting to ca. 80 lexical items. In the second, concluding article (scheduled for publication in the forthcoming issue of Sefarad), this evidence will be compared with specific lexical isoglosses shared by Ugaritic with Semitic languages other than Canaanite.

KEYWORDS: Lexical Isoglosses; Basic Vocabulary; Ugaritic; Canaanite; Hebrew; Phoenician; Genealogical Classification of Semitic.

La posición genealógica del ugarítico: la dimensión léxica. ISOGLOSAS LÉXICAS ENTRE UGARÍTICO Y CANANEÓ. El presente artículo forma parte de una serie de publicaciones del autor dedicadas al factor léxico en la clasificación genealógica de las lenguas semíticas. Poco menos de 80 isoglosas exclusivas entre ugarítico y las lenguas cananeas (en particular, hebreo y fenicio), presentadas en el orden alfabético y acompañadas de una discusión general tanto lingüística como filológica, constituyen el núcleo del artículo, que va a ser complementado próximamente por un análisis detallado de posibles isoglosas léxicas entre la lengua ugarítica y las lenguas semíticas no pertenecientes al grupo cananeo.

PALABRAS CLAVE: isoglosas léxicas; vocabulario básico; ugarítico; cananeo; hebreo; fenicio; clasificación genealógica del semítico.

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INTRODUCTION

In an earlier publication by the present author (Kogan 2006a), an attempt was made to assess the relevance of the lexical data for the genealogical position of Ugaritic. More concretely, it was intended to use lexical evidence as a means of checking the validity of the hypothesis of the Canaanite affiliation of Ugaritic.

The analysis of the basic vocabulary from Swadesh wordlist did not yield any unambiguous result: ca. 70% of coincidences between Ugaritic and Hebrew look impressive at first sight, but most of this shared vocabulary belongs to trivial retentions from Proto-Semitic and is, consequently, of little value for genealogical classification. Certain or probable lexical innovations (semantic or formal) shared by Ugaritic and Hebrew proved to be extremely few.

However, it was clear from the very beginning that a conclusion obtained on the basis of Swadesh wordlist alone can only be very preliminary in the case of Ugaritic — a dead language with a restricted textual corpus. Not unexpectedly, those Ugaritic terms which are qualified as trivial retentions from PS are also those which are the best documented ones, whereas other, potentially more diagnostic semantic slots of Swadesh list are either vacant or occupied by philologically uncertain items. In such conditions, the necessity of broadening the scope of the lexical evidence was indispensable. The results of such a broader investigation, which takes into account the basic vocabulary of Ugaritic as a whole, are presented below to the reader’s judgment.¹

1. EXCLUSIVE ISOGLOSSES BETWEEN UGARITIC AND CANAANITE LANGUAGES²

1. ‘ibr ‘a stocky male animal (bull, horse)’ (DUL 10).

• The meaning ‘bull’ derives from the parallelism with tr ‘bull’ (1.12 I 30-32, II 53-55) and r’um ‘aurochs’ (1.10 III 20-21, 35-36). The meaning ‘horse’ is

¹ Due to the space limitations and for the reader’s convenience, the data have been split into two contributions. The present one will deal exclusively with Ugaritic-Canaanite lexical features. In the second one, scheduled for the next issue of Sefarad, lexical features shared by Ugaritic with other Semitic languages will be presented, followed by general conclusions.

² In the presentation below, ● will mark the philological section, which provides brief remarks on the attestations of the pertinent word in the Ugaritic corpus, ▲ will introduce exclusive cognates from Canaanite (or, in the corresponding sub-sections, Arabic, Aramaic and Akkadian), ▼ will mark the general discussion section. The only purpose of the philological section is to substantiate the meaning of the Ugaritic lexemes under scrutiny and the reliability of their textual attestation. Completeness of textual and bibliographic references has by no means been intended.
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probable for 1.14 III 16 (‘ı’g’t ıbr’h ‘neighing’ of his stallions’), since ‘alp ‘oxen’ are mentioned in the following line 18.3

▶ Eg.-syll. ‘-bí-ra ‘stallion’ (Hoch 1994:18), Hbr. ‘abbīr ‘bull; stallion’ (HALOT 6).4

▼ This animal name probably represents a substantivized adjective *‘ab(b)īr- ‘strong, mighty’, attested in Hebrew as ‘ābīr and ‘abbīr (HALOT 6). The adjective, in its turn, may go back to the verbal root *‘br ‘to be strong, vigorous’: Akk. abāru ‘strength’ (CAD A1 38) and abru ‘stark, kräftig’ (AHw. 7), Arb. ‘br ‘to be in a good, right, proper state’ (Lane 5), Amh. əbrit ‘conceit, vanity, arrogance; period of wealth; right, rule’ (AED 1195), Cha. Eža abør, Enm. Gyt. abør, End. awør ‘young person or animal in its prime’ (EDG 9). See further Common Ethiopian *‘br ‘to be old’: Gez. əbër ‘old woman’, əbərāwi ‘old man, old woman’ (CDG 5), Tgr. ‘abbārā ‘to be old, to grow old’ (WTS 366), Zwy. ibīrī ‘to be old’, Wol. əber, Sel. əbër ‘grandfather, grandmother’ (EDG 9).5

2. ‘ābyn ‘poor, wretch, insolvent’ (DUL 14).

• The most reliable attestation of ‘ābyn is 1.17 I 16-19: ‘ābyn ‘at [d]n’il mt rp’i ‘anḥ ẓr hrmny d ‘in bn lh km ‘āḥ w šrš km ʿaryh ‘you are poor, oh Dn’il, the man of rp’u, (you are) groaning, the valiant hrmny, who has no son like his brothers, no descendant like his kinsmen’.6 Another possible case is ‘ābynn in 4.70:6, tentatively interpreted as “insolvent persons from a particular town” in KTU.

▶ Hbr. ‘ābyôn (HALOT 5).

▼ Notwithstanding von Soden’s scepticism (1969:324), Common Canaanite7 *‘Vby-ān.8 can be traced back — with a well-known semantic development

3 But cf. Sanmartín 1978:350 (“Das Ug. gebrauchte ibr allerdings spezifisch für die Gattung ‘Rind’”).
4 Ps 50:13 (bəšar ʿabbīrım ‘bull meat’), Jer 8.16 (mišhālōt ʿabbīrāw ‘neighing of his horses’).
5 The meaning shift ‘sturdy, strong’ > ‘old’ may be less unusual than Leslau (CDG 5) believes (cf. Buck 1949:959).
7 “Common Canaanite” (hereafter CC) will be used as a designation of specific lexical isoglosses which Ugaritic shares with Hebrew and/or Phoenician. This purely technical label is not intended to anticipate the final conclusions about Canaanite or non-Canaanite affiliation of Ugaritic.
(Buck 1949:782-784) — to the verbal root *by ‘to want, to desire’ represented by Hbr. ‘ābā ‘to want, be willing’ (HALOT 3). The supposed Egyptian origin (< b‘in ‘bad’) is not to be accepted (von Soden 1969:323, Muchiki 1999:236-237).

3. ‘dm ‘to become red’ (DUL 17).
   • Attested in 1.14 II 9 (trthṣ w t‘adm) and 1.19 IV 42 (t‘idm b γlp ym). The meaning ‘to rouge oneself’ is widely accepted (‘wash and rouge yourself’ and ‘she rouged herself with “husk of the sea”’ in Pardee 1997:334, 355), although the supporting evidence is more etymological than contextual.

   ▶ Hbr. ‘ādōm ‘red’ (HALOT 15).

   ▼ Possible cognates of CC * ‘dm ‘to be red’, extensively discussed in Bulakh 2006:196-203, include Akk. adamu ‘red’ (CAD A1, 95, AHw. 10, highly uncertain), Arb. ‘dm ‘être rouge, avoir la peau brune’, ‘ādam- ‘bruni, fauve, tirant sur le rouge’ (BK 1 19, cf. Lane 37), Gez. ‘addāmāwi ‘red’ (CDG 8). Since all these terms are quite marginal in the respective languages, * ‘dm ‘to be red’ could represent a very important Canaanite-Ugaritic isogloss if the basic * ‘dm in Ugaritic were demonstrable (which is, unfortunately, not the case, v. Kogan 2006a:449).

4. ‘adm ‘man; mankind’ (DUL 17).
   • This lexeme is comparatively rare, but both individual and collective meanings are reliably attested: for the former v. 1.169:14-15 (l ‘adm w d ḫṭm l ‘arṣ zrm l bn ‘adm b ‘anšt ṃṯl ‘Away from the man, he of the rod, depart

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9 Traditionally connected with Arb. ‘by, Min. ‘by and Gez. ‘abaya ‘to refuse’ (LANE 12, LM 1, CDG 6). As ingeniously observed by Nöldeke (1904:66), the Hebrew verb is almost always coupled with negative particles: lō(1) ‘ābā ‘he did not want’, etc. (for a strikingly similar structural parallel in Old Assyrian lā mu‘ā ‘um ‘not to want’ see Veenhof 1986). Nöldeke surmises that the original sense of Hbr. ‘ābā was ‘to refuse’ (as in Arabic and Geez) and the negative particles were added to emphasize this negative meaning. This is hard to reconcile with the wide presence of ‘abā ‘to want’ in a variety of Arabic dialects, notably those of Southern Arabia (Landberg 1920:11-62, Behnstedt 1992:5-6, DRS 3). With Landberg and contra Nöldeke, such forms can by no means be derived from the Classical bγγ ‘to want’.

10 Note Pardee’s reservations as far as the latter passage is concerned (1997:355).

11 In Bulakh 2005:258 * ‘dm is actually treated as the basic term for ‘red’ in Proto-Semitic (side by side with *lbn ‘to be white’, *ṭlm ‘to be black’ and *wrk ‘to be yellow-green’), but the evidence supporting this claim is not very persuasive.

12 The same applies to the adjective * ‘admānu, attested syllabically as a field name. Its interpretation as ‘red’, although widely accepted (Kühne 1974:162-163), is of necessity conjectural.
to the Netherworld! Away from the human, in weakness be exorcised’, Ford 2002b:155, 191-196), for the latter v. 1.14 I 36-37 (‘il ... ‘il ... father of mankind’) and 1.3 II 7-8 (tmhš l’im ḫp y[ m] tšmt ‘adm š’at špš ‘she smote the people of the seashore, destroyed the men of the east’).

► Pho. ‘dm ‘man, person, someone’ (DNWSI 13-14), Hbr. ‘ādām ‘mankind; individual man’ (HALOT 14).

▼ The most transparent cognates of CC *’adam- are known from ESA (Sab. Min. Qat.), where ‘dm has a more specialized meaning ‘servants, subjects’ (SD 2, LM 1, LIQ 5) and functions as a suppletive plural of ‘bd ‘servant’ (Stein 2003:66). A more general collective meaning is present in Tgr. ‘addam ‘men, people’ (WTS 384) and Tna. ‘addam ‘humanity, mankind, everybody’ (TED 1530), perhaps contaminated with the proper name Adam (cf. Gez. ‘addám, CDG 7). Note, finally, Arb. ‘adam- ‘skin’ (Lane 36), which makes one think of Arb. bašar- ‘skin; people’ < PS *bašar- ‘meat, flesh’ (SED I No. 41).

13 For a semantic parallel cf. Russian люд ‘people’, formerly used as a collective designation of household servants (SRJa 8 342).

14 Bauer (1914) did not pay enough attention to the fact that, attractive as it is, comparison between ‘adam- and bašar- does not yield any meaningful output from the viewpoint of historical semantics. In the case of bašar-, we are likely faced with two independent semantic developments from an original meaning ‘flesh, meat’ (‘flesh’ > ‘skin’ and ‘flesh’ > ‘people’). As for ‘adam-, no original meaning ‘flesh’ is available, and the hypothetic shift ‘people’ > ‘skin’ (or vice versa) is rather hard to imagine.

15 The individual meaning is qualified as “late and sporadic” for Hbr. ‘ādām in HALOT, but seems to be common (maybe even the only one attested) for Phoenician/Punic ‘dm/adom (KRAHMALKOV 2000:32-33).

16 A special meaning ‘father’ for ‘adm is thus justified (contra GELLA 2007:531). Note, moreover, that according to PARDEE 2002:95 “In Ug. prose, ‘adm normally designates the ‘(biological) father’, not the ‘(political) father’,” hence his translation ‘to Yabnīnu, my father, say’ for lybn ‘adm rgm in 2.64:1-3 (contrast ‘to my lord’ in DUL 19).
(HALOT 13). Almost certainly unrelated is the logogram AD.DA.A.NI in the Amarna letters (Weippert 1974). Nab. ‘dwnh and JdA ‘dwn(h)’ (DNWSI 16, DJA 29) are likely borrowed from Canaanite in view of -w-. The same is true of Plm. ‘dth ‘lady’ (DNWSI 16).

• CC *'adān-, competing with PS *'ba'l- ‘lord’,18 likely represents an extension of a Lallwort for ‘father’, still preserved in Ugr as *'ad (DUL 15).19 In view of the wide presence of similar kinship terms in many languages of the world — but, remarkably, not in Semitic20 — it is hard to decide whether the element *'ad- is an independent Canaanite formation or an early loanword from a non-Semitic source, cf. Hit. atta- (Friedrich 38), Hur. attai (Laroche 63), Sum. ad(.da) (PSD A 19, with several orthographic variants). However, both the extension in -ān- and the meaning ‘lord’ must be regarded as CC innovations (Garbini 1984:94).

6. 'adr ‘wonderful, magnificent, strong, of good quality’, 'udr ‘nobility, the most noble’ (DUL 20-22).

• Widely attested, the meaning ‘to be wonderful, magnificent’ is clear from the parallelism between 'udr and mlhm ‘choice’ in 1.4 V 16-17.

► Pho. 'dr ‘to be mighty, powerful’, 'dr ‘great, mighty, grand, illustrious, splendid’ (DNWSI 17-19),22 Hbr. 'dr ‘to be glorious’, 'addăr ‘mighty, magnificent’, 'ādār, 'addārāt ‘splendour’ (HALOT 13-17).


18 Exact details of the functional distribution between *'ba'l- and *'adān- in Ugaritic and Canaanite remain to be investigated. The most ancient PS picture was probably identical to what is synchronically observed in Akkadian, where bēlu is the only term for both ‘lord, master’ and ‘owner’ (CAD B 191). As I tried to show in Kogan 2005:532, in Aramaic *'ba'l- was relegated exclusively to the latter meaning since the earliest inscriptions on, the former one being expressed by mr-. Is it possible to detect any similar distribution in Canaanite?


20 Unless one follows Leslau, who wonders whether CC *'adān- is related to Tna. *'addā, Cha. Eža Muh. adot, Gyt. adō, Enm. End. adōd, Sel. Wol. 'ondāt ‘mother’ (TED 1529, EDG 18), Har. idōć ‘woman’ (EDH 19) — admitting at the same time that the Ethiopian terms are Cushitisms.

21 Although one cannot exclude that *-ān- is due to an adaptation of the Hurrian determinate form attani (cf. Sanmartín 1977:271).

22 The extraordinary wide attestation of the Phoenician adjective makes one suspect that it could be the main exponent of the basic concept ‘big, large’ in this language (cf. ‘drum w'd s'rnm ‘from their large one to their small one’ in KAI 85:1, pkšt drt ‘large pyxis-vessels’ in IEJ 35 83:4, ‘pt' dr’t ‘large crowns’ in KAI 145 I 3) — at least a more suitable candidate than the otherwise expected gdl or rb (for which v. Krahmalkov 2000:137 and 440 respectively). One cannot exclude that also in Ugaritic dr enjoyed the same basic status (see Section 3.1 of the forthcoming second part of this contribution).

