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AfO	Archiv für Orientforschung
AHw	von Soden, W. 1965-81. <i>Akkadisches Handwörterbuch</i> . Wiesbaden.
ARES 3	Pagan, J.M. 1998. <i>A Morphological and Lexical Study of Personal Names in the Ebla Texts</i> . (Archivi Reali di Ebla 3). Rome.
ARM	Archives royales de Mari
Beduinen	von Oppenheim, M. 1939-68. <i>Die Beduinen</i> . Unter Mitbearbeitung von Erich Bräunlich und Werner Caskel. Leipzig.
Beiträge	Nöldeke, T. 1904. <i>Beiträge zur semitischen Sprachwissenschaft</i> . Strasbourg.
BM	Tablets in the collections of the British Museum
CAA	Gelb, I.J. 1980. <i>Computer-aided Analysis of Amorite</i> . (Assyriological Studies 21). Chicago.
CAD	1956-2011. <i>The Assyrian Dictionary of the Oriental Institute of the University of Chicago</i> . Chicago.
CDA	Black, J., George, A., and Postgate, N. 2000 ² . <i>A Concise Dictionary of Akkadian</i> . (SANTAG 5). Wiesbaden.
CIK	Caskel, W. 1966. <i>Čamharat an-Nasab: das genealogische Werk des Hišām ibn Muhammad al-Kalbī</i> . Leiden.
DDD	van der Toorn, K., Becking, B., and van der Horst, P.W. 1999 ² . <i>Dictionary of Deities and Demons in the Bible</i> . Leiden.
DNWSI	Hoftijzer, J., and Jongeling, K. 1995. <i>Dictionary of the North-West Semitic Inscriptions</i> . (Handbuch der Orientalistik. I. Der Nahe und der Mittlere Osten 21). Leiden.
DUL	Del Olmo Lete, G., and Sanmartín, J. 2003. <i>A Dictionary of the Ugaritic Language in the Alphabetic Tradition</i> . ((Handbuch der Orientalistik. I. Der Nahe und der Mittlere Osten 112). Leiden.
ENAH	King, G.M. 1990. <i>Early North Arabian Hismaic. A Preliminary Description Based on a New Corpus of Inscriptions from the Ḥismā Desert of Southern Jordan</i> .

- dan and Published Material.* Ph.D. Thesis. School of Oriental and African Studies. London.
- HALOT Koehler, L., Baumgartner, W., Richardson, M.E.J., and Stamm, J.J. 1994-2000. *The Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament.* Leiden.
- HIn Harding, G.L. 1971. *An Index and Concordance of Pre-Islamic Names and Inscriptions.* (Near and Middle Eastern Series 8). Toronto.
- Ikmāl Ibn Mākūlā. n.d. *al-Ikmāl fī raf‘ al-irtiyāb ‘an al-mu’talaf wa al-muhtalaf fī al-asmā’ wa al-kunā wa al-ansāb.* Cairo.
- IPN Noth, M. 1928. *Die israelitischen Personennamen im Rahmen der gemeinsemitischen Namengebung.* Stuttgart.
- IPNOBS Ferwerda, T.G., and Woestenburg, E. 1998. *Index Personal Names Old Babylonian ‘Sippar’.* Leiden (unpublished).
- Ištiqāq Ibn Durayd. 1991. *al-Ištiqāq.* (Ed. Hārūn, ‘A.). Beirut.
- KN Ibn Al-Ǧawzī. 1993. *Kašf al-niqāb ‘an al-asmā’ wa al-alqāb.* (Ed. Al-Şā‘idī, ‘A.). Cairo.
- Lane Lane, E.W. 1863-93. *An Arabic-English Lexicon.* London.
- LAPO 16-18 Durand, J.-M. 1997-2000. *Les documents épistolaires du palais du Mari I-III.* (Littératures anciennes du Proche-Orient 16-18). Paris.
- Lisān Ibn Manzūr. 1995-96. *Lisān al-‘arab.* (Eds. ‘Abd Al-Wahhāb, A.M., and Al-‘Ubaydī, M.). Beirut.
- MAAM Al-Sayyid, F.S. 1990. *Mu‘ğam al-alqāb wa al-asmā’ al-musta‘ara fī al-tārīḥ al-‘arabī.* Beirut.
- MAD 3 Gelb, I.J. 1957. *Glossary of Old Akkadian.* (Materials for The Assyrian Dictionary 3). Chicago.
- NAOMA Freydank, H., and Saporetti, C. 1979. *Nuove attestazioni dell'onomastica medio-assira.* (Incunabula Graeca 74). Rome.
- NBC Tablets in the Babylonian Collection, Yale University Library.
- NBN Tallqvist, K. 1905. *Neubabylonisches Namenbuch zu den Geschäftsurkunden aus der Zeit des Šamaššumukīn bis Xerxes.* (Acta Societatis Scientiarum Fennicae 32/2). Helsinki.

