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1.001 Lachish Letter 1 (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I: The Lachish Letters* (London etc.: Oxford University Press, 1938), 23 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III: The Iron Age* (London etc.: Oxford University Press, 1953), 331).

gmryhw. bn ḥṣlyhw.
y'znyhw. bn ṭbšlm.
ḥgb. bn. y'znyhw.
mbṭḥyhw. bn. yrmyhw
mtnyhw. bn. nryhw

1.002 Lachish Letter 2 (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 37 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 332).

'l 'dny. y'wš yšm‘.
yhwh. 't 'dny. š[m]‘t šl
m. ‘t. kym ‘t kym my. ‘bd
k klb ky. zkr. 'dny. 't.
[‘]bdh. ybkr. {*or* y‘kr.} yhwh 't '
[dn]y {*or* 'y} dbr. 'šr l'. yd‘th

1.003 Lachish Letter 3 (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 51 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 332f).

‘bdk. hwš‘yhw. šlḥ. l
ḥg[d] l[' d]ny y'w[š] yšm‘.
yhwh ['t] 'dny šm‘t. šlm
w[ ] w‘t. hpqḥ
n'[.] 't 'zn {*or* rzm} ‘bdk. lspr. 'šr.

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šlḥth. ʾl ʿbdk {*or* šlḥ ʾd[ny] lʿbdk} ʾmš. ky. lb
[ʿ]bd[k] dwh. mʾz. šlḥk. ʾl. ʿbd
k wky ʾmr. ʾdny. lʾ. ydʿth.
qrʾ. spr ḥyhwh. ʾm. nsh. ʾ
yš. lqrʾ ly spr lnṣḥ. wgm.
kl sp[r] ʾšr yb. ʾly ʾm.
qrʾty. ʾth ʾḥr {*or* [wl]} ʾtnnhw ʾl. {*or* ʾtn bh w
kl.} mʾwm[h] wlʿbdk. hgd.
lʾmr. yrd šr. ḥsbʾ.
knyhw {*or* [y]knyhw} bn ʾlntn lbʾ.
mṣrymh. wʾt
(verso)
hwdwyhw bn ʾḥyhw w
ʾnšw šlḥ. lqḥt. mzh. {*or* myh.}
wspr. ṭbyhw ʿbd. hmlk. hbʾ
ʾl. šlm. bn ydʿ. mʾt. hnbʾ. lʾm
r. hšmr. šlḥh. ʿb[[d]]k. ʾl. ʾdny.

1.004 Lachish Letter 4 (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 79 (cf. D. Diringer, in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 333).

yšmʿ. yhwh [ʾt] ʾdny. ʿt kym.
šmʿt ṭb. wʿt kkl ʾšr. šlḥ ʾdny.
kn. ʿšh. ʿbdk ktbty ʿl hdlt kkl.
ʾšr šlḥ [ʾdny ʾ]ly. {*or* šlḥ[th ʾ]ly} wky. šlḥ ʾ
dny. ʿl. dbr bythrpd. ʾyn. šm. ʾ
dm wsmkyhw lqḥh. šmʿyhw w
yʿlhw. hʿyrh wʿbdk. ʾyn[n]
y šlḥ šmh ʾt hʿ[d] {*or* ʾth ʿwd [hym]}
(verso)
ky ʾm. btsbt hbqr [ ]
wydʿ. ky ʾl. mšʾt lkš. nḥ

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nw šmrm. kkl. h'tt. 'šr ntn
'dny. ky l'. nr'h 't 'z
qh

1.005 Lachish Letter 5: Reconstruction (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 97 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 334).

yšm' [yhwh 't 'd]ny
[šm' t šl]m wṭb ['t
kym] 't ky[m] my. 'bdk
klb. ky [šl]ḥt 'l 'bd
k 't [h]s[pr]m {*or* h[šml]h } kz'
[t] {*or* hz'[t]} hšb. 'bdk. hspr
m. 'l 'dny. yr'k y
hwh hqṣr {*or* hq[š]r} b[ ]
h. mh. l'bdk. {*or* hym h'l. 'bdk} y'[ ] {*or* y[[b]]'}
ṭbyhw. zr' lmlk

1.006 Lachish Letter 6: Reconstruction (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 117 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 334).

