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A guide to learning the Hebrew  
alphabet, vocabulary and sentence  
structure of the Hebrew Bible



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To my Father who set me on the  
path of Biblical studies

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# Introduction

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## Why Learn Hebrew?

A translation of the Biblical text is a translator's "interpretation" of the text. The translator's beliefs will often influence how the text will be translated and anyone using this translation will see it through the translator's eyes rather than that of the original authors. Only by studying the original language of the Bible can one see and understand the text in its original state.

Learning the Hebrew language can be both fun and exciting. By simply studying the pages that follow for just a few minutes a day you will soon be reading Hebrew, building a Hebrew vocabulary and even begin translating Biblical passages for your self.

## About Hebrew

The English word "alphabet" is derived from the first two letters of the Greek Alphabet--*Alpha* and *Beta*. Hebrew on the other hand, uses the word *alephbet*, the first two letters of the Hebrew alephbet--*Aleph* and *Beyt*. The Hebrew alephbet consists of 22 consonants. The vowels (called *nikkudot*, *nikkud* in the singular) are dots and dashes added above and below the consonants. One advantage to Hebrew is that the sound for each letter remains consistent, unlike English, where one has to memorize many variations. For instance, the word "circus"

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contains the letter “c” twice, the first time it is pronounced like an “S” while the second time it is pronounced like a “K.” In Hebrew, the letter כ (kaph) is always pronounced as a “K.”

Unlike English, which is read from left to right, Hebrew is read from right to left, as are other Semitic languages including Aramaic and Arabic. This may be difficult at first, but in a very short time, you will get used to it.

When sounding out a word, it will be easier if you remember the Consonant (C) and Vowel (V) patterns of Hebrew words. In English, the consonants and vowels may be arranged in any order, such as in the word “circle,” which has a C+V+C+C+C+V pattern. Hebrew on the other hand, is very consistent, and each word will usually follow a C+V+C+V+C pattern. The Hebrew word מֶלֶךְ (*melek* - king) contains the pattern C+V+C+V+C, מְלִכּוֹ (*meleko* - his king) is C+V+C+V+C+V and מְלִכּוֹתָא (*hamelek* - the king) is C+V+C+V+C+V+C.

The pronunciations of some of the consonants and vowels have changed over the centuries, but this does not affect the meaning of words, as the letters of a word define it, and not the sounds. We will learn to pronounce them according to Modern Hebrew pronunciation. Modern Hebrew pronunciation is also divided into two parts, *Ashkenazi* and *Sephardic*. Since *Sephardic* is the pronunciation adopted by the Modern State of Israel, we will use this pronunciation.

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### **About this Book**

When I began to study the Hebrew language I used several different resources, but found that they were not compiled in a format easily understood by beginning Hebrew students. I began to arrange charts and lists containing necessary information and compiled it into a ready resource for learning and reading the Hebrew Bible.

This book is the result. Included in this book are lessons for learning the alephbet, verbs, nouns, adjectives and sentence structure.

If at any time you have questions about the Ancient Hebrew Research Center, this book, its content or the lessons, please feel free to E-mail your questions or comments to the website:

<http://www.ancient-hebrew.org>

### **Additional Resources**

It should be kept in mind that this book is not meant to be used for in-depth Biblical study, but as a reference guide for Biblical reading practice, vocabulary building and sentence comprehension. More specific dictionaries and lexicons will be necessary for more in-depth study.

Through the process of Hebraic studies, you will want to dig deeper into the meaning of specific words and phrases. At this point, the purchase of a Hebrew Bible and a Hebrew Lexicon will be helpful. There are several different kinds of Hebrew Bibles. The standard Hebrew Bible will be a Bible written only in Hebrew. The Interlinear Bible

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will have the Hebrew on one line and the English translation for each word under each Hebrew word. A Parallel Bible will have the Hebrew text on one page and the English translation on the other.

There are several different Lexicons, but be sure that the one you purchase includes all the words of the Bible with their prefixes and suffixes attached. This will allow you to look up a word, even if you do not know the root. I recommend Benjamin Davidson's *Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon of the Bible*.

## The Alephbet

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Each of the following eleven lessons introduces two new consonants. They may or may not introduce new vowels. Each lesson will also include a practice section, new vocabulary words and sentences. The practice session will allow you to practice the new letters and vowels and refresh your memory on previous ones. The vocabulary section will consist of a few words using the new letters and vowels to begin building your Hebrew vocabulary. The sentences will allow you to begin using your new words in sentences.

To assist you in learning the letters and words, I recommend that you put the letters and words you are learning on flashcards. This will make it easy for you to study them at any time.

Transliterations are included for the Hebrew in each lesson. When reading these transliterations, remember to use the correct Hebrew sound for each vowel. For example, the transliterated Hebrew vowel sound “o” is the long “o” sound as in the English word “rope.” So the Hebrew transliteration “*do*” would be pronounced like the English word “doe,” and not like the English word “do.”

### Alephbet and Vowels

The following is a chart of all the consonants in the Hebrew Alephbet. This chart includes all the variations for each letter. For example, the letter *beyt* can be written as ב

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(and has a “v” sound) or ׀ (and has a “b” sound). Five of the letters have a final form, a form of the letter that is different when it appears at the end of a word, as well and are also included (such as ם, the normal form and ם, the final form).

<i>Lamed</i>	ל	<i>Aleph</i>	א
<i>Mem</i>	ם ם	<i>Beyt</i>	ב ב
<i>Nun</i>	ן ן	<i>Gimel</i>	ג
<i>Samehh</i>	ס	<i>Dalet</i>	ד
<i>Ayin</i>	ע	<i>Hey</i>	ה
<i>Pey</i>	פ פ ף	<i>Vav</i>	ו
<i>Tsade</i>	צ ץ	<i>Zayin</i>	ז
<i>Quph</i>	ק	<i>Hhet</i>	ח
<i>Resh</i>	ר	<i>Tet</i>	ט
<i>Shin</i>	ש ש ך	<i>Yud</i>	י
<i>Tav</i>	ת	<i>Kaph</i>	כ כ ך

## The Vowels

Below are the names for each of the Hebrew vowels.

<i>Hholam maley</i>	וּ	<i>Qamats</i>	אָ <sup>1</sup>
<i>Qubbutz</i>	וֹ	<i>Patahh</i>	אֲ

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<sup>1</sup> In the following examples, the letter *aleph* (א) is added only to show the placement of the vowel and is not part of the vowel.



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<i>Shuruq</i>	ך	<i>Segol</i>	ֿ
<i>Hhataph qamats</i>	ֿ	<i>Tsere</i>	ֿ
<i>Hhataph patahh</i>	ֿ	<i>Sh'va</i>	ֿ
<i>Hhataph segol</i>	ֿ	<i>Hhireq</i>	ֿ
		<i>Hholam</i>	ֿ

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### Letter Comparisons

Several of the Hebrew letters are very similar. In the beginning, they are easily confused with other letters that look similar. Below is a chart showing letters of similarity in order to make the reader familiar with the slight differences.

<i>Beyt</i>	ב	<i>Dalet</i>	ד	<i>Kaph</i>	כ
<i>Kaph</i>	כ	<i>Resh</i>	ר	<i>Pey</i>	פ
<i>Beyt</i>	ב	<i>Vav</i>	ו	<i>Mem</i>	מ
<i>Pey</i>	פ	<i>Zayin</i>	ז	<i>Tet</i>	ט
<i>Gimel</i>	ג	<i>Vav</i>	ו	<i>F. Mem</i>	ם
<i>Nun</i>	נ	<i>F. Nun</i>	ן	<i>Samehh</i>	ס
<i>Hey</i>	ה	<i>Zayin</i>	ז	<i>Samehh</i>	ס
<i>Hhet</i>	ח	<i>F. Nun</i>	ן	<i>Tet</i>	ט
<i>Hey</i>	ה	<i>Hhet</i>	ח	<i>Ayin</i>	ע
<i>Tav</i>	ת	<i>Tav</i>	ת	<i>Tsade</i>	צ

## Lessons

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### ***Lesson 1 – aleph, beyt***

#### **Consonants**

- א The “*Aleph*” is the first letter of the Hebrew alphabet. This consonant is silent.
- ב The “*Beyt*” is pronounced one of two ways, “*b*” as in “ball” or “*v*” as in “visit.” When a *dagesh* (a dot in the middle of the letter) appears in the middle of the letter (בּ) it will have the “*b*” sound. When the letter appears without the *dagesh* (ב), the letter is pronounced “*v*.”

#### **Vowels**

- אֲ This vowel, called a “*qamats*,” (the little “T” shaped mark under the *aleph*) is pronounced “*a*” as in “father.”
- אִ This vowel, called a “*patahh*,” is also pronounced “*a*” as in “father.”

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### Practice

1.                   בָּא אָבָא בָּא אָבָא בָּא אָבָא
2.                   בָּא אָבָא בָּא אָבָא בָּא אָבָא

### Practice (transliteration)

1. <sup>2</sup> *ba a va ba a a ba a a va*
2. *va ba av ba av ba*

### Vocabulary

1.   אָב      *av*            Father<sup>3</sup>
2.   בָּא      *ba*             Came (m.)<sup>4</sup>

### Sentences

1.       אָבָא בָּא:<sup>5</sup>  
      *av ba*  
      Father came.

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<sup>2</sup> While Hebrew is written from right-to-left, transliterations using the Roman alphabet are written left-to-right.

<sup>3</sup> Each Hebrew noun is either masculine or feminine (there is no neuter gender in Hebrew). In some cases the gender is obvious, such as “father” and “mother.”

<sup>4</sup> Most Hebrew verbs, when conjugated, are either masculine or feminine.

<sup>5</sup> The “:” is a Hebrew period (.).

## Lesson 2 – Mem, Yud

### Consonants

- מ The “Mem” is pronounced “m” as in “mother.”
- ם The “final Mem” is used only when it appears at the end of a word. The pronunciation does not change.
- י The “Yud” is pronounced “y” as in “yes.” (When the “yud” is suffixed to a word it means “of me” or “my.” Sentence #2 includes the word אבִּי - father, with the suffix י it forms the word אִבִּי - my father.)

### Vowels

- יְ The “hhireq” is pronounced “i” (ee) as in “machine.”
- יֵ The “tsere” is pronounced “ey” as in “grey.”

### Practice

- בְּ בִּי בַּ אֵ אִ מִ מְ סָ מְ
- אִי אֵי בִי בִי מִי אִם אִם

### Practice (transliteration)

1. *vi*<sup>6</sup> *bey vey bi ey i mi mey ma ma*
2. *ey iy*<sup>7</sup> *viy biy miy eym im*

### Vocabulary

1. אִם *eym* Mother
2. מִי *miy* Who

### Sentences

1. מִי בָּא?  
*miy ba?*  
Who came?
2. אָבִי בָּא:  
*aviy ba.*  
My father came.

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<sup>6</sup> This is pronounced “*vee*.”

<sup>7</sup> The *h hireq* vowel has an “*ee*” sound and the letter *yud* has a “*y*” sound, but when this vowel and letter are combined, they still have the “*ee*” sound.

## ***Lesson 3 – Nun, Hey***

### **Consonants**

נ The “Nun” is pronounced “n” as in “no.”

ן The “final Nun” is only used when it appears at the end of a word. The pronunciation does not change.

ה The “Hey” is pronounced “h” as in “hello.” (When the letter ה is prefixed to a word it means “the” such as in sentence #6 where the letter ה is prefixed to the word נְבִיא - prophet, forming הַנְּבִיא - the prophet.)

### **Practice**

- ה ה ה נ נ י י ב ב ה ה
- ה ה נ ה נ ה נ ב מ מ נ א
- ה י נ א י ה י א נ ב ה ב נ ה

### **Practice (transliteration)**

- ha hi hey na ney ney beyn bah hav
- han heyh nah nih neyh nav mah min na
- hiy na ney hiy niy na-vah ba-nah

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### Vocabulary

- |    |            |               |              |
|----|------------|---------------|--------------|
| 1. | אֵי        | <i>ey</i>     | Where        |
| 2. | אֲנִי      | <i>aniy</i>   | I            |
| 3. | היא        | <i>hiy</i>    | She          |
| 4. | בֶּן       | <i>beyn</i>   | Son          |
| 5. | בָּאָה     | <i>ba'ah</i>  | Came (f.)    |
| 6. | נְבִיא     | <i>na-viy</i> | Prophet (m.) |
| 7. | מָה or מַה | <i>mah</i>    | What?        |

### Sentences

- |    |                               |
|----|-------------------------------|
| 1. | מִי הִיא                      |
|    | <i>miy hiy</i>                |
|    | Who [is] <sup>8</sup> she?    |
| 2. | אֲנִי אָב                     |
|    | <i>aniy av</i>                |
|    | I [am a] <sup>9</sup> father. |

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<sup>8</sup> The English verb “to be” and its various tenses (am, is, are, etc.) do not exist in Hebrew and need to be added in the translation.



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3. בְּנֵי בָא

*bey-niy ba*

My son came.

4. אֵי אָבִי

*ey a-viy*

Where [is] my father?

5. מָה נְבִיא

*mah na-viy*

What [is a] prophet?

6. הַנְּבִיא בָא

*ha-na-viy ba*

The prophet came.

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<sup>9</sup> English has two indefinite articles, “a” and “an,” which also do not exist in Hebrew and must be added in the translation.

## **Lesson 4 – Lamed, Vav**

### **Consonants**

ל The “*Lamed*” is pronounced “l” as in “long.”

ו The “*Vav*” is pronounced “v” as in “visit.”

### **Vowels**

ֶ The “*sh’va*” is pronounced “eh” as in “help” when it is placed under the first letter of the word. When this vowel appears anywhere else in the word, it is usually a “syllable break” and not pronounced.

ֶ The “*segol*” is pronounced “eh” as in “help.”

### **Practice**

- לִּי וַיִּי לִּי לִּי לִּי לִּי וַיִּי לִּי לִּי לִּי
- וּוּ לָל וּל וּל וּל וּל וּל וּל וּל וּל
- וּוּיִם לְבָה לַיִל לְבָמָה מְלֵא

**Practice (transliteration)**

1. *lai*<sup>10</sup> *vai vey ley la le li la ve va viy lai liy*
2. *vev vav lel vel veyl val leyh heyl lah hal*
3. *va-viym li-bah la-yil leyv-mah ma-ley*

**Vocabulary**

- |    |         |                 |                    |
|----|---------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1. | לַיְלָה | <i>lai-lah</i>  | Night (m.)         |
| 2. | אֵל     | <i>eyl</i>      | God (m.)           |
| 3. | מַיִם   | <i>ma-yim</i>   | Water (m.)         |
| 4. | אָמֵן   | <i>a-meyn</i>   | Amen               |
| 5. | הִנֵּה  | <i>hin-neyh</i> | Here <sup>11</sup> |
| 6. | יָם     | <i>yam</i>      | Sea (m.)           |

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<sup>10</sup> When one of the “a” vowels (*qamats* or *patahh*) is followed by the consonant “*yud*” in the same syllable, the pronunciation is a long “*i*” as in “*lie*” and NOT “*ay*” as in “*lay*.”

<sup>11</sup> When the dagesh (the dot in the middle of a letter) is placed within some letters, such as in the nun in the word הִנֵּה, it doubles the letter. Therefore, this word is pronounced “*hin-ney*” rather than “*hi-ney*.”

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### Sentences

1. לַיְלָה בָּא  
*lai-lah ba*  
Night came.
2. מֵיִם בַּיָּם<sup>12</sup>  
*ma-yim ba-yam*  
Water [is] in [the] sea.
3. בְּנִי בָּא לִי<sup>13</sup>  
*bey-niy ba liy*  
My son came to me.
4. אִם בָּאָה בַּלַּיְלָה  
*eym ba-ah ba-lai-lah*  
Mother came in the night.
5. אָבִי וְאִמִּי הֵינָה<sup>14</sup>  
*a-viy v-ey-miy hin-neyh*  
My father and my mother [are] here.

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<sup>12</sup> When the letter “*beyt*” is prefixed to a word it means “in,” so this word means “in [the] sea.”

<sup>13</sup> When the letter “*lamed*” is used as a prefix it means “to” or “for.” This prefix is followed by the ך suffix meaning “me,” so this means “to me” or “for me.”

<sup>14</sup> When the letter “*vav*” is prefixed to a word it means “and.”

## ***Lesson 5 – Resh, Shin***

### **Consonants**

ר

The “*Resh*” is pronounced “*r*” as in “rain.”

