

Assyrian



Assyrian language is the east Semitic dialect that evolved from Akkadian after 1950 B.C. The term Assyrian is sometimes incorrectly used for the Akkadian language as a whole because the first inscriptions in Akkadian to be found in modern times were discovered in the region that was ancient Assyria.

Assyrians have used two languages throughout their history: ancient Assyrian (Akkadian), and Modern Assyrian (neo-Syriac). Akkadian was written with the cuneiform writing system, on clay tablets, and was in use from the beginning to about 750 B.C.

By 750 B.C., a new way of writing, on parchment, leather, or papyrus, was developed, and the people who brought this method of writing with them, the Arameans, would eventually see their language, Aramaic, supplant Ancient Assyrian because of the technological breakthrough in writing. Aramaic was made the second official language of the Assyrian empire in 752 B.C.

Currently SSWAHS Health Care Interpreter Service employs 2 FTE Arabic/Assyrian interpreters, and 9 Assyrian sessional interpreters.

Assyrian Alphabet:

Picture of	Meaning of Letters in Assyrian	Name of Letters	Assyrian Script	Numerical Value
Ox Head	ܐܘܪܫܐ	Alep	ܐ ܘ ܠ	1
House	ܒܝܬܐ	Beth	ܒ ܘ ܬ	2
Camel	ܓܡܠܐ	Gammal	ܓ ܘ ܡ ܠ	3
Doorpost	ܕܠܐܬܐ	Dalat	ܕ ܘ ܠ ܬ	4
Window	ܚܘܢܐ	Heh	ܚ ܘ ܢ	5
Hook: as a Tool	ܘܫܟܐ ܘ ܒܕܢܫܐ ܘ ܕܢܫܐ	Waw	ܘ ܘ ܘ	6
Spear, Weapon	ܙܝܢܐ	Zain	ܙ ܘ ܢ	7
Fence	ܚܘܬܐ . ܕܘܪܐ	Khet	ܚ ܘ ܬ ܘ ܪ ܐ	8
Snake	ܚܘܫܐ	Teth	ܚ ܘ ܫ ܘ ܫ ܐ	9
Hand	ܝܕܐ	Yodh	ܝ ܘ ܕ ܐ	10
Palm of Hand	ܚܘܫܐ	Kap "Kaf"	ܚ ܘ ܫ ܘ ܫ ܐ	20
Goad	ܠܡܕܐ	Lamadh	ܠ ܘ ܡ ܕ ܐ	30
Water	ܡܝܐ	Meem	ܡ ܘ ܝ ܐ	40
Fish	ܕܘܫܐ	Noon	ܕ ܘ ܫ ܘ ܫ ܐ	50
Prop	ܫܡܝܬܐ	Sim'kath	ܫ ܘ ܡ ܝ ܬ ܐ	60
Eye	ܥܝܢܐ	Ain	ܥ ܘ ܝ ܢ ܐ	70
Mouth	ܦܝܐ	Peh	ܦ ܘ ܝ ܐ	80
Fishing Hook	ܫܘܬܐ	Sadeh	ܫ ܘ ܬ ܐ	90
Back of Head	ܩܘܦܐ	Qoop	ܩ ܘ ܦ ܐ	100
Head	ܪܫܐ	Resh	ܪ ܘ ܫ ܐ	200
Tooth	ܫܝܢܐ . ܫܝܢܐ	Sheen	ܫ ܘ ܝ ܢ ܐ	300
Cross	ܬܘܪܐ	Taw	ܬ ܘ ܪ ܐ	400