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#### **Abbreviations**

#### **Language Abbreviations**

Akk. Akkadian Arb. Arabic

ESA Epigraphic South Arabian

Hrs. Harsusi Jib. Jibbali Mhr. Mehri Min. Minaic

MSA Modern South Arabian

Qat. Qatabanic Sab. Sabaic Soq. Soqotri

Yem. Arb. Yemeni Arabic Yem. Mhr. Yemeni Mehri

#### Other Abbreviations and Special Symbols

cf. confer cp. compare

 $\begin{array}{ll} C_{vcd} & \text{a voiced consonant} \\ C_{emph} & \text{an emphatic consonant} \\ \text{O} & \text{non-"idle glottis" consonant} \\ \text{PGN} & \text{person-gender-number} \end{array}$ 

W a weak consonant (\*w, \*y, or \*?)