ש

The “*Shin*” is pronounced one of two ways, “*sh*,” as in “sharp” or “*s*,” as in “sign.” When a dot is placed on the top right corner of the letter (שׁ) it takes the “*sh*” sound and when the dot is placed on the top left corner of the letter (שׂ) it takes the “*s*” sound.

### **Vowels**

וֹ

This combination of the *vav* (consonant) and the *hholam* (vowel) is called a “*hholam maley*” and is pronounced “*o*” as in “open.”

### **Practice**

1. שׁשׁ שׂר רִי שׂי שׁי רוֹ שׁוֹ שׁוֹ
2. שׁשׁ שׂר שׁיר שׁור שׂר רֶשׁ רוֹשׁ
3. נִר יִר רַב מֶשׁ שׂב שׁים הֶשׁ שׁל

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### Practice (transliteration)

1. *she*<sup>15</sup> *sha sey rey ri rai shey sey ro sho so*
2. *sheysh sar shiyr shor sir rash rosh*
3. *neyr yar rav mish sav siym hesh shel*

### Vocabulary

- |    |          |                   |              |
|----|----------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. | שָׁלוֹם  | <i>sha-lom</i>    | Peace (m.)   |
| 2. | שָׁמַיִם | <i>sha-ma-yim</i> | Heaven (m.)  |
| 3. | אָמַר    | <i>a-mar</i>      | Said (m.)    |
| 4. | בָּרָא   | <i>ba-ra</i>      | Created (m.) |
| 5. | שֵׁם     | <i>sheym</i>      | Name (m.)    |
| 6. | אָמְרָה  | <i>am-rah</i>     | Said (f.)    |
| 7. | שָׂר     | <i>sar</i>        | Ruler (m.)   |
| 8. | יוֹם     | <i>yom</i>        | Day (m.)     |
| 9. | אוֹר     | <i>or</i>         | Light (m.)   |

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<sup>15</sup> Remember, this is not the English word “she,” but a Hebrew word, and the “e” is pronounced with a short “e” and not a long “e” as it is in the English word “she.”

10.           רַבִּי   *rab-biy*           Rabbi (m.)

### Sentences

1.                                   שַׂר שְׁלוֹם

*sar sha-lom*<sup>16</sup>  
Ruler of Peace.

2.                                   יוֹם וְלַיְלָה

*yom v-lai-lah*  
Day and night.

3.                                   שְׁמִי לֵוִי

*sh-miy ley-viy*  
My name [is] Levi.

4.                                   מָה שְׁמוֹ<sup>17</sup>

*mah sh-mo*  
What [is] his name?

5.                                   שְׁמוֹ אַבְרָהָם

*sh-mo av-ra-ham*  
His name [is] Abraham.

6.                                   בָּרָא<sup>18</sup> אֵל שָׁמַיִם

*ba-ra eyl sha-ma-yim*  
God created heaven.

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<sup>16</sup> This phrase can be found in Isaiah 9:6 (5 in Hebrew Bibles).

<sup>17</sup> When the consonant/vowel combination “*hholam maley*” is suffixed to a word it means “of him” or “his.”

<sup>18</sup> In Hebrew, the verb usually appears before the object of the verb.

7. אָמַר רַבִּי לִי שָׁלוֹם

*a-mar rab-biy liy sha-lom*

Rabbi said to me, Shalom.



## Lesson 6 – Ayin, Tet

### Consonants

ע The “Ayin” is silent (the same as the *aleph*).

ט The “Tet” is pronounced “t” as in “tune.”

### Vowels

וֹ This consonant (*vav*) / vowel combination is called a “*shuruq*” and is pronounced “u,” as in “une.”

### Practice

1. עָ עֵ עִ טַ טֵ טִ אַ אֵ אִ טוּ טֵ טִ טוּ טֵ טִ אָ אֵ אִ עַ עֵ עִ אַ אֵ אִ עָ עֵ עִ
2. הוּ הוּ אוּ אוּ בוּ בוּ לוּ לוּ הוּ הוּ אוּ אוּ בוּ בוּ לוּ לוּ וּ וּ וּ וּ וּ וּ וּ וּ וּ וּ
3. רֵט רֵט שֵׁט שֵׁט בֵּע בֵּט טוּב טוּב עוּע עוּט

### Practice (transliteration)

1. e te ey ti i et tu te e et
2. ho hu o u bo bu lo lu on un
3. ret set be vet tuv tu ut

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### Vocabulary

- |    |            |                   |              |
|----|------------|-------------------|--------------|
| 1. | טוֹב       | <i>tov</i>        | Good (m.)    |
| 2. | עֶרֶב      | <i>e-rev</i>      | Evening (m.) |
| 3. | עַל        | <i>al</i>         | Over, on     |
| 4. | יִשְׂרָאֵל | <i>yis-ra-eyl</i> | Israel       |
| 5. | הוּא       | <i>hu</i>         | He           |
| 6. | הִיא       | <i>hiy</i>        | She          |
| 7. | שׁוֹמֵר    | <i>sho-meyr</i>   | Keep (m.)    |

### Sentences

- |    |                          |
|----|--------------------------|
| 1. | עֶרֶב <sup>19</sup> טוֹב |
|    | <i>e-rev tov</i>         |
|    | Good evening.            |
| 2. | מָה <sup>20</sup> שְׂמָם |
|    | <i>mah sh-mam</i>        |

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<sup>19</sup> In Hebrew, the adjective follows the noun, such as the word טוב (good) which comes after עֶרֶב (evening).

<sup>20</sup> When the letter “Mem” is suffixed to a noun it means “of them” or “their.”

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What is their name?

3. שְׁמוֹ יִשְׂרָאֵל

*sh-mu yis-ra-eyl*

Their name is Israel.

4. שְׁלוֹם עַל יִשְׂרָאֵל

*sha-lom al yis-ra-eyl*

Peace over Israel.

5. מִי בָּא בְּעֶרֶב

*miy ba ba-e-rev*

Who came in the evening?

6. הוּא בָּא בְּעֶרֶב

*hu ba ba-e-rev*

He came in the evening.

7. הִיא בָּאָה בְּעֶרֶב

*hiy ba-ah ba-e-rev*

She came in the evening.

## **Lesson 7 – Tav, Dalet**

### Consonants

**ת** The “*Tav*” is pronounced “*t*” as in “tune.”

**ד** The “*Dalet*” is pronounced “*d*” as in “dig.”

### Vowels

**ֶּ** This vowel combination (*sh'va* and *segol*) is called a “*hhataph segol*” and is pronounced “*eh*” as in “help.”

**ֹ** The “*hholam*” is pronounced “*o*” as in “open.”

### Practice

1.     דָּ דֶּ דֵּ דְּ דוֹ דוֹ דֵּ דֵּ דוֹ דוֹ דֵּ דֵּ דוֹ דוֹ
2.     דָּת דָּת דָּד דָּד דָּת דָּת דָּד דָּד
3.     תּוֹד בֵּית דָּב אֶל מֵת תָּן מִיד

### Practice (transliteration)

1. *de da de dey di da do do te te tey ti ta*

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2. *dat det dot dot tod ted deyt dad*

3. *tod veyt dav el mot tan miyd*

### Vocabulary

1. אֱלֹהִים *e-lo-hiym* God (m.)
2. מֹשֶׁה<sup>21</sup> *mo-sheh* Moses
3. נָתַן *na-tan* Gave (m.)
4. אֶת<sup>22</sup> *et* (With)
5. תּוֹרָה<sup>23</sup> *to-rah* Teaching (f.)

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<sup>21</sup> Remembering the C+V+C+V rule, the Hebrew word for Moses, מֹשֶׁה, appears to be missing a vowel after the *mem*. Since Hebrew requires a vowel after each consonant, the vowel is the *hholam* and is placed above the letter *shin* in the same place as the dot above the right leg of the shin. The dot in this case serves two purposes.

<sup>22</sup> The Hebrew word אֶת is occasionally used in the text to mean “with” but is more frequently used (about 7,000 times) as markers for the definite object of the verb and is untranslatable into English. For example, in the sentence; “I made the dinner”; the phrase “the dinner” is the definite object and would be preceded by the word אֶת. If the sentence were; “I made a dinner,” אֶת would not precede it since “dinner” in this sentence is not a definite object.

<sup>23</sup> The word תּוֹרָה, while often translated as “law,” actually means “teaching” and is also the Hebrew name for the first five books of the Bible as they contain the “teachings” of God.

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|-----|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|
| 6.  | שַׁבַּת                | <i>shab-bat</i>    | Sabbath (m.)   |
| 7.  | תַּלְמִיד              | <i>tal-miyd</i>    | Student (m.)   |
| 8.  | תַּלְמִידָה            | <i>tal-miy-dah</i> | Student (f.)   |
| 9.  | לוּמַד                 | <i>lo-meyd</i>     | Studies (m.)   |
| 10. | לוּמַדַּת              | <i>lo-me-det</i>   | Studies (f.)   |
| 11. | רֵאשִׁית <sup>24</sup> | <i>rey-shiyt</i>   | Beginning (f.) |

### Sentences

- |    |                                    |
|----|------------------------------------|
| 1. | שַׁבַּת שְׁלוֹם                    |
|    | <i>shab-bat sha-lom</i>            |
|    | Peaceful Sabbath.                  |
| 2. | וְשָׁמְרוּ אֶת הַשַּׁבַּת          |
|    | <i>v-sham-ru et ha-shab-bat</i>    |
|    | And they will keep the Sabbath.    |
| 3. | בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים        |
|    | <i>b-rey-shiyt ba-ra e-lo-hiym</i> |
|    | In the beginning God created.      |
| 4. | תַּלְמִידָה לוּמַדַּת תּוֹרָה      |

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<sup>24</sup> An exception to the rule requiring the C+V+C+V pattern is the word רֵאשִׁית. The aleph does not always require a vowel after it.

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*tal-miy-dah lo-me-det to-rah*

A student studies Torah.

5.                    נתן לנו משה את התורה<sup>25</sup>

*na-tan la-nu mo-sheh et ha-to-rah*

Moses gave to us the Torah.

6.                    תלמיד לומד את התורה

*tal-miyd lo-meyd et ha-to-rah*

A student studies the Torah.

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<sup>25</sup> When the letter “*lamed*” is used as a prefix it means “to” or “for.” The suffix ם means “us.” Combined, this prefix and suffix mean “to us” or “for us.”

## ***Lesson 8 – Tsade, Quph***

### **Consonants**

צ

The “*Tsade*” is pronounced “*ts*” as in “pots.”

ץ

The “final *Tsade*” is used when this letter appears at the end of a word. The pronunciation does not change.

ק

The “*Quph*” is pronounced “*q*” as in “quiet.”

### **Vowels**

ֶֿ

This vowel combination (*sh'va* and *patahh*) is called a “*hhataph patahh*” and is pronounced “*a*” as in “father.”

### **Practice**

1.

קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ

2.

אֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ

3.

אֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ קֶֿ



### Practice (transliteration)

1. *tsi tso tsa tse qi qo qa qe qa qey*
2. *ots qeyts tsaq tsiq qots raq rets*
3. *tsits tse tsoh qa qah qots hots*

### Vocabulary

1. הָיָה *ha-yah* Existed (m.)
2. אֶרֶץ *e-rets* Land (f.)

### Sentences

Genesis 1:14<sup>26</sup>

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי מְאֹרֹת בְּרָקִיעַ  
הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין הַיּוֹם וּבֵין  
הַלַּיְלָה וְהָיוּ לְאֹתוֹת וּלְמוֹעֲדִים  
וּלְיָמִים וְשָׁנִים

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<sup>26</sup> From this point on, the alephbet lessons will include Biblical passages. While most of the words will not be recognizable at this time, remember that our objective is to “read” the text, not necessarily understand it.

**Sentences (transliteration)**

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him ye-hi me-o-rot bir-qi-a ha-  
sha-ma-yim le-hav-dil beyn hai-yom u-veyn ha-  
lai-lah ve-hai-u le-o-tot ul-mo-a-dim ul-ya-mim  
ve-sha-nim*

## ***Lesson 9 – Hhet, Kaph***

### **Consonants**

ח

The “*Hhet*” is pronounced “*hh*” as in the German word “ich” or the name “Bach.”

כ

The “*Kaph*” is pronounced one of two ways, “*k*” as in kick or “*kh*” as in the German word “ich” or the name “Bach.” If the *dagesh* appears in the middle of the letter (ך) it is pronounced “*k*.” When the *dagesh* does not appear in the letter (כ) it is pronounced “*kh*.”

ת

The “final *kaph*” may also appear with the *dagesh* (תּ) or without the *dagesh* (ת), with the pronunciations being the same as the “*kaph*.” All words will end with a consonant; the only exception to this is the “final *kaph*” which will usually be followed by a vowel.

### **Vowels**

וּ

The “qubbutz” is pronounced “*u*” as in “tune.”

### **Practice**

1.

וּ ח ח ח ח ח כּ כּ כּ כּ כּ

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2.            קֵד פֶּחַ 27    כָּח חֵד חֵד חֵד כָּח חֵד
3.            לֵחַ רְחַ אֵד חֵד חֵד אֵחַ

### Practice (transliteration)

1. *khi khe key ko khu hha hhe hhey hhi hho hhu*
2. *hakh ko-ahh khahh hhey-kha hheyk kihh hhi-kha*
3. *ro-ahh ru-ahh ra-kha akh hhakh hha-kha ahh*

### Vocabulary

1.            כֵּן *khey'n*      Yes, so
2.            עֵשֶׂב *e-sev*      Grass, herb (m.)
3.            עֵץ *eyts*        Tree (m.)

### Sentences

#### Genesis 1:5

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<sup>27</sup> When the letter hhet is at the end of a word and has one of the “a” vowels (the *patahh* or *qamats*), the order in which these letters is pronounced is reversed. In this case, this word is pronounced *ko'ahh*, not *ko'hha*.

וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְאוֹר יוֹם וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ  
קָרָא לַיְלָה וַיְהִי-<sup>28</sup> עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר  
יוֹם אֶחָד :

**Sentences (transliteration)**

*vai-yiq-ra e-lo-him la-or yom ve-la-hho-shekh qa-  
ra lai-lah vai-hi e-rev vai-hi vo-qer yom e-hhad*

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<sup>28</sup> This “hyphen,” called a *maqeph*, connects words together and they are pronounced as one word.

## Lesson 10 – Zayin, Pey

### Consonants

- ז The “Zayin” is pronounced “z” as in “zoo.”
- פ The “Pey” is pronounced one of two ways, “p” as in “pad” or “ph” as “phone.” If the *dagesh* appears in the middle of the letter (פּ) it is pronounced “p.” When the *dagesh* does not appear in the letter (פ) it is pronounced “ph.”
- ף The “final Pey” is only used when this letter appears at the end of a word. The “final pey” will never appear with the dagesh and will therefore be pronounced “ph.”

### Vowels

- ֶֻּ This vowel combination (*sh’va* and *qamats*) is called a “*hhataph qamats*” and is pronounced “a” as in “father.”

### Practice

1.                    פּי פוּ זו ז זַ זָ זִ זְ זֵ זֶ זִּ זְּ זֵּ זֶּ זִּּ זְּּ זֵּּ זֶּּ זִּּּ זְּּּ זֵּּּ זֶּּּ זִּּּּ זְּּּּ זֵּּּּ זֶּּּּ זִּּּּּ זְּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זִּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זְּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֵּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ
2.                    זֶּ זֶּּ זֶּּּ זֶּּּּ זֶּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ זֶּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּּ

3. פַּח פּוּ שָׁז שָׁז כָּף זָד קָף

**Practice (transliteration)**

1. *phe pha phe pey zu zey za zi zo po phiy*

2. *zah zey aph eyz hez ze phaz zeph*

3. *po-ahh pan shaz shaz kaph zeykh quph*

**Vocabulary**

1. אֲשֶׁר *a-sher* Which, who

2. עֲשֶׂה *o-seh* Making (m.)

3. פְּנִים *pa-niym* Face (m.)

**Sentences**

Genesis 1:11

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תְּדַשָּׂא הָאָרֶץ דָּשָׂא  
עֲשֵׂב מִזֵּרִיעַ זֶרַע עֵץ פְּרִי עֲשֶׂה פְּרִי  
לְמִינוֹ אֲשֶׁר זֶרְעוּ בּוֹ עַל הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי  
כֵן

**Sentences (transliteration)**

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him tad-shey ha-a-rets de-she ey-  
sev maz-ri-a ze-ra eyts pe-ri o-seh pe-ri le-mi-no  
a-sher zar-o vo al ha-a-rets vai-hi kheyv*



## ***Lesson 11 – Gimel, Samehh***

### **Consonants**

ג

The “*Gimel*” is pronounced “g” as in “game.”