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The origin of CC *‘dr ‘to be great, strong, magnificent’ is uncertain. JPA ‘dyr ‘mighty’ (DJPA 35) is marginally attested and (with Sokoloff) is most probably a Hebraism. JBA ‘ādārātā ‘glory’ is derived from the root hār with a weakening of h in DJBA 81. Cf. perhaps Tna. ‘addārā ‘to heap up, amass, to collect’ (TED 1530), which would point to PS *‘dr ‘to be massive’. In DRS 10, CC *‘dr is compared to Arb. ‘udrat- ‘scrotal hernia’ (Lane 35).23

7. ‘hb ‘to love’, ‘ahbt ‘love’ (DUL 31).
   • The meaning of ‘ahbt is reliably derived from the parallelism with dd ‘love’ (1.3 III 5-8) and yd ‘love’ (1.4 IV 38-39).
   ▶ Hbr. ‘hb ‘to like, love’, ‘ahābā ‘love’ (HALOT 17-18).

   ▷ The origin of CC *‘hb ‘to love’ is uncertain. The combination of ‘ and h as root consonants, hardly possible in Semitic verbal roots (Greenberg 1950:168), makes one think of a secondary origin for one of the gutturals. An extension of the biconsonantal element *‘b ‘to wish, to desire’, represented by Hbr. ‘by ‘to want’ (HALOT 3), y‘b ‘to long for’ (ibid. 381), Syr. ‘wb etpa. ‘desiderio flagravit’ (LSyr. 7), y‘b ‘desideravit’ (ibid. 293), Arb. ‘bb ‘to yearn, long for’ (Lane 3), is thus possible (with DRS 10). Cf., alternatively, Arb. hbb ‘to groan before copulation (a buck)’ (LA 1 917), tentatively compared to Hbr. ‘hb in Zaborski 1971:65. The root *‘hb does not seem to be attested in Aramaic: the reading ‘hbth in Cowl 75:3 is abandoned in favor of ‘wpsth in Porten–Yardeni 1993:244,24 whereas JA ‘ahābā ‘love’ (Ja. 19) is poorly attested and must be borrowed from Hebrew.

8. ‘ams ‘strong’ (DUL 74).
   • Attested in 2.33:5 and 1.82:14. Both contexts are fragmentary, but the meaning ‘(to be) strong’ is very likely (mlkn ‘ams ‘our king (is) strong’, ydk ‘ams [‘ammiš] ‘strengthen your hand’).25
   ▶ Hbr. ‘ms ‘to be strong’ (HALOT 65), ’ammīš ‘strong’ (ibid. 63).
   ▷ The origin of CC *‘ms ‘to be strong’ is unclear. Cf. perhaps (with DRS 23) Arb. ‘md ‘to be strongly resolved’ (LA 7 128). It is also tempting to compare Akk. emēšu ‘to be hungry’ (CAD E 148, AHw. 214), with the meaning

23 “La rac. exprimerait la notion d’enflure”.
24 Cf. “the only time ‘hb is found in Ar. ??” (DNWSI 20).
25 For the former passage v. PARDEE 2002:106. The translation “(may) your hand (be) strong” for the latter passage (DEL OLMO LETE 2004:376) is problematic since yd ‘hand’ is feminine (cf. also the imperative ‘ulbd above in the same line).
shift ‘strong’ > ‘hardship, hunger’ illustrated by Akk. dannatu ‘hunger’ < dannu ‘hard, strong’ (CAD D 87-92).

9. ʾin ‘there is not’ (DUL 77).
   • Widely attested (Tropper 2000:820-822).
     ▶ Pho. yny, ennu ‘there is not’ (DNWSI 46), Moab. n id. (ibid.), Hbr. ʾayin, ʾen id. (DBD 34).

   ▼ There is no consensus about the etymology of CC *ʾayn- ‘there is not’. Comparison with the fossilized negative element ʾan- in Geez (Leslau 1956:10, 1969:144, CDG 27) is problematic since *-ay- is not expected to be reduced to ə even in a heavily used non-accented proclitic.26 The phonologically transparent equation with Arb. ʾayna ‘where’ (HALOT 41) presupposes a semantic shift from rhetorical question to negation.27 If this etymology is accepted, the innovative nature of CC *ʾayn- is evident. Still another possibility is to identify *ʾayna with the PS negative element *ʾay/*ʾī (v. HALOT 38, CDG 1 for cognates), in which case the innovation (addition of -n) becomes formal rather than semantic (cf. Faber 1991:416). In any case, *ʾayn- as a predicative element negating presence and existence28 is a highly specific CC lexical feature.29

10. ʾan ‘strength’ (DUL 76).
   • Hapax Legomenon30 in 1.6 I 50-52: dk ʾanm l yrṭ ʾm bʾl yʾdb mnrḥ

26 The same is true of the hypothetic negative particle ʾin in Arabic, where -i- can scarcely go back to *-ay- (cf. LESLAU 1969:137-140, with copious references to previous studies). Note that *-ay- > -i- in this hypothetic lexeme is indeed codified as shortening in Fischer’s standard reference grammar of Classical Arabic (2002:30).

27 The same semantic development is usually thought to explain the emergence of Akk. yānu ‘there is not’, presumably from ayyānu ‘where?’ (CAD IJ 323, AHw. 411, GAG § 111b). If this derivation is correct, the Akkadian form, superficially similar to CC *ʾayn-, cannot be its immediate cognate (against most of our dictionaries and FABER 1991:414), but, at best, a result of a parallel semantic development. Indeed, the negative meaning of (a)yānu does not seem to be attested before Middle Babylonian and, consequently, has no chances to be inherited from PS.

28 The emergence of this feature probably correlates with the fact that Canaanite languages do not express the negation of existence by the fusion of *lā and *yīlay (as against Aramaic, Arabic and Assyrian).

29 Contra FABER (1991:421, 423) who traces her *ʾayn ‘isn’t’ back to PS.

30 In this article, the definition Hapax Legomenon will be used technically in a broader sense, subsuming not only true unica, but also those Ugaritic words which are attested several times in the corpus, but only in one stereotype (or, more rarely, several quasi-stereotype) context(s). This convention will allow the reader to make a quick (albeit of necessity preliminary) distinction between common vocabulary and occasionalisms.

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► Hbr. ‘ôn ‘power, wealth’ (HALOT 22).

▼ As suggested in BDB 19 (contrast DRS 12-13), CC *’ân- ‘vigor, wealth’ is probably related to Arb. ‘wn ‘to be at ease, to enjoy a life of ease and tranquility; to be grave, steady, calm’ (Lane 129). Gez. ta’ayyana ‘to live well and comfortably’ (CDG 50, LLA 797) evidently belongs to the same root.

11. ‘un ‘grief, misfortune’ (DUL 78).


▼ As suggested in BDB 19 and DRS 12-13, CC *’awn- ‘misfortune’ may be related to Arb. ‘yn ‘to be fatigued, tired’ (Lane 138). Cf. perhaps Tna. ‘inta, ‘inta ‘curse, punishment; lack, deficiency; fault, error’ (TED 1480).

12. ‘any(t) ‘ship’ (DUL 85).

► Widely attested in letters and documents.

▼ As is widely acknowledged (HALOT 70, CDG 410, Fronzaroli 1966–1967:212, 1971:627), CC *’vn̂y(-at)-31 ‘ship’ goes back to PS *’vn(V)w- ‘vessel, receptacle’, represented by Akk. unūtu (AHw. 1422), Common Aramaic *mānā (LSyr. 373, Kogan 2005:528) and Arb. ‘inā’- (Lane 119), to which Gez. nəwāy (CDG 410) and Akk. nuwātu (AHw. 803, Huehnergard 1991a:692) may be further related. The meaning shift ‘vessel’ > ‘ship’, abundantly documented elsewhere.

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31 There is no convincing explanation for the vocalic discrepancy in the first syllable, where *-a- in Ugaritic and EA is opposed to *-u- in Hebrew.
in the world’s languages,\footnote{For numerous Indo-European precedents v. BUCK 1949:727. In Semitic, cf. Hbr. kālī ‘vessel; ship, boat’ (HALOT 479).} would be exclusively Canaanite, but cf. Arb. mīnā’ ‘port’ (LA 15 486) which can be plausibly derived from *mi-‘nāw-.\footnote{For this interesting comparison, rarely mentioned in connection with Hbr. ōtn, v. MAIZEL 1983:231.}

13. ‘apn ‘wheel’ (DUL 90).

- Widely attested in economic texts, notably, in connection with mrkbt ‘chariot’: ṯmn mrkbt ḏt ‘rb bt mlk yd ‘apnthn ‘eight chariots assigned to the palace, together with their wheels’ (4.145:1-3).
  - Hbr. ōpan ‘wheel’ (HALOT 23).
  - CC *‘Vpn- ‘wheel’ probably goes back to the verbal root *pny ‘to turn’ (Hbr. pānā, HALOT 937), with a well-attested semantic shift (Buck 1949:724-725) and an (admittedly unusual) V-prefixation. Syr. ‘opnē ‘wheels’ (LSyr. 41), *Hapax Legomenon in Ez 10:13, is certainly a Hebraism.

14. ‘aps ‘extremity, edge, end’ (DUL 91).

- *Hapax Legomenon in 1.6 I 59-61, the meaning ‘extremity’ is reliably derived from the context (p’nh l tmyγn hdm r’išh l γmγγy ‘apsh ‘his feet do not reach the foot-stool, his head — its (upper) extremity’).
  - Amarna Canaanite up-sí-ḥi ‘extremity’ (DNWSI 97).\footnote{In EA 366:34, as a gloss to ZAG. jpg<.A>-ṣī (RAINEY 1978:34-35, 98). For a different evaluation of the EA evidence v. VAN SOLDT 1997, who prefers to relate up-sí- to Ugr. bsl/ps ‘landmark, boundary’ (DUL 174). Van Soldt is right to observe that the u-vocalism of the EA form is not easily compatible with the a-vocalism of Ugr. ‘aps and Hbr. ‘āpās. This relevance of this argument is, however, to some extent undermined by Hbr. opsayim (v. fn. 37).} Pho. ‘ps ‘only’ (ibid.).\footnote{Hapax Legomenon in KAI 26A IV 1-2 (‘ps šm ‘ztwd ykn l’im ‘only may the name of ‘ztwd last for ever’, GibBon 1982:52-53).} Hbr. ‘āpās ‘extremity, end; end, nothing, nothingness; notwithstanding’, ‘ps ‘to be at an end, to be no more’ (HALOT 79), opsayim ‘the two extremities’ (BDB 67).
  - As tentatively suggested in HALOT 79 (and more confidently in DRS 29), CC *‘aps- ‘extremity’ may be borrowed from Akk. apsā ‘cosmic subterra-

\footnote{The form ‘opnayim (Hapax Legomenon in Pr 25:11) is probably related to this lexeme: ‘al-‘opnāw ‘in proper circumstances’ (= ‘in its turn’, “on its wheels?”).}
nean ‘water’ (CAD A₂ 194), in its turn going back to Sum. abzu (PSD A₂ 184). If this hypothesis is correct, the borrowing is probably to be dated back to the CC period: while the fixed expression ‘apsē ‘ārāṣ ‘extremities of the earth’ may be reminiscent of the mythological connotations of the Akkadian term, the more neutral meaning ‘extremity, end’, attested in both Ugaritic and Hebrew, does not seem to be attested in Akkadian and must be a Canaanite innovation.

   • The meaning ‘window’ is clear from 1.4 V 61-62, where *urbt is paralleled by ḫln ‘window’ (bl ‘ašt *urbt b bh[tm] ḫln b Ḧrb ḫklm ‘I will surely put a skylight in the house, a window in the palace’) and 1.169:2-3 (w ṭš’u ... k ḫṯr *urbtm ‘it will go out ... like smoke through a skylight’).
   ▶ Hbr. ḣārubbā ‘hole in the wall through which the smoke passes’ (HALOT 83).
   ▼ The origin of CC *’arubb-at- ‘window’ is obscure. It is tempting to connect it with the verbal root *rb ‘to lie in ambush’, well attested in Hebrew. 38 Such a derivation implies an original basic meaning ‘to spy, to lurk behind’ (cf. in this sense Ja. 113, 116). 39

16. *ms ‘to load (with); to erect, build’, *msn ‘load, cargo’ (DUL 166), m’sm ‘the one loaded with’ (ibid. 521).
   • The meaning ‘to load with’ (rather than the more general ‘to carry’) is likely in 1.6 I 12 (*ms m’ ly ‘al’iytn b’l ‘load on me, please, B’l, the Victorious One’), followed by ṭš’u ‘al’iytn b’l l kpt ‘nt k ṭšth ‘she takes B’l, the Victorious One, and puts him on the shoulders of ‘nt’.
   ▶ Pho. *ms ‘to carry’ (DNWSI 872), Hbr. *ms ‘to load (on to an animal); to carry’ (HALOT 846).
   ▼ From PS *’ms ‘to be massive, compact, heavy’: JA ‘āmās ‘to press (the teeth together)’ (Ja. 1090), Syr. *ms (etpe.) ‘contractus, condensatus fuit’ (LSyr. 530), perhaps Arb. *ms ‘to be hard, strong’ (LA 6 177). 40 Tgr. ‘amsā ‘to become pregnant’ (WTS 456) may continue the meaning ‘to be heavy’ (Buck 1949:283), but can also be considered a semantic development from ‘to carry’

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38 With RAINLEY 1977:60, one hesitates to identify with this root the form ar-ba-ku in TT 2:6, most probably a suffix conjugation form of Akk. arēbu ‘to enter’ (so most recently HIRONOVITZ–OISHIMA 2006:133).

39 Designations of window derived from the verb ‘to look’ (and similar) in Indo-European are discussed in BUCK 1949:470.

40 Not ‘to be heavy’ as in HALOT 846 (contrast BDB 770!).
or ‘to be loaded with’ (Leslau 1956:40, Buck 1949:283-284). In this case, the meaning ‘to carry’ is not exclusively Canaanite.

17. **p‘p** ‘pupil (of eye)’ (DUL 173).

- The most reliable attestation is 1.14 VI 29-30: d ‘kh ‘ib ‘ikn’i ‘p‘ph sp trml ‘the pupils (of whose eyes) are of pure lapis-lazuli, whose eyes are like alabaster bowls’ (translation from Pardee 1997:335). The meaning ‘pupil’ (or any other part of the eye) can hardly be deduced from this particular context, but cf. ‘ašlw b sp ‘nh ‘I will repose in the gaze of her eyes’ in the immediately following line of the parallel passage in 1.14 III 43-45. The context of ‘p‘pk in RSOu 14 53:5’ is broken, but an anatomic meaning is likely in view of p‘nk ‘your feet’ and ydk ‘your hands’ in the next line.

- Hbr. ‘ap‘appayim ‘eye-lashes; eyes’ (HALOT 861).

- The origin of CC *‘ap‘ap* ‘part of the eye’ is uncertain (cf. SED I No. 17), for a possible non-reduplicated cognate cf. Arb. ‘afā‘- ‘a whiteness upon the black of the eye’ (Lane 2094).

18. **r** ‘city’ (DUL 178).

- The most reliable attestations of ‘r ‘city’ are in the passages where it is paralleled by pdr ‘town, settlement’, such as 1.7 VII 9-10 (tt l ttm ‘ahd ‘r šb‘m šb ‘pdr ‘he takes possession of sixty-six cities, seventy-seven towns’). Also probable are ‘r d ḫdm ‘the city of the East’ in 1.100:62 (Pardee 1988:215) and ‘d mγγγ y b ‘rm ‘until I come to the city’ in 2.71:16-17 (Tropper 2000:766, contrast Pardee 2002:111).

- Pho. ‘r ‘town’ (DNWSI 883), Hbr. ‘ır ‘city, town’ (HALOT 821).

