## NUMERALS

37. The cardinal numerals are: 1 masc. hand, fem. handit, 2 ket, 3 sost, 4 arbit, 5 amməst, 6 səddəst, 7 savint, 8 səmmənt, 9 žäht<sup>w</sup>äň, 10 assər, 11 assər hand, 12 assər ket.

20 kiya, 30 sasa, 40 harba, 50 hamsa, 60 səlsa, 70 säba, 80 sämanya, 90 zätäna, 100 mäto; 1000 ši.

37.1. hand also means 'same'; e.g., *layyo diyumm handa ne* 'to me it is all the same' (lit. 'to-me all-indeed same it-is').

For the repetition of hand 'one' in the meaning of 'each', see 36.2.

For hand-amm, handhand, see "Indefinite pronoun" (33).

37.2. Cardinal numerals may take suffixes to express the meaning 'of us, of them'; e.g., sost-anno 'the three of us'.

37.3. The noun connected with the numeral may be used in the singular or in the plural; e.g., *arbit su* 'four men', *sost aškär* or *sost aškär-ač* 'three servants'.

37.4. Ordinal numerals are formed with the ending -äňňa; e.g., handäňňa 'first', ketäňňa 'second', sostäňňa 'third', and so on.

'Half' is expressed by qämäd.

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