ס

The “*Samehh*” is pronounced “s” as in “sand.”

### **Practice**

1.    ג   ג   ג   ג   ג   ג   ג   ס   ס   ס   ס   ס
2.    גה   גא   גא   גא   גה   סה   סא   סא   סא
3.    סד   סר   סר   סג   סג   סג   סס   סס   סס

### **Practice (transliteration)**

1. *so su sa sey si ge ga ga ge go gi ga*
2. *sem as seyh go ag ge goh*
3. *mas seys seyph seyg gas sur sod*

### Vocabulary

1. כָּל<sup>29</sup> *kol* All
2. אָדָם *a-dam* Man
3. עוֹף *oph* Bird (m.)
4. דָּגָה *da-gah* Fish (f.)

### Sentences

Genesis 1:26

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם  
בְּצַלְמֵנוּ כְּדְמוּתֵנוּ וַיְרִדוּ בְדֹגַת הַיָּם  
וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל  
הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל הָרֶמֶשׂ הָרֹמֵשׂ עַל  
הָאָרֶץ

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<sup>29</sup> This word appears to be pronounced “*kal*” but, is actually pronounced “*kol*.” In this instance the *qamats* vowel represents a rare vowel pronounced “o.”

**Sentences (transliteration)**

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him na-a-seh a-dam be-tsal-mey-  
nu kid-mu-tey-nu ve-yir-du vid-gat hai-yam uv-  
oph ha-sha-ma-yim u-va-be-hey-mah uv-khol ha-  
a-rets uv-khol ha-re-mes ha-ro-meys al ha-a-rets*

## Reading Practice

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Below is the first chapter of the book of Genesis in Hebrew. The name “Genesis” comes from the Greek name for this book and means “origins.” The Hebrew name for this book is “*Bereshiyt*.” The Hebrew names for the first five books of the Bible are derived from the first word (or first principle word) of the book. In this case, the first word in the book is “*bereshiyt*,” which means “in the beginning.”

The purpose of this section is to allow you to practice reading. Also included is a transliteration of the chapter for pronunciation help. Again, remember to use the correct Hebrew pronunciation for each vowel.

1 בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם  
וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ :

*be-rey-shit ba-ra e-lo-him eyt ha-sha-ma-yim ve-  
eyt ha-a-rets*

2 וְהָאָרֶץ הָיְתָה תְהוֹ וְבָהוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ עַל-פְּנֵי  
תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים מְרַחֶפֶת עַל-פְּנֵי  
הַמָּיִם :

*ve-ha-a-rets hai-tah to-hu va-vo-hu ve-hho-shekh  
al pe-ney te-hom ve-ru-ahh e-lo-him me-ra-hhe-  
phet al pe-ney ha-ma-yim*

3 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אֹר וַיְהִי-אֹר :

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him ye-hi or vai-hi or*

4 וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאֹר כִּי-טוֹב וַיְבַדֵּל  
אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ :

*vai-yar e-lo-him et ha-or ki tov vai-yav-deyl e-lo-  
him beyn ha-or u-veyn ha-hho-shekh*

5 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְאֹר יוֹם וּלְחֹשֶׁךְ קֶרָא  
לַיְלָה וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד :

*vai-yiq-ra e-lo-him la-or yom ve-la-hho-shekh qa-  
ra lai-lah vai-hi e-rev vai-hi vo-qer yom e-hhad*

6 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי רָקִיעַ בְּתוֹךְ הַמַּיִם  
וַיְהִי מַבְדִּיל בֵּין מַיִם לַמַּיִם:

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him ye-hi ra-qi-a be-tokh ha-ma-  
yim vi-hi mav-dil beyn ma-yim la-ma-yim*

7 וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הַרְקִיעַ וַיְבַדֵּל בֵּין  
הַמַּיִם אֲשֶׁר מִתַּחַת לָרָקִיעַ וּבֵין הַמַּיִם  
אֲשֶׁר מֵעַל לָרָקִיעַ וַיְהִי-כֵן:

*vai-ya-as e-lo-him et ha-ra-qi-a vai-yav-deyl beyn  
ha-ma-yim a-sher mi-ta-hhat la-ra-qi-a u-veyn  
ha-ma-yim a-sher mey-al la-ra-qi-a vai-hi kheyne*

8 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לָרָקִיעַ שָׁמַיִם וַיְהִי-  
עָרֵב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם שֵׁנִי:

*vai-yiq-ra e-lo-him la-ra-qi-a sha-ma-yim vai-hi  
e-rev vai-hi vo-quer yom shey-ni*

9 וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יִקְוּוּ הַמַּיִם מִתַּחַת  
הַשָּׁמַיִם אֶל-מְקוֹם אֶחָד וַתֵּרָאֵה הַיַּבְּשָׁה  
וַיְהִי-כֵן:

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him yi-qav-u ha-ma-yim mi-ta-  
hhat ha-sha-ma-yim el ma-qom e-hhad ve-tey-ra-  
eh hai-ya-ba-shah vai-hi kheyne*

10 וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לַיַּבְּשָׁה אֶרֶץ וּלְמִקְוֵה  
הַמַּיִם קָרָא יַמִּים וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי-טוֹב:

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*vai-yiq-ra e-lo-him lai-ya-ba-shah e-rets ul-miq-  
veh ha-ma-yim qa-ra ya-mim vai-yar e-lo-him ki  
tov*

**11** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תְּדַשָּׂא הָאָרֶץ דָּשָׂא  
עֵשֶׂב מִזְרִיעַ זֶרַע עֵץ פְּרִי עֵשֶׂה פְּרִי לְמִינֹו  
אֲשֶׁר זָרְעוּ-בוּ עַל-הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי-כֵן:

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him tad-shey ha-a-rets de-she ey-  
sev maz-ri-a ze-ra eyts pe-ri o-seh pe-ri le-mi-no  
a-sher zar-o vo al ha-a-rets vai-hi khey'n*

**12** וַתּוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ דָּשָׂא עֵשֶׂב מִזְרִיעַ זֶרַע  
לְמִינֵהוּ וְעֵץ עֵשֶׂה-פְּרִי אֲשֶׁר זָרְעוּ-בוּ  
לְמִינֵהוּ וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי-טוֹב:

*va-to-tsey ha-a-rets de-she ey-sev maz-ri-a ze-ra  
le-mi-ney-hu ve-eyts o-seh pe-ri a-sher zar-o vo  
le-mi-ney-hu vai-yar e-lo-him ki tov*

**13** וַיְהִי-עָרֵב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם שְׁלִישִׁי:

*vai-hi e-rev vai-hi vo-qer yom she-li-shi*

**14** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי מְאֹרֶת בְּרִקְיעַ  
הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין הַיּוֹם וּבֵין הַלַּיְלָה  
וְהָיוּ לְאֹתוֹת וּלְמוֹעֲדִים וּלְיָמִים וּשְׁנָיִם:

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him ye-hi me-o-rot bir-qi-a ha-  
sha-ma-yim le-hav-dil beyn hai-yom u-vey'n ha-*

*lai-lah ve-hai-u le-o-tot ul-mo-a-dim ul-ya-mim  
ve-sha-nim*

**15** וְהָיוּ לְמַאֲוֹרֵת בְּרָקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם לְהָאִיר  
עַל-הָאָרֶץ וַיְהִי-כֵן :

*ve-hai-u lim-o-rot bir-qi-a ha-sha-ma-yim le-ha-ir  
al ha-a-rets vai-hi khey'n*

**16** וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת-שְׁנֵי הַמָּאֲרֹת  
הַגְּדֹלִים : אֶת-הַמָּאֹר הַגָּדֹל לְמִמְשַׁלֵּת  
הַיּוֹם וְאֶת-הַמָּאֹר הַקָּטָן לְמִמְשַׁלֵּת  
הַלַּיְלָה וְאֵת הַכּוֹכָבִים :

*vai-ya-as e-lo-him et she-ney ham-o-rot ha-ge-do-  
lim et ha-ma-or ha-ga-dol le-mem-she-let hai-  
yom ve-et ha-ma-or ha-qa-ton le-mem-she-let ha-  
lai-lah ve-eyt ha-ko-kha-vim*

**17** וַיִּתֵּן אֲתָם אֱלֹהִים בְּרָקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם  
לְהָאִיר עַל-הָאָרֶץ :

*vai-yi-teyn o-tam e-lo-him bir-qi-a ha-sha-ma-yim  
le-ha-ir al ha-a-rets*

**18** וְלִמְשַׁל בַּיּוֹם וּבַלַּיְלָה וּלְהַבְדִּיל בֵּין  
הָאֹר וּבֵין הַחֹשֶׁךְ וַיְרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי-טוֹב :

*ve-lim-shol ba-yom u-va-lai-lah ul-hav-dil bey'n  
ha-or u-vey'n ha-hho-shekh vai-yar e-lo-him ki tov*



**19** וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם רְבִיעִי :

*vai-hi e-rev vai-hi vo-ger yom re-vi-i*

**20** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים-יִשְׂרָאוֹ הַמַּיִם שָׁרָץ

נֶפֶשׁ חַיָּה וְעוֹף יְעוֹפֵף עַל-הָאָרֶץ עַל-פְּנֵי

רְקִיעַ הַשָּׁמַיִם :

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him yish-re-tsu ha-ma-yim she-  
rets ne-phesh hhai-yah ve-oph ye-o-pheyph al ha-  
a-rets al pe-ney re-qi-a ha-sha-ma-yim*

**21** וַיִּבְרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הַתַּנִּינִם הַגְּדֹלִים

וְאֵת כָּל-נֶפֶשׁ הַחַיָּה הַרְמֹשֶׁת אֲשֶׁר שָׂרָאוֹ

הַמַּיִם לְמִינֵיהֶם וְאֵת כָּל-עוֹף כָּנָף לְמִינֵהוּ

וַיֵּרָא אֱלֹהִים כִּי-טוֹב :

*vai-yiv-ra e-lo-him et ha-ta-ni-nim ha-ge-do-lim  
ve-eyt kol ne-phesh ha-hha-yah ha-ro-me-set a-  
sher shar-tsu ha-ma-yim le-mi-ney-hem ve-eyt kol  
oph ka-naph le-mi-ney-hu vai-yar e-lo-him ki tov*

**22** וַיִּבְרָךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים לֵאמֹר : פְּרוּ

וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת-הַמַּיִם בַּיַּמִּים וְהָעוֹף יִרְבֵּ

בָּאָרֶץ :

*vai-va-rekh o-tam e-lo-him ley-mor pe-ru ur-vu u-  
mil-u et ha-ma-yim ba-ya-mim ve-ha-oph yi-rev  
ba-a-rets*

**23** וַיְהִי-עָרֵב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם חֲמִישִׁי :

*vai-hi e-rev vai-hi vo-ger yom hha-mi-shi*

**24** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים תּוֹצֵא הָאָרֶץ נֶפֶשׁ

חַיָּה לְמִינָהּ בְּהֶמָּה וְרֶמֶשׂ וְחַיֵּתוֹ-אָרֶץ

לְמִינָהּ וַיְהִי-כֵן :

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him to-tsey ha-a-rets ne-phesh*

*hhai-yah le-mi-nah be-hey-mah va-re-mes ve-*

*hhai-to e-rets le-mi-nah vai-hi khey'n*

**25** וַיַּעַשׂ אֱלֹהִים אֶת-חַיַּת הָאָרֶץ לְמִינָהּ

וְאֶת-הַבְּהֵמָה לְמִינָהּ וְאֶת כָּל-רֶמֶשׂ

הָאֲדָמָה לְמִינָהּ וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים כִּי-טוֹב :

*vai-ya-as e-lo-him et hhai-yat ha-a-rets le-mi-nah*

*ve-et ha-be-hey-mah le-mi-nah ve-eyt kol re-mes*

*ha-a-da-mah le-mi-ney-hu vai-yar e-lo-him ki tov*

**26** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים נַעֲשֶׂה אָדָם בְּצַלְמֵנוּ

כְּדְמוּתֵנוּ וַיִּרְדּוּ בַדָּגַת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם

וּבַבְּהֵמָה וּבְכָל-הָאָרֶץ וּבְכָל-הָרֶמֶשׂ

הָרֶמֶשׂ עַל-הָאָרֶץ :

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him na-a-seh a-dam be-tsal-mey-*

*nu kid-mu-tey-nu ve-yir-du vid-gat hai-yam uv-*

*oph ha-sha-ma-yim u-va-be-hey-mah uv-khol ha-*

*a-rets uv-khol ha-re-mes ha-ro-meys al ha-a-rets*

**27** וַיְבָרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-הָאָדָם בְּצִלְמוֹ  
בְּצֶלֶם אֱלֹהִים בָּרָא אֹתוֹ : זָכָר וּנְקֵבָה  
בָּרָא אֹתָם :

*vai-yiv-ra e-lo-him et ha-a-dam be-tsal-mo be-  
tse-lem e-lo-him ba-ra o-to za-khar un-qey-vah  
ba-ra o-tam*

**28** וַיְבָרֶךְ אֹתָם אֱלֹהִים וַיֹּאמֶר לָהֶם  
אֱלֹהִים פְּרוּ וּרְבוּ וּמְלֵאוּ אֶת-הָאָרֶץ  
וּכְבֹּשְׁהָ וּרְדוּ בְּדַגַּת הַיָּם וּבְעוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם  
וּבְכָל-חַיָּה הַרְמֵשֶׁת עַל-הָאָרֶץ :

*vai-va-rekh o-tam e-lo-him vai-yo-mer la-hem e-  
lo-him pe-ru ur-vu u-mil-u et ha-a-rets ve-khiv-  
shu-ah ur-du bid-gat hai-yam uv-oph ha-sha-ma-  
yim uv-khol hhai-yah ha-ro-me-set al ha-a-rets*

**29** וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים הִנֵּה נָתַתִּי לָכֶם אֶת-  
כָּל-עֵשֶׂב זֶרַע זֶרַע אֲשֶׁר עַל-פְּנֵי כָל-הָאָרֶץ  
וְאֶת-כָּל-הָעֵץ אֲשֶׁר-בּוֹ פְּרִי-עֵץ זֶרַע זֶרַע :  
לָכֶם יִהְיֶה לְאֹכְלָה :

*vai-yo-mer e-lo-him hin-neyh na-ta-ti la-khem et  
kol ey-sev zo-rey-a ze-ra a-sher al pe-ney khol  
ha-a-rets ve-et kol ha-eyts a-sher bo phe-ri eyts  
zo-rey-a za-ra la-khem yih-yeh le-akh-lah*

**30** וְלִכְל-חַיֵּית הָאָרֶץ וְלִכְל-עוֹף הַשָּׁמַיִם  
וְלִכְל רוֹמֵשׁ עַל-הָאָרֶץ אֲשֶׁר-בוֹ נִפְּשׁ חַיָּה  
אֶת-כָּל-יֵרֶק עֵשֶׂב לְאֹכְלָהּ וַיְהִי-כֵן:

*ul-khol hhai-yat ha-a-rets ul-khol oph ha-sha-ma-  
yim ul-khol ro-meys al ha-a-rets a-sher bo ne-  
phesh hhai-yah et kol ye-req ey-sev le-akh-lah  
vai-hi kheyh*

**31** וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת-כָּל-אֲשֶׁר עָשָׂה  
וַהֲנֵה-טוֹב מְאֹד וַיְהִי-עֶרֶב וַיְהִי-בֹקֶר יוֹם  
הַשִּׁשִּׁי:

*vai-yar e-lo-him et kol a-sher a-sah ve-hin-neyh  
tov me-od vai-hi e-rev vai-hi vo-ger yom ha-shi-  
shi*

## Reference Guide

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The purpose of the Reference Guide is to be an aid to the Hebrew student to assist with recognizing the prefixes and suffixes of Hebrew nouns and verbs.

### Uncovering the Root Word

One Hebrew word may contain a root, one or two prefixes as well as one or two suffixes. As an example, let us look at the word וַיְדַבֵּר (vai-dab-reym, see 1 Samuel 8:21). To find the root word, we first identify the prefixes and suffixes. The prefix ו (v) means “and.” The ך (y) is another prefix identifying the subject of the verb as “he.” The suffix ם (m.) identifies the object of the verb as “them.” Once the suffix and prefixes are removed we have the root דבר, meaning “speak,” remaining. The Hebrew word וַיְדַבֵּר means “and he spoke to them.”