- The only possible cognates of CC *‘ır* ‘city, town’ are Sab. ‘r (pl. ‘rr43) ‘mountain; citadel, hill-town’ (SD 20), Qat. ‘r ‘hill fortress, citadel’ (LIQ 124). Comparison between Hbr. ‘ır and Tgr. ‘erā‘ ‘to come home, to turn in, to come’ suggested in WTS 480 is rather far-fetched. For a critical assessment of the possible relationship between Hbr. ‘ır and Sumerian u r u v.

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41 See also 1.16 VI 6-7 (‘rm td‘u ... pdrm td‘u ‘she overflew’ the cities, she overflew the towns’) and 1.14 III 6-7 (grnn ‘rm šrn pdrm ‘attack the cities, besiege the towns’).


43 A similar geminated root presumably underlies the plural form ‘ārīm in Hebrew (cf. the Samaritan pronunciation ‘arrm, Ben-Ḥayyim 2000:248).

44 The term is preserved in post-classical Yemeni Arabic as ‘urr- ‘Berg’ (Al-Selwi 1987:150-151), ‘isolated mountain; rock, stone; fortified but not large stronghold’ (Piamenta 320). The morphological shape of this term is quite different from that of Hbr. ‘ır.
recently Sommerfeld 2006:52-53. As is well known, the reflexes of CC * insecure Canaanite languages differ with respect to their functional load (van Soldt 2005:182, Gzella 2007:536-537): while Hbr. *ir is the basic term for city, town, the Ugaritic and Phoenician cognates are rather marginal, the corresponding basic terms going back to *kary-at-, *kar-t- (DUL 712, 715, DNWSI 1037).

19. *ṣy ‘to make, process, work’ (DUL 190).

- Possible attestations of *ṣy are subdivided into three groups in DUL. The expression ṣḏ *ṣy, attested thrice in 4.282, is interpreted as ‘worked field’. The combination yn *ṣy, attested in a broken context in 1.17 VI 8, is interpreted as ‘wine (that is) made, processed, ready’. Finally, grš ḍ ḳy lnh in 1.17 I 29 is usually thought to mean ‘driving out one who will do him (something bad)’ (Pardee 1997:344).

- Hbr. *āšā ‘to do, make’ (HALOT 889), Moab. *ṣy id. (DNWSI 890).

- Outside Ugaritic and Canaanite, comparable terms are only attested in ESA: Sab. Min. Qat. *ṣy ‘to do’ (SD 20, LM 16, LIQ 125). The highly marginal status of *ṣy in Ugaritic contrasts sharply with its basic status in Hebrew (and, presumably, Moabite). The main Ugaritic verb with the meaning ‘to do, make’ is b’l (DUL 205), undoubtedly related to Phoenician p’l (DNWSI 924), which is also the basic exponent of this meaning. As for *ṣy/*ṣy, it does not seem to be at all attested in Phoenician.

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45 The Hebrew cognates kiryā and kārāt are, in their turn, comparatively rare poetic synonyms of *ir (BDB 900).

46 An interesting semantic parallel to this semantic development (‘to do’ > ‘to hurt’) is provided by Mhr. fāl, Jib. fa’āl ‘to hurt someone’ (ML 86, JL 51) < *p’l ‘to do’. Cf. also the meaning of the Tigre cognate in fn. 49.

47 The phonological irregularity (ESA s ≠ Hbr. š) is remarkable and still awaits an explanation.

48 As D. Pardee points out to me in personal communication, there is no direct evidence that Ugr. b’l was indeed used with the general meaning ‘to do’ (= English to do, French faire): it is only the meaning ‘to make, to produce, to manufacture’ that is in evidence in all the extant passages. Pardee is right, moreover, that there is probably no diagnostic context for the general meaning ‘to do’ in the Ugaritic corpus available to us.

49 Further cognates include Arb. f’l ‘to do’ (LANE 2420), Sab. f’l ‘to make’ (SD 43), Qat. f’l ‘to make, to do’ (LIQ 130), probably Tgr. fā’alā ‘to weave; to do mischief, to invent (lies)’ (WTS 671, hardly an Arabism). For the MSA cognates with the meaning ‘to hurt’ v. fn. 46. In Aramaic *p’l is only marginally attested, mostly with the meaning ‘to work’ (DJPA 441, LSyr. 585, DJBA 923, Kogan 2005:519).
20. **bd** ‘into the hands of, (intended) for; from the hands of; at the hands of, for’ (DUL 214).

- Widely attested (important observations on the available examples from various types of texts can be found in Tropper 2000:774-775, where the non-contracted combination *byd* is analyzed as well).


  ▼ CC *bād*– ‘by, at, from’ is a fossilized combination of the preposition *bi*– and the substantive *yad*– ‘hand’. While structurally similar formations are well attested elsewhere in Semitic (e.g. Hbr. *imm-ād-i* ‘with me’, Arb. *in-da* < *im-da, la-dālla-day* ‘by’, cf. Nöldeke 1910:116), formal and semantic peculiarities of *bād*– provide a highly specific CC isogloss (cf. Garbini 1984:95).

21. **bk**t ‘to search for, to look for; to investigate, find out’ (DUL 235).

- Reliably attested in 1.6 IV 20 (*’abkt ‘aly n b’l* ‘I will look for B’l the Mighty’), 2.39:34-35 (*’atr ‘it bk* t w ṣm ly *look for it wherever it may be and deliver it to me’), 51 2.42:26 (*mlkn ybk* t ‘anyt ‘our king is looking for ships’).

  ▶ Pho. *bkš* ‘to seek, to look for’ (DNWSI 188), Hbr. *bkš* (pi.) ‘to search for, to demand’ (HALOT 152).

  ▼ The etymology of CC *bk* t ‘to look for’ is not quite certain, but comparison with Jib. *būḳzūt* ‘to dig away, to dig up, to dig for’, *būktat* ‘to throw things around while searching’ (IL 25, Müller 1995:145) and Tna. *bākkwásū* ‘to pull up, to uproot (plants, trees)’ (TED 1147, Brockelmann 1927:31) suggests a plausible semantic derivation from PS *bk* t ‘to dig (out)’. 52

22. **brdl** ‘iron’ (DUL 236).

- **Hapax Legomenon** in 4.91:6 (*kkrm brdl* ‘two talents of iron’).


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50 But note Job 17:16: *bdy* (MT *baddē*) š ’l trdnh ’m ṣḥd ’l- pr nḥt ‘Will it go down to Sheol with me? Shall we descend to the dust together?’ (POPE 1965:128, with a penetrating comparative analysis on p. 131).

51 For this problematic sentence v. PARDEEH 2002:95 (contrast DUL 769 under *spr* ‘bronze’).

52 Arb. *ḥqt* ‘to mix, to mingle’ (LA 2 134) cannot be related for semantic reasons, but cf. perhaps Arb. *ṭgb* ‘to pierce, to penetrate; to be penetrating’ (LANE 341) with metathesis.
CC *bardill- ‘iron’ belongs to a wider circle of Near Eastern designations of iron, such as Akk. parzillu ‘iron’ (CAD P 212, AHw. 837), Syr. parzillā id. (LSyr. 594), Arb. firzil- ‘shackle, fetter’ (TA 30 155), Sab. frzn ‘iron’ (SD 46, Sima 2000:325-328). However, none of these terms exhibits the same combination of root consonants (notably, the word-initial b-), which looks specifically Canaanite. 55

23. dbr ‘to say’ (DUL 264).

- Attestations of dbr are restricted to the letter 2.72:18-19 (tdbr umy l pn krt ‘my mother will have to talk before the city’, Bordreuil–Pardee 1991:144) and the incantation 1.82:8 (ydbrr trmt ‘alm ‘he says: my victuals are two rams’, del Olmo Lete 2004:375). The noun dbr ‘matter, thing’ is probably attested in the letters 2.71:13-15 (ht ‘at dbr hmhk b l<b>k ‘al išt ‘do not be worried on anything’ 56) and 2.32:8 (kl dbrm hmt ‘all these matters’, context broken).

- Pho. dbr ‘to speak’, dbr ‘word’ (DNWSI 238-239), Hbr. dbr ‘to speak’, dābār ‘word, matter’ (HALOT 210-211).

- Notwithstanding numerous attempts (v. references in BDB 180, HALOT 210, DRS 214-215, Schmidt 1978:94-95), no convincing etymology for CC *dbr ‘to speak’ has been proposed so far. The root dbr with this meaning is not attested in Aramaic beyond the preposition ‘l-dbr, al-dibrat ‘on account of’, which, as plausibly suggested in HALOT 1848, must be borrowed “from Canaanite formal language”. For the presence of dbr in the Deir Alla inscription (II.7) and its implications for the genealogical setting of its language v. Kogan 2005:553-554. There is hardly any direct relationship between CC *dbr and Arb. dabbara ‘to consider, forecast the results of the affair; to meditate upon’ and ‘to relate the tradition received from another person’ (Lane 844), as both meanings look like internal Arabic developments from ‘to follow’ — the basic meaning of dbr in that language. The functional load of Ugr. dbr is inferior to that of its cognates in Hebrew and Phoenician, where it functions as the main exponent of the meaning ‘to speak’ (covered by rgm in Ugaritic, Kogan 2006a:455).

53 Numerous syllabic spellings with PA can be found in Reiter 1997:361-368. Since BAR is the normal rendering of [par] (= pär) in Old Assyrian (von Soden–Rollig 1991:10), I can only wonder why “the Old Assyrian form of the word for ‘iron’ ... and the local West-Semitic forms ... have an obvious common feature: the initial pronunciation with [b]” (Artzi 1969:270).

54 Also: ‘scissors by which iron is cut by a blacksmith’.

55 It is interesting to observe that other phonetic variants are not attested in the Canaanite milieu: Garbini’s attempt to identify parāzōn in Jud 5:7 with Sab. frzn (Garbini 1978) is, contra Sima 2000:327, to be rejected (Kogan–Korotaev 2003:110-111).

24. **dgn** ‘grain, wheat’ (DUL 267).
   - **Hapax Legomenon** in 1.16 III 13-14: *nš’u r’iš ḫrtm l ṭr ‘bd dgn* ‘the ploughmen lifted their heads, on high those who work the grain’ (Pardee 1997:341).
     ▶ Pho. **dgn** ‘grain’ (DNWSI 241), Hbr. **dāgān** ‘corn, grain’ (HALOT 214).

25. **gg** ‘roof’ (DUL 296).
   - Reliably attested, the clearest evidence for the meaning ‘roof’ comes from 1.14 II 26-27 (*w yrd krt l ggt ‘Krt will descend from the roof’*).
     ▶ Amarna Canaanite ga-ag-gi-[i] (EA 287:37, as a gloss to ú-ri-e, CAD G 9), Hbr. **gāg** (pl. **gaggōt**) ‘roof’ (HALOT 176).
   - The origin of CC *gagg-* ‘roof’ (Greenfield 1969:98, Ginsberg 1970:103) is unclear, etymological comparisons suggested so far carry little conviction.

26. **gl** ‘to rejoice’ (DUL 297).
   - **Hapax Legomenon** in 1.16 I 14-15, the meaning is clear from the parallelism with *šmḥ* ‘to rejoice’ (*b ḫŷ ḫ n’smḥ b l mtk ngln ‘we are glad, our father, in your life, in your immortality we rejoice’*).
     ▶ Amm. **gl** ‘to rejoice’ (DNWSI 222), Hbr. **gyl** ‘shout in exultation, rejoice’ (HALOT 189).

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57 Egyptian Aramaic **dgn** (Hapax Legomenon in Aḥqiqar, Porten–Yardeni 1993:XXX), JPA **dgn** (DJPA 139).

58 Thus, a borrowing from Egyptian **dādā** advocated in Koehler 1940:37-38 is only conceivable for a very early, prehistoric date when proto-Afroasiatic *g* was not yet (fully) palatalized in Egyptian (cf. Vergote 1945:34-36) — the normal Canaanite renderings of Egyptian *d* are of course *š* or *t* (Muchiki 1999:263), as in *š* ’ship’ < *dy*, *ṯabba’at* ’signet-ring’ < *ḏbʿ*: and *tēbā* ’ark’ < *ḏb₃*: (let alone the fact that the common meaning of Egyptian **dādā** is ’head’ whereas ’Dach eines Baumwerks’ looks like a late occasionalism, Wb. 5 531). Gez. *gag* ‘pillory, shackle, fetter, chain’ (CDG 184) can hardly have anything to do with Hbr. **gāg** (contra LLA 1206). Comparison with *go∃∃∃* ‘hut, booth’, widely attested throughout Modern Ethiopian (EDG 270) would be more attractive, but this word is thought to be borrowed from Cushitic (Brockelmann 1950:19).

59 For the context (*gyl wyšm ḫŷ ḫ bhm ḫšt ḫkt ‘may he rejoice and be happy for many days and in years far off’, Tell Siran 6-8) v. Jackson 1982:36.
CC *gyl ‘to rejoice’ is probably derived from PS *gwel/*gyl ‘to move in circle, to turn, to dance’ (cf. Nöelde 1904:43, Leslau 1956:16, DRS 108): pB. Hbr. gyl ‘to form a circle’ (Ja. 238), Arb. ǯwel ‘to go round’ (Lane 488), Tgr. goyla ‘dance’, gola ‘to dance (and sing)’ (WTS 591), Tna. g*ayla ‘a traditional dance beginning with the participants forming a circle’ (TED 2352), Jib. egtél ‘to wander, tour around’ (JL 80).

27. grš ‘to eject, to drive out, to evict, to cast out’ (DUL 310).

- Widely attested in myths, epics and incantations. Remarkable is one non-literary example: km *agrškm b bty ḫmšm ʾis‘ ‘if I expel you from my house, I will pay fifty (shekels of silver)’ (3.9:6-10). For the neutral meaning ‘to send’ see now RS 94.2284:22-23: w grš bnʾil w ykh tʾnk ‘et (quand) Banaʾilu est renvoyé, il prendra ta réponse’ (Bordreuil–Pardee 2004:97-98).

- Hbr. grš (mostly pi.) ‘to drive out’ (HALOT 204), Moab. grš ‘to drive away’ (DNWSI 236). The hypothetic Phoenician attestation of this root (ngrš in KAI 46:2) is not universally accepted (cf. DNWSI 236, Krahmalkov 2000:144).

Ginsberg (1970:103) adduces CC *grš ‘to drive out’ as a root “confined to the Canaanite languages”, which is not quite correct in view of Syr. graš ‘traxit’, pa. ‘sustulit, abstulit, attulit’ (LSyr. 135). The prominence of *grš ‘to cast out, to expel’ in Canaanite is nevertheless conspicuous (note that the Syriac verb, strangely missing from the list of cognates in HALOT 204, is sparsely attested, whereas its semantic overlap with CC *grš is not complete), and it is tempting to suppose that this meaning represents a shared innovation from an original (and more general) ‘to drive (away)’, further represented by Arb. ǯarīsat- ‘cattle stolen away’ (TA 15 495). Mhr. gərōš, Jib. gérōš ‘to drag, to pull, to push’ (ML 125, JL 79) are hard to separate from this root (with Leslau 1956:16), but MSA š does not regularly correspond to either Hbr. š or Syr. š or Arb. s. One cannot exclude, finally, that this root was also present in Sargonic Akkadian.

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60 Reference courtesy Dennis Pardee.
61 But note its extraordinary wide presence in Turoyo (Ritter 1990:178-180), which definitely excludes an otherwise feasible possibility of a literary Hebraism in Syriac.
62 The Common Aramaic semantic equivalent of CC *grš is of course *prd (HALOT 1886).
63 Perhaps also ǯš II ‘to expose so. to people’s attention’ (ibid.), interpreted as “promener dans les rues (p. ex. un criminel avant le supplice)” in BK 1 279. I fail to locate in the traditional lexicography any reference to mağras- ‘pâturage’, mentioned with no source in DRS 197.
64 Which, of course, depends exclusively on the Masoretic pointing.
65 Thus, Bonechi (1997:481) refers to GELB 1957:120 where [a]‐di la tāg-ru-*ša*‐am ‘before you come’ from the Sargonic letter Ad 12:14 is discussed. One more Sargonic attestation of this
28. gšm ‘rain, downpour’ (DUL 310).

