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## Himyaritic Inscription or Magic Symbols?

**A Case Study from Yemen**



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**ABSTRAKT:** In the nineteenth century, linguists increasingly encountered previously unknown scripts. An inscription carved on a water reservoir in a mountain-top town of Yemen contains a group of seven signs of a kind that were originally interpreted as Himyaritic writing. They are, in fact, magic symbols reflecting the name of Allah and representing a formulaic invocation for propitious rainfall.