

## 500 Basic Hebrew Words

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(This list contains the 500 most frequent and most important words of the Old Testament / Hebrew Bible and is intended to help you keeping up your Hebrew. The transcription follows the rules of ZAW).

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| אָב      | 'āb                  | father                         |
| אָבֵד    | 'bd                  | Q. perish; Pi., Hi. ruin       |
| אָבָה    | 'bh                  | be willing                     |
| אָבֶן    | 'æbæn                | stone                          |
| אָדוֹן   | 'ādōn                | master, lord                   |
| אֲדֹנָי  | ' <sup>a</sup> dōnāy | lord                           |
| אָדָם    | 'ādām                | man, mankind, people           |
| אֲדָמָה  | ' <sup>a</sup> dāmā  | (arable) soil                  |
| אָהֵב    | 'hb                  | like, love                     |
| אֹהֶל    | 'ohæl                | tent                           |
| אוֹ      | 'ō                   | or                             |
| אוֹר     | 'ōr                  | shine, light up                |
| אֹרֶךְ   | 'ōr                  | light                          |
| אוֹת     | 'ōt                  | sign                           |
| אָז      | 'āz                  | then                           |
| אָזֶן    | 'ozæn                | ear                            |
| אָח      | 'āḥ                  | brother                        |
| אֶחָד    | 'æḥād                | one                            |
| אָחוֹת   | 'aḥôt                | sister                         |
| אֲחֵר    | 'aḥēr                | another, different             |
| אַחֲרַי  | 'aḥar                | later on, afterwards           |
| אַחֲרֵי  | 'aḥ <sup>a</sup> rê  | after                          |
| אַחֲרִית | 'aḥ <sup>a</sup> rît | end, behind, issue, the future |
| אֹיֵב    | 'oyēb                | enemy                          |

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| אֵיל                  | 'ayil                            | ram                                   |
| אֵין/אֵין             | 'ayin / 'ēn                      | is not, non existence, nothing        |
| אִישׁ                 | 'îs                              | man                                   |
| אֶךְ                  | 'ak                              | only                                  |
| אָכַל                 | 'kl                              | eat                                   |
| אֶל                   | 'æl                              | towards                               |
| אֵל                   | 'al                              | not                                   |
| אֵל                   | 'ēl                              | god                                   |
| אֵלֶּה                | 'ellæ                            | these                                 |
| אֱלֹהִים              | ' <sup>æ</sup> lō <sup>a</sup> h | god                                   |
| אֱלֹהִים              | ' <sup>æ</sup> lōhîm             | god, gods                             |
| אֶלֶף                 | 'ælæf                            | thousand                              |
| אִם                   | 'im                              | if                                    |
| אִם                   | 'ēm                              | mother                                |
| אִמָּה                | 'āmā                             | (maid), servant                       |
| אִמָּה                | 'ammā                            | forearm, cubit                        |
| אִמּוֹנָה             | ' <sup>æ</sup> mûnā              | faithfulness, trustworthiness         |
| אָמַר                 | 'mr                              | say                                   |
| אִמָּת                | ' <sup>æ</sup> mæt               | faithfulness                          |
| אֲנִי                 | ' <sup>a</sup> nî                | I                                     |
| אֲנֹכִי               | 'anokî                           | I                                     |
| אָסַף                 | 'sf                              | gather (food), collect                |
| אֶף                   | 'af                              | also, even                            |
| אָף                   | 'af                              | nose, anger                           |
| אַרְבַּע / אַרְבָּעָה | 'arba' / 'arbā'ā                 | four                                  |
| אַרְבָּעִים           | 'arbā'im                         | forty                                 |
| אָרוֹן                | ' <sup>a</sup> rôn               | chest, ark of the covenant            |
| אֶרֶץ                 | 'æræʃ                            | ground, country, territory, the earth |
| אָרַר                 | 'rr                              | curse                                 |
| אֵשׁ                  | 'ēš                              | fire                                  |
| אִשָּׁה               | 'iššā                            | woman                                 |