- Hapax Legomenon in 2.38:11-14 (‘anyk dt lʾikt mšrm hndt b ʿsr mtt by gšm ʿadr). This difficult passage has been repeatedly discussed, 66 but the meaning ‘storm, tempest’ for gšm is not in doubt.

  Eg.-syll. gas-mu ‘storm’ (Hoch 1994:354), 67 Hbr. gāšām ‘rain’ (HA-LOT 205). 68

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verb is in the royal inscription of Naram-Sin: LUGAL.AN.NÉ [i]g-ru-sa-am ‘PN came’ (RIME 2.1.4.7:7). Given the fact that Hbr. grš is mostly attested in the intensive stem, the non-active meaning of the Akkadian verb (presumably, ‘to go away’ and, with the ventive ending, ‘to come here’) does not offer any problem. Note, finally, the enigmatic expression a-na ga-ra-ši-im iš-kān, attested passim in the inscriptions of Rimuš (v. references in Kienast 1994:228) and plausibly interpreted by W. Sommerfeld (p. c.) as ‘he expelled, he drove away’ (by far superior to the traditional “ins Lager verlegt hat”).

66 V. references in Watson 2002:795-796 and a balanced rendering ‘your ships that you dispatched to Egypt were wrecked near Tyre when they found themselves caught in a bad storm’ in Pardee 2002:94.


68 The Hebrew and Ugaritic terms, though obviously cognates, are not equivalent from the functional point of view. The Ugaritic word was probably rare and did not function as the general designation of rain (“pas seulement une forte pluie ou une ‘pluie torrentielle’ mais plutôt une ‘tornade’”, Bordreuil 1991:29). The main Ugaritic designation of rain was likely mār (Kogan 2006a:447). In Hebrew, gāšām has become prominent as the basic exponent of the meaning ‘rain’, to some extent depriving mātār of this function. However, this process was by no means completed: mātār is still so widely used that it is hard to decide which of the two terms synchronically occupies the basic semantic slot for the concept ‘rain’. Zobel (1997:251) believes that “the most general term for rain’ is mātār, but provides no substantiation for this opinion. Absolute frequency being nearly identical (38 attestations for mātār vs. 35 for gāšām, Zobel 1997:250), it would be tempting to suppose that mātār was more “poetic” and gāšām more “prosaic”, but at least statistically this is not the case (ca. 13 prosaic attestations for each term). There may be, however, a few more subtle arguments in favor of the basic status of gāšām. In the prosaic passages, gāšām is found in a variety of contexts with meteorological connotations: rain and rainbow (Ez 1:28), rain and dark heaven, clouds and wind (1K 18:45), rain and wind (2K 3:17), sound of rushing rain (Ez 34:26), rain and storm-wind (Ez 13:11). In prosaic passages involving mātār such combinations are less common (cf. rain, hail and thunder in Ex 9:33-34, rain and thunder in 1S 12:17-18). Much more frequently, prosaic passages mentioning mātār deal with presence/absence of rain as the source of fertility. In the poetic corpus, the distribution is slightly less pronounced: contrast gāšām and wind (Pr 25:14), gāšām and northern wind (Pr 25:23), gāšām and clouds (Qoh 11:3, 12:2), gāšām and autumn (Ct 2:11) with mātār and lightening (Ps 135:7, Je 10:13), mātār and clouds (Is 5:6). Can one surmise that in spoken Hebrew gāšām was the main term for rain as a meteorological phenomenon, whereas mātār was more connected with rain water flowing on the ground, primarily as a source of fertility? The fact that yrd ‘to go down (rain from the heavens)’ is more frequent with reference to gāšām (Ez 34:26, Is 55:10, Jo 2:23) than with reference to mātār (Ps 72:6) might point in the same direction.

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The presumably original meaning ‘olive press’ does not seem to be attested in the Ugaritic corpus (Michaut-Colombot 1997:579-580). In 3.5:5-10, gth is usually understood as ‘farmstead’ (šd ... [y]d gth yd zth yd [k]rmh yd [k] lkh ‘the field ... with its farmstead, its olive-groves, its vineyards and everything else’). The same is likely for gtt in RSOU 14 35 II 35. Elsewhere, gt is only attested as the first element of toponyms (DUL 311-313). For a comprehensive description of gt as an economic institution v. Heltzer 1982:48-79.

Hbr. gat ‘wine-press’ (HALOT 206).

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Reliably attested, e. g. hlmn ṭnm kdkd tl̄ id ‘l ’udn ‘he hit him twice on the crown, thrice on the ear’ (1.18 IV 22-23).

Hbr. hlm ‘to strike, to beat’ (HALOT 249), Pho. mhlm ‘struck coinage, coin mint’ (Krahmalkov 2000:272, cf. DNWSI 601).

There is no reliable cognate for CC *hlm ‘to hit, to strike’. Cf. perhaps

69 “Les hameaux, des fermes fortifiées (gt en ougaritique correspond à dimtu en accadien” (Bordreuil–Pardee 2001:351).

70 This vocalization is suggested by syllabic spellings of Canaanite toponyms. In Hebrew, the phonetic shift *gin-t- > gat is identical to one observed in *bin-t- > bat ‘daughter’.

71 The very idea (somewhat clumsily expressed throughout Michaux-Colombot’s article) of regarding *gin-t- as a by-form of *ginn-at/*gann-at- ‘garden’ (a feminine formation from *ginn-f/*gann-) is not unattractive: note that *gVm-at- is otherwise unattested in Ugaritic, whereas in Hebrew *-at-/*-t-doublets like kiryāl/kārūt ‘town’ are commonplace. However, the hypothetic semantic narrowing from ‘garden, agricultural estate’ to ‘vat, wine-press’ (“la gat- ‘pressoir’ ne serait qu’un sens secondaire à la gat- ‘surface délimitée’”) is rather hard to imagine.
(with Leslau 1956:18 and DRS 417) Tna. halāmā ‘to smack s. o. in the face, to box his ears’ (TED 4).

31. hmlt ‘multitude’ (DUL 342).

- Reliably attested in parallelism with nšm and l’im ‘people’ in 1.3 III 27-28 (rgm l tdl nšm w l tbn hmlt ’arṣ ‘a matter which people do not know, the multitudes of the land do not understand’), 1.6 I 6-7 (b’l mt my l’im bn dgn my hmlt ‘B’il has died, what (will happen to the) people? Dgn’s son — what (will happen to the) multitude?’), 1.6 II 17-19 (npš ḫsrt bn nšm npš hmlt ’arṣ ‘my appetite lacked men, my appetite — the multitudes of the earth’). Less decisive is 1.2 I 18 (tn ’ilm d tkh d tkyn hmlt ‘give (up), o gods, the one whom you obey, the one whom the hordes (of the earth) fear’).

- Hbr. hāmullā ‘crowd’ (HALOT 251).

- As suggested in DRS 419, CC *hamull-at- ‘crowd’ is probably an extension of the widely attested biconsonantal element *hm ‘to be noisy’ (the semantic shift is well known from Hbr. hāmōn ‘turmoil, noise, roar; multitude, crowd’, HALOT 250). Old Aramaic hml ‘noise’ in KAI 222A 29, often compared to Hbr. hāmullā (e. g., DRS 423), is unreliable and eventually rejected in DNWSI 287 (contrast Fitzmyer 1995:87). Arb. hml ‘to overflow and pour forth (water, rain)’ (LA 11 848, Lane 3045) compared in HALOT 251 is semantically remote.

32. hr ‘mountain’ (HALOT 345).

- Reliable attestations are restricted to the incantation 1.107, where hrm occur in the phrase ’isp [šp]š l hrm γrppl ‘remove, Špš, the clouds from the mountains’ (l. 44 and elsewhere). The meaning ‘mountains’ for hrm in this passage is widely accepted (Pardee 1988:249, del Olmo Lete 2004:372-373).

- Eg.-syl. ha-ra-ru₂ (Hoch 1994:213-215), Amarna Canaanite ḥa-ar-ri (as

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73 The unprovenienced reference to “a social term like Arabic hamulah (sic!) ‘clan’” in SMITH 1994:290 is unclear to me. What is probably meant is hamūlat- ‘(a herd) left to graze by itself’ (LA 11 849: ’allātī qad ’umhulat tur’ā), a clearly internal Arabic derivation from hml ‘to let alone, to disregard’.
74 Clearly enough, hr is not the main designation of mountain in Ugaritic and, consequently, not the semantic equivalent of Hbr. har. The basic term for mountain in Ugaritic is ẓr, going back to PCS *fūr- and etymologically and functionally equivalent to Common Aramaic ẓūrā (KOGAN 2006a:441, 457-458). The Hebrew reflex of PCS *fūr- is sār, a frequent but clearly non-basic term (‘rock, boulder’, HALOT 1016).
a gloss to ḪUR.SAG in EA 74:20), Pho. hr (DNWSI 293), Hbr. har (HALOT 254).

The origin of CC *harr- ‘mountain’ is obscure.\(^{75}\)

33. hd\(\)t ‘new moon’ (DUL 356).
- Widely attested in cultic contexts.
  ▶ Pho. ḫd\(\)š ‘new moon; month’ (DNWSI 350-351).\(^{76}\) Hbr. ḥōdāš id. (HALOT 294).
  ▼ CC *hd\(\)t- ‘new moon, month’ (Pardee 2000:151-152) is derived from PS *hd\(\)t ‘to be new’.\(^{77}\) As rightly observed by Pardee (2000:158), Ugr. ḡdt has not yet acquired the general meaning ‘month’ at the expense of PS *warf- ‘moon’ (> Ugr. yr\(\)b DUL 979), so characteristic of Hbr. ḥōdāš, which does relegate yāraḥ to a restricted number of passages (cf. BDB 294 and 437 respectively).\(^{78}\)

34. ḫ\(\)n ‘window’ (DUL 361).
- The most transparent attestation is 1.4 V 61-62 (bl ‘ašt ‘urbt b bh\(\)tm ḫ\(\)n b kr\(\)b hklm ‘I will surely put a skylight in the house, a window in the palace’). In 4.195:15, ḫ\(\)mn ḫ\(\)l\(\)m ‘eight windows’ appear among wooden objects.
  ▶ Hbr. ḫ\(\)ll\(\)n ‘window’ (HALOT 320).
  ▼ The origin of CC *Ḫallān- ‘window’ (Greenfield 1969:98, Ginsberg 1970:103) is uncertain. The Ugaritic form with ḫ makes unlikely the traditional identification with PS *ḥl ‘to bore, to pierce’ (BDB 319, cf. HALOT 320).

35. ḫ\(\)nt, pl. ḫ\(\)nyt ‘wall’ (DUL 364-365).
- Well attested, paralleled by mgdl ‘tower’ in 1.14 II 21-22 (‘ll ṣr mgdl r\(\)k\(\)b ṭk\(\)mm ḫ\(\)nt ‘climb on the top of the tower, mount the shoulders of the wall’) and ṣ\(\)yr ‘gate’ in 1.119:26-27 (k gr ‘z y\(\)rkm k\(\)rd ḫ\(\)nyt\(\)km ‘when a powerful one attacks your gate, a mighty one your walls’).

\(^{75}\) Quite interesting is Tna. ḥ\(\)r\(\)āt ‘ridge of mountains, mountain chain, high place, elevation, hill’ (TED 16).

\(^{76}\) Cf. also KRAHMalKOV 2000:178, who observes that “in Phoenician-Punic, ḫd\(\)š is never a synonym of yr\(\)b ‘month’” — i. e., the Phoenician usage of ḫd\(\)š is close to that of Ugr. ḡdt and different from the more advanced Hbr. ḥōdāš.

\(^{77}\) A few attestations of the Akkadian adjective eššu ‘new’ applied to moon (CAD E 376, mostly Nuzi) do not undermine the specifically Canaanite nature of this isogloss.

\(^{78}\) Note the translations ‘the new moon of Ḥiyyaru’ (DEL OLMO LETE 2004:530) and ‘Neumondphase (des Monats) Ḥiyyaru’ (TROPPER 2000:385) for ḡdt ṣyr in 1.78:1.
Amarna Canaanite ḫui-mi-tu (EA 141:44, a gloss to Akk. dāru), Pho. ḫmyt (pl.), Moab. ḫmt ‘wall, fortress’ (DNWSI 381), Hbr. ḥōmā ‘(city) wall’ (HALOT 298).

CC *ḥāmiy-(a)t- ‘wall’ is probably derived from PS *ḥmy ‘to watch, to protect’ (Blau 1957:98, Marrassini 1971:54-56, Ginsberg 1973:134), otherwise represented by JPA ḥmy ‘to see’ (DIPA 205), Arb. ḥmy ‘to protect, defend’ (Lane 651), Sab. ḥmy ‘to protect’ (SD 69), Qat. ḥmy ‘to protect, defend’ (LIQ 63), Mhr. hōmi ‘to defend’ (ML 182), Lib. aḥmi id. (JL 112). The CC term is to be reconstructed as an active participle *ḥāmiy-(a)t- on the joint evidence of Hbr. ḥōmā, EA ḫui-mi-tu and the syllabic rendering of the Ugaritic lexeme, reliably attested as ḫa-mi-ti (Huehnergard 1987:125). In view of this remarkable formal peculiarity, Qat. tḥmy (LIQ 63-64) — even if it really denotes a concrete object (‘wall’) rather than a more abstract notion (‘defensive works’) — is no obstacle for regarding *ḥāmiy-(a)t- as an exclusive CC isogloss.79

36. ḫrš ‘craftsman, manual worker; artisan, builder’ (DUL 370).

Abundantly attested in administrative texts (note especially such compound terms as ḫrš anyt ‘ship-wright’, ḫrš btm ‘builder’, DUL 371). According to Huehnergard 1987:50, 126, ḫa-ra-tšū in the polyglot vocabulary is probably to be identified with ḫrš ‘craftsman’.

Pho. ḫrš ‘handicraftsman, artisan’ (DNWSI 408), Hbr. ḫārāš, pl. ḫārāšīm ‘craftsman’ (HALOT 358).

CC *ḥa(r)raš- ‘artisan’ is likely derived from PS *hrš ‘to be skillful, intelligent, endowed with magical power’: 80 Akk. eršu ‘wise’ (CAD E 314, AHw. 246), Ugr. hrš ‘to make spells or incantations’, hrš ‘magic spell’ (DUL 370-371), Hbr. ḫārāšım ‘magic’ (HALOT 358), JPA ḫārāš ‘sorcerer’, ḫāršīn ‘sorcery’, Syr. ḫeršē ‘ars magica’ (LSyr. 259), Mnd. hrš ‘to enchant, bewitch’ (MD 153), Gez. ḫaras ‘to practice sorcery’ (CDG 243), Muh. arāṣī, Sod. arāšī ‘man who has the power of casting the evil eye’ (EDG 92).

79 One is tempted to connect CC *ḥāmiy-(a)t- with Arb. hāmiyat- ‘mass of stones with which a well as cased; all the stones of the casing of a well, matching one another’ (Lane 652). If accepted, this comparison — morphologically attractive and implying a kind of semantic “degradation” of an original meaning ‘wall’ in Arabic — would push *ḥāmiy-(a)t- back to PCS. Cf. also Yemenite Arabic ḥāmiyeh ‘Hofraum’ (BEHNSTEDT 1992:288).