- Nbn. Strassmaier, J.N. 1889. *Inschriften von Nabonidus, König von Babylon (555-538 v.Chr.).* (Babylonische Texte 1-4). Leipzig.
- NPN Gelb, I.J., Purves, P.M., and MacRae, A. 1943. *Nuzi Personal Names.* (The Oriental Institute Publications 57). Chicago.
- OAPN Dercksen, J.G. 1991. *Old Assyrian Personal Names.* Leiden (unpublished).
- OBTR Dalley, S., Walker, C.B.F., and Hawkins, J.D. 1976. *The Old Babylonian Tablets from Tell al Rimah.* London.
- OMA Sapozetti, C. 1970. *Onomastica medio-assira.* (Studia Pohl 6). Rome.
- PBS Publications of the Babylonian Section, University Museum, University of Pennsylvania.
- PEb Archi, A., Bonechi, M., Catagnoli, A., Corò, P., and Fronzaroli, P. 2008-2011. *The Prosopography of Ebla, B, G, K.* Available online at: <http://www.sagas.unifi.it/vp-337-archive.html>.
- PHIAP Zadok, R. 1988. *The Pre-Hellenistic Israelite Anthroponymy and Prosopography.* (Orientalia Lovaniensia Analecta 28). Leuven.
- PKTN Hölscher, H. 1996. *Die Personennamen der kassitenzeitlichen Texte aus Nippur.* (Imgula 1). Münster.
- PNA Baker, H.D. (ed.) 1998-2011. *The Prosopography of the Neo-Assyrian Empire.* Helsinki.
- PNNR Negev, A. 1991. *Personal Names in the Nabataean Realm.* Jerusalem.
- PNPI Stark, J.K. 1971. *Personal Names in Palmyrene Inscriptions.* Oxford.
- PNPPI Benz, F.L. 1972. *Personal Names in the Phoenician and Punic Inscriptions: A Catalog, Grammatical Study and Glossary of Elements.* (Studia Pohl 8). Rome.
- PQI Hayajneh, H. 1998. *Die Personennamen in den qatabānischen Inschriften: lexikalische und grammatische Analyse im Kontext der semitischen Anthroponomastik.* (Texte und Studien zur Orientalistik 10). Zürich/New York.
- PTU Gröndahl, F. 1967. *Die Personennamen der Texte aus Ugarit.* (Studia Pohl 1). Rome.
- SAA State Archives of Assyria

SED 2	Militarev, A., and Kogan, L. 2005. <i>Semitic Etymological Dictionary: Volume 2: Animal Names</i> . (Alter Orient und Altes Testament 278/2). Münster.
TCL	Textes cunéiformes du Louvre
TDOT	Botterweck, G.J., and Ringgeren, H. 1974ff. <i>Theological Dictionary of the Old Testament</i> , (Translated from Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Alten Testament). Grand Rapids.
ThWAT 9	Gzella, H. (ed.) 2016. <i>Aramäisches Wörterbuch</i> . (Theologisches Wörterbuch zum Alten Testament 9). Stuttgart.
UET	Ur Excavations, Texts
VAS	Vorderasiatische Schriftdenkmäler
YOS	Yale Oriental Series, Babylonian Texts

Abbreviations of contemporary student lists (Syria, The Palestinian Territories, and The United Arab Emirates)

