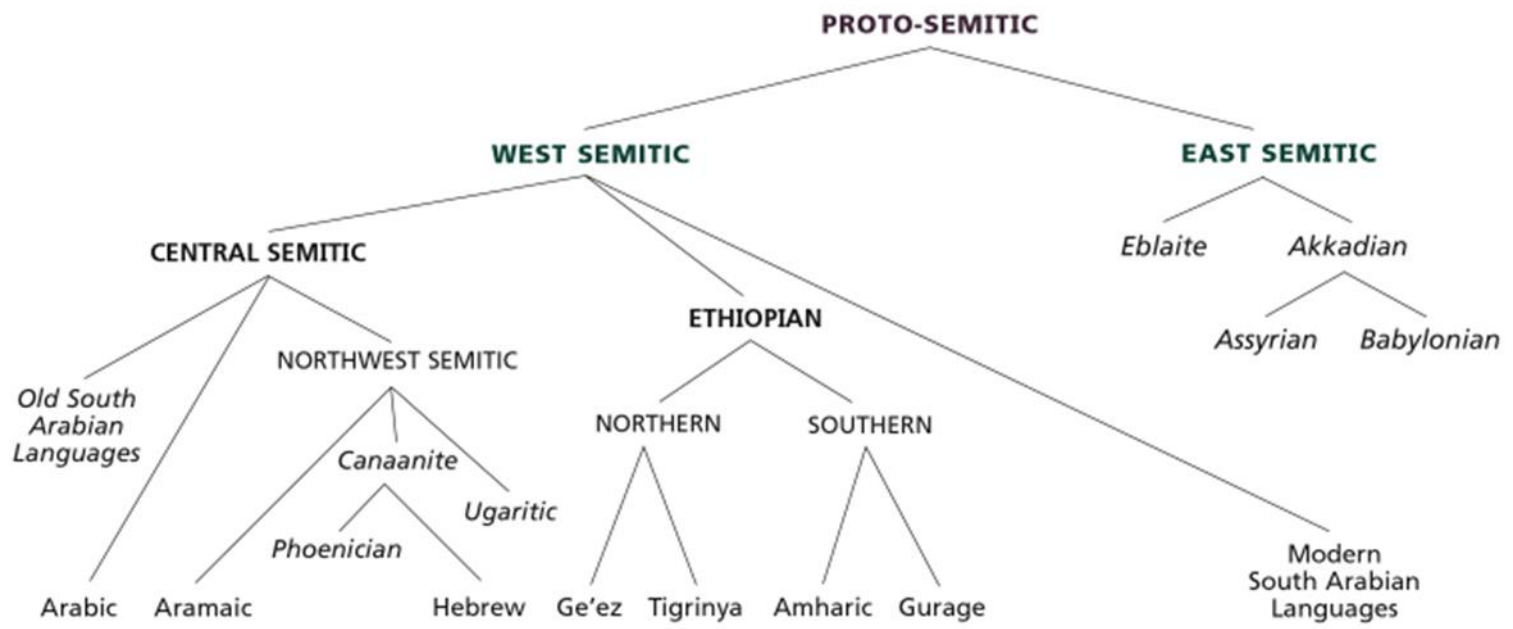


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Development of Written Arabic
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Modern Latin