80 Etymological relationship between Akk. eršu, Ugr. hrš and Hbr. ḫārāš is widely acknowledged (CAD E 314, AHw. 246, HALOT 358, etc.). In HALOT 358 the Hebrew term is simultaneously equated with the verbal root brš I ‘to plow’, which makes little sense in view of the consistent spelling with š rather than t in Ugaritic (LOEWENSTAMM 1980:78-80).
37. Št ‘to prostrate oneself’ (DUL 380).
   - Reliably attested in the prostration formula (1.4 IV 25-26, etc.),
     together with hbr and kl ‘to fall’, kbd ‘to honour’.
     ▶ Hbr. hištaḥāwā ‘to bow down’ (HALOT 296, 1457).
   ▼ The origin of the CC verb for prostrating is disputed (v. Kreuzer 1985:39-41 and Tropper 1990:73-74 for the history of research). According to a widespread opinion (e. g., HALOT 295), these verbs are to be parsed as Št stem forms of the root Šwy ‘to curl, to coil’, unattested in Canaanite but present in Arabic (Šwy V ‘to assume a round or circular form, to coil, to gather itself together (a snake)’, Lane 679). An alternative derivation from Šwy ‘to live’ has been proposed in Segert 1984:185 (“to ask life for oneself”) and Kreuzer 1985:54-60 (“hoch leben lassen; huldigen, anbeten”). Still another possible etymology is Arb. ʾistahyā ʿto be ashamed, to be shy of somebody’ (Lane 680), the semantic relationship between ‘to be ashamed’ and ‘to humiliate oneself’ being well conceivable. Independently of its etymological interpretation, this verb represents a highly specific CC isogloss.

38. kbs, kbès ‘fuller, launderer’ (DUL 429).
   - Widely attested in lists of people by professions, but the translation ‘fuller’ is more etymological than contextual. The same is true of the syllabic form LÚka₄-bi-s[ū] (Huehnergard 1987:135), although A.MEŠ ku-ub-sā-ti-ša ‘its water for laundering’ (ibid.) is more suggestive.
   ▼ CC *kbs ‘to full, to wash clothes’ goes back to PS *kbs ‘to tread’, represented by Akk. kabāsu ‘to step upon; to make compact; to let time pass’ (AHw. 415, CAD K 5), Arb. kbs ‘to full up ditches; to complete years by intercalary periods’, II ‘to squeeze, press together’ (WKAS K 28-29), perhaps Soq. kbs ‘en-

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81 Further examples see in Tropper 2000:606-608.
82 Designations of snake in Aramaic, Arabic and Tigre may be further related (but cf. Kogan 2005:530-531): JPA ʾiwwī (DJP A 197), Syr. ʾiwyā (LSyr. 220), Mnd. hiwī (MD 142), Arb. ḫāyāt- (LANE 681), Tgr. ʾhway (WTS 90).
83 This interpretation is accepted as the most likely one in Tropper 1990:74-75. Tropper rejects Emerton’s (1977) interpretation of hištaḥāwā as hitpaʾel from šḥy ‘to stoop down’ (HALOT 1457), but some of Tropper’s arguments apparently miss the point: what Tropper calls hitpəʾal (presumably for hitpaʾel) is no “L Stamm” (which is hitpəʾel). Indeed, at least morphologically hištaḥāwā is the expected hitpaʾel (= R-stem) form of šḥy (contra Tropper and Preuss 1980:249).
According to CAD K 7, the meaning ‘to full clothes’ for Akk. *kabāsu* is attested in the Sargonic document MAD 1 258:6 (*ana TUG.ŠÂ.GA. DÙ GA-BA-ZI-im ‘in order to full a garment’, so already Gelb 1957:141), but this highly isolated example, even if correctly interpreted, does not undermine the high specificity of this CC isogloss.

39. *ksm, kšm* ‘spelt (grain similar to wheat)’ (DUL 462).

- Widely attested in economic documents and probably equated with Akk. *kunāšu* ‘spelt’ in the polyglot vocabulary.
  - Hbr. *kussāmāt* ‘spelt’ (HALOT 490).
  - CC *kussam-t-* ‘spelt’ may be derived from the PS verbal root *ksm* ‘to cut, split’, represented by Akk. *kasāmu* ‘to cut (down)’ (CAD K 240, AHw. 453), Hbr. *ksm* ‘to trim’ (HALOT 490), Arb. *ksm* ‘to crumble in one’s hand’ (LA 12 612), Tna. *kūšām* ‘abbūlā ‘to dislocate, to break, pulverize’ (TED 1621). If this derivation is correct, the CC term would either describe spelt as “grain with split awn” (HALOT 490, Löw *apud* Hrozný 1913:41) or allude to special techniques of threshing applied to this cereal (Hrozný 1913:41, 56, Fronzaroli 1969:13). Since CC *kussam-t-* is to some extent similar to PS *kunāt-* ‘spelt, emmer’ — Akk. *kunāšu* (CAD K 536) and Syr. *kūnātā* (LSyr. 336) — one wonders whether it might represent a secondary rebuilding of *kunāt-* under the influence of *ksm* rather than a completely new independent formation.

40. *ln* ‘to sleep, stay the night’ (DUL 500).

- *Hapax Legomenon* in 1.17 I 14-15, the meaning ‘to sleep’ is reliably deduced from the parallelism with *škb* ‘to lie down’ (*yd šth y'l w yškb [yd] m'izrth p yln* ‘he cast down his cloak, went up, and lay down, [cast down] his girded garment so as to pass the night’, Pardee 1997:344).
  - Hbr. *lyn* ‘to spend the night, stay overnight’ (HALOT 529). It is uncertain whether this root was present in Phoenician: both the reading *ytlnn* and the meaning ‘to spend the night’ suggested in DNWSI 575 (and elsewhere) for KAI 24:10 are problematic (Tropper 1993:39-41).

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84 [ku-na]-šu = ‘kû'-sû-mu (Huehnergard 1987:139).

85 This semantic derivation is paralleled by Latin *spelta* (> French *épeautre*, English *spelt*), borrowed from a non-attested early Germanic source eventually going back to PIE *spel- ‘to cut, to split’ (WH 2 238, 571-572). One wonders, furthermore, whether Sumerian *zi z* ‘spelt’ could be borrowed from Akk. *zēzu* with the same meaning, which, in its turn, can be regularly derived from *zâzu* ‘to divide, to separate’ (contrast AHw. 1534 where Akk. *zēzu* ‘spelt’ is thought to be borrowed from Sum. *zîz*).
As suggested already by Nöldeke (1904:42), CC *lyn ‘to sleep, to stay the night’ is a denominative verbal root derived from *layl(-liy)- ‘night’ with dissimilation of sonorants.  

41. msk ‘to mix’, msk(t) ‘mixture’ (DUL 582).

- Widely attested (v. extensively Loretz 1993): ʻalp kd ȳkJ b ɼmnr rbt ymsk b mskh ‘one thousand jars he takes from the new wine, ten thousands he mixes into his’ mixture’ (1.3 I 15-17), lm šb ʻydtb ə š tlm ks ymsk nhr ‘are not seven portions in the bowl, and is not a whole river mixed into the cup?’ (1.5 I 20-22), tnm ăʃk ysk ‘a second time she serves the mixture’ (1.19 IV 61), mskt dlђt ‘thick mixture’ (1.85:3, hippiatric, v. Cohen–Sivan 1983:15).

- Hbr. msk ‘to mix’, măsăk ‘spiced drink’, mimsăk ‘jug of mixed wine’ (HALOT 605, 595).

- CC *msk ‘to mix (wine with spices)’ is clearly related to *mzg with the same meaning, attested in Syr. mżg (LSyr. 378) and elsewhere in Aramaic.  

  The ultimate origin of both variants is uncertain. Lipiński (1970:84, cf. also Loretz 1993:248, 254) surmises an Indo-European borrowing (Latin miscœ, Greek μισσω < PIE *meik-*, *meig*-., Buck 1949:335), which is not implausible in view of the conspicuous similarity between the two sets of forms. The reverse direction of borrowing would be improbable because of the semantic narrowness of the Semitic verb.

42. mḥ ‘bed’ or ‘downwards’ (DUL 604).

- Hapax Legomenon in 1.14 I 28-30: mtkn ʻudmj tth km n̄klt ʻaršh k mlmt mḥ ‘his tears drop like shekels to the earth, to the bed like five-shekels weights’. The widely accepted translation ‘(his) bed’ for mḥ (Pardee 1997:333, Parker 1997:13, Tropper 2000:691) seems to be superior to ‘downwards’ (Loretz 1995:112, with references to earlier studies where this interpretation is endorsed).  

- For each of the two possible meanings of mḥ, reliable Canaanite cognates are found: for the meaning ‘downwards’ cf. Pho. mť ‘what is below’

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87 Arb. mẓẓ is certainly an Aramaism (Jeffery 1938:70, 263). The same is true of Hbr. mätzag in Ct 7:3 (Wagner 1966:73-74).

88 Note in particular that neither Hbr. mätťă nor Pho. mť display the feminine ending -t- found in the Ugaritic form.
(DNWSI 616) and Hbr. mātṭā ‘beneath, downwards’ (HALOT 573); for the meaning ‘bed’ cf. Hbr. miṭṭā ‘couch, bed’ (HALOT 573).

Both CC *maṭṭ- ‘down’ and *mVṭṭ-at- ‘bed’ are thought to go back to PS *nṯw ‘to stretch (down)’: Hbr. nṯy ‘to spread out, to bow down low, to stretch out’ (HALOT 692-693), JPA nṯy ‘to bend over’ (DJPA 348), Arb. nṯw ‘to stretch out (a rope)’ (LA 15 387).

43. nʳ ‘boy; lad, assistant, serving lad’, nʳt ‘maidservant’ (DUL 616-617).

- Widely attested (but conspicuously absent from epics and myths). For the meaning ‘boy, lad’ note, in particular, the use of nʳ together with *aṭṭ ‘wife’ in 2.33:28-29 and in parallelism with šyr ‘boy’ in 1.107:8-9.


The origin of CC *na‘r- ‘boy, lad’ is obscure. None of the two widely attested homonymous verbal roots *nʳ (*to cry, shout*90 and *to stir, raise*91) provide a suitable source of derivation. Arb. nu‘arat- ‘foetus in the womb of female wild ass’ (LA 5 260) is semantically more attractive, but too isolated to be taken as a reliable cognate. Hoch (1994:182-183) tentatively connects *na‘r- with Akk. nāru ‘a word for troops’ (CAD N₁ 265), emphasizing the military connotations of the CC term.92

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90 Akk. na‘āru ‘to roar’ (CAD N₁ 7, AHw. 694), nā‘iru ‘raging, roaring’ (CAD N₁ 150, AHw. 709), Syr. na‘ar ‘clamavit (asinus)’ (LSyr. 435), Arb. nʳ ‘to utter a noise’ (LANE 2815), Amh. anarā ‘to cause to resound’ (AED 1018). Note that according to Kopf 1976:155 “könnte nʳ, das ja auch von einem Kleinkind gebraucht wird ... ursprünglich soviel wie Schreihals bedeuten”.

91 JPA nʳ ‘to shake out’ (DJPA 354), Tgr. na‘r ‘mischief, quarrel, revolt’ (WTS 335), Tna. tāna‘rārā ‘to be proudful’ (TED 1351), Amh. narā ‘to bounce upward, rise up’ (AED 1018).

92 The Akkadian word, attested several times in lexical lists of the first millennium, is not separated from nēr ‘600’ in AHw. 779. Cf., alternatively, Akk. nāru as an element of personal names in OA and OB (na-ar-bi-tim, na-ar-É.A, ku-bi-na-rī, CAD N₁ 376) and translated as ‘eine Personenbezeichnung’ in AHw. 749. Could it be tentatively interpreted as a (WS?) lexeme meaning ‘servant, lad’? In Farber 1989:54-56 a hitherto unrecognized Akkadian lexeme na‘ru ‘child’ has been identified in the colophon of a 1st millennium Baby-Beschwörung. Farber furthermore refers to Roth 1987:739-746 where nāru and nārtu in NB documents, traditionally understood as ‘male/female singer’, are reinterpreted as WS borrowings denoting lad and lass respectively. For a possible precedent in OB Mari see finally Kogan 2011.

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44. *nbk*, *npk* ‘fountain, spring’, *mbk* ‘source, spring’ (DUL 617, 523).
- Reliably attested in 1.14 V 1-2 (*nbk* ‘fountain’ || *mkr* ‘spring’) and 1.4 IV 21-22 (*mbk* *nhrm* ‘source of the two rivers’ || ‘apk* *thttm* ‘streams of the two deeps’). Numerous syllabic attestations of *nabku* and *nab(a)kūma* are discussed in Huehnergard 1987:151.
  - Hbr. *nibkē yām* ‘sources of the sea’ (Job 38:16), *mibb̄əkī nēhārōt* ‘source of the rivers’ (Job 28:11), *nbwky mym* (1Q Hod 3:15).
  - As suggested in HALOT 663, CC *nab-‘spring, stream’ is derived from PCS *nbg* ‘to spring up’ with word-final devoicing *g > k*: JBA *nbg* ‘to break forth’ (DJBA 725), Syr. *nbag* ‘scaturivit, prorupit’ (LSyr. 410), Mnd. *nbg* ‘to (a)rise, spring up’ (MD 287), Arb. *nbʒ* ‘to go out (a partridge from its den)’ (TA 6 229).

45. *nbt* ‘honey’ (DUL 618).
- Widely attested, paralleled by *yn* ‘wine’ (1.14 IV 1-2) and *šmn* ‘oil’ (1.6 III 6-7).
  - Pho. *npt* ‘honey’ (Tombback 1978:219),
  - Hbr. *nōpāt* id. (HALOT 713-714).
  - CC *nub-t-* ‘honey’ goes back to PS *nūb(-at)- ‘bee’ (SED II No. 156), represented by Akk. *nūbtu* (CAD N₂ 309, AHw. 800), Arb. *nūb-* (Lane 2863), Gez. *nəḥb* (CDG 393), Jib. *nibbāt* (JL 198). The Ugaritic form strongly supports this derivation, as it preserves the original *b*, devoiced before *t* in Hebrew and Phoenician (*nub-t-* > *nup-t-*). The status of *nub-t-* in Hebrew in Ugaritic is not identical: in Ugaritic, PS *dibš- ‘honey’ left no trace (a nearly unique case throughout Semitic), whereas Hbr. *dēbaš* is clearly the main term for honey, of which *nōpāt* is a rare poetic synonym.

46. *ngḥ* ‘to butt each other’ (DUL 622).
- *Hapax Legomenon* in 1.6 VI 17-18 (*ynghn k r’umm* ‘they butt each other like wild bulls’).
  - Hbr. *ngḥ* ‘to gore’ (HALOT 667).
  - The origin of CC *ngḥ* is uncertain. If Amh. *tänagga ‘to collide, bump into one another’ (AED 1059), Muh. Msq. Gog. Sod. (*tā)nagga, Wol. *tānagā* ‘clash (cattle, objects), collide’ (EDG 453) are related (so tentatively Leslau...)

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the meaning ‘to butt, to gore’ in CC could represent a semantic development from ‘to collide, clash’, although the reverse is also possible. One wonders whether Arb. *nğḥ ‘to succeed, to attain one’s wish’ (Lane 2766) could be related with an original meaning ‘to butt’, ‘to fight’.

The root *nğḥ with the meaning ‘to gore’ is relatively widespread in Jewish Aramaic (both JPA and JBA, v. DJPA 340 and DJBA 729 respectively), but its total absence elsewhere in Aramaic makes one suspect that the attestations in the Jewish dialects are due to Hebrew influence.

