

# ܐܝܬܐ ܩܕܝܫܐ (First Lesson)

## ܐܝܬܐ ܩܕܝܫܐ (Introduction to the Alphabet)

### ܐܝܬܐ ܩܕܝܫܐ (ab-gad)

We shall begin by introducing the first four letters of the Syriac Alphabet which in Syriac-Aramaic is called abgad and is also the name giving to the Syriac Alphabet:

Garshouni	Arabic	Syriac	Name of the Letter
-- (From the Throat)	ء	ܐ	ܐܠܦ o-laf ألف
<b>b</b> (From the Lips)	ب	ܒ	ܒܬܐ bét بيت
<b>G</b> (From the Upper Palette) [‘g’ as in goose]	چ	ܓ	ܓܡܠܐ go-mal گمال
<b>d</b> (From the Tongue)	د	ܕ	ܕܠܬܐ do-lat دلت

Exercise: (Re-write the following letters 5 times. The Aramaic language is written right-to-left)

ܚ : ܚ	ܘ : ܘ : ܘ : ܘ	ܙ : ܙ : ܙ : ܙ	ܐ : ܐ



ܚ. ܘܐܘܪܐ (ha-waz)

The Second Word is hawaz:

Garshouni	Arabic	Syriac	Name of the Letter
<b>h</b> (From the Upper Throat)	ه	ܚ	ܚܐ <b>hé</b> ܚܐ
<b>w</b> (From the Lips)	و	ܘ	ܘܐ <b>waw</b> ܘܐܘ
<b>z</b> (From the Upper Teeth)	ز	ܙ	ܙܐ <b>zayn</b> ܙܐܢ

Exercise: (Re-write the following letters 5 times. The Aramaic language consists of 22 letters):

ܚ : ܚ	ܘ : ܘ	ܘܠ : ܘܠ






ܚܬܐ (ḥa-tee)

The Third Word is ḥaṭṭee:

Garshouni	Arabic	Syriac	Name of the Letter
<b>ḥ</b> (From the Bottom of the Throat)	ح	ܚ	ܚܬܐ <b>hét</b> ܚܬܐ
<b>ṭ</b> (From the Tongue)	ط	ܬ	ܬܬܐ <b>tét</b> ܬܬܐ
<b>y</b> (From the Upper Palette)	ي	ܝ	ܝܘܕ <b>yood</b> ܝܘܕ

**Exercise:** (Re-write the following letters 5 times):



(kal-man) ڪُل مان

The Fourth Word is kalman:

Garshouni	Arabic	Syriac	Name of the Letter
<b>k</b> (From the Upper Palette)	ك	ܟ	ܟܘܦ <b>kof</b> ܟܘܦ
<b>l</b> (From the Tongue)	ل	ܠ	ܠܘܡܕ <b>lo-mad</b> ܠܡܕ
<b>m</b> (From the Lips)	م	ܡ	ܡܡܡ <b>meem</b> ܡܝܡ
<b>n</b> (From the Tongue)	ن	ܢ	ܢܢܢ <b>noon</b> ܢܘܢ

Exercise: (Re-write the following letters 5 times):

ܐ : ܐ : ܐ : ܐ	ܡ : ܡ : ܡ : ܡ	ܠ : ܠ : ܠ : ܠ	ܦ : ܦ : ܦ : ܦ

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ܐ. ܫܡܝܢ (sa'-paš)

The Fifth Word is sa'paš:

Garshouni	Arabic	Syriac	Name of the Letter
<b>s</b> (From the Upper Teeth)	س	ܫܡܝܢ	ܫܡܝܢ <b>sém-kaṭ</b> ܫܡܝܢ
' (No English Equivalent. From the Bottom of the Throat)	ع	ܐܝܢ	ܐܝܢ ܐܝܢ <b>'é or 'ayn</b> ܐܝܢ ܐܝܢ
<b>p</b> (From the Lips)	ف	ܦܐ	ܦܐ <b>pé</b> ܦܐ
<b>š</b> (From the Upper Teeth and Middle of the Throat)	ص	ܫܝܢ	ܫܝܢ <b>šo-dé</b> ܫܝܢ

Exercise: (Re-write the following letters 5 times):

س : س	ق : ق : ق : ق	د : د : د : د	ه : ه : ه : ه



ه. مَـنَـه (qar-šat)

The Sixth Word is qaršat:

Garshouni	Arabic	Syriac	Name of the Letter
<b>q</b> (From the Upper Palette)	ق	ܩ	ܩܘܩ <b>qoof</b> ܩܦ
<b>r</b> (From the Lower Teeth)	ر	ܪ	ܪܝܫ <b>reeš</b> ریش
<b>š</b> (From the Lower Teeth) [‘sh’ as in shelf]	ش	ܫ	ܫܝܢ <b>šeen</b> شین
<b>t</b> (From the Tongue)	ت	ܬ	ܬܐ <b>taw</b> تاو

Exercise: (Re-write the following letters 5 times):

ܐ : ܬ	ܡ : ܢ : ܢ : ܢ	ܐ : ܘ	ܡ : ܡ : ܡ : ܡ



## abgad Memorization .,

The Easiest Way to Memorize the Syriac-Aramaic Alphabet is to Remember the Six Words (Words do not Have an Actual Meaning in Aramaic):

Exercise: (Re-write the following words 5 times. The letters in Aramaic are also used for numbers):

(6) ܐ	(5) ܐ	(4) ܐ	(3) ܐ	(2) ܐ	(1) ܐ
ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ

Using Arabic:

ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ
ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ	ܡܢܥܐ



## The Syriac (Aramaic) History (Part 1)

(This historical material is written by other authors, and this author doesn't claim authorship of the material in the section "The Syriac (Aramaic) History")

### 3 Million BC – 6000 BC:

- Tools found at al-‘Aqbiyah between Sidon & Tyre; Kafraya and Joubb Jannine in al-Biqā’; Caves of ‘Adlun between Sidon and Tyre of Antilyas; The River Kalb and The River Ibrahim between Beirut and Byblos; The River Jauz near Batrun, and in the region of The River kabir north of Tripoli.
- A 25,000 to 30,000 year old human skeleton of an 8 year old boy found in a rock shelter at Kasr ‘Aqil above Antilyas six miles north of Beirut.
- Continuous human habitation in Antilyas valley ever since 30,000 years ago. This also shows that since that time Mediterranean type people (Of which the Lebanese People Belong To) have inhabited the area.



### (Names – šmo-hé) ܡܚܕܐ

English	French	Arabic	Garshouni	Syriac
Maro	Maron	مارون	mo-run	ܡܪܘܢܐ
Abdo	Abdo	عبدہ	'ab-du	ܐܒܕܐ
Abigail	Abigayil	أبيجائيل	a-bee-gél	ܐܒܝܓܝܠܐ
Abraham	Abraham	ابراهيم	ab-ro-hom	ܐܒܪܗܡܐ
Adam	Adam	آدم	o-dom	ܐܕܡܐ
Edessa	Edesse	الرها	ur-hoy	ܐܕܝܫܐ
Aaron	Aaron	هارون	ah-run	ܐܗܪܢܐ
Ur	Ur	أور	ur	ܐܘܪܐ
Jerusalem	Jérusalem	أورشليم	u-reeš-lém	ܐܘܪܫܠܝܡܐ
Job	Job	أيوب	ee-yub	ܐܝܒܐ

