

| <i>Living Languages.</i> | <i>Dead Languages.</i> | <i>Classes.</i> | |
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| Dialects of Arabic | Ethiopic | Arabic, or Southern. | } Shemitic Family. |
| Amharic | Himyeritic inscriptions | | |
| The Jews. | Biblical Hebrew | Hebraic, or Middle. | |
| | Samaritan Pentateuch | | |
| | Carthaginian—Phœnician inscriptions | | |
| Neo-Syriac | Chaldee, Masora, Talmud, Targum, Biblical Chaldee | Aramaic, or Northern. | |
| | Syriac (Peshito, 2d century A.D.) | | |
| | Cuneiform inscriptions of Babylon and Nineveh | | |

A somewhat more intuitive table is the following, taken from Böttcher, *Ausf. Lehrbuch der hebr. Sprache*, p. 4 (ed. Mühlau):

PRIMITIVE SHEMITIC.

| A. | | B. | | C. | |
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| <i>Northern Shemitic.</i> (ARAMAIC.) | | <i>Middle Shemitic.</i> (CANAANITIC.) | | <i>Southern Shemitic.</i> (ARABIC.) | |
| 1. Assyrian of the cuneiform writings, B.C. 1900-600 | | 3. Phœnician, B.C. 1200 sq. | 2. Hebrew, B.C. 1500 sq. | Northern Arabic | Southern Arabic |
| 8. Syriac, A.D. 180 sq. | 4. Chaldee, B.C. 420 sq. | | | { 7. Sinaitic inscript. of the Nabathæans, B.C. 150-A.D. 150 } | 5. Himyeritic inscriptions, B.C. (?). |
| | 6. Samaritan, B.C. 200 sq. (?) | | | | 11. Written Arabic, A.D. 500 sq. |
| | 9. Mishna, A.D. 190 sq. | | | (Neo-Arabic Dialects.) | |
| 12. Sabian, A.D. (?) | Gemara, A.D. 300 sq. | | 13. Rabbinic, A.D. 1000 sq. (Neo-Hebrew.) | | 14. Amharic, A.D. 1300 sq. |