47. *nḥš ‘serpent, snake’ (DUL 628).
   • Reliably attested, notably in 1.100 (paralleled by bn bṭn ‘sons of the snake’ in ll. 73-74).
     ▶ Hbr. nāḥāš ‘snake’ (HALOT 690).
     ▼ As argued in SED II No. 159, CC *naḥaš- ‘snake’ likely goes back to PS *naḥaš- with a more general meaning ‘wild animal’, otherwise represented by Akk. nēšu ‘lion’ (CAD N² 193, AHw. 783). Attestations of Ugr. nḥš are much less numerous than those of bṭn (DUL 252), and it was probably the latter term that functioned as the main designation of snake in Ugaritic. Conversely, in Hebrew, nāḥāš clearly enjoyed the basic status.

   • Reliably attested in 4.169:3 (list of weapons, together with kṣt ‘bow’ and hḥn ‘arrows’). Less transparent is lm tḥš ntk dmrn in 1.4 VII 39, variously translated as ‘why do you shake with fear, you who take up arms against Dimārānu’ (Pardee 1997:263) and ‘why do you fear the darts’ of the “Powerful One?”’ (DUL 654).
     ▶ Hbr. nāšāḵ (nēšāḵ) ‘equipment, weapons; order of battle, battle’ (HALOT 731).
     ▼ Hbr. nāšāḵ is usually compared with Arb. nsq ‘to put in order’ (LA 10 424), Gez. nasaka ‘to arrange in order, join closely’ (CDG 403), which implies a semantic derivation from ‘order of battle’ to ‘war, warfare, weapons’ (Kopf

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94 For nēšu ša ḫakkiši ‘lion of the earth’ = ‘snake’ in Gilgamesh XI 314 and na-išt kār-kā-rī-im = Sum. n i n k i in EV 0049 v. GEORGE 2003:896-897 and SJÖBERG 1996:20-21 respectively. PS *naḥaš- ‘animal’, in its turn, may well go back to the verbal root *nḥš ‘to live, to be alive’ preserved in Akk. nēšu (clearly < *nḥš as shown by the Sargonic spelling na-ā-aš, HASSELBACH 2005:280). The semantic development is more than usual, cf. BUCK 1949:137 for numerous IE precedents and, in the Semitic domain, Hbr. ḥayyā (HALOT 310).
1976:206-208). This comparison is, however, phonologically problematic: on the one hand, reliable examples of PS *š > Ugr. š are few; on the other hand, CDG 403 plausibly relates Arb. nsq and Gez. nasakā to Akk. štassu ‘to put in order, to make ready, to prepare’ (CAD N₂ 22, AHw. 753). If this comparison is correct, it is *s rather than *š that has to be postulated in the proto-form, which is definitely incompatible with either Ugr. š or Hbr. š. According to DUL 654, Ugr. ntk is probably “an allomorph and secondary lexicalization of nsk”, which does not look convincing.

49. **p’amt** (pl.) ‘time’ (DUL 659).

- Well attested, the meaning ‘time’ (vicis) is clear in such examples as 1.43:6-8: tlt š’in šlmm šb’ p’am l ’ilm ‘three heads of small cattle as a well-being offering, seven times, for the gods’ (Pardee 2000:214-215, 236).
  ▶ Pho. p’m (DNWSI 929), Hbr. pa’am ‘time’ (HALOT 952).
  ▼ CC *pa’m- (pl. *pa’am-āt-) ‘time’ undoubtedly represents a semantic extension of PS *pa’m- ‘foot’ (SED I No. 207), although its phonetic split into p’n ‘foot’ and p’am ‘times’ in Ugaritic remains enigmatic (cf. Tropper 2003:666-670).

50. **pk** ‘to obtain, to acquire’ (DUL 677, 974).

- Well attested, the most reliable examples include 1.14 I 12-13 (’att šdk l ypʃ mtrḥt yšrh ‘he did not obtain his lawful wife, no legitimate spouse’), 1.4 VI 55-56 (’dlhm šty ’ilm pk mryt td ‘while gods are eating, drinking, consuming sucklings’), 1.103+:13 (mlkn l ypʃ š[p]h ‘the king will not obtain progeny’), 1.4

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95 For a recent collection of potentially relevant cases v. Tropper 2000:109-111. Tropper’s generally positive attitude towards these examples is, in my opinion, rarely justified (contrast Blau’s skepticism in 1977:73-78).

96 To be sure, Akk. nasāku ‘to select’ (AHw. 753, CAD N₂ 21) may also be related, with a plausible meaning shift.

97 For a more detailed exposition of this hypothesis v. Sanmartín 1989:344-345, whose evaluation of the possible relationship between Ugr. ntk and Hbr. nāšāk is, in my opinion, hypercritical.

98 According to Tropper, the unexpected ‘ in p’amt is due to foreign (more concretely, Phoenician) origin of the Ugaritic word. This hypothesis is hardly provable given the fact that the actually attested Phoenician forms are always spelled with ‘.

99 DUL splits the available attestations into two variant roots p(w)k and ypʃk, but there is hardly any compelling reason to postulate ypʃk in any of the pertinent passages (for ypʃk as a short form of the prefix conjugation from p(w)k in 1.14 I 12-13 v. Tropper 2000:700).
VI 47 (špk ‘ilm krn yn ‘he provides the gods with rams and wine’ and passim in the following lines of this text).

▲ Pho. pwk ‘to find, to obtain, to encounter’ (DNWSI 903), Hbr. pwk (hip.) ‘to reach, to obtain, to find; to offer’ (HALOT 920). Amarna Canaanite ia-pa-ak-ti (EA 64:23) almost certainly belongs to this root, although the commonly accepted meaning ‘I sent’ (Moran 1992:135) is somewhat unexpected for the basic stem.

▼ CC *ypk/*pwk ‘to obtain, to acquire’, causative ‘to provide’ (Greenfield 1969:99) is usually compared to Common Aramaic *npk ‘to go out’ and related terms elsewhere in Semitic (v. extensively Kogan 2005:524). Semantically more suitable can be, however, Arb. wfq ‘to be right, agreeable with what was wished’, II ‘to accommodate, to adapt, to dispose’ (Lane 3057), which would imply an original basic meaning ‘to fit, to be suitable, to be available’.

51. pnt ‘joint, vertebra’ (DUL 676).

- Attested in the descriptions of the buckling bodies of the gods Ym (l τνγσn pnth l ydlp tmnh ‘his joints did not buckle, his shape did not break up’ in 1.2 IV 17-18) and ‘nt (τγσ pnt kslh ‘anš ḏt ṣrḥ ‘the joints of her loins contracted, the muscles of her back’ in 1.3 III 34-35). Anatomic connotations of pnt in these passages are not in doubt, but there are reasons to suspect a metaphoric application of an originally architectural term (‘corner’ or the like, cf. ‘corners of the back’ in de Moor 1971:137). Such a possibility is supported by the meaning of the Hebrew cognate (v. below) as well as by the parallelism with tmn in 1.2 IV 17-18, since the latter lexeme is most probably borrowed from (or at least identical to) Akk. temmennu ‘foundation’ (CAD T 337). Note, finally, that the Hebrew cognate of Ugr. dlp is used about a house in Qoh 10:18 (de Moor 1971:137, 1980:426).

▲ Hbr. pinnā ‘corner, corner-stone’ (HALOT 945).

▼ The origin of CC *pinn-at- ‘joint, corner’ is uncertain. The evidence

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100 Possible interpretations of the difficult syntactic arrangement of this passage are extensively treated in Pardee 1997:262.

101 The relevant Phoenician forms are commonly interpreted as belonging to the causative stem (Friedrich–Röllig 1999:108).

102 A more specific connection with joints, articulations is supported by the parallelism with ‘anš which, at least on etymological grounds, should be interpreted as ‘(sciatic) tendon’ (SED I No. 201).

for a PS verbal root *pnn ‘to bend, crook’ from which such a lexeme could be potentially derived\(^{104}\) is insufficient.\(^ {105}\)

CC *pinn-at- ‘corner’ has no reliable Aramaic cognate: Syr. pānyā ‘angulus’ (LSyr. 578) does render Hbr. pinnā in Neh 3:31-32, but it clearly belongs to a different consonantal root (pny) and should be considered an occasional and probably artificial phonetic approximation to the Hebrew original.\(^ {106}\) JPA pynh ‘cornerstone’ must be a Hebraism (with DJPA 431).

52. \(pʃ\) ‘rebellion, transgression’ (DUL 686).
   - Hapax Legomenon in 1.17 VI 43-44: l ‘akryk b ntb pš ‘... b ntb g’an ‘I will certainly meet you on the path of transgression ... on the path of pride’.
     ▶ Hbr. pāšā ‘crime’ (HALOT 981).
   ▼ There is no reliable etymology for CC *paš- ‘crime, transgression’. Syr. pša ‘topruit, perterritus est; insipiènter egit’, paššī ‘tepidx’ (LSyr. 613) are semantically rather remote. The wide presence of pš ‘to be negligent, to harm, to transgress’ in JBA (DJBA 944) is probably due to Hebrew influence. One wonders whether Akk. pištu ‘insult’ (CAD P 433), ‘Beschimpfung, Beleidigung’ (AHw. 869) may be related to *paš- rather than derived from the somewhat ephemeral *wapāšu (AHw. 1459).

53. \(pt\) ‘linen, linen fabric’ (DUL 688).
   - Widely attested in economic documents (Sanmartín 1979:727).
     ▶ Pho. pšt\(^ {107}\) ‘flax’ (DNWSI 947), Hbr. pāšāt ‘flax, linen’ (HALOT 983).
   ▼ The origin of CC *p\(V\)t ‘flax’ is obscure.\(^ {108}\)

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\(^{104}\) Cf. BUCK 1949:900: “words for ‘corner’ are connected with roots for ‘bend’ or with words which ... suggest the notion of a sharp bend or angle, as those for ‘knee’, ‘elbow’, ‘wedge’, ‘hook’”.

\(^{105}\) According to DUL 676, the verb pnn ‘to distort, change’ is in fact attested in Ugaritic, but the only putative example (tpnn ‘n bty ‘n bty tpnn tpnn’ in 1.96-5-6) is more than problematic (cf. DEL OLEMO LETE 2004:381-382). Arb. finn ‘to drive away; to cheat’ (LANE 2446), adduced as cognate in DUL 676, is semantically rather remote. Cf. perhaps Cha. Enm. Gyt. f\(\text{""}\)ānā, Ėza End. Muh. f\(\text{""}\)āmnā ‘opposite side, reverse side, curved, bent, crooked, not straight’ (EDG 232), borrowed from Cushitic according to Leslau.

\(^{106}\) The normal meaning of the Syriac word is ‘the turn of the day, declining day, early evening’ (PS 3171). The same is true of its cognate in JBA (DJBA 915).

\(^{107}\) For the possible Greek rendering (ζερα\(\text{""}\)φσιστ (with variants) v. LOW 1881:406, 411.

\(^{108}\) It is not clear to me what is meant by “numerosi paralleli nelle altre lingue semitiche” in RIBICHINI–XELLA 1985:17.
54. **rbd** ‘to prepare, get (a bed) ready’, **mrbd** ‘bedspread, counterpane’ (DUL 731, 573).

- The specific connection with bed, couch is obvious for both the verb (**rbd** ‘rš pdry ‘the bed of Pdry is prepared’ in 1.132:2-3) and the noun (**mrbd** mškbt ‘a bedspread’ in 4.385:9).

- Hbr. **rbd** ‘to prepare a couch’, **mar** addīm (pl.) ‘cover’ (HALOT 1176, 631). Amarna Canaanite ma-ar-rba‘-d[u] (EA 120:21) is translated as ‘carpet’ in Rainey 1978:81, but the exact meaning of this form, found in a list of goods in a partly broken context, is hard to establish (cf. ‘blanket’ in Moran 1992:199).

- CC **rbd** ‘to prepare, cover a bed’ likely derives from PCS **rbd** with a more general meaning ‘to cover, to put in layers’: Pho. **rbd** ‘to pave’ (DNWSI 1052), Hbr. pB. rābād ‘mosaic pavement’ (Ja. 1455), Arb. rabīd- ‘dates laid one upon another in an earthen pot’ (Lane 1010).

55. **rtt** ‘net’ (DUL 750).

- **Hapax Legomenon** in 1.4 II 31-32, the meaning ‘net’ is supported by the context: dgy rbt ‘atr[1 ym] kḥ rṯ bdk ‘o fisherman of the great lady ‘atr t ym, take the net in your hand’.

- Hbr. **rāṣāt** ‘net’ (HALOT 1298).

- The etymology of CC **rVlt-** ‘net’ is uncertain, derivation from PS **wr̄t** ‘to inherit, to possess’, tentatively accepted in both HALOT and DUL, is semantically weak.

56. **sbb** ‘to turn (round)’ (DUL 752)

- Reliably attested: sb ksp l ṭkm šrṣ nsb l lbnt ‘silver turned into sheets’, gold turned into bricks’ (1.4 VI 34-35), ...dn‘il ysb p‘alth bškl yph b yṯlm ‘... Dn‘il went around his waste land‘ and distinguished a green shoot in the untilled land’” (1.19 II 12-13), tr ‘arṣ w šmm sb l kšm ‘arṣ ‘go through the earth and the heavens, turn to the end of the earth’ (1.16 III 2-3).

- Pho. **sb** ‘to turn over’, **sbb** ‘round about’, Amm. **sbbt** ‘surrounding’ (DNWSI 772), Hbr. **sbb** ‘to turn oneself around’ (HALOT 738).

- CC **sbb** ‘to turn’ may be related to Arb. sībb- ‘turban’, sabab- ‘cord, rope’, sabīb- ‘a lock of hair’ (Lane 1285-1286), Tgr. šābašābā ‘to put in folds

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109 The noun is directly connected with bed in Pr 7:16 (marbaddīm rābadītı‘aršı‘I have decked my bed with covers’).

110 One wonders whether Arb. tasabbaba ‘to traffic’ (Lane 1284) could go back to an original meaning ‘to turn around’, which would offer an excellent parallel to Akk. sāhiru ‘peddler’ (CAD S 60-61), Hbr. sōhër ‘trader, dealer’ (HALOT 750), cf. LANDSBERGER 1967:176-190.
(garment)’ (WTS 216), Tna. sūbsābā ‘to tuck up, to roll up’ (TED 704), Amh. šābāsšābā ‘to wrinkle, to pleat’ (AED 636), although Akk. šibbu ‘belt, girdle’ compared in CDG 483 makes this identification problematic (Akk. š does not regularly correspond to Hbr. s). Sab. sḥb ‘to surround an enemy’ (Biella 501) would provide a more direct cognate, but the meaning of this military term (Ha-pax Legomenon in Ja 631:32-34) is quite uncertain (cf. ‘to engage (with enemy) at close quarters’ in SD 397). Whether Gez. ṣḥbāḥ ‘guards, sentinels’ goes back to this root is, contra CDG 483 and LLA 359, completely uncertain.\textsuperscript{111}

The verb sḥb is attested twice in an Old Aramaic inscription from Sefire (y’t ḥd mlkn wysbn<y> ‘if one of the kings comes and surrounds me, KAI 222B 28, kl zy ysb ‘whoever lives around’, ibid. 34), which prompts one to treat it among common Semitic lexemes still present in Old Aramaic inscriptions, but lost or marginalized in later Aramaic (Kogan 2005:557-559). Its nearly complete absence from Official and Middle Aramaic\textsuperscript{113} might suggest that already in Old Aramaic sḥb was not the basic verb with the meaning ‘to turn’ (in contrast to Hebrew and Ugaritic, where the basic status of sḥb is not in doubt), presumably being replaced by *šḥr (cf. HALOT 739\textsuperscript{114}). This assumption cannot be proved, since the concept ‘to turn’ does not seem to be attested anywhere else in the Old Aramaic corpus.

57. spr ‘to count, number; to recite’ (DUL 766), spr ‘number, inventory’ (ibid. 769), mspr ‘recitation, story, talk’ (ibid. 583).

