Arabic words in 1st and early 2nd centuries Nabataean and Aramaean legal documents from the Judaean desert

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The Nabataean and Aramaean legal papyri from the Judaean desert, dating from the late 1st and early 2nd centuries CE, display legal terms and words in a mixed language, which is basically Aramaic. However, some of the words are not known in Aramaic, and some seem to be better explained as Arabic words. Regretfully, the forms of some of these words do not appear in identical forms in the Arabic dictionary, and their translations are not certain. The precise pronunciation could not be reconstructed because of the Aramaic transcription, which sometimes involves morphological changes due to the Aramaic influence.

The words which are listed here come from 12 legal documents, all discovered in the caves of Naḥal Ḥever (including those designated as coming from Naḥal Ṣe'elim). 8 of them are written in the Nabataean cursive script and 4 in the Aramaic cursive script (one of the latter being a Greek document with an Aramaic subscription, and all 4 but one including only single Arabic words).

Following is the list of the documents:

The documents written in Nabataean script:

Nahal Hever 1 (P. Yadin 1) - A Debenture in Nabataean-Aramaic (September 10th, 94)1

Nahal Hever 2 (P. Yadin 2) - A Sale Contract (November 19th, 99)2

Naḥal Ḥever 3 (P. Yadin 3) - A Sale Contract (November 19th, 99)3

Naḥal Ḥever 4 (P. Yadin 4) - A Possible Guarantor's Agreement (Ca. 99)4

Naḥal Ḥever 6 (P. Yadin 6) – A Tenancy Agreement (119)⁵

Naḥal Ḥever 9 (P. Yadin 9) - A Waiver (122)6

Naḥal Ḥever 36 (P. Yadin 36 + Pap. Starcky) – Redemption of a Writ of Seizure (Ca. 60)⁷

Naḥal Şe'elim 2 (XḤev/Şe 2) - A Sale Contract (Ca. 100)8

The documents written in Aramaic script:

Naḥal Ḥever 7 (P. Yadin 7) - A Deed of Gift (120)9

Naḥal Ḥever 10 (P. Yadin 10) – Babatha's Ketubbah (Between 122 and 125) 10

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³ Yardeni, (above, n.1), vol. A, pp. 284-289, vol. B, pp. [92-94]; Yadin et al., (above, n.1), pp. 201-244.

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⁵ Yardeni, (above, n.1), vol. A, pp. 295-296, vol. B, p. [97]; Yadin et al., (above, n.1), pp. 257-267.

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Naḥal Ḥever 20 (P. Yadin 20) - Concession of Rights - (June 19th, 130 [Greek with Aramaic subscription])11 Naḥal Ḥever 42 (P. Yadin 42) - A Lease Agreement (132)12

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'akri kry n.m. Lease, leasing fee

Interest clause:

נ"ח 1: 16

כס] \underline{p} סלעין \underline{a} ה חדה וחמשין פר/נס ראש עקר/ד<u>ו /</u>די לא<u>כר</u>י <u>ש</u>[ני]<u>ן תר</u>תיַן <u>מן זמן שטר</u>א דנה [כס]

נ"ח 2: 14, 37

... [silve]r *sl'yn*, one hundred and fifty ..., the first (payment?) of the account/contract which is for the leasing fee (of?) two y[ea]rs from the time of (the writing of) this (same) deed ...

<u>ח</u>לק \ מראנ>נ<א א<u>כר</u>י לשנתא

חלק] מראנא א<u>כר</u>י לשנ<u>ת</u>א

נ"ח 3: 41

חלק מראנא א<u>כר</u>י לשנתא

... (the) share of our lord, leasing fee for the year ...

<u>אצדק</u>

'aṣdiqa' *ṣdq* n.m. Legal\legitimate inheritor

נ"ח 36: 21 .20

אנא אלעזר דנה אצדק וירת ניקרכס אבי

... I, this (same) 'El'azar, (am) a legal\legitimate inheritor and an heir of Nikarchos my father ...

ואנה אלעזר דנה אצדק וירת בני דדי

... and I, this (same) 'El'azar, (am) a legal\legitimate inheritor and an heir of *Bny* my uncle

Waiver of claims:

(Aramaic document) 23 ,22 ,21 :7 כ"ח 7:

ודין ודבב ומומא כלה לא איתי לירתי ואצדקי ואנוש כלה בשמי עליכי ולא על ירתיכי

... and there will be no lawsuit or contest or oath whatsoever on the part of my heirs or my legal\legitimate inheritors, or on the part of any (other) person (whoever, acting) in my name against you or against your heirs ...

וית כל אצדק וירת \ ואנוש די יחסן מן ידכי מתנתא דא

... and any legal\legitimate inheritor or heir or (any) person who may gain from you possession of this gift ...

