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Towards the Etymology of the Word *bĕe*

Summary

the etymology of the word *ĕišĕari* ('gate') has been known: <*bĕis-ĕari* (A. Shanidze) *bĕe* might be subdivided and the confix *m—e* might be identified: < *m-ĕ-e*, cf. *ĕ-ĕ-a*, *sa-ĕ-e*; i.e. etymologically *bĕe* is a suspender (*da mĕeri*) of a door, cf. *ĕari-bĕe*. For the word-formation pattern of the *mĕe* type (cf. *m-g-e*, *m-γ-e*, *m-ĕ-e*, etc.), the interchange *m/b* in the anlaut position is not alien for Georgian.