- The meaning ‘(to) count’ is reliably attested in 1.17 VI 28-29 (‘aḥsprk ‘m b’l šnt ‘m bn ‘il tspr yrhm ‘I will let you count the years with B’l, with the son of ‘il you will count the months’) and 1.14 II 37-38 (ḥpt d bl spr ṭnn d bl ḫg ‘the irregular troops without number, the archers without count’). The meaning ‘to recite’ is restricted to the prescriptions for cultic recitation (notably in colophons): 1.4 V 42 (w ṭb l mspr ‘recite it again’), 1.23:57 (yḥbn yspr l ḥms l ṣḥmm ‘he will recite it again five times in front of the statues’), etc.

- Pho. mspr ‘number’ (DNWSI 666), Hbr. spr (pi.) ‘to count; to report, to tell’, mispār ‘number’ (HALOT 766, 607).

\textsuperscript{111} Jamme’s own translation ‘they turned aside’ clearly depends on the Hebrew and Ugaritic etymology (Jamme 1962:134).

\textsuperscript{112} Gez. sabba, sababā ‘to go around, circle’, adduced in CDG 483 from a recent work of native lexicography, is not attested in the sources and seems to be an artificial creation with no relevance for the etymology of Hbr. sḥb.

\textsuperscript{113} The only possible exception is Mnd. sub ‘to surround’ (MD 320), very poorly attested.

\textsuperscript{114} The precise meaning of the statement “Arm. made more emphatic by šḥr” escapes me.
CC *spr ‘to count’ is likely related to Gez. safara ‘to measure’ (CDG 488) and its cognates throughout ES (note especially Amh. säffärå ‘to count, to measure’, AED 595). It is tempting to compare also Sab. s’ frt ‘extent, measure, length’ (SD 125, Biella 342), but Sab. s_ does not regularly correspond to Hbr. s. No comparable forms are attested in the rest of WS, notably in Aramaic. Contra HALOT 765-766, CC *spr ‘to count; to tell’ is to be strictly separated from the widely attested lexemes with the prototypes *sipr- ‘writing, inscription, document’ and *sāpir- ‘scribe’, which are not genuinely West Semitic, but ultimately go back to Akk. šipru and šāpiru.

58. šmk ‘raisin’ (DUL 786)

- Hapax Legomenon in 4.14:17 ([lt]dh dblt lṭḥ šmkm ‘one lṭḥ of dry figs, one lṭḥ of raisins’) as well as in the combination dblt ynt w šmkm yntm in hippiatric texts (for which see No. 78 in the present section).
- Pho. šmk ‘dried fruit, raisin’ (DNWSI 970, Krahmalkov 2000:418), Hbr. šimmūkīm ‘cake of dried grapes’ (HALOT 1033).

CC *šVmVk- ‘raisin’ goes back to PS *šmk ‘to press, to squeeze; to dry, to shrivel up’: Hbr. šmk ‘to dry up, wither’ (HALOT 1034), JPA šmk ‘to shrink, to dry out’ (DJPA 466), JBA šmk ‘to be dry’ (DJBA 967), Mnd. šmka ‘shriveling’ (DM 387), Tgr. čāmēkā ‘to pinch, to touch’ (WTS 623), Tna. šāmāk’ā ‘to wring, to squeeze, to extract’ (TED 2556), Amh. čāmmēkā ‘to wring, to squeeze, to compress’ (AED 2206), Har. čāmēkā ‘to squeeze, wring’ (EDH 51), Zwy. čāmēkā, Sel. Wol. atāmēkā, Sod. čāmmēkā, Eža čomammēkā ‘to wring wet clothes, to squeeze water out of clothes or dough’ (EDG 621), perhaps Arb. čāmiq- ‘hungry and thirsty’ (LA 10 248). JPA šimmūkīn ‘raisins’ (DJPA 463) is almost certainly a Hebraism. The similarity between *šVmVk- and Akk. muzīku ‘raisin’ (CAD M 322, AHw. 692) observed in DUL 786 is conspicuous, but probably accidental.

59. šd ‘open field, stretch of cultivated land; field, land, plot, estate, farm’ (DUL 807).

- The meaning ‘plot of cultivated land’, crucial for the exclusively Canaanite status of this term, is abundantly attested, especially in economic and administrative texts.

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115 For the semantic shift cf. Lat. computare > Fr. conter as well as proto-Germanic *tala ‘Berechnung, Zahl; Rede’ (Fick 1909:112).
117 JBA spr ‘to count’ (DJBA 827) is certainly a Hebraism. Sporadic attestations of Syr. spar ‘narravit; garrivit’ in LSyr. 493 are due to Hebrew influence as well (cf. PS Supplement 239).
Amarna Canaanite šA-TE-e (EA 287:56), Pho. šd ‘field, plain’ (DNWSI 1110), Hbr. šādā ‘pasture, open fields; field, arable land’ (HALOT 1307).

CC *šaday- ‘(cultivated) field’, together with Akk. šadū ‘mountain; open country’ (CAD Š 49, AHw. 1124), yields PS *šadaw-. *open country, wild, uncultivated place’ (Fronzaroli 1968:269-270, 287). It is usually assumed that this PS term is not reflected in Aramaic (Blau 1977:101), but note Mnd. sadia ‘field, open space, plain, desert’ (DM 310). *open country, wild, uncultivated place’ (Fronzaroli 1968:269-270, 287).

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60. šmh ‘to be glad, rejoice’, šmḥt ‘joy’ (DUL 825).

- Widely attested, paralleled by gl ‘to rejoice’ and šḥḵ ‘laughter’ in 1.16 I 14-15 and 1.3 II 25-26 respectively.

Amarna Canaanite šamāḫu ‘to rejoice’ (iš-mu-ḏu in EA 109:50, Rainey 1978:92), Amm. šmh ‘to be glad’ (DNWSI 1160), Hbr. šmḥ ‘to rejoice’, šimḥā ‘joy’ (HALOT 1333).

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118 A gloss to Akk. ugarû. The contextual meaning is admittedly ‘countryside’ rather than ‘cultivated field’.

119 The meaning ‘cultivated field’ is clear in šd ’m krm ‘field or vineyard’ (KAI 287:6).

120 The PS reconstruction with *-w (rather than -y) seems to be assured by well-attested spellings with -u-l-w- in Sargonic (ša-dû-e, ša-dû-im) and Old Assyrian (ša-ad-wi-im, ša-du-im), v. Kienast 1994:278-280 and CAD Š, 51 respectively.

121 For the semantic relationship between ‘mountain’ and ‘countryside’ in Semitic v. CDG 121, in connection with Gez. dabr ‘mountain’ vs. Hbr. midbār ‘desert, steppe’.

122 This Mandaic lexeme is so much isolated in Aramaic that one is tempted to surmise a Canaanite borrowing (for such a possibility cf. D. Boyarin’s remarks on Mnd. šḥk ‘to laugh’ apud Steiner 1977:118).

123 These translations have been recently challenged in Sima 2000:309 in connection with CIH 660:4 and Robin-Kānit 5:2: “Beides passt im Kontext überhaupt nicht ... šdhw ein Bauwerk, ein Haus, einen Teil eines Hauses o. ä. bezeichnet” (v. already Robin 1982:52).

The origin of CC *šmḥ ‘to rejoice’ (Greenfield 1959:151) is unclear, although one cannot exclude (with Greenfield and Kopf 1976:190) an eventual relationship to PS *šmḥ ‘to be high, tall’, represented by Akk. šamāḫu ‘to grow thickly, abundantly’ (CAD Š, 288, AHw. 1153) and Arb. šmḥ ‘to be high, lofty’ (Lane 1595). Soq. šāmhal ‘long’ belongs to the same root according to LS 418 (“un augmentatif à suffixe l de l’ar. šmḥ”), but this is unlikely in view of the irregular sibilant correspondence.

61. šns ‘to gird oneself’ (DUL 833)
   - Hapax Legomenon in 1.3 II 11-13: ‘kt rʾišt l bmth šnst kpt b ḫbšḥ ‘she attached heads to her back, bound hands to her gird’.
   - Hbr. šns ‘to gird’ (HALOT 1607).
   - CC *šns ‘to gird’ has no reliable etymology. Comparison with Arb. šnš ‘to be attached to something’ (LA 7 55) suggested in Yahuda 1903:711 is semantically attractive, but implies two phonological irregularities.

62. šph ‘family, offspring, descendants, clan’ (DUL 835).
   - The meaning ‘son, descendant’ is clear in 1.14 III 48-49 (wld šphḥ krt w ġlm l ’bd ’il ‘to bear a descendant to Kṛṭ, a boy to ’il’s servant’) and 1.16 I 9-11 (krt bnm ’il šphḥ lqm w ḱš ‘Kṛṭ is a son of ’il, a descendant of the Benevolent and the Holy One’). The collective interpretation (‘family’) is likely in b klhn šphḥ yʾitbd ‘the family perished in its entirety’ (1.14 I 24, note a few other collective designations of family in this episode), but the presence of yrṭ ‘heir’ in the parallel line 25 suggests that the meaning ‘descendant, offspring’ is prominent also in this passage.
   - Pho. šph ‘clan, family’ (DNWSI 1181), Hbr. mišpāḥā ‘extended family’ (HALOT 651).
   - The origin of CC *šVph- ‘family’ is uncertain as none of the extant *šph roots elsewhere in Semitic allows for a transparent semantic development into ‘family, progeny’.

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125 Note especially the derived meanings ‘to thrive, to flourish, to attain extraordinary beauty or stature’ in Akkadian and ‘to be proud’ in Arabic.

126 Hapax Legomenon in 1K 18:46: wa-yšannēs motnāw ‘he girded his loins’.

127 For -š note however JPA šns ‘strap, lace’ (DJPA 560), JBA šns ‘to tighten a cord’, šnāšā ‘lace’ (DJBA 1166).

128 It is hard to say whether Hbr. šipḥā ‘slave-girl’ is etymologically related to mišpāḥā (cf. HALOT 1620, Reuter 2006:406).

129 HALOT 1620 mentions Arb. stḥ ‘to pour, to shed’ (Lane 1369), with no comments on the hypothetic semantic derivation. BDB 1046 tentatively compares Arb. sfḥ III ‘to commit
63. št ‘to place, set, set up’ (DUL 848).

- *Passim* in the Ugaritic corpus.
- Pho. št ‘to place, to put, to establish’ (DNWSI 1130), Hbr. šyt ‘to set, stand, place’ (HALOT 1483).
- CC *šyt* ‘to place, to put’ is to be identified with Akk. šêtu ‘to remain, to be left over; to leave’ (CAD Š 341, AHw. 1221). Since the semantic shift ‘to leave’ > ‘to put, place’ is relatively well attested, there are good reasons to attribute the meaning ‘to leave’ to PS *šyt* and to consider the meaning ‘to put’ as a CC semantic innovation. 131

Ugr. št and Hbr. šyt do not match exactly from the functional point of view. While Ugr. št is clearly the basic exponent of the meaning ‘to put’, Hbr. šyt is a common but still rather marginal verb in comparison to its ubiquitous synonym šym (85 vs. 582 attestations in the Biblical corpus, Vanoni 2004a:91, 2004b:647).

The root *šym*, in its turn, is entirely missing from Ugaritic, which is quite fornication’ (LANE 1369), but, it seems, having šiphā rather than mišpāhā in mind (cf. ZOBEL 1998:79). For Zobel, “OSA sfh ‘call together’ is closer to the mark’, but the actual meaning of Sab. and Qat. sfh seems to be ‘to order, to decree, to announce’ (JAMME 1962:443, RYCKMANS 1973:383-385, AVANZINI 2004:272, 274), which is not very suggestive for the semantic derivation advocated by Zobel. The common ES root with the meaning ‘to be wide, broad’ — Gez. safā ‘to stretch forth, stretch out, expand, make broad, enlarge’ (CDG 487), Tgr. sâfā ‘to spread, to stretch’ (WTS 201), Tna. sâfî ‘to be, become wide, broad; grow in extent; to be extensive in length and breadth’ (TED 794), Amh. sâffa ‘to be or become broad’ (AED 593), Muh. sâffa, Zwy. sâffī ‘to be broad’ (EDG 537) — could be compared with an underlying meaning shift ‘to grow, to expand’ > ‘family, clan’, but if Leslau’s comparison between Gez. safā and Akk. sapâṭu ‘to scatter, disperse’ (AHw. 1024, CAD S 151) is correct (HUEHNERGARD 1991a:702), the underlying sibilant must be *s* rather than *š*. Comparison with Mhr. šēth ‘to eat food put aside’ (ML 392), tentatively proposed in DIAKONOFF–KOGAN 2001:105, implies a rather exotic semantic development and is difficult to prove (note, furthermore, that it is unclear whether š- in the Mehri verb is part of the root or the causative-reflexive prefix).

130 V. BUCK 1949:833 for Lettish likt ‘to put’ < PIE *leik*- ‘to leave’ and DUL 148 for Ugr. ‘db ‘to put, place, arrange’ < PS *db ‘to leave’.

131 The meaning ‘to leave’ for Ugr. št is indeed registered in DUL, but the only passage where it actually appears in translation is w št l ibsn lkm ‘I leave the warehouse to you’ (3.9:5). In view of other attestations of št + direct object + l (2.41:18, 6.29:2), where this construction is rendered as ‘to restore’ and ‘to set up’ in DUL, the translation ‘I leave’ for w št in 3.9:5 is hardly compelling (cf. ‘il a réservé son entrepôt pour eux’ in BORDREUIL–PARDIE 2004:108). As for ‘wrt yšt b’l in 1.19 IV 5, it can be easily rendered as ‘may B’l make you blind’ (for a similar usage of Hbr. šyt v. BDB 1011b). The fundamental semantic difference between the reflexes of PS *šyt* in Akkadian and Canaanite (‘to leave’ vs. ‘to put’) remains thus obvious.

remarkable in view of its broad presence elsewhere in Semitic. Coexistence of šyt and šym in Hebrew as virtual semantic equivalents (Vanoni 2004b:652) is an extraordinary fact which still awaits a proper diachronic assessment.

64. tʾr(t) ‘sheath; quiver’ (DUL 857).
- *Hapax Legomenon* in 1.19 IV 44-45: šyt h[...] b nṣgh ḫrb šyt b tʾr[h] ‘she puts the [...] into her/its scabbard’, the sword into her/its sheath’. It is uncertain whether the same meaning should be postulated for tʾr in 1.18 IV 17-18: ašṭk km nṣr b ḫḥ[šy] km dʾiy b tʾrty ‘I will put you like an eagle on’ my belt’, like a raptor bird in’ my sheath/quiver’ (cf. Pardee 1997:349).
  - Hbr. taʾar ‘sheath’ (HALOT 1770-1771).
  - The origin of CC *taʾr*– ‘sheath’ is uncertain. The traditional derivation from *ʾrw ‘to be naked’ (BDB 789) is rejected in HALOT 1770 with no plausible alternative.

65. tk ‘centre, middle; in, in the midst of; to, towards’ (DUL 867).
- Widely attested (Tropper 2000:772, 775-776).
  - Pho. mtkt ‘midst’ (Krahmalkov 2000:320), Hbr. tāwāk, tōk ‘midst, in the middle’ (HALOT 1697).

133 To be sure, also in Phoenician. The Phoenician picture is hard to evaluate because of the scarcity of data, but judging from the examples collected by KRAHMALKOV (2000:467 and 483-484), one can tentatively conclude that, once again, Phoenician is close or identical to Ugaritic and differs from Hebrew: numerous attestations of št contrast sharply with just a handful of examples involving šm (only one of them pre-Punic).