אצדק וירת ורחיק וקריב

... whether a legal\legitimate inheritor or heir, whether distant or near ...

<u>אצל</u>

'așula 's/vb. to become rooted, to be established

Specification of mortgage:

נ"ח 1: 22

וקנין כלה די אצל ופרע

... and all purchase that has struck roots and branched out ...

'uṣu:l? 's/ n.m. root, principal, landed property?

Guarantee clause:

נ"ח 1: 7, 36

וא>נחנה <u>מק</u>ימו ו<u>עבד[</u>עמנ/יו] א<u>]לה ברא</u> [מ]ן אצל <u>וחלף</u> ואנחנ<u>ה</u> מקימו וע<u>ב</u>[דעמ]נ/יו אלה ברא מן אצל וחל<u>ף</u>

... and we, these (same) *Mqymw* and *'bd'mn/yw*, besides?\except for? principal and exchange ...

ארס

'rs vb. To till the land

Obligation clause:

נ"ח 6: 10

ועמל ומ<u>אר</u>ס כחליקת עמל ו<u>ת::ס</u>

... and working and tilling (the land) as is the norm\nature of working and ...

<u>בלעונין</u>

Bulu:ġ? *blġ* n.pl. ? (to reach?) Achievements? /attainments?

Clearing clause:

נ"ח 36: 32

ובלעונין ומטי וחשב

... and attainments(?) and expedients and calculation ...

(also Aramaic?) <u>ב'ר'א'/ב'ר'י</u>

br' bari'a? vb. To clear, to cleanse

Clearing clause:

נ"ח 7: 22, 26, 69

מן כלא כתבת מב<u>ר[</u>א] יתכי וית כל ולד די תלדין מני

... (I hereby) grant you clearance (regarding) all that I have written, and (as well) any child that you may bear from me ...

כתבת ואברית \ יתכי מן ירתי ומן כל אנוש בשמי

כתבת ואברית ית<u>כ</u>י <u>מ[ן ירתי ומן כל אנוש] \ [בשמי</u>

... I have written and granted you clearance from (the claims of) my heirs and of any person (acting) in my name ...

(see also Idumean ostracon ISAP 1283) בראון

br' baru:'a?/bara:'a? n.m. clearance?\exemption? Clearing clause:

נ"ח 2: 13, 36

<u>זבנין ובראון</u> כחלי<u>קת</u>[זבניא <u>]ובראונא די מת</u>כתב ל[עלם]

זבנין ובראון כחליקת זבניא ובראונא די [[מתכ]תב לעלם

נ"צ 2: 19

וזבנין ובראון כחליקת זבניא ובראו]נא די מתכתב לעלם

... purchases and clearance, as is the norm\nature of the purchases and the clearances, which are written, forever ...

נ"ח 7: 24, 65 (Aramaic document) 65, 24 כחליקת מתנתא ובראוניא די מתכתבין לעלם

כח<u>ליקת</u> מ<u>ת</u>נתא ובראוניא די מתכת<u>ב</u>ין לעלם

... as is the norm\nature of the gifts and the clearances, which are written, forever ...

?גרח

jurh? jrh? n.m. injury(?)

Restitution of loan:

נ"ח 1: 32, 49

גר/וח וח: $\underline{\iota}$ ה וחלץ ות $\underline{\nu}[$ י]ן \ ועד/רי ומותו די לה על אנפי ארעא ותחות שמיא

... injury(?) and ... and rescue(?) and specification and ... and ..., pertaining to it on the face of the earth and under the sky ...

גר/וח וחי[:ה וח]לץ ותעין די להם

... injury(?) and ... and rescue(?) and specification, pertaining to them ...

הגין

haji:n *hjn* n.m. low, base, mean (?)

Clearing clause:

נ"ח 2: 12, 35

די עד יתבעה בהגין ו:::ן ו<u>תצדיק</u> כ<u>חליפין ומענמין</u>

די עד יתבעא בהגי]<u>[</u>[וועצדי]<u>ק</u>[כחליפי]<u>[</u>[ומענמי]ן

נ"ח 3: 14, 39

די עד יתבעא] \ בהגין ו:::ן ותצדיק <u>כח[</u>ליפין ומענמין

די עד יתבעא \ [ב]<u>ה</u>גין ו:::ן ותצ<u>ד</u>יק כחל<u>יפ</u>ין ומ<u>ענ</u>מין

... that may still be basically(?) claimed and ... and agreement, regarding exchanges and

profits ...

<u>ודיא</u>

wa:d n.m. wadi

Watering periods:

(Aramaic document) 43 :7 נ"ח

ענימיה חד בשבה פלגות שעה מן מי ודיא

... the watering\irrigation periods: (The) first day of the week – half an hour from the waters of the wadi ...