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| אֲשֶׁר         | 'šær                    | relative clause                                  |
| אֵת            | 'et                     | together with, along with                        |
| אֵת            | 'et                     | accusative particle                              |
| אַתָּה         | 'attā                   | you (sg.)                                        |
| אַתֶּם         | 'attæm                  | you (pl.)                                        |
|                |                         |                                                  |
| בְּ            | b <sup>°</sup>          | in, at, because of, by way of                    |
| בִּגְד         | bægæd                   | garment, covering                                |
| לְבַד/בֶּד     | bad/l <sup>°</sup> bad  | part/apart, alone, only                          |
| בְּהֵמָה       | b <sup>°</sup> hēmā     | cattle, animals                                  |
| בוא            | bô'                     | Q. enter, come to<br>Hi bring (conduct, lead) in |
| בֹּר           | bôr                     | cistern, water pit                               |
| בחר            | bḥr                     | choose, elect                                    |
| בטח            | bṭḥ                     | be reliant, trust                                |
| בין            | byn                     | Q., Hi. to understand                            |
| בין            | ben                     | between                                          |
| בֵּית          | bayit                   | house                                            |
| בכה            | bkh                     | weep                                             |
| בְּכֹר         | b <sup>°</sup> kor      | first-born                                       |
| בְּלִי/בְלֹתִי | b <sup>°</sup> lî/biltî | without                                          |
| בָּמָה         | bāmā                    | hill, high-place, place of<br>worship            |
| בֵּן           | ben                     | son                                              |
| בנה            | bnh                     | build                                            |
| בַּעַד         | ba'ad                   | for, for the benefit of                          |
| בָּקָר         | bāqār                   | cattle                                           |
| בֹּקֶר         | boqær                   | morning                                          |
| בקש            | bqš                     | seek                                             |
| ברא            | br'                     | create (god exclusively)                         |
| בְּרִית        | b <sup>°</sup> rît      | covenant, arrangement                            |
| ברך            | brk                     | Pi. bless                                        |

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| בְּרָכָה     | b <sup>°</sup> rākā | blessing                 |
| בָּשָׂר      | bāsār               | flesh                    |
| בַּת         | bat                 | daughter                 |
|              |                     |                          |
| גאל          | g'l                 | redeem                   |
| גבה          | gbh                 | be high/tall, be exalted |
| גְּבוּל      | g <sup>°</sup> bûl  | boundary, territory      |
| גִּבּוֹר     | gibbôr              | hero, fighter            |
| גָּדוֹל      | gādôl               | great                    |
| גדל          | gdl                 | be, become great/strong  |
| גוי          | gôy                 | people, nation           |
| גֵּיא/גֵּיאַ | gaj'/gē             | valley                   |
| גַּם         | gam                 | also                     |
| גֵּר         | gēr                 | sojourner                |
| גרש          | grš                 | drive out                |
|              |                     |                          |
| דבק          | dbq                 | cling, cleave to         |
| דבר          | dbr                 | speak                    |
| דָּבָר       | dābār               | word, matter, affair     |
| דְּבַשׁ      | d <sup>°</sup> baš  | honey                    |
| דֹּר         | dôr                 | generation               |
| דָּם         | dām                 | blood                    |
| דֶּרֶךְ      | dæræk               | way, road                |
| דרש          | drš                 | seek, inquire of         |
|              |                     |                          |
| הַ           | h-                  | the (definite article)   |
| הִ           | h <sup>a</sup> -    | interrogative particle   |
| הוא          | hû'                 | he                       |
| היא          | hî'                 | she                      |
| היה          | hyh                 | occur, happen            |
| הֵיכָל       | hêkāl               | palace, temple           |
| הלך          | hlk                 | go                       |

