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### **The Accumulative Masorah and Word Study**

Aron Dotan, *The Awakening of Word Lore: From the Masora to the Beginnings of Hebrew Lexicography*, Jerusalem: The Academy of the Hebrew Language, 2005, viii + 223 pp.

The axis of Professor Aron Dotan's new book is the threefold link – grounded in masoretic comments of the type known as the accumulative masorah – between masoretic comments in biblical manuscripts, the ancient masoretic compendium *Okhla we-Okhla*, and Hebrew lexicography. Dotan points to the affinity between masoretic comments, the development of Hebrew rhyming, and Hebrew grammarians' understanding of the root. Of special interest is his consideration of the masoretic lists of the "Two in Two Meanings" type, which discuss word meaning and constitute the beginnings of Hebrew lexicography.