ולא

waliya:? vb.? to follow? (perhaps Aramaic) (see מתנו)

וערת

wa'r adj.f. craggy (land), covered with rock debris Boundaries clause:

נ"ח 7: 6, Aramaic document) 37,6 (27

ולצפונא ארע וערת וַלצפונא א[רע ו]<u>ע</u>רת

... and to the North – the craggy land ...

ופיא

wafi:ya: wfa: (to be perfect, beautiful) adj.f. perferct, beautiful Leasing clause:

(Aramaic document) 3 :42 מ"ח

די]תך חורתא ופיא חפיַרא די הוא בר [קבי]ש מחשן מן קודמת דנה [

... [that we have leased to]you(?), the white (sunny? [land]), the beautiful, digged (soil), which the son of $[Qby]\check{s}$ had been holding in possession formerly.

וציף

wasif wsf (to describe) adj.m. described Wife's rights upon husband's death:

נ"ח 7: 4, 17, 20, 56 (Aramaic document)

ושאר כל מנדעם די איתי לי די לא וציף

... and anything else that I (may) possess, that is not described ...

וכל מנדעם זעיר וסגיא די יהוא \ לי מן כ<u>ען</u> [ועד עלם] די וציף בשטר מתנתא דנה וכל מנדעם זעיר [ו]סגיא די יהוא לי מן כע[ן ועד ע<u>]ל</u>[ם] \ [ד]י ו<u>צ</u>[יף בשטר מתנת]<u>א</u> ד[נה]

... and anything (whatsoever), small and large, that I will own, from now on and forever, which is described in this deed of gift ...

Waiver of claims:

על כל די איתי לי וציף ודי לא וציף

... including all that I possess. (whether) described or not described ...

חבלל

<u>hb/II?</u> (to confuse? Complicate?) n.m.? confusion? complication? Specification of mortgage:

נ"ח 1: 28

ושותפו ורחמ<u>ם</u> וח<u>ב</u>לל ועעלל וחלץ ותעין ועד/רי \ [ומותו

... and partnership and friendship, and complication(?)\...(?), and ... and rescue(?) and specification and ... and ...

<u>חגרה</u>

hujrah n.f.? room, cell?\...? or: hajrun n.m.? restriction, prohibition? Specification of mortgage:

נ"ח 1: 21

וחגַרה וח<u>ר</u>ף ו<u>ע</u>לל<u>ה</u> וארען ו<u>כרמ</u>ין ובתין ודרי/ון וגנין ו $[\ \]$ ו ו<u>פרעונין</u> וקנין כלה

... and room(?)\restriction(?), and date-palms and their yield, and land-parcels and vineyards\groves, and houses and courtyards, and gardens, and [...]s, and payments (of debts) and all purchase ...

חדד

hadd n.m.? boundary, border?

Specification of property:

נ"ח 2: 6, 26

ותחום וחלק ותקף \ ות<u>ב</u>ת [וקש]<u>ם</u> וחד/רד/ר ותחום וחלק ותקף ותבת וקשם \ [nT/r]ד/ר

נ"ח 3: 6, 29

[1]ות]ח[ו]ם[וחל]ק ותקף ות<u>ב</u>>י<ת (וקשם וחד/רד/ר

ותחום וחלק ותקף ות<u>ב</u>ת וקשם \ וחד/רד/ר

... including the boundary and share, and (according to) a valid and a sound (document), and share and boundary ...

<u>חליקה</u>

 \underline{h} ali:qa ($\underline{\textit{h}}\textit{lq}$) n.f. custom, norm, nature

Clearing clause:

נ"ח 7: 24, Aramaic document) 65, 24 :7 כחליקת מתנתא ובראוניא די מתכתבין לעלם כח<u>ליקת</u> מ<u>ת</u>נתא ובראוניא די מתכת<u>ב</u>ין לעלם ... as is the norm\nature of the gifts and the clearances, which are written, forever ... נ"ח 36: 34 וחליקה ונשומה ... and the norm\nature and ...(?) ... Interest: נ"ח 1: 17, 38 ש<u>]טר</u>א <u>דנ</u>ה <u>רב</u>א עלוהי חליקה ... this (same) deed will increase (=bear interest) on him according to the norm\nature ... Tieing up of\ handling the deed: וטריק שטרא דנה עלידהם כחליקת טריק<u>ה</u> ... and this (same) deed was tied\handled by them according to the norm\nature of tieing\handling Clearing clause: נ"ח 2: 13, 36 זבנין ובראון כחליקת[זבניא ובראונא <u>זבניו</u> ובראוון כחליקת זבניא ו<u>בראונא</u> נ"ח 3: 40 <u>זבנין</u> ו<u>בראון</u> [כח]ל[י]קת זבניא ובראונא ... purchases and clearance, as is the norm\nature of the purchases and the clearances, which are written, forever ... Obligation clause: נ"ח 6: 10 ועמל ומארס כחליקת עמל ות::ס ... and working and tilling (the land) as is the norm\nature of working and ... <u>חלף</u> halaf (hlf) n.m. substitute? Guarantee clause:

... and we, these (same) Mgymw and 'bd'mn/yw, besides?\except for? principal and

נ"ח 1: 7, 36

וא>נחנה <u>מק</u>ימו ו<u>עבד</u>[עמנ/יו] א]<u>לה ברא</u> [מ]ן אצל <u>וחלף</u> ואנחנ<u>ה</u> מקימו וע<u>ב</u>[דעמ]נ/יו אלה ברא מן אצל וחל<u>ף</u>

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exchange ...
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<u>חלץ</u>

hlş (to be pure, be delivered) n.m.? rescue?

Specification of mortgage:

נ"ח 1: 28, 32

וחלץ ותעין ועד/רי \ [ומותו

וחלץ ות<u>ע</u>[י]ן \ ועד/רי ומותו

נ"ח 2: 12, [35]

וחלץ ותעין ועד/רי ומותו וחל]<u>ץ[</u> ותעי]<u>ן</u>[וע:י ומותו

נ"ח 3: 13, 38

ו[חל]<u>ץ</u>[ותעין ועד/רי ומותו

וחלץ ותעין <u>וע</u>ד/ר[י ו]<u>מ</u>ו<u>ת</u>ו

נ"צ 2: 17

ו]ת[ו]ת[ו]ת[ו]ת[ו

... and rescue(?) and specification and ..., and ...(?), ...

Restitution of loan:

נ"ח 1: 49

וח]לץ ותעין די להם

... and rescue(?) and specification pertaining to them ...

<u>חנה</u>

hny/w (to turn?) n.m.? bending? turning? (+ _t// = shaded?) (perhaps Aramaic?)

Specification of property:

נ"ח 1: 5

ושמש [ו]<u>חנה</u> טלל

נ"ח 2: 8, 82

שמש ו]חנה [טלל]

שמש וחנה טלל

נ"ח 3: 8, 31

שמש וחנ]ה טלל

שמש וחנה טלל

נ"צ 2: 10

שמ]ש וחנה טלל

... and sun(ny areas) and where shade falls ...

חקק

haqq adj.m? correct, valid

23 :36 נ"ח

ואקרב מה די לך עמי מן פרעון חקק

... and I have offered that which you have with me (= that which I owe you) of the correct\valid payment

חרוף, חרף

haru:fa n.f. dates\date-palms

Specification of property:

נ"ח 7: 4 וחרוף ועללהי נ"ח 1: 21, 26 וח<u>ר</u>ף ו<u>ע</u>לל<u>ה</u> וחרף <u>ו</u>עללה

... and the date-palms and their yield ...

<u>חרר</u>

harr adj. stony?\arid?

Specification of property:

נ"ח 2: 6, 26 <u>אר</u>ע ח<u>רר</u>ה ו<u>א</u>רע חררה נ"ח 3: 7, 29 ארע חררה ארע חררה

... stony?\arid? land ...

<u>חשב</u>

hạsb n.m. calculation, account

Clearing clause:

נ"ח 36: 32

ובלעונין ומטי וחשב [

... and attainments(?) and expedients and calculation ...

<u>ימין</u>

yami:n n.m. South

Boundaries clause:

נ"ח 2: 4

ולימ>י<ינא ארע מר[אנ]א רבאל מלכא

... and to the South – the land of our lord, Rab'el the king ...

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נ"ח 3: 5, 26
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ולימינא גנת מראַנא <u>ר</u>[באל מלכא ולי<u>מינ</u>א גנת מראנא רבאל מלכא ולי<u>מינ</u>א גנת מראנא רבאל מלכא

... and to the South – the orchard of our lord, Rab'el the king ...

מטי

mati:y n.m. expedient, device

Clearing clause:

נ"ח 36: 32

ובלעונין ומטי וחשב

... and attainments(?) and expedients and calculation ...

<u>מלך</u>

mulk n.m. possessory right, tenure, property(-tax?)

Conditional gift:

נ"ח 7: 15, 51

על אסרה די אהוא אכל ומחסן ופרע \ פרעון מלכהון

על]אַס<u>ר</u>ה די אהוא אכל ומחסן ופרע פרעון מלכהון

... on the binding agreement that I will eat (= enjoy the usufruct), and retain possession and remit payment of their property(-tax?) ...