A B C D E F Z H I K L M N O P Q R S T

Early Latin

A B C D E F Z H Z K L M N O P Q R S T

Early Greek

Δ Δ Γ Δ Ε Ζ Η Ζ Κ Λ Μ Ν Ο Π Φ Ρ Σ Τ

Phoenician

K G A Δ E Y I H Θ Z γ L γ γ † 0 γ † φ γ w †

Early Aramaic

𐤀 𐤁 𐤂 𐤃 𐤄 𐤅 𐤆 𐤇 𐤈 𐤉 𐤊 𐤋 𐤌 𐤍 𐤎 𐤏 𐤐 𐤑 𐤒 𐤓 𐤔 𐤕

Nabataean

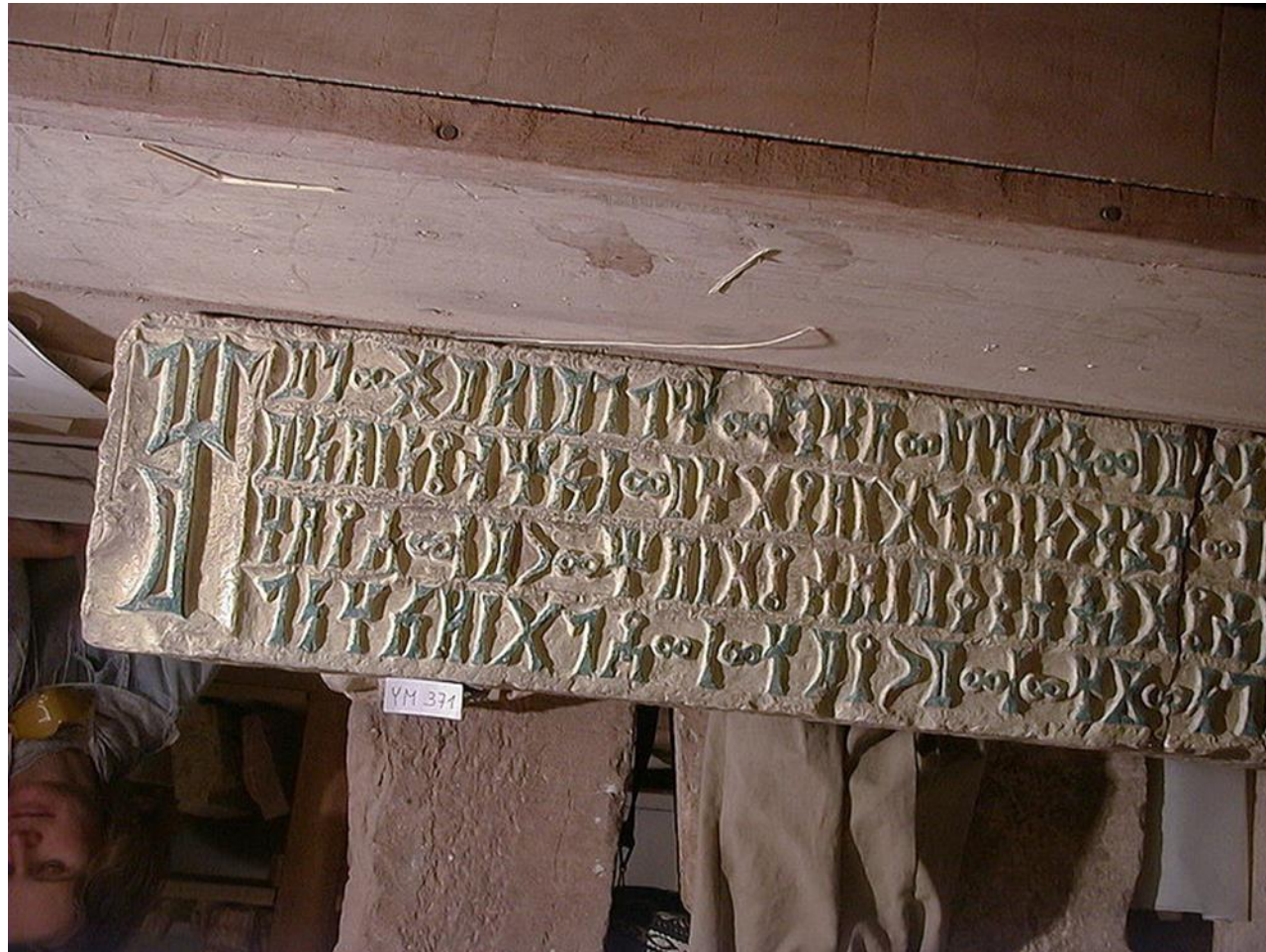
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Early Arabic

ل 𐤁 𐤂 𐤃 𐤄 𐤅 𐤆 𐤇 𐤈 𐤉 𐤊 𐤋 𐤌 𐤍 𐤎 𐤏 𐤐 𐤑 𐤒 𐤓 𐤔 𐤕



Epigraphic South Arabian inscription (Sana'a, Yemen)