'l 'dny y'wš. yr'. yhwh '
t. 'dny 't h't hzh. šlm my
'bdk. klb ky. šlḥ. 'dny '[t sp]
r hmlk [w't] spry hšr[m l'm]
r qr' n' whnh. dbry. h[šrm] {*or* h[nb']}
l' ṭbm lrpt ydyk [lhš]
qṭ {*or* ydy. kšdm [wlš]qṭ} ydy h'[ ] yd'[ ] {*or* h'[rṣ
w]h['] yr '[ ]}
[ ] 'nk[y] 'dny hl' tk
tb 'lh[m] {*or* 'ly[hm]} [l'mr lm]h t' šw.
kz't [wbyr]šlm h[n]h l

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mlk {*or* [wnq]y šlmh hlmlk} [t] šw hd[b]
r hzh. ḥy. yhwh. 'lh
yk k[y m]'z qr' 'b
dk 't hspr[m] l['] h[y]h
l'b[dk]

1.007 Lachish Letter 7 (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 123 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 335).

[ ]
[ ]
[ ] spr [ ]
[ ]k[ ]
[ ]yhw. spr. b[ ]
bšlm h[

1.008 Lachish Letter 8 (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 129 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 335, and Lemaire, *Ostraca*, 124).

yšm' y[hwh] 't. 'd[ny šm]
't ṭb 't ky[m 't] kym hn
h [ ]nb[ ] {*or* [k]mš[ ]} '[m]lk. m'
b. rḥ[p] yš' yhwh [ ]
'[ ] r[ ]
(verso)
[ ]y[ ]'kzb
[y]'ṣ 'dny šmh

1.009 Lachish Letter 9: Reconstruction (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 137 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 335).

yšm' yhwh 't 'd

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ny š[m' t] šlm. w[
w' t] tn. lḥm 10 w
[yyn] 2 ḥšb.
'[l] 'bdk d
br b
(verso)
yd šlmyhw. '
šr n' šh. m
ḥr

1.010 Lachish Letter 10 (not legible) (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 141 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 336).

1.011 Lachish Letter 11 (598/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 147 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 336).

[ ]
[ ]
'lntn[ ]
mkyhw[ ]
s[m]kyhw [ ] {*or* sbkyhw}
ṣ[d]qy[hw]
[ ]

1.012 Lachish Letter 12 (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 153 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 336).

]klb. 'dny. h[
s]pr[
ḥ]y yhwh [ ]y[ ]'y[ ]
q[r]' ty ['']th 'bd[k

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[ ]
] ʾdny[
]h. ʿbdk [
[ ]

1.013 Lachish Letter 13 (Reverse side only) (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 159 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 336).

[ ]qmw. lʿ št mlʾkh. [ ]
msmk[yhw ʾ]t ʿbdh h[ ] {*or* yḥprhw [ ]}
[ ] ʾt. ʾšpt 4

1.014 Lachish Letter 14 (only isolated letters legible) (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 163 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 337).

1.015 Lachish Letter 15 (not legible) (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 167 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 337).

1.016 Lachish Letter 16 (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 173 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 337).

]ḥmḥ[
]. rhy[
š]lḥh ʿ[bdk {*or* š]lḥ hʿ[]
s]pr. bny[{*or* bn y[}
y]hw hnbʾ[
]m[
(verso)
]w[
]ʿ[

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]šl̥ḥ ʾ[
]dbr wḥ[

1.017 Lachish Letter 17 (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 177 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 337).

ʿbd[
] ʾdny[
ʾ]dny g[

1.018 Lachish Letter 18 (589/8)

H. Torczyner et al., *Lachish I*, 182 (cf. D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 337).

ʿd. hʿrb [ ]šlm yšlḥ ʿb[dk] hspr ʾšr
šlḥ. ʾdny [ ]zr. hʿyrh {*or* [lʿ]zryhw}

1.019 Lachish Ostracon 19 (date unknown)

D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 338.

bn ʿṣ. {*or* ʿzr} 10
pqḥ. 10 1
mkl. {*or* [ʿ]mdl.} 50 {*or* 20}
šmʿyhw. 50 {*or* 20}
ʿbš {*or* ybš} [ ]
[ ]
] 10 1

1.020 Lachish Ostracon 20 (late 7th/early 6th cent.)

D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 339.

btšʿyt byt[ ]yhw
ḥkly[hw]]zn[ ]1

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1.021 Lachish Ostracon 21 (date unknown)

D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 339 (*verso* from Lemaire).

