

THE CAMBRIDGE
ENCYCLOPEDIA OF THE
**World's Ancient
Languages**

Edited by

ROGER D. WOODARD

Andrew V. V. Raymond Professor of the Classics

Professor of Linguistics

University of Buffalo (The State University of New York)



CAMBRIDGE
UNIVERSITY PRESS

Contents

<i>List of figures</i>		<i>page</i> vii
<i>List of tables</i>		xi
<i>List of maps</i>		xiv
<i>List of contributors</i>		xv
<i>Preface</i>		xvii
<i>List of abbreviations</i>		xviii
1 Introduction	ROGER D. WOODARD	1
2 Sumerian	PIOTR MICHALOWSKI	19
3 Elamite	MATTHEW W. STOLPER	60
4 Hurrian	GERNOT WILHELM	95
5 Urartian	GERNOT WILHELM	119
6 Afro-Asiatic	JOHN HUEHNERGARD	138
7 Ancient Egyptian and Coptic	ANTONIO LOPRIENO	160
8 Akkadian and Eblaite	JOHN HUEHNERGARD and CHRISTOPHER WOODS	218
9 Ugaritic	DENNIS PARDEE	288
10 Hebrew	P. KYLE MCCARTER, JR.	319
11 Phoenician and Punic	JO ANN HACKETT	365
12 Canaanite dialects	DENNIS PARDEE	386
13 Aramaic	STUART CREASON	391
14 Ge'ez (Aksum)	GENE GRAGG	427
15 Ancient South Arabian	NORBERT NEBES and PETER STEIN	454
16 Ancient North Arabian	M. C. A. MACDONALD	488
17 Indo-European	HENRY M. HOENIGSWALD, ROGER D. WOODARD, and JAMES P. T. CLACKSON	534
18 Hittite	CALVERT WATKINS	551

Contents

19	Luvian	H. CRAIG MELCHERT	576
20	Palaic	H. CRAIG MELCHERT	585
21	Lycian	H. CRAIG MELCHERT	591
22	Lydian	H. CRAIG MELCHERT	601
23	Carian	H. CRAIG MELCHERT	609
24	Attic Greek	ROGER D. WOODARD	614
25	Greek dialects	ROGER D. WOODARD	650
26	Sanskrit	STEPHANIE W. JAMISON	673
27	Middle Indic	STEPHANIE W. JAMISON	700
28	Old Persian	RÜDIGER SCHMITT	717
29	Avestan	MARK HALE	742
30	Pahlavi	MARK HALE	764
31	Phrygian	CLAUDE BRIXHE	777
32	Latin	JAMES P. T. CLACKSON	789
33	Sabellian languages	REX E. WALLACE	812
34	Venetic	REX E. WALLACE	840
35	Continental Celtic	JOSEPH F. ESKA	857
36	Gothic	JAY H. JASANOFF	881
37	Ancient Nordic	JAN TERJE FAARLUND	907
38	Classical Armenian	JAMES P. T. CLACKSON	922
39	Etruscan	HELMUT RIX	943
40	Early Georgian	KEVIN TUITE	967
41	Ancient Chinese	ALAIN PEYRAUBE	988
42	Old Tamil	SANFORD B. STEEVER	1015
43	Mayan	VICTORIA R. BRICKER	1041
44	Epi-Olmec	TERRENCE KAUFMAN and JOHN JUSTESON	1071
45	Reconstructed ancient languages	DON RINGE	1112
	<i>Index</i>		1129