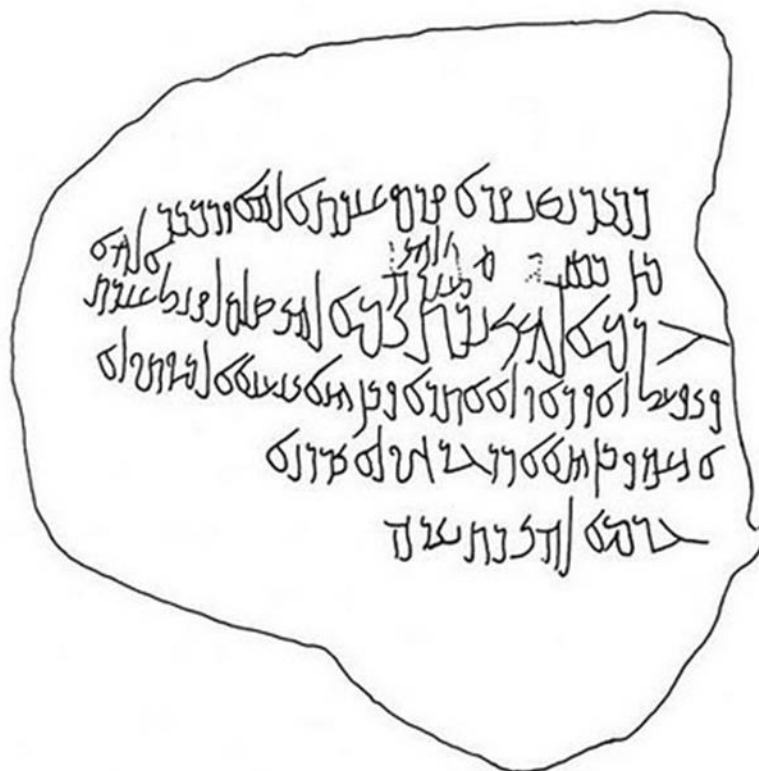
Petra: trading capital of Nabataeans



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no date, but probably no later than 150 CE

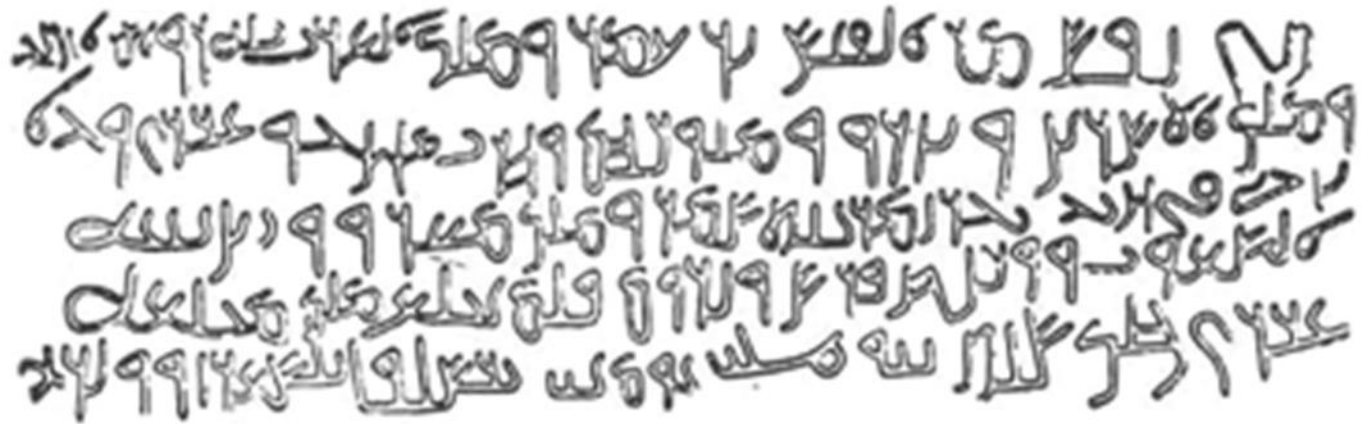
Nabataean script/lines 1-4 Aramaic, lines 5-6 Arabic



Namara

dated, 328 CE

Nabataean script/Arabic language



Handwritten Nabataean script, likely an inscription, consisting of five lines of text.

Funerary inscription from an-Namara (AD 328), speaking of the famous pre-Islamic poet Imru l-Qays.

Jabal Ramm

no date, probably 4th century CE



خ	ح	ج	ث	ت	ب	ا
kha	haa	jiim	thaa	taa	baa	alif
ص	ش	س	ز	ر	ذ	د
saad	shiin	siin	zaay	raa	thaal	daal
ق	ف	غ	ع	ظ	ط	ض
qaaf	faa	ghayn	ayn	thaa	taa	daad
ي	و	ه	ن	م	ل	ك
yaa	waaw	ha	nuun	miim	laam	kaaf

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Qur'an canonization: traditional account

- Muhammad ca. 570-632 (revelation, 22 years)
- Abu Bakr r. 632-634 (private collection)
- 'Umar r. 634-644 (private and some official collection)
- 'Uthman r. 644-656 (consonantal skeleton and burning of variant manuscripts)
- 'Ali r. 656-661