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|------------|-----------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|
| הלל        | hll                               | Pi. praise                                      |
| הֵמָּה/הֵם | hem(mā)                           | they                                            |
| הֵן/הִנֵּה | hen/hinne                         | behold!                                         |
| הָר        | har                               | mountain(s)                                     |
| הרג        | hrg                               | kill                                            |
| הרה        | hrh                               | be, become pregnant                             |
|            |                                   |                                                 |
| וְ         | w <sup>e</sup>                    | and                                             |
|            |                                   |                                                 |
| זֹאת       | zōt                               | this (sg. f.)                                   |
| זבח        | zbh                               | to sacrifice, slaughter                         |
| זִבַּח     | zæbaḥ                             | (communion) sacrifice                           |
| זֶה        | zæ                                | this (sg. m.)                                   |
| זָהָב      | zāhāb                             | gold                                            |
| זכר        | zkr                               | remember, call to mind                          |
| זנה        | znh                               | be unfaithful, commit fornication               |
| זעק/צעק    | z <sup>ʿ</sup> q/s <sup>ʿ</sup> q | cry out, call for help                          |
| זָקֵן      | zqn/zāqēn                         | be old, grow old                                |
| זֶרַע      | zæra <sup>ʿ</sup>                 | seed, descendant(s)                             |
|            |                                   |                                                 |
| חַג/חָג    | ḥāg/ḥag                           | feast                                           |
| חָדָשׁ     | ḥādāš                             | new                                             |
| □ □ חֹדֶשׁ | ḥodæš                             | (new) moon, month                               |
| חווה       | ḥwh (cf. ḥyh)                     | Hišt. honor, adore                              |
| חוֹמָה     | ḥômā                              | wall                                            |
| חוּץ       | ḥûṣ                               | outside, street                                 |
| חזה        | ḥzh                               | see, behold                                     |
| חזק        | ḥzq                               | Q. grow strong, firm<br>Hi. seize, take hold of |
| חָזָק      | ḥāzāq                             | firm, strong                                    |
| חטא        | ḥt <sup>ʿ</sup>                   | miss, offend, commit a sin                      |

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| חַטָּאת/חַטֵּאת    | ḥet/ḥaṭṭāt                  | offence, sin                   |
| חַי                | ḥay                         | alive, living                  |
| חיה                | ḥyh                         | be alive                       |
| חַיִּים            | ḥayyim                      | life                           |
| חַיִל              | ḥayil                       | faculty, power                 |
| חכם                | ḥkm                         | be wise                        |
| חָכָם              | ḥākām                       | wise                           |
| חֵכְמָה            | ḥōkmā                       | wisdom                         |
| חֲלֹם              | ḥ <sup>a</sup> lôm          | dream                          |
| חלם                | ḥlm                         | to dream                       |
| חֵמָה              | ḥēmā                        | rage, wrath                    |
| חַמֵּשׁ/חַמִּשָּׁה | ḥāmēš/ ḥ <sup>a</sup> mišša | five                           |
| חַמִּשִּׁים        | ḥ <sup>a</sup> miššim       | fifty                          |
| חֵן                | ḥēn                         | favour, grace                  |
| חנה                | ḥnh                         | encamp                         |
| חֲנֹן              | ḥnn                         | to favour                      |
| חֶסֶד              | ḥæsəd                       | kindness, solidarity           |
| חָפֵץ              | ḥfš/ḥāfēš                   | take pleasure in, take care of |
| חֲצִי              | ḥ <sup>a</sup> šî           | half                           |
| חֲצֵר              | ḥāšēr                       | court                          |
| חֶקֶף/חֶקֶה        | ḥoq/ḥuqqā                   | regulation, prescription       |
| חֶרֶב              | ḥærəb                       | (short) sword                  |
| חָרַשׁ             | ḥrš                         | to plough                      |
| חָרָשׁ             | ḥrš                         | Q. be deaf<br>Hi. be silent    |
|                    |                             |                                |
| טוֹב/יָטִב         | ṭōb/yṭb                     | be good, be pleasant           |
| טוֹב               | ṭōb                         | good                           |
|                    |                             |                                |
| יָאֵר              | y <sup>e</sup> ʾor          | river (mostly: Nile)           |
| יָבֵשׁ             | ybs                         | dry up, wither                 |
| יָד                | yād                         | hand, power                    |