מנה

minna n.f. gift

Specification of mortgage:

נ"ח 1: 24

וכתבי \ <u>כ</u>רזא <u>מנ</u>ה ופקדונין וענשן

... and writs of proclamation, (and writs of?) gift, and (of?) deposits and (of?) fines ...

מענם

magnam n.m. booty, profit

Clearing clause:

נ"ח 2: 12, 35

די עד יתבעה בהגין ו:::ן ותצדיק כחליפין ומענמין

די עד יתבעא בהגי]<u>ן</u>[ווו<u>]ן</u>[ותצדי<u>]ק</u>[כחליפי]ן[ומענמי]ן

נ"ח 3: 14, 39

די עד יתבעא] \ בהגין ו:::ן ותצדיק <u>כח[</u>ליפין ומענמין

די עד יתבעא \ [ב<u>]ה</u>גין ו:::ן ותצ<u>ד</u>יק כחל<u>יפ</u>ין ומ<u>ענ</u>מין

... that may still be basically(?) claimed, and ... and agreement, regarding exchanges and profits ...

mttn vb, to make firm, consolidate?

Confirmation of the deed?:

נ"ח 1: 10, 45

<u>ולא</u> מת<נ>ו כל שהד/יה כ/נתב/נו

<u>ולא מתנו</u> <בכל> <u>שה[די]ה</u> [כ/י]<u>ת</u>ב/נ<u>ו</u>

נ"ח 2: 17, [42]

ולא מ<u>ת</u>נו <u>בכ</u>ל שה<u>די</u>ה י/כתנ/בו

[ולא מתנו <u>]בכו</u>ל שהד/יה י/כת[נ/בו

נ"ח 3: 48

ולא \ מתנו בכל שהד/יה י/כתנ/בו

נ"ח 4: 18

ו<u>ל</u>א מתנו בכל שהי/דה \ ית<u>נ</u>ו

... following(?) they have consolidated(?) all that the witnesses have signed?\will consolidate?

<u>נוף</u>

nauf n.m. full extent, excess

Confirmation of investiture:

נ"ח 7: 20

כלא יהוא לכי בנ<u>וף</u> מתנתא דא

... in entirety, it shall belong to you to the full extent of this gift ...

<u>ע'ד'א'</u>

'd\' dw ? vb. to abandon, leave, give up?

Waiver of claims:

נ"ח 9: 6

ולא עד/רא לי עמך מנדעם לא זעיר \ [ולא שגיא

... and nothing has been left by me with you (= you don't owe me anything), neither small nor large

(writ of seizure entitling a creditor to seize goods of a debtor = עדוא) עדוא

'udwa: n.m. hostile action

Redemption of bill:

נ"ח 36: 2, 3, 5, 11, 13, 14, 15, 16, 23, 24

[די] תנפק לי שטר עדוא הו

... that you will bring out for me that (same) writ of seizure ...

Discharge of debt (?):

	שט]ר עדוא הו[שט
	שטר עדוא הו[
that (same) writ of seizure	
Pledge of the stores:	בכבעם משכנני שנוב עדנו. כנ
and for some of the pledges of that (same) writ of seizur	ובקצת משכוני שטר עדוא הו e
Proclamation of grove:	
	ב]שטר עדוא הו
that (same) writ of seizure	שטר עדוא הו
Palm grove:	
are written in that (same) writ of seizure	כתיבין בשטר עדוא הו
Proclamation of grove:	
Trocial nation of grove.	ומן באתר זמן שטר עדוא הו
and after the time of that (same) writ of seizure	
Redumption of bill:	
١	ובעית מנך די תנפק לי שטר עדוא ה
and I asked you to bring out to me that (same) writ of se	izure
	ואפרק מנך שטר עדוא הו
and I shall redeem from you that (same) writ of seizure .	
	[ו] ואנפקת שטר עדוא
and you brought out that (same) writ of seizure	
	<u>עדי</u>
'add n.m account, count (perhaps Aramaic?)	
Interest clause:	נ"ח 1: 18
7	נודו. סו וכספא דנה מן עדי מהר אמתאיסי דא
and this (same) silver is from the account of the bride-pr	·
	, , ,
	? <u>עלאני</u>
'alani:yah adj. open, overt, public?	