Identification of the prefixes and suffixes of a verb will assist you in translating each word correctly. This will also allow you to uncover the root of the word, which can then be looked up in the root dictionary below.

### Prefixes - The article, conjunction and prepositions

Some of the most common words found in the Bible are actually written as prefixes, such as ב (in), ו (and), ה (the) and ל (to). The two prefixes, כ (like) and ש (which), are

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also used, but occur infrequently. Combining a prefix with a suffix will also form a word. For example, the word לך is the prefix ל meaning “to” and the suffix ך meaning “you” (see possessive pronouns below) forming a word meaning “to you.”

Prefixes			
The	--ה	And	--ו
To	--ל	In	--ב
From	--מ	Like	--כ
Which, who	--ש		

### Plural

Nouns are made plural by adding either of the following suffixes. There are a few exceptions to these gender-specific suffixes. For example, אב (father) and אור (light) are masculine words, yet carry the feminine suffix, אבות and אורות, but still remain masculine.

Plural Suffixes	
Masculine	Feminine
--ים	--ות

## Noun Derivatives

Included in this section is a list of the most common prefixes, infixes<sup>30</sup> and suffixes added to a root to form a new noun. Each noun derivative will be related in meaning to the original root word. By recognizing these “affixes,” one can easily uncover the original root word assisting the reader with identifying the meaning of the word. For example, the words צדיק and צדקה are derived from the root צדק (righteous). The word צדיק is formed by infixing the letter ך and has the meaning of “a righteous one.” The word צדקה is formed by suffixing the letter ה and has the meaning of “righteousness.”

Noun Derivatives		
--מ	ס--	-ל--
--ת	ת--	-ו--
ה--	ות--	ון--
	ית--	

## Pronouns

The following pronouns are very common and a good understanding of them will assist the student in reading the text.

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<sup>30</sup> An “infix” is a letter or letters placed within the body of a root or word.

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<b>Pronouns</b>			
Singular			Plural
<b>Masculine</b>			
I	אֲנִי	We	אֲנֵנוּ
You	אַתָּה	You	אַתֶּם
He	הוא	They	הֵם
<b>Feminine</b>			
I	אֲנִי	We	אֲנֵנוּ
You	אַתְּ	You	אַתֶּן
She	היא	They	הֵן

<b>Possessive Pronouns (Nouns)</b>			
Singular			Plural
<b>Masculine</b>			
My	י--	Our	נו--
Your	ך--	Your	כֶּם--
His	ו--	Their	ם--
<b>Feminine</b>			
My	י--	Our	נו--
Your	ך--	Your	כו--
Her	ה--	Their	ן--



## Hebrew Tenses

Hebrew verb tenses are not related to time (past, present or future) as in English, but to action. There are two Hebrew tenses, perfect and imperfect. The perfect tense is a complete action and is similar to past tense. The imperfect tense is an incomplete action (an action that has started but not finished or an action that has not started) and is similar to our present and future tense.

Each verb will also identify the person, gender and number of the subject of the verb. The person is expressed as first, second or third person, the gender will be either masculine or feminine and the number will be singular or plural.

Using the Hebrew root word שמר (to guard), the letter א is prefixed to form the verb אשמר. The addition of this letter indicates that the verb is first person, masculine, singular and imperfect tense - “I am guarding” or “I will guard.” By suffixing the letters תי, the verb שמרתי is formed, and is first person, masculine, singular, perfect tense - “I guarded.”

When the conjunction ו (meaning “and”) is prefixed to a verb, the tense is reversed. While אשמר means “I will guard” (imperfect tense), ואשמר becomes “I guarded” (perfect tense). While שמרתי means “I guarded” (perfect tense), ושמרתי becomes “I will guard” (imperfect tense).

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<b>Verb Subjects (Perfect Tense)</b>			
<b>Singular</b>		<b>Plural</b>	

**Masculine**

I	אֶתִי--	We	נֹנִי--
You	אֶתְךָ--	You	אֶתְכֶם--
He	--	They	אֹנִי--

**Feminine**

I	אֲנִי--	We	נֹנִי--
You	אֶתְךָ--	You	אֶתְכֶן--
She	אֶתְהָ--	They	אֹנִי--

<b>Verb Subjects (Imperfect Tense)</b>			
<b>Singular</b>		<b>Plural</b>	

**Masculine**

I	אֲנִי--	We	נִנְנוּ--
You	אֲתָךְ--	You	אֲתָכֶם--
He	אֲנִי--	They	אֲנִי--

**Feminine**

I	אֲנִי--	We	נִנְנוּ--
You	אֲתָךְ--	You	אֲתָנָה--
She	אֲתָךְ--	They	אֲתָנָה--

## **Translating Lessons**

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Your next step in Biblical Hebrew studies is to learn sentence and word structure. The following are the first five verses of Genesis chapter one where we will examine each word, one at a time, explaining their construction and relationship within the sentence. These lessons will frequently refer to prefixes, suffixes and roots that can be found in the Reference Guide of this book.

## **Lesson 1 – Genesis 1:1**

בְּרֵאשִׁית בָּרָא אֱלֹהִים אֶת הַשָּׁמַיִם  
וְאֶת הָאָרֶץ :

בְּרֵאשִׁית

The ב is a prefix meaning “inside” or “in.” This letter is an abbreviated form of the Hebrew word בית (*beyt*) meaning, “house.” Inside the house is where the family resides. (For a list of the common prefixes see the chart labeled “Prefixes.”)

The root word is רוש (*rosh*) meaning, “head.” Adding certain letters to the root commonly forms words related in meaning to the root and all of the words derived from the same root will be related in meaning. In this case, the letters ית are added to the root to form a noun, רֵאשִׁית. This word means “beginning,” the head of a time or space as at the beginning of an event or a river. (For a list of common letters used to form new nouns, see the chart above labeled “Noun Derivatives.”)

By being able to recognize the letters added to a root to form noun derivatives, one can easily find the root within the word. There are approximately 8,000 different words in the Hebrew Bible, all of which are derived from only about 1,500 roots. Of these 1,500, about half are rarely used in the Bible. This means that with a good understanding of about 750 roots one can easily read the

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Biblical text without memorizing all 8,000 words used within it.

בָּרָא

This is a verb usually translated as “create.”

Each verb identifies the person (first, second or third), gender (masculine or feminine), number (singular or plural) and tense (perfect or imperfect). This verb would be literally translated as “he created.” The construction of the verb identifies the subject of the verb as third person, masculine, singular and perfect tense. (For the various prefixes and suffixes added to the verb to identify person, gender, number and tense, see the “Verb Charts” above.)

The perfect tense is a completed action and is similar to our past tense. The imperfect tense is an incomplete action and is similar to our present or future tense. Notice the difference of tenses between Hebrew and English. English tenses are related to time (past, present or future) while Hebrew is related to an action (complete or incomplete).

אֱלֹהִים

This word is the subject of the verb, the “he” in “he created.” Generally, the subject of the verb will follow the verb rather than precede it as in English. In English, we say “God created,” but in Hebrew, this would be written as “created God.”

The root word for this noun is אלה meaning “power.” This word is used for anyone or anything that has “power” and is often translated as “God.” The suffix ים denotes a

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plural for masculine nouns. While English plurals convey quantity (more than one), Hebrew plurals convey quantity or quality (very large or great). The word אלהים can be translated as “gods” (quantity) or “a great god” (quality). The idea of “a great god” is generally written in English as “God.”

Only through context can it be determined if the plural noun is identifying quantity or quality. This can be the context within the passage or the sentence structure itself. In this verse, the context of the sentence structure requires this word to be understood as qualitative since the verb preceding it states “he (singular) created” and not “they (plural) created.”

### את

The word את is used over 11,000 times (and never translated into English as there is no equivalent) to point to the definite object of the verb.

### הַשָּׁמַיִם

The first letter, ה, is another prefix and is usually translated as “the”(definite article). This prefix is the short form of the word הל meaning “to look at something.”

The root word is שמים meaning, “sky” or “heaven.” Several Hebrew words are always written in the plural form such as this word.

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Because the ה (the) precedes the word שמים, this word is a definite object of the verb ברא, hence, the reason for the word את before it.

### וְאֵת

Another very common prefix is the letter ו, usually translated as “and.” This is the abbreviated form of the word וו meaning, “peg” or “nail.” As a nail attaches two items together, this prefix attaches two or more things together in a sentence, in this case, “the skies and the land.”

Added to this prefix is the word את which was previously discussed. Because of this word, we know that the word which follows is also a definite object of the verb ברא.

### הָאָרֶץ

The letter ה is the prefix meaning “the.” The word ארץ is a common word meaning, “land” or “earth.”

## ***Lesson 2 – Genesis 1:2***

וְהָאָרֶץ הִיְתָה תְהוֹ וְבֵהוּ וְחֹשֶׁךְ  
עַל־פְּנֵי תְהוֹם וְרוּחַ אֱלֹהִים  
מְרַחֶפֶת עַל־פְּנֵי הַמַּיִם :

### וְהָאָרֶץ

As previously discussed, the prefix ו is used to attach two parts of a sentence together. Similarly, it is also used to attach two or more sentences together, in other words bringing all of the words of one story together. In fact, the entire chapter of Genesis chapter one is one long story as each sentence begins with a ו.

The letter ה is the prefix meaning “the” and the word ארץ, as previously discussed means “land.”



## הִיְתָה

The root of this verb is **היה**, a very common root literally meaning “to exist” or “to breathe” as one who exists breathes, but is usually translated with a form of the English verb “to be.” This verb is made feminine, singular, and perfect tense by adding the **ה** to the end of the root (**היהה**). When a **ה** is added as a suffix to a root that ends with a **ה**, this **ה** is changed to a **ת** (**היתה**). This verb would be literally translated as “she existed” where the “she” is the “land,” the previous word.

## תהו

The root word here is **תה** meaning “empty.” By adding the suffix letter **ו** to the root, a noun derivative is formed meaning, “empty” or “void.”

## וְבָהוּ

The first letter, **ו**, is the prefix meaning “and” and is used to connect this word with the previous word.

The root word is **בה** meaning, “to fill a void.” A common Hebrew word also derived from this root is **בוא** (*bo'*) and is usually translated as “come” or “go.” The English translations of this word imply movement in a certain direction, but the Hebrew meaning of the word **בוא** is to “fill a void” and can be either fill a void here (come) or fill a void there (go).

The **ו** added after the root forms a noun derivative meaning, “void.”

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The phrase **תהו ובהו** is a common style of poetry where similar sounding words are grouped together. While the phrase “The painter painted a painting with paint,” would be poor English, it is a perfect example of Hebrew poetry.

**וְחֹשֶׁךְ**

The first letter is the prefix **ו**, meaning “and.” The word **חֹשֶׁךְ** means “dark” or “darkness.”

**עַל**

This word is very common and means “over” or “on.”

**פְּנֵי**

The root for this word is **פנה** meaning, face. This word is always used in the plural form **פנים** (the **ה** is dropped when the masculine plural suffix is added). This word is in the construct state “faces of....”

When a masculine plural noun is used in the Construct State, the letter **ח** is always dropped.

**תְּהוֹם**

A noun derived from the root **הוּם** meaning “sea,” closely related in form to the more common word for sea, **יָם**. This noun derivative is formed by adding the prefix letter **ת**, and has the more specific meaning of “deep sea.” This

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and the previous word form the Construct phrase “faces of the deep.”

וְרוּחַ

The first letter ו is the prefix meaning “and.” The word רוח is another Hebrew word meaning “wind.” Though this word is often translated as “spirit,” the more Hebraic understanding is “wind” or “breath.”

אֱלֹהִים

This is the same word discussed previously. When two nouns appear together they are in the Construct State. This word and the preceding word, רוח, would be translated as “wind/breath of God.”

מִרְחַףְתָּ

The root of this verb is רחף meaning “hover over” such as a bird does over the nest. The letter מ is a prefix added to the verb to form a conjugation. The letter ת indicates this verb is feminine singular perfect tense and literally translated as “she hovered.” The “she” of this word is the previous word רוח, a feminine word. While most consider the “Spirit” (wind/breath) a “he,” Biblically, it is a “she.”

עַל

This is the same word previously discussed meaning “over” or “on.”

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פְּנֵי

This word was also previously discussed meaning “faces” and is in the construct state with the following word.

הַמַּיִם

The first letter ה is the prefix meaning “the.” The root word is מים, a very common word meaning “water.”

Notice that the previous sentence contains no verb. While a verb is required in every English sentence, it is not in Biblical Hebrew.

## **Lesson 3 – Genesis 1:3**

וַיֹּאמֶר אֱלֹהִים יְהִי אוֹר וַיְהִי־אוֹר:

וַיֹּאמֶר

The first letter ו is the prefix meaning “and.” The root word is אמר.

A Hebrew root word can be used as a noun or a verb. As a noun, this root would mean a “word” while as a verb it means, “to say.” We see a similar occurrence in English as in the sentence; “He will play Moses in the play.” The first use of the word “play” is a verb while the second is a noun. The context of the sentence, as well as the type of prefixes and suffixes added to the word, will tell you if the word is a verb or a noun.

When the letter י is added to the root אמר, the word is identified as a verb and can literally be translated as “he says” or “he will say” (masculine, singular, perfect tense).

When the letter vav is prefixed to a verb, the tense of the verb is reversed. Therefore, the word יאמר is “he says” (masculine, singular, imperfect tense) while the word ויאמר is “he said” (masculine, singular, perfect tense). This vav, when used in this instance, is called the “vav consecutive.”

## אֱלֹהִים

This word has been discussed previously and is the subject of the previous verb.

## יְהִי

The root of this word is הִיָּה as discussed previously, meaning “to exist.” When the letter י is prefixed to the root, the word יְהִיָּה (masculine, singular, imperfect tense) is formed, meaning “he exists.”

When a root ends with a ה, it is often dropped when used as a verb. Hence, יְהִיָּה becomes יְהִי. Another letter that frequently drops off a root when used as a verb, is the letter נ. All verb roots consist of three letters. If you come across a verb and remove the prefixes and suffixes and find only two letters remaining, most likely the verb has dropped the final ה or the נ. For example, in Genesis 17:3 we find the word וַיִּפֹּל. The letter ו is the vav consecutive meaning “and” and reverses the tense of the verb. The letter י is the prefix identifying the subject of the verb as masculine singular. We are then left with the word פֹּל. The missing third letter for this root is the dropped נ as the root is נִפֹּל.

## אֹר

This is a root word meaning “light.” This word is the subject of the previous verb.

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וַיְהִי

This is the same verb with the same conjugation as the previous verb but includes the ו, which reverses the tense from imperfect to perfect and becomes “and he existed.”

אור

The same word meaning “light,” and again, it is the subject of the previous verb.

## **Lesson 4 – Genesis 1:4 & 5**

וַיִּרְא אֱלֹהִים אֶת־הָאֹר כִּי־טוֹב  
וַיַּבְדֵּל אֱלֹהִים בֵּין הָאֹר וּבֵין  
הַחֹשֶׁךְ: וַיִּקְרָא אֱלֹהִים לְאֹר יוֹם  
וְלַחֹשֶׁךְ קָרָא לַיְלָה וַיְהִי־עֶרֶב  
וַיְהִי־בֹקֶר יוֹם אֶחָד:

At this point, you should be able to translate verses 4 and 5. Most of the words, as well as the prefixes and suffixes, have been covered above, with the exception of those words listed below. Once you have translated the verses you can use your English Bible to check your translation.

To see	ראה	To call	קרא
To separate	בדל	Morning	בקר
Between	בין	One	אחד
Evening	ערב		



## Hebrew / English Dictionary

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This list contains the 1,000 most common Hebrew words found in the Hebrew Bible. For example, the word **רָאוּן** (used 182 times in the Hebrew Bible) is derived from the root **ראש** (used 615 times in the Hebrew Bible), and both words are included in the list. However, the word **מראשה** (used 1 time in the Hebrew Bible), which is also derived from the same root, is not included in this list.

The Hebrew words in this dictionary do not contain any of the prefixes or suffixes as found in the Hebrew text. By removing the prefixes and suffixes of the Hebrew words in the text, the word can be found. For example, the word **השמים** includes the prefix **ה** meaning “the.” When this is removed, the word **שמים**, meaning “heavens,” remains and is found in the dictionary. As another example, the word **ויאמרו**, meaning “and they said,” contains two prefixes (**ו** and **י**), and one suffix (**ו**). When these are removed, the word **אמר** meaning “to say,” remains and is also found in the dictionary.

The three-letter words within this list that do not include any vowels (such as the second word in the list - **אבד**), are verbs. For the sake of pronunciation, one may insert “a” vowels between the consonants (so **אבד** would be pronounced *avad*).