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| ידה     | ydh            | Hi. praise                                                  |
| ידע     | yd'            | (get to) know                                               |
| יום     | yôm            | day                                                         |
| יין     | yayin          | wine                                                        |
| יכל     | ykl            | be able, have it in one's power                             |
| ילד     | yld            | Q. bear, Hi. procreate                                      |
| יֶלֶד   | yælæd          | child                                                       |
| ים      | yām            | sea                                                         |
| יָמִין  | yāmîn          | right hand, the right side                                  |
| יסף     | ysf            | Q., Hi. add, continue                                       |
| יעץ     | y's            | advise, counsel                                             |
| יצא     | yš'            | Q. go out, come forth<br>Hi. cause to go forth, bring forth |
| יצק     | yšq            | pour out                                                    |
| יצר     | yšr            | form, shape                                                 |
| ירא     | yr'            | to fear                                                     |
| יִרְאָה | yir'ā          | fear, reverence                                             |
| ירד     | yrd            | descend, go down                                            |
| ירש     | yrš            | Q. take possession of, inherit<br>Hi. drive away            |
| יש      | yēš            | existence, there is, it exists                              |
| ישב     | yšb            | sit, dwell                                                  |
| ישנעה   | y'sû'ā         | (acts of) help                                              |
| ישע     | yš'            | help, save                                                  |
| יָשָׁר  | yāšār          | straight, right, upright                                    |
| יתר     | ytr            | Ni. remain, Hi. leave over                                  |
|         |                |                                                             |
| כ       | k <sup>e</sup> | as                                                          |
| כָּבֵד  | kbd            | Q. be heavy, weighty<br>Pi. honour                          |
| כְּבוֹד | kābôd          | splendour                                                   |
| כֶּבֶשׂ | kæbæś          | lamb, young ram                                             |

