CHAPTER SEVEN

THE INTERROGATIVES, INDEPENDENT POSSESSIVE PRONOUNS, THE INDEPENDENT OBJECT PRONOUNS AND OTHER PRONOUNS

I. THE PERSONAL INTERROGATIVE PRONOUN

A. Morphology

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Comments

The pronoun, pronounced mî, is the reflex of archaic Canaanite miya attested in the 14th century B.C. Amarna letters (EA 85.63; 94.12; 116.67). The spelling MY is historical, reflecting the pronunciation miya, the final yod being consonantal, not a vowel-letter.

B. Syntax and Usage

1. Interrogative

who?

Pu Poen. 1010 Mi u?, “Who is he?”

Pu Poen. 1002 Me sem abuca?, “What is/was your father’s name?” Cf. the use of MY in Hebrew in Judges 13:17: MY ŠMK, “What is your name?”

NPu IRT 827.1.2 in the personal name Mi-ceBal mî kēBa’al, “Who is like Baal?” The hypocoriston of this same name appears in NPu Trip. 49.1 MY-K’ mî-ka (feminine).
2. Indefinite Relative

who, he who

14.10/11 \textit{Wnk lmy kt 'b wlm y kt 'm wlm y kt 'h}, “But as for me, to him who <had no father> I was a father, and to him who <had no mother> I was a mother, and to him who <had no brother> I was a brother.”

24.15 \textit{WMY YSHT HS PR Z YSH T R'S B'LŞMD}, “As for him who shall destroy this inscription, Baal-semed shall smash his head.”

24.11/12 \textit{MY BL ŽZ PN ŽŚTY B'L 'DR WMY BL ŽZ PN LP ŽTY B'L BQR}, “I made him who had never owned a sheep the owner of a flock, and I made him who had never owned an ox the owner of cattle.”

whoever, whichever

13.3/4 \textit{MY 'T KL 'DM Ž ŽTPQ YT H'RN Z 'L 'L TPTH 'LTY}, “Whoever you may be, anyone <at all>, who shall acquire this coffin, do not, do not open it!”

14.4 \textit{QN MY 'T KL MMLKT WKL 'DM 'L YPTH 'YT MSKB Ž}, “O acquirer <of this resting-place>, whoever you may be, any person of royal lineage or any commoner, let him not open this resting-place!”

14.13/14 \textit{MY BBNY Ž YSB THTN WYZQ BS PR Z MS KBM 'L YKBD LB'R RM}, “As for whichever of my sons who shall sit <on the throne> in my stead, if he shall damage this inscription, the mskbm shall no longer respect the b'rm.”

II. The Neuter Interrogative

A. Morphology

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\item \textit{M} Ph Indefinite: 24.4 (\textit{M Ž})
\item \textit{M'} NPu Relative: Trip.77.1;
\textbf{Indefinite: }BAC NS 1-2 (1965) 229 (Bulla Regia); Teboursouk 8.2/3
\item \textit{mu} Pu Interrogative: Poen. 1010; 1141b
\item NPu Relative: IRT 828.1; 865; 873.2; 877.2; 901.1, 4
\item \textit{M' Ž} Ph Indefinite: 24.4
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