Specification of mortgage:

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וגן ו<u>נב</u>ע וש::ד/ר על<u>א</u>ני
                                                                                             נ"ח 2: 6, 26
                                                                                   וגן ו<u>נב</u>ע ו<u>ש</u>::ד/ר ועל<u>א</u>ני
                                                                                 וגן ו<u>נב</u>ע וש::ד/ר ועלא[ני]
                                                                                                נ"ח 3: 29
                                                                             ו>:<גן ו<u>נב</u>ע וש::ד/ר ועל<u>א[</u>נ]י
                                                                                                 8 :2 צ"ב
                                                                               וג]ן[ ונב]ע \ וש::ר/ד ועלא<u>נ</u>י
... and Orchard and spring and ...(?), and public?\open? ...
                                                                                                     עליין
'ulli:ya, 'illi:ya n.f.plural upper rooms\storeys
The property clause:
                                                                                        נ"ח 7: 3, 13, 94
                                                                           בתין ודרין\ודרון ושפלין ועליין
... houses and courtyards and lower and upper rooms\storeys ...
Another gift of courtyards and houses:
                                                           דרתא ובתיא דילי במחוזא ועליהום [ושפלהום]
                                                            דרתא ובת[יא די] לי במחוזא ועליהון ושפלהון
... houses and courtyards of mine in Mhwz and their lower and upper rooms\storeys ...
                                                                                                     'ע'מ'ר
'mr vb. to reside
The parties:
                                                                           נ"ח 7: 3, 33, 31, 55, 52, 66
                                                                     אנה שמעון בר מנחם די עמר במחוזא
                                                                   אנה שמעון בר מנ]חם \underline{r} עמר במח[וזא
... I, Shim'on son of Menaḥem, who resides in Mḥwz'...
Conditional gift:
                                                                   <u>ועמר ומעמר בדר</u>תא ו<u>בתי</u>א כל <u>יומי חיי</u>
                                                            [וע]מר ומעמר בדרתא ובתיא אנון כל יומי חיי
... and reside, and house (others) in the courtyards and the houses, all the days of my life
Daughter's rights:
                                                                               די תהוא עמרה בבית אוריא
                                                                               די תהוא עמרה בבית אוריא
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נ"ח 1: 22

 \dots that she may reside in the horeum (= pen?) \dots The parties:

נ"ח 1: 14

 Δv במ \ [די] במ<u>או</u>ב מקיַמו בעלה בר עותאלהי בר חלפאלהי די עמר בעינא שח<u>ר</u>ו

... *Mqymw*, her husband, son of $\dot{G}w\underline{t}'lhy$ son of $\dot{H}lp'lhy$, who resides in 'yn' šḥrw, [which is] in Mo'ab ...

<u>עעלל ?</u>

 $"//? \setminus \dot{g}"//? \setminus \dot{g}//? = ?$

Specification of mortgage:

נ"ח 1: 28

ושותפו ורחמ<u>ם</u> וח<u>ב</u>לל ועעלל וחלץ ותעין ועד/רי|

... and partnership and friendship, and complication(?)\...(?), and ... and rescue(?) and specification and ... and ...

עקד/רן

'aqd n.m. contract, agreement, deed ? (+ first person plural suffix?)

The sum:

נ"ח 1: 15

[כס]ף סלעין \underline{a} ה חדה וחמשין פר/נס ראש עקר/דן | די לא<u>כרי ש[ני]ן תר</u>תין

... silver sl'yn, one hundred and fifty, half(?) - the first (payment?) of the\our contract, which is for the lease (of) two years ...

Guarantee clause:

נ"ח 4: 14, 16

די אנתן לכי עקר/דנא די עלא

... that I will shall give you (the price of?) our contract, which is (written) above ...

Obligation clause:

וכול דמי עקר/דנא די עלא

... and the entire price of our contract which is written above ...

<u>עראר</u>

ġara:r adj. ? deceptive, fallacious ?

The fine clause:

