

and nowhere else, and is unknown in any other Semitic language. We know simply that it is something used to cover an occurrence in the Mishna - interference

Mishnaic Heb. borrows many words from Aramaic and Arabic.

Hebrew ceased to be spoken as a language of daily intercourse

About 500 Aramaic began to displace it.

By 400 the bulk of the population spoke Aramaic. Heb. continued as language of aristocracy

In Ben Sira there are distinct Arabic borrowings

כחול<sup>??</sup> was completely

misunderstood

which certainly meant sickness, was completely misunderstood by the Mishna and used there for energy.