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אָב (Father)	אַחַד (Unit)
אָבֵד (Perish)	אַחֹר (Back)
אָבֵה (Consent)	אַחוֹת (Sister)
אָבִיוֹן (Needy)	אָחֵז (Take hold)
אָבֵל (Mourn)	אַחֲזָה (Holdings)
אָבֶן (Stone)	אַחֵר (Other)
אָדוֹן (Lord)	אַחֲרָה (After)
אָדוֹנִי (My lord)	אַחֲרוֹן (Last)
אָדִיר (Eminent)	אַחֲרִית (End)
אָדָם (Human)	אִי (Island)
אָדָמָה (Ground)	אִיב (Attack)
אָדָן (Footing)	אִיל (Buck)
אָהֵב (Love)	אִיפָּה (Eyphah)
אָהֶבֶת (Affection)	אִישׁ (Man)
אָהֵל (Tent)	אִכָּל (Foodstuff)
אָוֵה (Yearn)	אִכַּל (Eat)
אָוִיל (Foolish)	אִל (Mighty one)
אָוֶלֶם (Porch)	אִלָּה (Oath)
אָוֶן (Vanity)	אִלְהִים (Powers)
אָוֶפֶן (Wheel)	אִלּוּהַ (Power)
אָוֶצֶר (Storehouse)	אִלּוּף (Chief)
אָוֵר (Light)	אִלְמָנָה (Widow)
אָוֵר (Light)	אִם (Mother)
אָוֵת (Sign)	אִמָּה (Forearm)
אָזֶן (Ear)	אִמָּה (Bondwoman)
אָזֵן (Give an ear)	אִמּוֹנָה (Firmness)
אָח (Brother)	אִמּוֹן (So be it)

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אִמּוֹן (Be firm)	אֶשֶׁה (Fire offering)
אִמּוּץ (Be strong)	אִשָּׁה (Woman)
אִמְרָה (Statement)	אֲשָׁם (Guilt)
אִמַּר (Say)	אֲשָׁם (Be guilty)
אִמְרָה (Speech)	אֲשֶׁר (Happy)
אִמְתָּ (Truth)	אֲשֶׁרָה (Grove)
אִנוּשׁ (Person)	אֲתוֹן (She-donkey)
אִסַּף (Gather)	בְּאֵר (Well)
אִסַּר (Tie up)	בְּגָד (Garment)
אִף (Nose)	בִּגְדָה (Act treacherously)
אִפָּה (Bake)	בֵּד (Stick)
אִפּוֹד (Ephod)	בִּדַּל (Separate)
אִפֶּס (End)	בִּהַל (Stir)
אִצְבַּע (Finger)	בִּיהֶמָה (Beast)
אִצָּל (Beside)	בּוֹא (Come)
אִרְבַּ (Ambush)	בּוֹר (Cistern)
אִרְגָּמָן (Purple)	בוֹשׁ (Be ashamed)
אִרוֹן (Box)	בַּיָּד (Spoils)
אִרְזָה (Cedar)	בִּזְהָה (Disdain)
אִרְחָה (Path)	בִּזְזָה (Plunder)
אִרְיָה (Lion)	בְּחֹרֵי (Youth)
אִרְדָּה (Length)	בְּחֹן (Examine)
אִרְדָּה (Prolong)	בְּחַר (Choose)
אִרְמוֹן (Citadel)	בְּטַח (Safely)
אִרְצָה (Land)	בְּטַח (Cling)
אִרְרָה (Spit upon)	בְּטֶן (Womb)
אִשׁ (Fire)	בֵּין (Between)

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בִּין (Understand)	בְּרָכָה (Present)
בִּינָה (Understanding)	בִּשַׁל (Boil)
בַּיִת (House)	בִּשְׂם (Sweet spice)
בכה (Weep)	בֶּשֶׁר (Flesh)
בְּכוֹר (Firstborn)	בִּשְׁת (Shame)
בִּכְי (Weeping)	בַּת (Daughter)
בלל (Mix)	בְּתוּלָה (Virgin)
בלע (Swallow)	גְּאוֹן (Majesty)
בְּלִי (Except)	גאל (Redeem)
בְּמָה (Platform)	גבה (Lift high)
בֵּן (Son)	גְּבוּהָ (High)
בנה (Build)	גְּבוּל (Border)
בַּעַל (Master)	גִּבּוֹר (Courageous)
בער (Burn)	גְּבוּרָה (Bravery)
בצר (Fence in)	גְּבֻעָה (Knoll)
בקע (Cleave)	גִּבּוֹר (Warrior)
בְּקָר (Cattle)	גבר (Overcome)
בֶּקֶר (Morning)	גָּג (Roof)
בקש (Search out)	גְּדוּד (Band)
ברא (Fatten)	גְּדוֹל (Great)
בְּרָד (Hailstones)	גדל (Magnify)
בְּרִזָּה (Iron)	גוי (Nation)
ברח (Flee away)	גוֹלָה (Rising)
בְּרִיחַ (Wood bar)	גור (Sojourn)
בְּרִית (Covenant)	גוֹרֵל (Lot)
בְּרָךְ (Knee)	גזל (Pluck away)
ברך (Kneel)	גִּיאָה (Valley)

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גיל (Dance around)	דָּמָם (Be silent)
גֵּל (Mound)	דַּעַת (Discernment)
גלה (Remove the cover)	דָּרָךְ (Road)
גְּלוּל (Idol)	דָּרַךְ (Step upon)
גָּמַל (Camel)	דָּרַשׁ (Seek)
גמל (Yield)	הַבָּל (Vanity)
גֶּן (Garden)	הגה (Mutter)
גנב (Steal)	הִתְדָּר (Swell)
גֶּפֶן (Grapevine)	הוֹי (Ah)
גֵּר (Stranger)	הוֹן (Substance)
גֶּרֶן (Floor)	היה (Exist)
גרשׁ (Cast out)	הַיֵּכָל (House)
גֶּשֶׁם (Rain shower)	הלך (Walk)
דבק (Adhere)	הלל (Shine)
דָּבָר (Epidemic)	המה (Roar)
דָּבָר (Word)	הַמֹּון (Multitude)
דבר (Speak)	הפך (Overturn)
דְּבִשׁ (Honey)	הר (Hill)
דָּגָן (Cereal)	הרג (Kill)
דוד (Beloved)	הרה (Conceive)
דור (Generation)	הרס (Cast down)
דַּי (Sufficient)	זָבַח (Sacrifice)
דַּל (Weak)	זבח (Sacrifice)
דָּלַת (Door)	זָהָב (Gold)
דָּם (Blood)	זוב (Issue)
דמה (Resemble)	זור (Be strange)
דְּמוּת (Likeness)	זַיִת (Olive)

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זָכָר (Male)	חִזֶּה (Perceive)
זָכַר (Remember)	חִזּוֹן (Vision)
זָמָה (Mischief)	חִזָּק (Forceful)
זָמַר (Pluck)	חִזָּק (Seize)
זָנָה (Be a whore)	חִטָּא (Fault)
זָעַק (Yell out)	חִטָּא (Err)
זָקַן (Beard)	חִטָּאָה (Error)
זָקַן (Be old)	חִטָּה (Wheat)
זָרָה (Disperse)	חַי (Life)
זָרוּעַ (Arm)	חִיה (Live)
זָרַע (Seed)	חִיל (Force)
זָרַע (Sow)	חִיצוֹן (Outside)
זָרַק (Sprinkle)	חִיק (Bosom)
חָבָא (Withdraw)	חָכָם (Skilled one)
חֶבֶל (Region)	חָכָם (Be skilled)
חָבַל (Take as a pledge)	חָכְמָה (Skill)
חָבַר (Couple)	חֶלֶב (Fat)
חָבַשׁ (Saddle)	חָלָב (Milk)
חָג (Feast)	חָלָה (Be sick)
חָגַר (Gird up)	חֲלוֹם (Dream)
חָדַל (Terminate)	חַלּוֹן (Window)
חֲדָר (Chamber)	חָלַל (Pierced)
חֲדָשׁ (New)	חָלַל (Pierce)
חֲדָשׁ (New moon)	חָלַם (Visualize)
חָוַל (Twist)	חָלַף (Pass over)
חוֹמָה (Rampart)	חָלַץ (Draw)
חוּץ (Outside)	חֶלֶק (Portion)

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חלק (Apportion)	חֲרָבָה (Wasteland)
חֲלָקָה (Smooth)	חָרַד (Tremble)
חֲמֵדָה (Pleasant)	חָרָה (Flare up)
חֲמָה (Fury)	חָרוֹן (Burning wrath)
חֲמֹר (Donkey)	חֲרֵם (Net)
חַמַּל (Show pity)	חָרַם (Perforate)
חֲמָס (Violence)	חָרַף (Taunt)
חֲמָר (Mortar)	חֲרַפָּה (Disgrace)
חֵן (Beauty)	חָרַשׁ (Engraver)
חָנָה (Camp)	חָרַשׁ (Scratch)
חֲנִית (Spear)	חָשַׁב (Think)
חָנָם (Freely)	חֲשׂוֹן (Breastplate)
חָנַן (Show beauty)	חָשַׁד (Keep back)
חֲסָד (Kindness)	חֲשָׁךְ (Darkness)
חֲסֵה (Refuge)	חָתַם (Seal)
חֲסִיד (Kind one)	חָתָן (Be an in-law)
חֲפָץ (Delight)	חָתַת (Break)
חֲפָץ (Delight)	חָטַח (Slaughtering)
חֵץ (Arrow)	חֲטִיטָה (Ring)
חֲצוּצָה (Trumpet)	חָטָה (Pure)
חֲצִי (Half)	חָטָה (Be clean)
חֲצֵר (Yard)	חָטַב (Functional)
חֲקָה (Custom)	חָטַב (Goods)
חֲקָה (Ritual)	חָטַב (Do good)
חָקַר (Examine)	חָטַל (Dew)
חָרַב (Sword)	חָטָמָא (Unclean)
חָרַב (Dry up)	חָטָמָא (Be unclean)

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טִמְאָה (Unclean)	ינח (Deposit)
טמן (Submerge)	ינק (Suckle)
טף (Children)	יסד (Found)
טרף (Tear into pieces)	יסף (Add)
יְאוֹר (Stream)	יסר (Correct)
יבש (Dry out)	יעד (Appoint)
יגע (Weary)	יעץ (Give advice)
יָד (Hand)	יער (Forest)
ידה (Throw the hand)	יפה (Beautiful)
ידע (Know)	יצא (Go out)
יהב (Provide)	יצב (Station)
יוֹבֵל (Trumpet)	יצק (Pour down)
יום (Day)	יצר (Mold)
יוֹמָם (Daytime)	יצת (Light on fire)
יוֹנָה (Dove)	יָקָר (Valuable)
יחד (Together)	יָרָא (Fearful)
יחל (Stay)	ירא (Fear)
יטב (Do well)	יְרָאָה (Fearfulness)
יין (Wine)	ירד (Go down)
יכח (Convict)	ירה (Throw)
יכל (Be able)	יָרַח (Moon)
יָלֵד (Boy)	יְרִיעָה (Tent wall)
ילד (Bring forth)	יָרֵךְ (Midsection)
ילל (Howl)	יָרְכָה (Flank)
ים (Sea)	ירש (Possess)
יְמִין (Right hand)	יש (There is)
יְמִינִי (Right)	ישב (Settle)



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יְשׁוּעָה (Relief)	כְּלִי (Item)
יִשַׁע (Rescue)	כְּלֵיָה (Kidney)
יִשַׁע (Rescue)	כָּלֶם (Shame)
יָשָׁר (Straight)	כְּלֵמָה (Shame)
יִשָּׁר (Be straight)	כַּנּוֹר (Harp)
יָתוֹם (Orphan)	כַּנַּע (Lower)
יִתְּרָה (Remainder)	כַּנָּף (Wing)
יָתַר (Leave behind)	כִּסֵּא (Seat)
כָּבֵד (Heavy)	כִּסֵּה (Cover over)
כַּבֵּד (Be heavy)	כֶּסֶל (Fool)
כְּבוֹד (Armament)	כֶּסֶף (Silver)
כַּבַּשׁ (Wash)	כַּעַס (Anger)
כֶּבֶשׂ (Sheep)	כַּף (Palm)
כֹּהֵן (Administrator)	כַּפִּיר (Cub)
כּוֹכַב (Star)	כַּפֵּר (Cover)
כּוֹל (All)	כַּפְרֵת (Lid)
כּוֹל (Sustain)	כְּרוּב (Keruv)
כּוֹן (Prepare)	כַּרְם (Vineyard)
כּוֹס (Cup)	כַּרַע (Stoop)
כָּזַב (Lie)	כַּרַת (Cut)
כֹּחַ (Strength)	כַּשַׁל (Topple)
כַּחַד (Keep secret)	כָּתַב (Write)
כִּי (Given that)	כִּתְנָת (Tunic)
כְּיָרְךָ (Roundness)	כַּתָּף (Shoulder piece)
כֶּלֶב (Dog)	לְאוֹם (Community)
כַּלְהָה (Daughter-in-law)	לֵב (Heart)
כֵּלָה (Finish)	לֵבָב (Heart)

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לְבוּשׁ (Clothing)	מִדְבָּר (Wilderness)
לָבָן (White)	מִדָּד (Measure)
לְבוּשׁ (Wear)	מִדָּה (Measurement)
לוּהַ (Join)	מְדִינָה (Province)
לוּחַ (Slab)	מָהָר (Hurry)
לוֹן (Stay the night)	מוֹט (Shake)
לוּץ (Mimic)	מוֹל (Forefront)
לֶחֶם (Bread)	מוֹל (Circumcise)
לָחַם (Fight)	מוֹסָר (Instruction)
לַיַּל (Night)	מוֹעֵד (Appointed)
לַכַּד (Capture)	מוֹפֶת (Wonder)
לַמַּד (Learn)	מוֹצֵא (Going out)
לְעִמָּת (Alongside)	מוֹקֵשׁ (Snare)
לָקַח (Take)	מוֹשֵׁב (Settling)
לָקַט (Pick up)	מוֹת (Death)
לְשׁוֹן (Tongue)	מוֹת (Die)
לְשִׁכָּה (Chamber)	מִזְבֵּחַ (Altar)
מְאֹד (Many)	מִזְמוֹר (Melody)
מְאוּמָה (Anything)	מִזְרָח (Sunrise)
מְאֻכָּל (Nourishment)	מִזְרֵק (Sprinkling basin)
מָאן (Refuse)	מָחָה (Wipe away)
מָאֵס (Reject)	מַחְלָקָה (Portion)
מְבַצָּר (Fence)	מַחֲנֶה (Campsite)
מִגְדָּל (Tower)	מָחָר (Tomorrow)
מָגֵן (Shield)	מָחָרָת (Morrow)
מַגֵּפָה (Pestilence)	מַחֲשָׁבָה (Invention)
מְגֵרֶשׁ (Pasture)	מִטָּה (Bed)

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מִטָּה (Branch)	מִסְפָּר (Number)
מָטָר (Precipitation)	מֵעָה (Abdomen)
מַיִם (Water)	מַעֲזוֹז (Stronghold)
מִין (Kind)	מֵעֵט (Small amount)
מָכָה (Crushed)	מַעֲלִיל (Cloak)
מָכַר (Sell)	מַעַל (Transgression)
מָלֵא (Filling)	מַעַל (Upward)
מָלֵא (Full)	מַעַל (Transgress)
מָלֵא (Fill)	מַעֲלָה (Step)
מַלְאָךְ (Messenger)	מַעֲלָל (Works)
מַלְאָכָה (Business)	מַעְרָה (Cave)
מִלָּה (Comment)	מַעֲשֵׂה (Work)
מֶלַח (Salt)	מַעֲשֵׂר (Tenth part)
מַלְחָמָה (Battle)	מָצָא (Find)
מָלַט (Slip away)	מַצֵּבָה (Monument)
מֶלֶךְ (King)	מַצָּה (Unleavened bread)
מָלַךְ (Reign)	מַצְוָה (Directive)
מַלְכָּה (Queen)	מִקְדָּשׁ (Sanctuary)
מַמְלָכוֹת (Empire)	מָקוֹם (Area)
מַמְלָכָה (Kingdom)	מִקְנֵה (Livestock)
מָנָה (Reckon)	מָר (Bitter)
מְנוֹרָה (Lampstand)	מְרֹאֵה (Appearance)
מִנְחָה (Donation)	מָרַד (Rebel)
מָנַע (Withhold)	מָרָה (Bitter)
מִסָּךְ (Canopy)	מָרוֹם (Heights)
מִסְכָּה (Cast image)	מְרֻכָּבָה (Chariot)
מִסְלָה (Highway)	

