

Confusion of Lettersⁱ

Paleo-Hebrew Script

	Easily confused	Possible to Confuse	Possible to Confuse if bottom of letter is erased
c. 1000 BCE	n (𐤍) 𐤎 (𐤍)		
c. 850 BCE	1. n (𐤍 𐤎) 𐤎 (𐤍) 2. כ (𐤎 𐤎) n (𐤍 𐤎)		λ (𐤌) ה (𐤅)
Seventh Century BCE	n (𐤍) 𐤎 (𐤍)	p (𐤑) 𐤒 (𐤑)	

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Early Sixth Century BCE	n (𐤍) n (𐤎)	b (𐤁) p (𐤑)	
Second Century BCE	1. n (𐤍) n (𐤎) 2. h (𐤅) r (𐤓)	1. b (𐤁) p (𐤑) 2. k (𐤊) n (𐤎)	

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Aramaic and Jewish Scripts

	Easily confused	Possible to Confuse	Possible to Confuse if bottom of letter is erased
Imperial Aramaic Sixth to Fourth Centuries BCE	1. ב(בּ ב̣) ד(דּ ד̣) ר(רּ ר̣) 2. ה(הּ ה̣) ח(חּ ח̣)	ט(טּ ט̣)	
Fifth to Fourth Centuries BCE	1. ד(דּ ד̣) כ(כּ כ̣) ר(רּ ר̣) 2. ח(חּ ח̣)	1. א(אּ א̣) ה(הּ ה̣) 2. ה(הּ ה̣) ח(חּ ח̣)	1. ח(חּ ח̣) ת(תּ ת̣) 2. ב(בּ ב̣) ד(דּ ד̣)

	<p>א (1)</p> <p>ב (1)</p>	<p>3.</p> <p>ג (1)</p> <p>ד (1)</p>	
<p>Third Century BCE</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>א (1)</p> <p>ב (1)</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>א (1)</p> <p>ב (1)</p> <p>2.</p> <p>א (1)</p> <p>ב (1)</p> <p>3.</p> <p>א (1)</p> <p>ב (1)</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>א (1)</p> <p>ב (1)</p> <p>2.</p> <p>א (1)</p> <p>ב (1)</p>
<p>Jewish c. 100 BCE</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>1</p>

	ב (כב)ב	ד (נ)ד	ח (ח)ח
	ד (נד)ד	ז (ז)ז	ת (ת)ת
	נ (נ)נ	2	
	2	נ (נ)נ	
	ב (כב)ב	פ (נ)פ	
	כ (ככ)כ		
	3		
	ד (נד)ד		
	כ (ך)כ		
	ר (ר)ר		
	4		
	ד (ד)ד		
	ו (ו)ו		
	5		
	ו (וו)ו		
	י (יי)י		
	7		

	<p>כ (כנכ)</p> <p>נ (ננ)</p>		
<p>"Herodian" First Century BCE</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>ד (דד)</p> <p>ר (רר)</p> <p>2.</p> <p>ה (הה)</p> <p>ח (חח)</p> <p>3.</p> <p>ו (וו)</p> <p>ז (זז)</p> <p>י (יי)</p>	<p>ב (בב)</p> <p>כ (ככ)</p> <p>פ (פפ)</p> <p>2.</p> <p>ו (וו)</p> <p>ר (רר)</p> <p>ו (וו)</p>	<p>1.</p> <p>ח (חח)</p> <p>ת (תת)</p> <p>2.</p> <p>ו (וו)</p> <p>ר (רר)</p>
<p>Medieval Jewish</p>	<p>בכ</p> <p>גג – later period</p> <p>דר</p> <p>זז - earlier period</p>		<p>חת</p>

ⁱ In preparing this table I used the tables of scripts in [*The Book of Hebrew Script: History, Palaeography, Script Styles, Calligraphy & Design*](#) by Ada Yardeni

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