]z 'l. [ ]
h. 'ṯ[
]št klb[ ]y[
]wṣ'h[(*or*]wṣ' 2 []
]wh'[
(verso)
[ ]
[']
mr ḥyn [m]
ḥr.'[ ]
[ ]rh[ ]

1.022 Ostracon from beneath Lachish "Solar Shrine" (late 7th/early 6th cent.)

Y. Aharoni, "Trial Excavation in the 'Solar Shrine' at Lachish: Preliminary Report", *IEJ* 18 (1968), 168f, Pl. 12.

l[ ]
l[ ]
l'l[ ]
ldl[yhw]
lsmk[yhw]
l'š[yhw] *homer*
l'šyhw bn [ ]'[ ]*seah*
l'lyš[b]
l[ ]
lbyt 'kzy[b]

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1.023 Lachish Ostracon 23 (8th cent.)

A. Lemaire, "A Schoolboy's Exercise on an Ostracon at Lachish", *Tel Aviv* 3 (1976), 109-110 (cf. E. Puech, "Les écoles dans l'Israël préexilique: données épigraphiques", *SVT* 40 (1988), 190, n. 4.)

]gdhwzḥṭ. g *symbol 1* {*or*]ḥṭ. 10 1}
[ ]s̊ p̊s̊qr.̊ k̊ {*or* k̊k̊}
[ ]š̊t.̊

1.024 Lachish Inscription 24 (Graffito) (late 7th/early 6th cent.)

D. Ussishkin, "Excavations at Tel Lachish–1973-1977: Preliminary Report", *Tel Aviv* 5 (1978), 81-83, Pl. 26.

'bgd {*or* 'bgr}

1.025 Lachish Inscription 25 (late 7th/early 6th cent.)

D. Ussishkin, *Tel Aviv* 5 (1978), 83-84, Pl. 27.

yyn. 'šn.

1.026 Lachish Inscription 26 (late 7th/early 6th cent.)

D. Ussishkin, *Tel Aviv* 5 (1978), 84, Pl. 28.

[l]nryhw

1.027 Lachish Inscription 27 (late 7th/early 6th cent.)

D. Ussishkin, *Tel Aviv* 5 (1978), 84-85, Pl. 29.

[lyhw]bnh

1.028 Lachish Inscription 28 (late 7th/early 6th cent.)

D. Ussishkin, *Tel Aviv* 5 (1978), 85, Pl. 30.

[ly]hwbnh {*or* [ln]ryhw bn r[}

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1.029 Lachish Inscription 29 (late 7th/early 6th cent.)

D. Ussishkin, *Tel Aviv* 5 (1978), 85-88, Pl. 31.

brb' t
q̊l̊m. pk̊mt.
bath

1.030 Lachish Inscription 30 (late 7th/early 6th cent.)

D. Ussishkin, *Tel Aviv* 5 (1978), 88, Pl. 32; cf. idem, *Tel Aviv* 10 (1983), 157; A. Lemaire, "A Note on Inscription XXX from Lachish", *Tel Aviv* 7 (1980), 92-94.

mz. ṣmqm. šḥrt.

1.031 Lachish Inscription 31 (8th/7th cent.)

D. Ussishkin, "Excavations at Tel Lachish 1978-1983: Second Preliminary Report", *Tel Aviv* 10 (1983), 157-158, Pl. 41:1.

[
]n̊. ybrk[{*or* b]n̊. ybrk[yhw}
]b̊g̊y[{*or* y]hwy[qm}
]n. q̊r[{*or* b]n. q̊r[ḥ}
]n. yg̊r. {*or* b]n. y' r.}

1.032 Lachish Inscription 32 (Graffito) (late 7th/early 6th cent.)

D. Ussishkin, *Tel Aviv* 10 (1983), 158-160, Pl. 41:2.

l' lyrb

1.102 Lachish "Royal Bath" Inscription (Graffito) (8th cent.)

D. Diringer in O. Tufnell (ed.), *Lachish III*, 356f.

bt lmlk

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