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מְרָמָה (Deceit)	נגע (Touch)
משח (Smear)	נגף (Smite)
מְשָׁחָה (Ointment)	נגש (Draw near)
מְשִׁיחַ (Smearing)	נְדָבָה (Freewill offering)
משך (Draw)	נדד (Toss)
מְשָׁכֵב (Laying place)	נְדָה (Removal)
מְשֻׁכָּן (Dwelling)	נדח (Drive)
מִשְׁלַח (Comparison)	נָדִיב (Willing)
משל (Regulate)	נֶדָּוָר (Vow)
מְשַׁמֵּר (Charge)	נדר (Make a vow)
מְשֻׁנָּה (Double)	נהג (Drive)
מְשֻׁפָּחָה (Family)	נָהָר (River)
מְשֻׁפָּט (Decision)	נֹוֹה (Abode)
מְשֻׁקָּל (Weight)	נוח (Rest)
מְשֻׁתָּה (Banquet)	נוס (Flee)
מִתָּן (Waist)	נוע (Stagger)
נְאֻם (Utterance)	נוף (Wave)
נאף (Commit adultery)	נֶזֶר (Crown)
נבא (Prophecy)	נחה (Guide)
נבט (Stare)	נְחוּחַ (Sweet)
נְבִיא (Prophet)	נַחַל (Wadi)
נֶבֶל (Pitcher)	נחל (Inherit)
נְבֵלָה (Carcass)	נַחֲלָה (Inheritance)
נֶגֶב (South side)	נחם (Comfort)
נגד (Be face to face)	נָחָשׁ (Serpent)
נָגִיד (Noble)	נְחֹשֶׁת (Copper)
נֶגַע (Plague)	נטה (Extend)

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נטע (Plant)	נֵר (Lamp)
נטש (Let alone)	נִשֵּׁק (Kiss)
נכה (Hit)	נָשִׂיא (Captain)
נָכַר (Foreigner)	נְתִיב (Path)
נכר (Recognize)	נתן (Give)
נָכַרְי (Foreign)	נתץ (Break down)
נסא (Lift up)	נתק (Draw)
נסג (Overtake)	סבב (Go around)
נסה (Test)	סָבִיב (All around)
נָסַךְ (Pouring)	סגר (Shut)
נסך (Pour)	סוס (Horse)
נסע (Journey)	סוּף (Reeds)
נְעוּר (Young age)	סור (Turn aside)
נַעַר (Young man)	סים (Place)
נְעָרָה (Young woman)	סיר (Pot)
נפל (Fall)	סִפָּה (Booth)
נָפֵשׁ (Being)	סָלַה (Selah)
נצב (Stand up)	סלח (Forgive)
נָצַח (Continually)	סָלַע (Cliff)
נצח (Continue)	סָלַת (Flour)
נצל (Deliver)	סמך (Support)
נצר (Preserve)	סוף (Tub)
נקב (Pierce through)	ספד (Lament)
נקה (Acquit)	סֵפֶר (Scroll)
נָקִי (Innocent)	ספר (Count)
נקם (Avenge)	סָרִיס (Eunuch)
נִקְמָה (Vengeance)	סִתָּר (Protection)

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סתר (Hide)	עזר (Help)
עב (Thick)	עֲזָרָה (Help)
עֶבֶד (Servant)	עַיִן (Eye)
עבד (Serve)	עִיר (City)
עֲבָדָה (Service)	עַל (Upon)
עֵבֶר (Other side)	עַל (Yoke)
עבר (Cross over)	עֹלָה (Rising)
עֲבָרָה (Wrath)	עֹלָה (Go up)
עֶגְלָה (Bullock)	עֲלִיוֹן (Upper)
עֲגָלָה (Cart)	עֹלָם (Be out of sight)
עֵד (Witness)	עַם (People)
עַד (Until)	עֹמֵד (Stand)
עֵדָה (Company)	עֲמוּד (Pillar)
עֵדוּת (Testimony)	עֲמָל (Labor)
עֵדָר (Drove)	עֵמֶק (Valley)
עוד (Yet again)	עָנָה (Afflict)
עוד (Wrap around)	עָנָה (Answer)
עוֹלָם (Distant time)	עָנָו (Gentle)
עוֹן (Iniquity)	עָנִי (Affliction)
עוֹף (Flyer)	עָנִי (Afflicted)
עוף (Fly)	עָנָן (Cloud)
עִוֵּר (Blind)	עָפָר (Powder)
עור (Skin)	עֵץ (Tree)
עור (Stir up)	עֵצָה (Counsel)
עֵז (She-goat)	עֲצוּם (Numerous)
עֹז (Boldness)	עֲצָם (Bone)
עזב (Leave)	עָצַר (Stop)

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עֶרֶב (Evening)	פְּלִיטָה (Escape)
עֲרָבָה (Desert)	פִּלַּל (Plead)
עֲרוּמָה (Nakedness)	פִּנָּה (Corner)
עֲרֻךְ (Arrangement)	פָּנָה (Turn)
עֲרָךְ (Arrange)	פָּנִים (Face)
עָרַל (Uncircumcised)	פְּנִימִי (Inner)
עֲרָף (Neck)	פֶּסַח (Passover)
עָשָׂן (Smoke)	פְּסֻלָּה (Sculpture)
עֲשָׂק (Oppress)	פִּעַל (Deed)
עֵשֶׂב (Herb)	פָּעַל (Make)
עָשָׂה (Do)	פִּעֵם (Footstep)
עֲשָׂרוֹן (One-tenth)	פָּקַד (Register)
עֲשָׂרָה (Riches)	פְּקֻדָּה (Oversight)
עֵת (Appointed time)	פָּר (Bull)
עֲתוּד (He-goat)	פָּרַד (Divide apart)
פִּאָה (Edge)	פָּרָה (Cow)
פָּגַע (Reach)	פָּרָה (Reproduce)
פָּדָה (Ransom)	פָּרַח (Burst out)
פֶּה (Mouth)	פָּרִי (Produce)
פּוּץ (Scatter abroad)	פָּרְכָת (Tent curtain)
פִּחַ (Wire)	פָּרַץ (Break out)
פָּחַד (Awe)	פָּרַר (Break)
פָּחַד (Shake in awe)	פָּרָשׁ (Horseman)
פִּחָה (Governor)	פָּרַשׁ (Spread out)
פִּילְגָּשׁ (Concubine)	פָּשַׁט (Peel off)
פָּלַא (Perform)	פְּשָׁע (Transgression)
פָּלַט (Deliver)	פָּשַׁע (Transgress)

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פּתַח (Spread wide)	צָרַעַת (Infection)
פִּתְחָה (Opening)	צָרַף (Refine)
פָּתַח (Open)	צָרַר (Press in)
צֹאן (Flocks)	קָבַץ (Gather together)
צָבָא (Army)	קֶבֶר (Grave)
צְבִי (Gazelle buck)	קָבַר (Bury)
צֵד (Side)	קָדוּשׁ (Unique)
צִדִּיק (Correct)	קָדִים (East wind)
צִדְקָה (Corrected)	קָדָם (East)
צַדִּיק (Be correct)	קָדָם (Face toward)
צִדְקָה (Correctness)	קָדָשׁ (Special)
צִנְאוֹר (Back of the neck)	קָדָשׁ (Set apart)
צוּה (Direct)	קָהָל (Assembly)
צוּם (Fast)	קָהַל (Round up)
צוּר (Smack)	קוּה (Bound up)
צֵל (Shadow)	קוֹל (Voice)
צָלַח (Prosper)	קוּם (Rise)
צִלְעָה (Rib)	קוֹמָה (Height)
צָמַח (Spring up)	קָטָן (Small)
צָעַק (Cry out)	קָטַר (Burn incense)
צָפָה (Keep watch)	קָטַרְתָּ (Incense)
צָפָה (Overlay)	קָלַל (Belittle)
צָפוֹן (North)	קָלְלָה (Annoyance)
צִפּוֹר (Bird)	קָנָא (Be zealous)
צָפַן (Conceal)	קָנְאָה (Zealously)
צָר (Narrow)	קָנָה (Stalk)
צָרָה (Trouble)	קָנָה (Purchase)



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קֵץ (Conclusion)	רבה (Increase)
קֶצֶה (Far end)	רַבַּץ (Stretch out)
קִצְּהָ (Extremity)	רָגַז (Shake)
קִצִּיר (Harvest)	רֶגֶל (Foot)
קִצְּפָ (Splinter)	רָגַל (Tread about)
קִצַּף (Snap)	רָדָה (Rule)
קִצַּר (Sever)	רָדַף (Pursue)
קָרָא (Call out)	רוּחַ (Wind)
קָרֵב (Within)	רוּם (Raise)
קָרַב (Come near)	רוּעַ (Shout)
קָרְבָן (Offering)	רוּץ (Run)
קָרָה (Meet)	רָחַב (Width)
קָרוֹב (Near)	רָחַב (Widen)
קָרִיָּה (City)	רָחוֹב (Street)
קָרוֹן (Horn)	רָחוֹק (Distance)
קָרַע (Tear)	רָחַם (Bowels)
קָרַשׁ (Board)	רָחַם (Have compassion)
קָשַׁב (Heed)	רָחַץ (Bathe)
קָשָׁה (Hard)	רָחַק (Be far)
קָשָׁה (Be hard)	רָיַב (Dispute)
קָשַׁר (Tie)	רָיַב (Dispute)
קָשַׁת (Bow)	רִיחַ (Aroma)
רָאָה (See)	רֶכֶב (Chariot)
רֹאשׁ (Head)	רֶכֶב (Vehicle)
רֹאשִׁית (Summit)	רְכוּשׁ (Goods)
רַב (Abundant)	רְמוֹן (Pomegranate)
רַב (Abundance)	רָנָה (Shouting)

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רַנַּן (Shout aloud)	שָׁבַת (Ceasing)
רֵעַ (Companion)	שָׁבַת (Cease)
רָע (Dysfunctional)	שָׁדַד (Spoil)
רָעַב (Hunger)	שָׁדַי (Shaddai)
רָעָה (Feed)	שָׁוְאָ (Falseness)
רָעַע (Be dysfunctional)	שׁוּבָ (Turn back)
רָעַשׁ (Quake)	שׁוּעֵר (Gatekeeper)
רָפָא (Heal)	שׁוֹפָר (Ram horn)
רָפָה (Sink down)	שׁוֹר (Ox)
רָצָה (Accept)	שָׁחָה (Bend down)
רָצוֹן (Will)	שָׁחַט (Slay)
רָצַח (Murder)	שָׁחַת (Damage)
רָשַׁע (Lost)	שָׁטָה (Acacia)
רָשַׁעַת (Lost one)	שָׁטַף (Flush)
רָשַׁעַת (Depart)	שָׁטַר (Dominate)
רְשָׁוִל (Underworld)	שִׁיר (Song)
רָשַׁל (Inquire)	שִׁיר (Sing)
רָשַׁר (Remain)	שִׁית (Set down)
רְשָׁרִית (Remnant)	שָׁכַב (Lay down)
רָשַׁבָה (Capture)	שָׁכַח (Forget)
רְשָׁבוּעָה (Swearing)	שָׁכַל (Be childless)
רְשָׁבוּת (Captivity)	שָׁכַם (Depart early)
רְשָׁבַט (Staff)	שָׁכַן (Dwell)
רְשָׁבִי (Captive)	שָׁלֹום (Completeness)
רָשַׁבַע (Swear)	שָׁלַח (Send)
רְשָׁבַר (Shattering)	שָׁלַחַן (Table)
רָשַׁבַר (Crack)	שָׁלַךְ (Throw out)

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שָׁלַל (Spoil)	שָׁקֵט (Tranquil)
שָׁלַם (Peace offering)	שָׁקֵל (Sheqel)
שָׁלַם (Complete)	שָׁקֵר (False)
שָׁלַם (Make restitution)	שָׁרֵשׁ (Root)
שָׁלֹשׁוֹם (Three days ago)	שָׂרֵת (Minister)
שָׂם (Title)	שָׂשׁ (Linen)
שָׂמַד (Destroy)	שָׂתָה (Gulp)
שָׂמָה (Desolate)	שָׂבַע (Be satisfied)
שָׂמוּעָה (Report)	שָׂדֵה (Field)
שָׂמַיִם (Sky)	שָׂה (Ram)
שָׂמַם (Desolate)	שָׂוֵשׁ (Skip)
שָׂמָמָה (Desolate)	שָׂחַק (Laugh)
שָׂמוֹן (Oil)	שָׂטָן (Opponent)
שָׁמַע (Hear)	שָׂכַל (Calculate)
שָׁמַר (Safeguard)	שָׂכָר (Wage)
שָׁמֶשׁ (Sun)	שָׂמוֹאֵל (Left hand)
שָׁן (Tooth)	שָׂמַח (Rejoice)
שָׁנָה (Year)	שָׂמְחָה (Joy)
שָׁנִי (Scarlet)	שָׂמְלָה (Apparel)
שָׁעַר (Gate)	שָׂנֵא (Hate)
שָׂפָחָה (Maid)	שָׂעִיר (Goat)
שָׂפַט (Decide)	שָׂעַר (Hair)
שָׂפַךְ (Pour out)	שָׂעָרָה (Barley)
שָׂפַל (Low)	שָׂפָה (Lip)
שָׂקָה (Drink)	שָׂק (Sack)
שָׂקוּץ (Filthiness)	שָׂר (Noble)
	שָׂרִיד (Remnant)

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שָׂרָף (Cremate)	תְּכַלֵּת (Blue)
תְּאֵן (Fig)	תֵּלַח (Hang)
תְּבִיאָה (Vessel)	תְּמִיד (Continually)
תְּבוּאָה (Production)	תְּמִים (Whole)
תְּבִיל (Earth)	תָּמַם (Be whole)
תְּהוֹם (Deep sea)	תְּנוּפָה (Waving)
תְּהִלָּה (Adoration)	תַּעַה (Wander)
תְּוֹדָה (Thanks)	תְּפָאָרָה (Decoration)
תְּוֶדֶד (Midst)	תְּפִלָּה (Pleading)
תְּוִכְחָה (Conviction)	תִּפְשׂ (Seize hold)
תְּוִלְדָּה (Birthing)	תִּקְוָה (Waiting)
תְּוִלָּע (Kermes)	תִּקַּע (Thrust)
תְּוַעֲבָה (Disgusting)	תְּרוּמָה (Offering)
תְּוָרָה (Teaching)	תְּרוּעָה (Shout)
תְּיִרוּשׁ (Fresh wine)	תְּשׁוּעָה (Rescue)

## Parent / Child Roots

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Most ancient Hebrew words are all derived from a two-letter root such as **בל** (flow). A child root is formed by placing one of the consonants that often act as a vowel (י, ו, ה, א) in front, between, or at the end of the two-letter root. The following child roots are derived from the two-letter root **בל**.

**אבל** (wilt; a flowing away of life)

**הבל** (empty; a flowing away of contents)

**בהל** (panic; a flowing of the insides)

**בלה** (aged; a flowing away of youth)

**בול** (flood; a heavy flowing of water)

**יבל** (stream; a flowing of water).

As you will notice, all the child roots are related in meaning to each other and to the two-letter root.

Since approximately 80% of the Hebrew words in the Bible are a parent or child root words, or a word derived from these roots, it is relatively easy to find the meaning of a word based on the root of the word. For example, the child root **רוש** has the meaning of “head” or “top.” The words **ראשית**, **ראשון** and **ראשה** are derived from this child root and all have a meaning of “the head or top of something.” At times, the meaning of a word derived from

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a particular root may appear to be very different in meaning from the root. This is due to our modern understanding of words, which are often times very different from the ancient Hebrews' understanding of words. When the word does not appear to be related, a more precise dictionary should be consulted.

The following list only includes those roots whose words derived from them are found in the Hebrew Bible. For example, the two words **מבון** and **תבון** are found in the Hebrew Bible and are derived from the child root **בון**. The following list includes the entry **בון**, but not **מבון** or **תבון**.

Occasionally, a letter of a word will change to another letter with a similar sound, but will retain a meaning resembling the original root. For example, the root **כור** (*kor*; meaning dig) has evolved into the following forms.

עור ('*or*) נור (*bor*) חור (*hhor*) גור (*gor*) קור (*qor*)

Each of these words is similar in sound and each has the meaning of “dig” and are included under the child root of **כור**. In this case, the entry **קור** has the word **כור** to the right, indicating that you will find this word there.

