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## Interrogative *He* in Accumulative Masoretic Lists

One of the lists included in the ancient Masoretic book *Okhla We-Okhla* contains unique words which begin with interrogative *He* (MS Halle, list 66; MS Paris, list 65). Some difficulties arise from this list: some of the letters of the alphabet are represented by one item each, while other letters are represented by three or four items. Some words begin with *he* which is not an interrogative *he*. A few parallel lists are found in the Masora Magna of biblical manuscripts, and can be classified into three types.

A solution is suggested to these problems, and an explanation is given to the progress of development of these masoretic lists. From this single example, conclusions can be drawn about the development of the accumulative Masoretic lists in general.