נ"ח 2: 15, 40

וער<u>אר</u>י/ו<u>ן</u> \ לא ברשא

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וער]א[רי/ו]<u>ן</u> <u>לא ברש</u>א
                                                                                              46 :3 מ"ח
                                                                                   וערארי/ון לא ב<u>ר</u>[ש]א
                                                                                               נ"ח 4: 18
                                                                                     ו<u>עראר</u>י/ון לא ברש<u>א</u>
                                                                                               22 :2 נ"צ
                                                                                     וע<u>ראר</u>י/ון לא ברשא
... and fallacious\deceptive (actions) are not permitted ...
                                                                                                   ע'ר'ף'
'rf vb. to acknowledge, to recognize
Redemption of bill:
                                                                                          נ"ח 36: 3, 24
                                                                                         וערפת וח[שבת
                                                                                     וערפת וחשבת בתי
... and you acknowledged\approved and calculated my houses ...
                                                                                                        <u>פ</u>
fa conjuncton and (then)
Proclamation of grove:
                                                                                             נ"ח 36: 16
                                                                        פנפק בשם א[פ]תח בר תימאלהי
... and was issued/brought out, in the name of 'pth son of Tym'lhy ...
                                                                                                   פ'ל'ק'
Flq vb. To split, to allot, apportion
Part of the king:
                                                                                          נ"ח 2: 13, 37
                                               (e]^{\frac{1}{2}} מראנ>נ<א (e]^{\frac{1}{2}} מראנ
                                                      כדנה <u>פ</u>ל<u>ק</u>ת אב<u>י</u>ע<u>דן</u> דא על גנת[א דא חלק] מראנא
... thus has this (same) 'by'dn apportioned, for this grove, the share of our lord ...
                                                                                               נ"ח 3: 15
                                                                כדנה] \ <u>פלק[</u>ת א]ב<u>י</u>ע<u>דן</u> דא <u>חלק מרא[</u>נא
... thus has this (same) 'by'dn apportioned the share of our lord ...
                                                                                                     <u>פרע</u>
frr' vb. to branch out
Specification of mortgage:
                                                                                               נ"ח 1: 22
                                                                                  וקנין כלה די אצל ופרע
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... and all purchase that has struck roots and branched out ...

fira:šah n.f. mattress, bed

Wife's rights:

(Aramaic document) 9, 7 :10 נ"ח

עם דין לחמך וכסותך ופרשך

עם דין[לחמ]ך ופרשך וכסתך

... (together) with the rightful allocation of your food, and your clothing and your bed\mattress ...

... (together) with the rightful allocation of your food, and your bed\mattress and your clothing ...

<u>צדק</u>

șidq n.m. truth (legal right?) (perhaps Aramaic?)

Detailing of property:

נ"ח 2: 5, 25

וכל די איתי לאביעדן דא בה מן צדק ור>ו<שו

וכל די איתי לאביַע<u>דן</u> דא [ב]ה מן צדק ורשו

נ"ח 3: 6, 28

וכל די איתי לאביעדן דא[בה מן צד]ק ו[רשו

וכל די איתי לאב<u>י</u>ע<u>דן</u> דא בה מן צדק ורשו

... and all that belongs to this (same) 'by'dn within it, by (legal)right and jurisdiction ...

8 :2 צ"נ

וכל די איתי] לשלום דא בה מן צדק ורשו

... and all that belongs to this (same) Šlwm within it, by (legal) right and jurisdiction ...

צנעה

şan'ah n.f. handiwork, crafted articles

Specification of mortgage:

נ"ח 1: 25

ועמר ושללין וצנעת כסף ודהב

... and wool, and chains(?), and crafted articles of silver and gold ...

<u>צפא</u>

sf'(sfw) vb. To be or become clear, clean

Acknowledgment:

42 :20 נ"ח

די אעבד ואצפא כל די על כתב

... that I'll act and cleanse all that is written above ... Cleansing clause: נ"ח 2: 10, 32 ודי אצ<u>פא</u> אנה אב<u>י</u>ע<u>דן</u> דא זבניא אלה <u>מן</u> כל אנו<u>ש</u> וד[י אצפ]אַ א[נה]אביַע<u>דן</u> דא זבניא אלה מן כל אנוש <u>וד</u>[י אצפ נ"ח 35: 35 ודי אצ<u>פ</u>א אנה אב<u>י</u>ע<u>דן</u> דא זבניא אלה מן כל אנו<u>ש</u> ... and that I, this (same) 'by'dn, will cleanse these purchases from (the claim of) any person ... 14 :2 צ"ז ודי אצ]פא אנה שלום דא זבניא א[לה] \ [מן כל אנוש ... and that I, this (same) 'by'dn, will cleanse these purchases from (the claim of) any person ... <u>קבלה ?</u> gaba:lah? n.f. guarantee, contract, agreement Cleansing clause: נ"ח 3: 14, 39 וקבלה ות::ו ורשי ו::ח ו:::: כלה]:: כלה ו<u>קב</u>לה ו[ת:]:ו ו<u>ר</u>שי ו::ח \ [... and guarantee?\contract?, and ..., and ..., and ..., and ..., all of it. Clearing?: נ"ח 36: 35 שמע וקבלת מלך ודין ופתור ואסרתג[... [..., and]announcement?\hearing?, and guarantee(?) of a king, a judge, and a moneychanger?\interpretor?, and commander ... קיסמא qiya:s ma:' n. construct state shares of water Watering periods: נ"ח 7: 44 [פ]לגות שעה מ[ן <u>]ת</u>לת קיסמא ... half an hour (out) of three shares of water ... קשם

gasam, gism n.m. part, share

Specification of property:

נ"ח 2: 6, 26

ותחום וחלק ותקף \ ות<u>ב</u>ת [וקש]<u>ם</u> וחד/רד/ר

ותחום וחלק ותקף ות<u>ב</u>ת וקשם \ [וחד/ר]ד/ר

נ"ח 3: 6, 29

 $[1]_{0}[$ וחל]ק ותקף ות<u>ב</u>>י<ת (וקשם וחד/רד/ר

ותחום וחלק ותקף ות<u>ב</u>ת וקשם \ וחד/רד/ר

... including the boundary and share, and (according to) a valid and a sound (document), and share and boundary ...