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### אב

Father	אב
Bear fruit	אבב
Wineskin, medium	אוב
Desire	יאב
Hostile, enemy	איב

### אד

Fog, mist	אד
Befall	אדד
Fire poker	אוד
Calamity	איד

### אה

Desire	אה
Desire	או
Desire	אי
Desire	אוה
Desire	יאה
Desire	איה

### אז

Time, place	אז
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### אח

Brother, hearth	אח
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### אט

Gentle	אט
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### אך

כן	אך
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### אל

God, chief	אל
Strong	אלל
Oath	אלה
Strong	אול

Beginיאל

### אם

Mother, if	אם
Cubit, community	אמם
Bondwoman	אמה

### אן

Idol, nothing	אן
Idol, nothing	אנן
Idol, nothing	אין

### אף

Nose, anger	אף
Aroma, baking	אפה

### אץ

Press	אוצ
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### אר

Light	אור
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### אש

Fire	אש
Foundation, cake	אשש
Foundation	אשה
Despair	יאש

### את

Mark, with, plow	את
Mark	אתא
Arrive, you	אתה
Mark	אות

### בב

Pupil of the eye	בבה
Cry out	יבב

### בד

Alone, branch	בד
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Alone, branch	בדד	Flow	יבל
Wander	אבד	בס	
Lie	בדא	High	בהס
בה		High	במה
Void	בהה	Brother-in-law	יבס
Need	אבה	בן	
Come	בוא	Son	בן
בו		Stone	אבן
Plunder	בו	Thumb	בהן
Plunder	בז	Structure, children	בנה
Plunder	בזא	Intelligence	בון
Plunder	בזה	Separate	בין
Plunder	בוז	בס	
בח		Trample	בוט
Remain	אבח	בע	
בט		Gush, request	בעה
Marble	בהט	בץ	
Idle talk	בטה	White clay	בץ
בך		Swamp	בצץ
Roll, swell	אבך	White, linen, egg	בוץ
Weep	בכא	בק	
Weep	בכה	Pour out, destroy	בקק
Wander	בוך	Powder, dust	אבק
בל		Rash	בהק
Nothing	בל	Empty	בוק
Mixture	בלל	בר	
Lament	אבל	Clean, soap, grain	בר
Vain, empty	הבל	Clean, pure	ברר
Panic, anticipation	בהל	Strong wing	אבר
Fail, aged	בלה	כר	באר
Flood	בול	Fat	ברא



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גה	גף
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Non-native, chalk	גר
Throat, drag	גרה
Gather, collect	אגר
Prostrate	גהר
Anger	גרה
Fear, guest	גור
Fear	יגר
Plaster	גיר

### גש

Grope	גשש
Cloud	גיש

### גת

Winepress	גת
Slow	דב
Slow	דבב
Flow	דאב
Sluggish	דבא
Mope	דוב

### דג

Fish	דג
anxious	דאג
Increase	דגה
Fishing	דוג

### דד

Breasts	דד
Gentle walk	דדה
Pot, basket, uncle	דיד

### דה

Enough	די
Dart	דאה
Sick	דוה
Rapid flight	דיה

### דח

Thrust	דחח
Push down	דחה
Push away	דוח

### דך

Crush	דך
Trample	דכא
Collapse	דכה
Crush	דוך

### דל

Dangle	דל
Week, poor	דלל
Draw water	דלה

### דס

Blood	דס
Silent	דמס
Red, man	אדס
Silent	דהס
Likeness, silent	דמה

### דן

Ruler, lord	אדן
Quarrel	דון
Rule	דין

### דע

Know	דע
Intelligence	דוע

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High, arrogant	הרר	
Pregnant	הרה	
High	יהר	
<b>הת</b>		
Break in, assail	התת	
<b>וו</b>		
Hood, peg, nail	וו	
<b>זב</b>		
Hyssop	אזב	
Gold, yellow	זהב	
Puss	זוב	
Gold	צהב	
<b>זג</b>		
Grapeskin	זג	
<b>זד</b>		
Waves, soup	זד	
Waves, soup	זוד	
<b>זה</b>		
This	זה	
Shine, beauty	זהה	
סה	זוה	
<b>זז</b>		
Move, rich	זוז	
<b>זח</b>		
Remove	זחח	
<b>זך</b>		
Clear	זך	
Clear	זכך	
Pure	זכה	
<b>זל</b>		
Shake	זלל	
Depart	אזל	
Except	זול	
Shake, settle	צלל	
<b>זם</b>		
Plan	זמם	
<b>זן</b>		
Kinds	זן	
Heavy, stout	יזן	
Broad, ear	אזן	
Whoredom	זנה	
Fat	זון	
<b>זע</b>		
Tremble	זוע	
Sweat	יזע	
<b>זף</b>		
Flow	זוף	
Sheet over	צפה	
Overflow	צוף	
<b>זק</b>		
Fuse, refine	זק	
Chains	זקק	
<b>זר</b>		
Stranger	זר	
Sneeze	זרר	
צר	זרר	
צר	אזר	
Loath, turn away	זאר	
Warn	זהר	

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Scatter, winnow	זרה	חז	
Loath, turn away	זור	Gaze	חזז
צר	זור	Possess	אחז
זת		Gaze	חזה
Olive	זית	Enclose	חוז
חב		חח	
Bosom	חב	Thistle, hook	חח
Bosom	חבב	Hook	חוח
Refuge, secret	חבא	חט	
Hide	חבה	Miss, sin	חטא
Debt	חוב	Cord	חוט
חג		חך	
Festival	חג	Roof of the mouth	חך
Festival	חגג	Wait	חכה
Revolve	חגא	חל	
Refuge	חגה	Common	חל
Circle	חוג	Common, pierce	חלל
חד		Sick, rust	חלא
Unite	חד	Sick, pierce	חלה
Unite	חדד	Turn	חול
One, unite	אחד	חר	יחל
Glad	חדה	חם	
Riddle	חוד	Hot	חם
Unite	יחד	Hot	חמם
חה		Curdled	חמא
Life	חה	Wall	חמה
Life	חי	Burned, black	חום
Life	חיה	Passion, anger	יחם
Life	חיה	חן	
Life	חיי	Camp, grace	חן

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Camp, grace	חנן	Wait	יחר
Pole, spear	חנה	Patient	יחל
Camp, grace	חון	חש	
חס		Quiet	חשה
Trust, refuge	חסה	Hurry	חוש
Compassion	חוס	Lineage	יחש
חף		Hurry	עוש
Clean, pure	חף	חת	
Secret	חפא	Break, crumble	חת
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Cover, protect	חפה	Seize	חתה
Haven	חוף	טב	
חץ		Good	טב
Arrow	חץ	Good	יטב
Divide, arrow	חצץ	Good	טוב
Half	חצה	טד	
Outside	חוץ	Thorn	אטד
Wall	חיץ	טה	
חק		Spun	טוה
Appointment	חק	Sweep	טוא
Appoint, inscribe	חקק	טח	
Inscribe	חקה	Lay out, kidney	טחה
Bosom	חוק	Overlay	טוח
חר		טט	
Glow hot, noble	חר	Mud	טט
Heated by the sun	חרר	טל	
Remain, after	אחר	Dew	טל
Dung, privy	חרא	Covering	טלל
Anger	חרה	Cover	טלא
White	חור	Spotting	טלה
כר	חור	Strew	טול

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### טם

Unclean	טם
Unclean	טמא
Unclean	טמה

### טן

Basket	טנא
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### טע

Wander	טעה
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### טף

Children	טף
Trip	טפף
Surround	טוף

### טר

Closed	אטר
Pure	טהר
Wall	טור

### טש

Pounce	טוש
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### יג

Grieve	יגה
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### יד

Hand	יד
Handle	ידד
Hand out	ידה

### ים

Sea	ים
Terror	אים
Day	יום

### יין

Mud	יין
Wine	יין

### יע

Shovel	יע
Brush	יעה

### יף

Beauty	יפה
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### יר

River	יאר
Fear	ירא
Point, rain, teach	ירה

### יש

Exist	יש
Aged	ישש
Exist	ישה

### כב

Pain	כאב
Extinguish	כבה

### כד

Jar	כד
Strike	כדד
Strike	כיד

### כה

Brand	כי
Sad	כאה
Weak	כהה
Burn	כוה

### כח

Strength	כח
Chastise	יכח

### כל

Complete	כל
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Eat	אכל	קר	כרה
Keep	כלא	Dig	כור
Complete	כלה	Hole	באר
Sustain	כול	Dig	בור
Able, Could	יכל	Dig	חור
<b>כס</b>		Dig	עור
Desire, long for	כמה	Trench	קור
<b>כן</b>		<b>כש</b>	
Stand upright	כן	כס	כשה
Plant	כנן	Terror	כוש
Priest	כהן	<b>כת</b>	
Eulogy	כנה	Crush	כתת
Stand	כון	<b>לב</b>	
Sure	אך	Heart	לב
<b>כס</b>		Heart	לבב
Estimate	כסס	Thirst	לאב
Covering	כסא	Lion	לבא
Cover	כסה	Glisten	להב
Cup, pocket	כוס	Lion	לבה
Fat	כשה	<b>לג</b>	
Cup	קוס	Log (measure)	לג
<b>כף</b>		Study	להג
Palm	כף	<b>לד</b>	
Bend	כפף	Offspring, child	ילד
Bow	אכף	Offspring, child	ולד
Tame	כפה	<b>לה</b>	
<b>כר</b>		If, no, not	לא
Leap, cor(measure)	כר	If	לו
Leap	כרר	Weary, faint	לאה
Farm	אכר	Weary, faint	להה
Dig	כרה	Nothing, foolish	אל



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Nothing, foolish	אלל	לם	
Nothing, foolish	אול	Silent, tied up	אלם
Nothing, foolish	יאל	Community	לאם
לה		Wound	להם
Join, lend	לוה	לן	
If	לוא	Encamp	לון
לוז		לע	
Turn aside	לזה	Throat	לע
Turn aside	לזז	Swallow	לוע
לח		Blurt	ילע
Moist, fresh	לח	לץ	
Cheek	לחה	Mock, interpret	לצץ
Corrupt	אלח	Urge	אלץ
Clay tablet	לוח	Mock, interpret	לוצץ
Lick	לק	לק	
לט		לח	לק
Veil	לט	לש	
Veil, cover	לאט	Knead	לוש
Lizard	לטא	מג	
Flames	להט	Magi	מג
Secret, cover	לוט	Melt	מוג
לך		מד	
Messenger	לאך	Carpet, measure	מד
Walk	הלך	Carpet, measure	מדד
Walk	ילך	Extend	מדה
לל		Stretch out	מוד
Howl	אלל	מה	
Loop	ללא	What	מה
Stairway	לול	What	מו
Howl	ילל	Who	מי
Night	ליל	Hundred	מאה

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Question	מהה	Spurn	מאס
<b>מח</b>		Dissolve, faint	מסה
Marrow, rich	מח	<b>מע</b>	
Marrow	מחח	Bowels, soft	מע
Strike	מחא	Bowels, soft	מעה
Strike	מחה	<b>מץ</b>	
<b>מט</b>		Chaff, oppression	מץ
Shake, yoke	מוט	Suck, matsa	מצץ
Branch	מטה	Strong	אמצץ
<b>מך</b>		Find	מצא
Thin, poor	מיך	Suck	מצה
Thin, poor	מכך	Chaff, oppression	מוץ
<b>מל</b>		<b>מק</b>	
Reduce, discourse	מלל	Dissipate	מק
Sick	אמל	Dissipate	מקק
Fill	מלא	Mock	מוק
Reduce	מהל	<b>מר</b>	
uncircumcised	לומ	Bitter, rebel	מר
<b>מם</b>		Bitter, rebel	מרר
Blemish	מאם	Say	אמר
<b>מן</b>		Bitter, rebel	מאר
Kind, from	מן	Hurry, exchange	מהר
Kind, from	מנן	Bitter, rebel	מרה
Strong	אמן	Exchange	מור
Refuse	מאן	Exchange	ימר
Assign, count	מנה	<b>מש</b>	
Likeness	מון	Grope	משש
Right hand	ימן	Drawn out	משה
<b>מס</b>		Drawn out	מוש
Dissolve, faint	מס	Grope	ימש
Dissolve, faint	מסס		

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<b>מת</b>		Rest	נוח
Death	מת	<b>נט</b>	
Death	מות	Spread out	נטה
Death	מותה	Shake	נוט
<b>נב</b>		<b>נד</b>	
Bore	נבב	Beat	נכא
Prophecy	נבא	Beat	נכה
High	נבה	<b>נל</b>	
Produce	נונ	Complete	נלה
<b>נג</b>		Rubble	נול
Drive	נהג	<b>נס</b>	
Bright	נגה	Sleep	נום
<b>נד</b>		<b>נו</b>	
Flee, wander	נד	Sprout, continue	נון
Flee, wander	נדד	<b>נס</b>	
Toss about	נדחה	Flag	נס
Flee, wander	נוד	Beacon, glee	נסס
<b>נה</b>		נש	נסס
Please	נא	Test	נסה
Lament	ני	Flee	נוס
sit, dwell	נאה	Lift up	נשא
Lament	נהה	<b>נע</b>	
sit, dwell	נוה	Shake	נוע
Dispossess	ינה	<b>נו</b>	
Forbid	נוא	Wave	נוף
Raw	ניא	<b>נוץ</b>	
<b>נו</b>		Shine	נוץ
Sprinkle	נוה	Despise	נאץ
<b>נח</b>		Fly	נצא
Sigh	אנח	Quarrel	נצה
Lead	נחה	Fly away	נוץ

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### נק

Cry out	אנק
Cry out	נהק
Innocent	נקה
Suckle	נוק
Suckle	ינק

### נר

Lamp	נר
River	נהר
Lamp, yoke	נור

### נש

Lend	נשא
Lend	נשה
Sick	נוש
Sick	נסס

### נב

Turn	בבס
Drunk	אבס
Old	ביש

### נד

Foundation	נד
Assembly	סוד
Foundation	יסד
Level	שדד
Witness	שהד
Field	שדה
Plaster	שיד

### סה

Seah (measure)	סאה
Veil	סוה
Sheep	שה

Forget	שי
Forget	שהה
Rise	שוא
Elevate	שיא
Conceal, hide	זוה

### סח

Sweep away	שחה
Meditate	שה
Swim, float	שחה
Meditate	שוח
Ponder, plant	שיח

### סט

Turn aside	סט
שט	סט
Depart	סוט
Turn aside	שט
Deviate	שטה
Turn aside	שוט

### סד

Booth	סד
Cover	סכך
Anoint	סוך
Thorn, hedge	שך
Cover, thorn	שכך
View	שכה
Cover	שוך

### סל

Raise, basket	סל
Raise	סלל
Weigh	סלא
Raise	סלה

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Quail	שלו
סם	

Smell	סם
Smell	סמם
Storehouse	אסם
Poison	שמם
Garlic	שום

סן	
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Shoe	סאן
Thistle	סנא
Thorn	צן
Sharp, protect	צנן
Flock	צאן
Flock	צון
Thistle	סנה
Hate	שנא

סס	
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Cheerful, moth	סס
Horse, swallow	סוס
Cheerful	שוש

סע	
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Rush	סעה
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סף	
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Lip, edge	סף
Door	ספן
Take, gather	אסף
Feed	ספא
Scrape	ספה
Take, gather	יסף
Lip	שפה

סק	
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Sack	שק
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סר	
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Sad, anger	סר
Sad, anger	סרר
Bind, yoke	אסר
Round	סהר
Instruct	יסר
pot, fishhook	סיר
Commander	שר
Rule	שרר
Bind	אשר
Yeast	שאר
Rule	שור

סת	
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Winter	סתה
Entice	סות

עב	
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Dark covering	עב
Thick, dense	עבה
Dark covering	עוב

עג	
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Baked bread	עוג
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עד	
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Appointed time	עוד
Pass, ornament	עדה
Testify, witness	עוד
Appointed	יעד

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### עה

Evil	עו
Ruins	עי
Sweep away	יעה

### עז

Goat	עז
Strong	עזז
Bold	עזה
Stronghold	עוז
Strong	יעז

### עט

Stylus, pen	עט
Wrap	עטה
Dig in	עוט
Wrap	יעט
Bird of prey	עיט
עץ	יעט

### על

Yoke, top, high	על
Work	עלל
גל	עלל
Ascend	עלה
Give milk	עול
Ascend	יעל

### עם

Flock, with	עם
Hidden	עמם
Neighbor	עמה
Violence	עים

### ען

Cover, cloud	ענן
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Watch, depress	ענה
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Abode	עון
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Watch	יען
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Eye	עין
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### עס