Gaza	Gaza Strip	<i>Asmā' al-nāğīḥīn fī al-ṭānawiyya al-āmma fī al-diffa wa ḡazzah</i> (2013). Available online at: http://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2013/07/25/418009.html .
SAR	Syrian Arab Republic	
SAR 1	Aleppo Governorate	<i>Ǧadwal al-nāğīḥīn fī imtihān šahādat al-dirāsa al-ta'lim al-asāsi</i> (2011). <i>Muḥāfaẓat halab</i> .
SAR 2	Homs Governorate	<i>Ǧadwal al-nāğīḥīn fī imtihān šahādat al-dirāsa al-ta'lim al-asāsi</i> (2011). <i>Muḥāfaẓat humṣ</i> .
SAR 3	Daraa Governorate	<i>Ǧadwal al-nāğīḥīn fī imtihān šahādat al-dirāsa al-ta'lim al-asāsi</i> (2011). <i>Muḥāfaẓat dar‘ā</i> .
SAR 4	Deir ez-Zor Governorate	<i>Ǧadwal al-nāğīḥīn fī imtihān šahādat al-dirāsa al-ta'lim al-asāsi</i> (2011). <i>Muḥāfaẓat dīr az-zūr</i> .
UAE	The United Arab Emirates	<i>Asmā' al-nāğīḥīn wa al-nāğīḥāt fī imtihān al-ṭānawiyya al-‘āmma bi-qismayhā al-adabi wa al-‘ilmī</i> (2012).

WB West Bank *Asmā' al-nāğīhīn fī al-ṭānawiyya al-āmma fī al-diffa wa ḡazza* (2013). Available online at:
<http://www.alwatanvoice.com/arabic/news/2013/07/25/418009.html>

Abbreviations of languages, dialects, scripts, and linguistic periods

AAr.	Ancient Arabian
Akk.	Akkadian
Amor.	Amorite
ANAr.	Ancient North Arabian
Ar.	Arabic
Aram.	Aramaic
ASAr.	Ancient South Arabian
Can.	Canaanite
CAr.	Classical Arabic
CS	Central Semitic
Dad.	Dadanitic
Dura	Dura Europos
Eb.	Eblaite
ES	East Semitic
Had.	Hadramitic
Hat.	Hatrene
Heb.	Hebrew
His.	Hismaic
JBAram.	Jewish Babylonian Aramaic
JPAram.	Jewish Palestinian Aramaic
MA	Middle Assyrian
Mand.	Mandaic

MB	Middle Babylonian
Min.	Minaic
N/LB	Neo-/Late Babylonian
NA	Neo-Assyrian
Nab.	Nabataean
NWS	Northwest Semitic
(N)WSC	(North)west Semitic in cuneiform sources
OA	Old Assyrian
OAkk.	Old Akkadian
OArام.	Old Aramaic
OB	Old Babylonian
OffAram.	Official Aramaic
OSyr.	Old Syriac
Palm.	Palmyrene
Pho-Pun.	Phoenician-Punic
PS	Proto Semitic
PWS	Proto West Semitic
Qat.	Qatabanic
Sab.	Sabaic
Saf.	Safaitic
Sem.	Semitic
Sum.	Sumerian
Syr.	Syriac
Tham.	Thamudic
Ug.	Ugaritic
WS	West Semitic

Other abbreviations

App.	appendix of this study
b.	<i>bin</i> (i.e., son of)
Bed.	Bedouin (names)
br.	brother of
bt.	<i>bint</i> (i.e., daughter of)
c.	century
CAO	contemporary Arabic onomastics
dimin.	diminutive
DN	divine name
f	female name
fem.	feminine
FN	family name
fn.	footnote
gen.	genitive
GN	geographic name
hypoc.	honorific
m	male name
masc.	masculine
nick.	nickname
pl.	plural
PN(s)	personal name(s)
s.	son of
SG	social group
sg.	singular
trans.	transliteration

Symbols

↑, ↓ cf. above and below respectively

§ This symbol between parentheses refers to the corresponding paragraph number in the appendix of this study (i.e., App.)