<u>'ר'ה'ן</u>

rhn vb. to pledge

Wife's rights upon husband's death:

נ"ח 7: 17, 56, 54

למקנא ולמזבנו ולמנחל ולמורתו ולמרהן ולמנתן

ל[מ]קנא ולמזבנו ולמנחל ולמורתו ולמרהן ולמנתן

... to buy and to sell, and to inherit, and to bequeath, and to pledge (as security), and to grant as gift ...

די לא אתזבן ולא אשתרהן לחשחות נפשי

... which has not been sold and has not been pledged (as security) for my own subsistence ...

Investiture clause:

נ"ח 2: 9

למ<u>קנ</u>א ול<u>זבנ</u>ה ולמרהן ולמנחל ולמנתן

נ"ח 3: 33

למקנא ולזבנה ולמרהן ולמנחל ולמנתן

... to buy and to sell, and to pledge (as security), and to bequeath, and to grant as gift ...

שמאלא

šama:li:, šima:li: n. North

Boundaries:

נ"ח 2: 5, 24

ול]שמאלא רקקא

[ול]שמ[אלא רקקא

נ"ח 3: 5, 27

ולש[מאלא רקקא

ולשמ<u>א</u>לא רקקא

... and to the North – the swamp ...

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<u>שפלין</u>
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sufl, sufli: n.m. lowest, lower (room, storey)

The property clause:

נ"ח 7: 3, 13, 94

בתין ודרין\ודרון ושפלין ועליין

... houses and courtyards and lower and upper rooms\storeys ...

Another gift of courtyards and houses:

דרתא ובתיא דילי במחוזא ועליהום [ושפלהום] <u>דרתא</u>

דרתא ובת[יא די] לי במחוזא ועליהון ושפלהון

... houses and courtyards of mine in Mhwz' and their lower and upper rooms\storeys ...

<u>תבת</u>

 \underline{t} abt, \underline{t} a:bit adj. firm, sound, credible (document)

Specification of property:

נ"ח 2: 6, 26

ותחום וחלק ותקף \ ות<u>ב</u>ת [וקש]<u>ם</u> וחד/רד/ר ותחום וחלק ותקף ות<u>ב</u>ת וקשם \ [וחד/ר]ד/ר

נ"ח 3: 6, 29

ות]<u>ח</u>[ו]ם[וחל]ק ותקף ות<u>ב</u>>י<ת (וקשם וחד/רד/ר

ותחום וחלק ותקף ות<u>ב</u>ת וקשם \ וחד/רד/ר

... including the boundary and share, and (according to) a valid and a sound (document), and share and boundary ...

תעין

ta'yi:n n.m. specification

Specification of mortgage:

נ"ח 1: 28, 32

וחלץ ותעין ועד/רי \ [ומותו

וחלץ ות<u>ע[</u>י]ן \ ועד/רי ומותו

נ"ח 2: 12, [35]

וחלץ ותעין ועד/רי ומותו

וחל]ץ[ותעי]ן[וע:י ומותו

נ"ח 3: 13, 38

ו[חל]<u>ץ</u>[ותעין ועד/רי ומותו

וחלץ ותעין <u>וע</u>ד/ר[י ו]<u>מ</u>ו<u>ת</u>ו

נ"צ 2: 17

וחלץ ותעין ועד/רי ומ[ו]ת[ו]

... and rescue(?) and specification and ..., and ...(?), ...

תצדיק

tașdi:q n.m. consent, agreement

Clearing clause:

נ"ח 2: 12, 35

די עד יתבעה בהגין ו:::ן ו<u>תצדיק</u> כ<u>חליפין ומענמין</u>

די עד יתבעא בהגי]<u>ן</u>[ווו][ותצדי]<u>ק</u>[כחליפי]ן[ומענמי]ן

נ"ח 3: 14, 39

די עד יתבעא]\ בהגין ו:::ן ותצדיק <u>כח[</u>ליפין ומענמין

די עד יתבעא \ [ב<u>]ה</u>גין ו:::ן ותצ<u>ד</u>יק כחל<u>יפ</u>ין ומ<u>ענ</u>מין

... that may still be basically(?) claimed and ... and agreement, regarding exchanges and profits ...