Tread	עסס
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Do	עשה
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### עף

Branch	עפה
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Fly	עוף
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Exhausted	יעף
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Exhausted	עיף
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### עץ

Tree	עץ
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Spine	עצה
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Counsel	עוץ
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Counsel	יעץ
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Counsel	יעט
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### עק

Parapet	עקה
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Oppress	עוק
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### ער

Enemy, bare	ער
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Naked	ערה
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Naked	ערה
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Watch, wake, bare	עור
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כר	עור
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Forest	יער
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### עש

Waste away	עשש
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עס	עשה
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### צק

Funnel	צוק
Pour	יצק

### צר

Wrapped, pressed	צר
Wrapped, pressed	צרר
Store up	אצר
Pain	צאר
Olive oil	צהר
Pressed, rock	צור
Pressed	יצר
Journey	ציר
Bind	זרר
Bind	אזר
Press	זור
Lie in wait	שרר

### צת

Kindle	צות
Kindle	יצת

### קב

Jar, tent, belly	קב
Jar, tent, belly	קבב

### קד

Bow the head	קדד
Burn	יקד

### קה

Cord	קו
Gourd	קי
Dull	קהה
Cord, collect	קוה
Obey	יקה

Vomit	קיה
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Vomit	קוא
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### קט

Little	קט
Cut off	קטס
Cut off	קוט

### קל

Light, quick	קל
Light, quick	קלל
Assemble	קהל
Roast	קלה
Voice, sound	קול

### קם

Raise	קום
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### קן

Nest	קן
Nest	קנו
Jealous	קנא
Acquire	קנה
lament	קין

### קס

כס	קסס
קץ	קוס

### קע

Brand	קוע
Hang, shrivel	יקע

### קף

Condense	קפא
Go around	קוף

### קץ

Cut, end	קץ
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Cut, end	קצה	רד
Cut, end, loathe	קוץ	Tread רדד
Cut	קסט	Flee ארד
קר		Tread דרה
Cool, quiet	קר	Wander רוד
Meet, call	קרא	Descend ירד
Meet	קרה	רה
Precious	יקר	Rain רי
Purchase	כרה	Lion, box ארה
כר	קור	See ראה
קש		Fear, awe רהה
Straw, bend	קש	Rain רוה
Gather	קשש	Fear, awe ירה
Melon	קשא	Fear, awe ירא
Hard	קשה	רז
Bend	קוש	Cedar ארז
Snare	יקש	Thin רזה
רב		רח
Abundant	רב	Traveler ארח
Abundant	רבב	Handmill רחה
Ambush	ארב	Wind, spirit רוח
Bold	רהב	Moon ירח
Abundant	רבה	רט
Defend, quarrel	רוב	Trough רהט
רג		Cast down ירט
Weave	ארג	רד
Kill	הרג	Loins רד
Bad, loud	רע	Loins רכד
Bad, break	רעע	Long ארד
Loud	רוע	סר
Break up	ירע	Lift up, worm רמס

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Lift up	ארם	Accept	רצה
Lift up	ראם	Run	רוץ
Throw, betray	רמה	רק	
Lift up	רום	Thin, spit	רק
Lift up	ירם	Thin, spit	רקק
רן		Empty	רוק
Shout	רן	Spit, green	ירק
Shout	רנן	רר	
Nimble	ארן	Spit	רר
Rattle	רנה	Curse	ארר
רס		Spit, egg white	רור
Dew, pieces	רסס	רש	
Betroth	ארס	Divide	רשש
Break, pull down	הרס	Request	ארש
Betroth	ארש	רס	ארש
רע		Head	ראש
Companion	רע	Permission	רשא
רג	רע	Permission	רשה
רג	רעע	Needy	רוש
Shepherd	רעה	Possession	ירש
רג	רוע	שב	
רג	ירע	Split	שבב
רף		שק	שאב
Heal	רפא	Captive	שבה
Feeble	רפה	Turn back	שוב
Pulverize	רוף	Sit, dwell	ישב
רץ		סב	שיב
Pieces	רץ	שג	
Broken pieces	רצץ	Mistake	שגג
Land	ארץ	Groan	שאג
Run	רצא	Mistake	שגא

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Mistake	שגה	שט	
Mistake	שוג	סט	שט
	שד	Flog	שטט
Breast, goat	שד	Despise	שאט
Power	שדד	Accasia tree	שטה
סד	שדד	סט	שטה
Ravine	אשד	lash, whip	שוט
סד	שהד	סט	שוט
סד	שדה	Stretch out	ישט
Power	שוד	שך	
סד	שיד	סך	שך
	שה	Bow down, lower	שכך
סה	שה	סך	שכך
Gift	שי	Wander	שכה
סה	שי	סך	שכה
Storm	שאה	סך	שוך
Storm	שוח	של	
False	שוא	Draw out	של
סה	שיא	Plunder	שלל
סה	שוא	Tamarisk tree	אשל
	שח	Ask	שאל
Pit, bow	שח	Draw out	שלה
סח	שח	Shirt	שול
Pit, bow, submit	שחח	סל	שלו
Pit, bow	שחה	שמ	
סח	שחה	Name	שמ
Pit, bow	שוח	Desolate	שמם
סח	שוח	סם	שמם
Empty	ישח	Guilt	אשם
סח	שיח	High	שמא

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Onyx	שהם	שק	
High	שמה	Leg שק	
Garlic	שום	סק שק	
סם	שום	Greed, eager שקק	
Desolate	ישם	סק שקק	
שן		Drink שקה	
Teeth	שן	Leg, trough, street שוק	
Sharp	שן	שר	
סן	שנא	Cord, rope, sinew שר	
Rest, quiet	שאן	סר שר	
Repeat, year	שנה	Twist together שרר	
Urine	שון	צר שרר	
Sleep	ישן	סר שרר	
שס		Happy אשר	
Plunder	שסס	סר אשר	
Plunder	שאס	Relative שאר	
Plunder	שסה	סר שאר	
Plunder	שוס	Untie שרה	
שע		Over, wall שור	
Delight, blind	שעע	סר שור	
Watch	שעה	Straight ישר	
Cry out, deliver	שוע	Song שיר	
Free, safe	ישע	שש	
שף		White, six שש	
Serpent	שפף	Lead, drag ששא	
Quiver	אשף	White שוש	
Draw in wind	שאף	סס שוש	
Stand out	שפה	Old man ישש	
סף	שפה	שת	
Strike	שוף	Buttock, foundation שת	
Draw in	שאב	Banquet שתה	

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Set	שית
<b>תב</b>	
Box	תבה
<b>תד</b>	
Peg, stake	יתד
<b>תה</b>	
Room	תא
Mark, sign	תו
mark, sign	תאה
Empty	תהה
Mark, sign	תוה
Empty	תהו
<b>תח</b>	
Sink down, bow	תוח
<b>תך</b>	
Oppress, bend	תך
Oppress, bend	תכך
Bow down, sit	תכה
Middle	תוך
<b>תל</b>	
Mound	תל
Mound	תלל
Hang, suspend	תלא
Hang, suspend	תלה
<b>תס</b>	
Whole, full	תס
Whole, full	תמס
Twins	תאס
Amaze	תמה

<b>תן</b>	
Patient, monster	תן
Patient, monster	תנן
Gift, wage, donkey	אתן
Gift, wage	תנה
Permanent, river	יתן
<b>תף</b>	
Drum	תף
Beat	תפף
Spit	תוף
<b>תר</b>	
Outline	תאר
Travel	תור
Remain, much	יתר
<b>תש</b>	
He-goat	תיש

## **Adopted Roots**

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Adopted roots are three consonant roots that evolved out of the parent or child root. The following list will only include the adopted roots where all the words derived from them are used 25 times or more in the Hebrew Bible.

Just as in the parent and child root list, this list only contains the root and not the words derived from it, though the words are closely related in meaning to the adopted root.

While 80% of the words in the Bible are words derived from their parent or child roots, another 15% are derived from these adopted roots providing a fairly comprehensive root dictionary.

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English	Root	English	Root
thousand, chief, join	אלף	bent, vine	גפן
covering, clothing	בגד	angry, stone, lots	גרל
separate	בדל	level, threshing floor	גרן
choose, select	בחר	take away, detract	גרע
cling, trust, secure	בטח	cast out	גרש
firstborn, firstfruit	בכר	rain	גשם
wallow, destroy	בלע	adhere	דבק
distant, behind	בעד	speak, order	דבר
lord, husband	בעל	honey	דבש
burn, destroy	בער	weep	דמע
break, cut, plunder	בצע	tread, way, walk	דרך
cut off the vine	בצר	fat	דשן
break-through/open	בקע	slaughter, sacrifice	זבח
plow, cattle	בקר	remember, male	זכר
seek, request	בקש	cut, divide, sing	זמר
iron	לברז	angry, insolent	זעם
pass, flee	ברח	call out, assemble	זעק
knee, bless	ברך	beard, chin, old	זקן
boil, ripen	בשל	rise	זרח
sweet, pleasant	בשם	scatter, sow, seed	זרע
flesh, good news	בשר	scatter, dish	זרק
boundary	גבל	writhe, twist, bind	חבל
high, hill	גבע	bind, join	חבר
strong, warrior	גבר	bind, gird	חבש
great	גדל	bind, gird	חגר
wall, fence	גדר	cease, omit	חדל
cut off/down, divide	גזד	enclose, chamber	חדר
ripe, wean, camel	גמל	new	חדש
steal	גנב	strong	חזק
rebuke, reproof	גער	fat	חלב



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fat, dream	חלם	taste, decree	טעם
pass by	חלף	not yet	טרם
smooth	חלק	tear in pieces, feed	טרף
desire	חמד	heavy, honor, liver	כבד
compassion	חמל	wash, fuller	כבס
violence, injure	חמס	abundant	כבר
rise, ferment	חמר	lamb	כבש
five	חמש	trample	כבש
embalm	חנט	lie, deceive	כזב
dedicate	חנך	heap back, conceal	כחד
kindness	חסד	fail, false, lie	כחש
want, be without	חסר	dog, bark, basket	כלב
bend, incline	חפץ	shame	כלם
enclose, village	חצר	bow down, subdue	כנע
search	חקר	wind, corner	כנף
dry, wasted	חרב	harp, lyre	כנד
trembled, fear	חרד	fool, inward part	כסל
flat nose, devoted	חרם	desire, silver	כסף
autumn, scorn	חרף	cover	כפר
sharp, wound	חרץ	vineyard	כרם
plow, engrave, silent	חרש	bow down	כרע
think	חשב	cut	כרת
restrain	חשך	totter, stumble	כשל
dark, obscure	חשך	write	כתב
ornament	חשן	shoulder	כתף
seal up, finish	חתם	crown, surround	כתר
marry	חתן	white	לבן
slaughter, kill	טבח	dress, garment	לבש
sink, eminence	טבע	eat, battle, bread	לחם
hide	טמן	press, squeeze	לחץ

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English	Root	English	Root
take, catch	לכד	vow	נדר
learn, teach	למד	separate, withdraw	נזר
mock, scorn	לעג	obtain, possess	נחל
take	לקח	sigh, comfort	נחם
collect, gather	לקט	serpent	נחש
join, attack	לשך	settle, establish	נטע
tongue, speech	לשן	watch, guard, retain	נטר
rain	מטר	leave, abandon	נטש
sell, deliver	מכר	opposite	נכח
salt	מלח	strange, alien	נכר
deliver, eggs	מלט	pour out	נסך
reign, king	מלך	cover	נסך
present, offering	מנח	pull, break up/out	נסע
restrain, withhold	מנע	tie, fasten	נעל
mix	מסך	pleasant, agreeable	נעם
perverse, treachery	מעל	shake	נער
rebel	מרד	fall	נפל
smear, anoint	משח	break into pieces	נפץ
draw out/away/in	משך	set, place, erect	נצב
rule	משל	innocent, faithful	נצח
look	נבט	strip, snatch, take	נצל
wither, fade, foolish	נבל	guard	נצר
dry, desert, south	נגב	branch	נצר
declare, tell, show	נגד	spot, speck	דקנ
instrument, song	נגן	avenge, revenge	נקם
touch	נגע	go, come around	נקף
strike, smite	נגף	reach, overtake	נשג
approach, brought	נגש	bite, usury	נשך
willing, impel	נדב	arm, battle, arrange	נשק
impel, expel, thrust	נדח	saw	נשר

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give	נתן	heel	עקב
break out	נתע	exchange	ערב
tear, break down	נתץ	evening, raven	ערב
pluck, draw away	נתק	order, prepare	ערך
fold together	סבך	uncircumcised	ערל
carry, burden	סבל	cunning, subtle	ערם
shut	סגר	heap	ערם
travel, go about	סחר	drop, cloud	ערף
foolish	סכל	turn the neck	ערף
forgive	סלח	fear, tremble	ערץ
flour	סלת	green herb	עשב
lean, lay	סמך	smoke	עשן
mourn, lament	ספד	oppress, violence	עשק
write, scroll	ספר	ten	עשר
castrate	סרס	smooth, polish	עשת
hide, conceal	סתר	ready, prepare	עתד
work, serve	עבד	meet, occur, attack	פגע
twist, weave, round	עבת	wear, exhausted	פגר
roll, revolve	עגל	tremble, fear	פתד
order, arrange, flock	עדר	escape	פלט
help	עזר	leap, limp, hop	פסח
surround, crown	עטר	cut, hew, idol	פסל
hide, eternity	עלם	work, wages	פעל
stand	עמד	impel, urge, move	פעם
labor, toil, mischief	עמל	visit	פקד
deep, profound	עמק	separate, divide	פרד
earth, dust	עקר	sprout, blossom	פרח
suffer, pain, grieve	עצב	oppress	פרך
close, strong, bone	עצם	break, divide	פרס
restrain, detain	עצר	break, scatter	פרץ

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break, crush, tear	פרק	cut	קרש
scatter, decide	פרש	attend, listen	קשב
strip, pull off	פשט	bind, tie	קשר
rebel, sin	פשע	lie with, copulate	רבע
flax, wick, linen	פשת	four	רבע
open	פתח	lie down	רבץ
sudden	פתע	shake, tremble	רגז
righteous	צדק	foot, walk	רגל
pass over, prosper	צלח	tremble, sudden	רגע
side	צלע	follow after, chase	רדף
spring, grow up	צמח	wide, spacious	רחב
cry out, assemble	צעק	mercy, compassion	רחם
small, young	צער	wash, bathe	רחץ
turn, leap, goat, bird	צפר	distant	רצק
leprosy, wasp	צרע	ride, rider	רכב
refine	צרף	go about, trade	רכל
collect, company	קבץ	get, gain, acquire	רכש
bury, sepulcher	קבר	tread	רמס
precede, early, east	קדם	creep, reptile	רמש
separated, devout	קדש	hungry	רעב
little, small	קטן	shake, tremble	רעש
burn	קטר	murder, slay	רצח
bind, join	קטר	stamp, spread out	רקע
sling, cut/cast out	קלע	wicked	רשע
divination	קסם	staff, tribe	שבט
anger	קצף	flow, hair, robe	שבל
draw or come near	קרב	satisfy, fill	שבע
bald	קרח	seven, swear	שבע
horn	קרן	break	שבר
tear, rend	קרע	cease, rest	שבת

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raise, high	שגב	measure, horrible	שער
give presents, bribe	שחד	fear, storm, hair	שער
slaughter, kill	שחט	family	שפח
lion	שחל	judge, justice	שפט
laugh, scorn	שחק	pour out	שפך
bruise, pound	שחק	low	שפל
black, early, dusk	שחר	bright, pleasant	שפר
corrupt, destroy	שחת	rest, quiet	שקט
adversary, hostile	שטן	weigh, weight	שקל
wash, overflow	שטף	cover, covering	שקף
write	שטר	loath, pollute	שקץ
lay down, layer	שכב	lie, false	שקר
forget, neglect	שכח	remnant	שרד
childless	שכל	burn, consume	שרף
act wisely	שכל	swarm, abound	שרץ
shoulder, journey	שכם	hiss	שרק
rest, dwell	שכן	weave, comb	שרק
drink full, intoxicate	שכר	root, spring up, origin	שרש
bribe, hire, wage	שכר	weigh, ponder	תכן
send	שלח	palm tree	תמד
throw	שליך	abhor, abomination	תעב
entire, complete	שלם	strike, nail, note	תקע
draw or pull out	שליף		
three	שלוש		
destroy	שמד		
fat	שמן		
hear, obey	שמע		
guard, protect	שמר		
sun, windows	שמש		
lean, rest	שען		

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