134 There are good reasons to assume that *šym was the basic verb with the meaning ‘to put’ in PS, which, at some early moment of the linguistic history of Common Canaanite, started to be replaced by the innovative *šyt. As pointed out by VANONI (2004b:647-648), most of the attestations of šyt in Hebrew are early or archaic/archaizing (poetry and pre-exilic prose). It means that early Hebrew was indeed affected by the *šym > šyt replacement. The subsequent “revitalization” of šym is, therefore, a bit difficult to conceive as a purely internal process. Rather, one is tempted to attribute this retrograde development to a foreign influence. (Proto-)Aramaic, where *šym is the only basic exponent of the meaning ‘to put’ since the earliest inscriptions on, is of course a likely source of such an influence. For possible implications of this and similar isoglosses for the lexical aspect of the *Mischsprache* theory v. KOGAN 2006b:251-252.

135 For this interpretation v. most recently TROPPER 1993:35, 273. The translation ‘oppression’ accepted in DNWSI 708 is hardly attractive.

136 As is well known, the functional overlap between Ugr. tk and Hbr. tōk is not complete. In Ugaritic, tk is often used with the terminative force, whereas the locative meaning is typical for the combination b tk (TROPPER 2000:772, 775-776). In Hebrew, the combination ba-tōk clearly predominates and its meaning is locative rather than terminative (BDB 1063-1064).

66. tmnt ‘frame, form’ (DUL 872).
- Attested twice in incantations: 1.169:5-6 (tḥt’a l ḡbk w trš’ l tmnṭk ‘that it may harm your body and injure your shape’) and 9.435:14-15 (l ‘urtṇ l ḡbh l tmnṭḥ ‘for ‘urtṇ, for his body and his shape’).
- Hbr. tmūnā ‘form, manifestation’ (HALOT 1746).
- The origin of CC *tamūnat- ‘shape, body, form’ is uncertain as no semantically suitable root *mwn/*myn is at hand (Waschke 2006:687). The hypothetical relationship with Hbr. mīn ‘type, kind’ (HALOT 577, Cazelles 1969), in its turn etymologically obscure, is highly problematic.

67. tšyt ‘triumph, success’ (DUL 882).
- Hapax Legomenon in 1.3 III 25-27: tyḍḍ ḱbdḥ b ṣḥk yml’u ḡbh b šmḥt ḱbd ‘nt tšyṭ ‘her liver swells with laughter, her heart fills with joy, ‘nt’s liver with triumph’.  

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137 For tmn in 1.2 IV 17-18 v. section 2.3 of the second part of this contribution.

138 Diachronic identity between Ugr. tmnt and Hbr. tmūnā seems to be accepted by most Ugaritologists, but exact semantic details of this identification did not receive enough attention in recent treatments of both relevant texts (Pardee 2000:884-885, Ford 2002a:147, 2002b:174, contrast Pardee’s and Ford’s extensive treatment of Ugr. ḡb — Hbr. gab). As far as I can see, the semantic overlap between Ugr. tmnt and Hbr. tmūnā is not exact, since the Hebrew lexeme lacks anatomic connotations.

139 The semantic similarity between tmnt/tmūnā and Tgr. mināt ‘nature, figure, appearance, shape’ (WTS 129) is of course quite striking. In WTS this form is treated as an (irregular, Ily) derive of mānā ‘to create’ (IIIy), from which mone ‘lie, falsehood’ is also thought to be derived. The latter noun, in its turn, is clearly identical to Gez. tamayyana ‘to deceive’ (CDG 376) and Arb. myn ‘to lie’ (LA 13 525), both Ily as the Hebrew form. However, no other meanings (such as ‘to create, to split, to plow’) seem to be attested for the Arabic root, contra HALOT 577, Fabry 1997:288, Waschke 2006:687: the verb māna ‘to split the ground for sowing’ (LA 13 525) is obviously derived from the substantive mān- ‘hoe’ (itself probably not genuine). Tgr. mīn in mīn ‘ādum ‘men, mankind’ is (contra Littmann and Höfner, WTS 741) certainly unrelated to Hbr. mīn, being rather a deformation of Arb. bin ‘ādam with dissimilation (exactly the same development is observable in Mhr. manēdām ‘person’, ML 267).

140 As one can infer from Pardee 1988:305, he identifies tšt in 1.108:20 (l tštk l ‘irš[t]k ‘à ton succès, à ta requête’) with Ugr. tšyt and Hbr. tūṣiyyā (cf. DUL 882 and Del Olmo Lete 2004:189).

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The Ugaritic form with š evidently precludes any comparison with Hbr. yēš ‘there is’ (< *yēw), still often postulated in Biblical studies (cf. GERTZ 2006:647).


In both attestations paralleled by yr ‘to be afraid’ (HALOT 1671, GREENFIELD 1958:226-228).

The origin of CC *tūšiyy- ‘success’ is uncertain.141

The origin of CC *tulhān- ‘table’ (Greenfield 1969:98, Ginsberg 1970:103) is uncertain. As duly recognized in Blau 1956:243 and HALOT 1519-1520, the Ugaritic form with ū and ā makes unattractive the traditional identifications of Hbr. šulhān with either *šlāh ‘to send, to stretch out’ (Akk. šalāḫu, Ugr. šlāh, Hdr. šlāh, CAD Š 193, DUL 816, Pirenne 1990:107) or *šlēh ‘to strip off (hide)’, *šVlēh- ‘hide, skin’ (Syr. šelhā, Arb. sālī-, SED I No. 244).142

The origin of CC *ṭtā- ‘to be afraid’ (Greenfield 1969:99) is uncertain. Comparison with Arb. št ‘to be sad, worried because of hunger or disease’ (LA 8 206), accepted in DUL 935 and elsewhere, is problematic both phonetically and semantically, let alone the exceedingly marginal status of the Arabic verb (cf. HALOT 1671). Since ū—t is an unwelcome sequence of root consonants, -t- is likely a fossilized reflexive infix. Are we faced with a t-derivate from *ṭt’y ‘to gaze, to look at, to seek’, represented by Akk. še’ā (CAD Š 355) and Hbr. šā’ā (HALOT 1609)? The underlying semantic shift ‘to look around’ > ‘to be
frightened’ seems possible,\textsuperscript{144} but hardly self-evident. Besides, there is no proof that it is indeed *$t$ that is behind š in either Akkadian or Hebrew. Sab. $t$t, compared in Tomback 1978:335, is translated as ‘slander, calumny’ in SD 149\textsuperscript{145} and can thus hardly be relevant.

70. \textit{wsr} ‘to teach, to instruct’ (DUL 943).

- The meaning ‘to teach’ is likely in both contexts where \textit{wsr} is attested: \textit{rbt ‘ilm l ḫkmt šbt ḏnk l ĭsrk ‘you are great, oh ‘il, you are wise! your grey beard surely instructs you!’} (1.4 V 3-4) and ‘ap $yšb$ y$t$ hkl w $ywrnn$ ggnh ‘also $Yšb$ sat in (his) palace and his inwards instructed him’ (1.16 VI 25-26).\textsuperscript{146}

  ▶ Hbr. \textit{ysr} ‘to instruct’ (HALOT 418).

  ▼ The origin of CC *\textit{wsr} /\textit{ysr} ‘to teach, to instruct’ is obscure.

71. \textit{yř} ‘razor’ (DUL 947).

- \textit{Hapax Legomenon} in 1.5 VI 17-18 (\textit{γr b ‘abn ydy psłm b y’r}). The meaning ‘razor’ fits the context and is generally accepted (e. g. ‘with a stone he scratches incisions on (his) skin, with a razor he cuts cheeks and chin’ in Pardee 1997:268).

  ▶ Hbr. \textit{ta’ar} ‘knife, razor’ (DDB 789, HALOT 1770).

  ▼ The origin of CC *\textit{ya’r} /\textit{ta’r} ‘knife, razor’ remains uncertain, although the traditional derivation from *\textit{rw} ‘to be naked’, accepted in BDB 788-789 and Aistleitner 1963:242, but rejected as “clearly not relevant” in HALOT 1770, is still attractive, especially if the term denoted specifically a shaving razor (i. e., “an instrument making the skin bare”\textsuperscript{147}).

72. \textit{yn} ‘wine’ (DUL 968).

- \textit{Passim} throughout the Ugaritic corpus.


\textsuperscript{144} Cf. especially Akk. \textit{šite’ū} ‘to look all over, to strive for, to be assiduous, to be solicitous’ (CAD Ş 355).

\textsuperscript{145} Contrast Tomback’s ‘fear’.

\textsuperscript{146} A nearly exact parallel is found in Ps 16:7 (\textit{yissarūnī kilyōtāy ‘my reins instructed me’}).

\textsuperscript{147} Cf. Ukrainian \\textit{голитися} ‘to shave’ < \\textit{голий} ‘bare, naked’.

\textsuperscript{148} In the trilingual lexical fragment from Tel Aphek (= Sum. [GEŠTIN.]MEŠ, Akk. \textit{ka-ra-nu}). It is uncertain whether \textit{i-nu}, equated to Sum. MU.TIN in CT 19 1d:10, represents a Canaanite loanword with the meaning ‘wine’ (cf. AHw. 383, CAD I 152 as well as RUBIO 1999:8).
CC *yayn* ‘wine’ goes back to PWS *wayn*- which, judging by the meaning of the Arabic, ESA and ES cognates, probably denoted ‘vine(yard)’ (Sab. and Qat. wyn, SD 166, LIQ 51, Gez. wayn, CDG 623, LLA 928-929, Sima 2000:250-257) or ‘grapes’ (Arb. wayn-, LA 13 563, cf. Rabin 1963:138, Sima 2000:256) rather than ‘wine’. The exclusively Canaanite nature of this lexeme is undermined by the fact that the reflex of PWS *wayn*- as the main designation of wine is attested also in Geez.

73. *ykš* ‘fowler, bird-catcher’ (DUL 976).

- Attested in lists of people by profession (*ykšm* ‘fowlers’ in 4.99:6, 4.126:25), the meaning being thus derived from etymology. The same is true of the syllabic *LÚia-ki-š[u]* (Huehnergard 1987:134).
  - Hbr. *ykš* ‘to catch a bird with a snare’, *yākōš* ‘fowler’, *mōkēš* ‘snare’ (HALOT 432, 430, 561). Also related are *nkš* ‘to become ensnared’ (HALOT 723) and *kwš* ‘to trap with a snare’ (HALOT 1091).

74. *ypḥ* ‘witness’ (DUL 974).

- Widely attested in contracts and economic documents and, as rightly acknowledged in Pardee 1978:206, almost certainly the main exponent of the meaning ‘witness’ in Ugaritic.

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149 This conjecture becomes especially attractive if PWS *wayn*- is considered to be borrowed from an Indo-European source, since the meaning ‘vine’ in PIE can be plausibly derived from the verbal root *wei*- ‘to twist, to wind’ (Buck 1949:390, cf. Fronzaroli 1971:613-614, Sima 2000:255-256 with further references).

150 Note in particular the absence of *yayn*- ‘wine’ from Aramaic, where this meaning is commonly expressed by *hamr*- since Official Aramaic on (Kogan 2005:551-552, cf. HALOT 1877). The presence of yn ‘wine’ in the account document RÉS 1791 (Porten–Yardeni 1993:74) is likely due to Hebrew influence.


152 “The Ethiopic root has a figurative meaning in relation to Semitic ‘lay snares’”. Cf. also DRS 613.

153 As pointed out above, Kopf is admittedly correct to emphasize that the meaning of the Ugaritic noun seems to be entirely dependent on the Hebrew etymology.
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▼ No convincing etymology for CC *yāpīh- ‘witness’ has been suggested so far (cf. Pardee 1978:210-212).

75. yr ‘early rain’ (DUL 977).

• Reliably attested in 1.19 I 39-42 (yšly ‘rpt b ḥm ‘un yr ‘rpt’ tmwr b ḵṭṭl yll l ḫnbm ‘he implores the clouds in the terrible draught, the rain which the clouds pour down in summer, the dew which falls on the grapes’) and 1.14 II 39-40 (hlk l ‘alpm bdld w l rbt km yr ‘they went in thousands like a downpour, in myriads like an early rain’).

► Hbr. yōrā ‘early rain’ (HALOT 404).

▼ The origin of CC *yāriy- is uncertain, but it is tempting to surmise (with DRS 621-622) a connection with the widely attested verbal root *rwy ‘to be saturated with water’ (for which v. HALOT 1194-1195 and CDG 478).

76. yr ‘to be afraid’ (DUL 977).

• Possible attestations of this root are discussed in Tropper 1996, who deals extensively with both relevant passages: 1.5 II 6-7 (yr’a’un156 ‘al’iyn b’l tt’n rkb ‘rpt ‘the mighty B’l feared him, the Rider of the clouds was frightened of him’) and 1.6 VI 30-32 (yr’u bn ‘ilm <m>t tt’ydd’d ‘il γzd ‘Mt, the son of ‘il was afraid, frightened was the beloved son of ‘il, the warrior’).

► Hbr. yr ‘to fear’ (HALOT 433).

▼ There is no immediate etymological parallel to CC *yr ‘to be afraid’, which, at least in Hebrew, has become the basic verb with this meaning. Hypothetic cognates (DRS 483, 615-616) involve either metathesis (Arb. w’r ‘to frighten’, Lane 3048157) or consonantal variation (wr‘‘to fear’, Lane 3051).

77. yšk ‘to pour out; to smelt, cast’ (DUL 987).

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154 Hapax Legomenon in Ps 27:12, meaning reliably established from parallelism with ‘ādē ‘witnesses’.
155 Several reliable attestations in Proverbs.
156 Exact morphological interpretation of this difficult form is highly problematic, but its attribution to yr ‘to be afraid’ is beyond doubt.
157 Comparison with Tgr. wāra ‘to threaten’ (WTS 435) in HALOT 432 is problematic since ‘is not expected to be lost in Tigre.
• Both the general meaning ‘to pour’ and the more technical ‘to cast (metals)’ are reliably attested: yšk b gl ḫtt yn ‘he poured wine into a silver cup’ (1.14 IV 1), yšk ksp l ’alpm ḫrs yšk l rbbt ‘he poured silver into thousands (of shekels), gold into myriads’ (1.4 I 26-28).

  ▶ Pho. yšk ‘statue’ (Tomback 1978:128, cf. DNWSI 466), ‘to cast a metal object’ (Krahmalkov 2000:214), Hbr. yšk ‘to pour out; to cast’ (HALOT 428).

  ▼ The origin of CC *yšk ‘to pour; to cast’ is uncertain.

78. ytn ‘to be old, become old, wear out’, yṯn ‘old, rancid’ (DUL 996).

• The meaning ‘old’ is reliably deduced from 4.168:5-8 (mlbš trłmm k ytn w b bt mlk mlbš ytn lhm ‘since the garment of trłmm grew old, let one give them one garment from the king’s house’). The expression dblt ytn t w šmn̄m ytnm in the hiihipiatric prescriptions (1.71:27, also 1.72:37-38 and 1.85:31) is paralleled by Hbr. haddūdā ’īm ... ḫāḏāšīm gam yāšānūm (Ct 7:14), see further Cohen–Sivan 1983:41.

  ▶ Hbr. yšn ‘to grow old’, yāšān ‘old’ (HALOT 448).

  ▼ The origin of CC *yṯn ‘to wear out, grow old’ (Ginsberg 1970:103) is uncertain. Comparison with Arb. ’sn ‘to be altered, long standing, rancid (water)’ (Lane 60) and sun IV ‘to be advanced in age’ (Lane 1436) suggested in Tropper 2000:109, albeit semantically attractive, is undermined by the irregular phonological correspondence.158 DRS 658 compares Arb. ytn IV ‘to become wasted and worn out (an old man)’, ṭim̄- ‘dry herbage’ (Lane 356). Cf. also Arb. wtn X ‘to become numerous, abundant’ (LA 13 547).*

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158 See comments on nṯk ‘weapons’ in No. 48 above in this section.

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