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| כזה        | ko                   | thus                                                   |
| כֹּהֵן     | kohēn                | priest                                                 |
| כּוֹן      | kûn                  | Ni. be firm, be established<br>Hi. make ready, prepare |
| כֹּחַ      | ko <sup>a</sup> ḥ    | strength, power                                        |
| כי         | kî                   | therefore, because                                     |
| כָּל/כֻּל־ | kol/köl              | the whole, all                                         |
| כלה        | klh                  | Q. be completed, cease<br>Pi. bring to an end, finish  |
| כֵּלִי     | k <sup>e</sup> lî    | vessel                                                 |
| כֵּן       | ken                  | thus                                                   |
| כַּנָּף    | kānāf                | wing                                                   |
| כִּסֵּא    | kissē'               | throne                                                 |
| כסה        | ksh                  | Pi. cover                                              |
| כֶּסֶף     | kæsæf                | silver (the metal)                                     |
| כַּף       | kaf                  | palm, flat of the hand                                 |
| כפר        | kpr                  | Pi. make expiation                                     |
| כרת        | krt                  | Q. cut off, make a covenant<br>Hi. cut off, destroy    |
| כתב        | ktb                  | write                                                  |
|            |                      |                                                        |
| ל          | l <sup>e</sup>       | for, concerning                                        |
| לא         | lō'                  | not                                                    |
| לֵב/לֵבָב  | lēb/lēbāb            | heart                                                  |
| לחם        | lḥm                  | Ni. fight                                              |
| לֶחֶם      | læḥæm                | bread                                                  |
| לַיְלָה    | laylā                | night                                                  |
| לכד        | lkd                  | catch, seize                                           |
| למד        | lmd                  | learn                                                  |
| לְמַעַן    | l <sup>e</sup> ma'an | with regard to, for the sake of                        |
| לקח        | lqh                  | take                                                   |
| לְשׁוֹן    | lāšôn                | tongue, language                                       |
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| מְאֹד          | m <sup>ə</sup> ˈod   | very                                 |
| מֵאָה          | meˈā                 | hundred                              |
| מָאָס          | mˈs                  | reject, despise                      |
| מָגֵן          | māgēn                | shield                               |
| מִגְרָשׁ       | migrāš               | pasture-ground                       |
| מִדְבָּר       | midbār               | wilderness                           |
| מָה            | mā                   | what?                                |
| מוֹעֵד         | moˈəd                | appointed time                       |
| מוֹת           | mût                  | Q. die, Hi. kill                     |
| מוֹת           | mawæt                | death                                |
| מִזְבֵּחַ      | mizbeˈaḥ             | altar                                |
| מִזְמוֹר       | mizmôr               | song, psalm                          |
| מַחֲנֶה        | mahˈnæ               | encampment                           |
| מַטֵּה         | maṭṭæ                | staff, rod, tribe                    |
| מִי            | mî                   | who?                                 |
| מַיִם          | mayim                | water, waters                        |
| מָכַר          | mkr                  | sell                                 |
| מָלֵא          | mlˈ                  | be full, be accomplished             |
| מַלְאָךְ       | malˈāk               | messenger, angel                     |
| מִלְאָכָה      | m <sup>ə</sup> lāˈkā | sending, labour, work                |
| מִלְחָמָה      | milḥāmā              | fight, battle                        |
| מִלֵּט/פִּלֵּט | mlt/plṭ              | Ni. save oneself, escape<br>Pi. save |
| מֶלֶךְ         | mlk                  | be king, to reign                    |
| מֶלֶךְ         | mælæk                | king                                 |
| מַלְכוּת       | malkût               | royal power, reign                   |
| מַמְלָכָה      | mamlākā              | kingdom, dominion                    |
| מִן            | min                  | from, off                            |
| מִנְחָה        | minḥā                | gift, present                        |
| מִסְפָּר       | mispār               | number                               |
| מְעַט          | m <sup>ə</sup> ˈaṭ   | few, a little                        |
| מֵעַל          | maˈal                | on the top of, above                 |

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| מַעַן       | maˈan             | for the sake of, in order that                       |
| מַעֲשֵׂה    | maˈʕsæ            | deed                                                 |
| מָצָא       | mšˈ               | find                                                 |
| מִצָּה      | maṣṣā             | unleavened bread                                     |
| מִצְוָה     | mišwā             | commandment(s)                                       |
| מָקוֹם      | māqôm             | place                                                |
| מַרְאֵה     | marˈæ             | appearance                                           |
| מַשָּׂא     | maššāˈ            | burden, utterance                                    |
| מָשַׁח      | mšḥ               | anoint                                               |
| מְשִׁיחַ    | māšîˈaḥ           | anointed                                             |
| מִשְׁכָּן   | miškān            | dwelling-place                                       |
| מִשַּׁל     | mšl               | rule                                                 |
| מִשָּׁל     | māšāl             | proverbial saying                                    |
| מִשְׁפָּחָה | mišpāḥā           | (larger) family, clan                                |
| מִשְׁפָּט   | mišpaṭ            | (legal) decision, justice                            |
|             |                   |                                                      |
| נָא         | naˈ               | now! come!                                           |
| נֹאם        | n <sup>ə</sup> um | utterance (of god)                                   |
| נִאֵף       | nˈf               | commit adultery                                      |
| נָבִיא      | nābîˈ             | prophet                                              |
| נֶגֶב       | nægæb             | south, the south-country                             |
| נִגַּד      | ngd               | Hi. make known, report, tell                         |
| נֶגֶד       | nægæd             | in front of                                          |
| נָגַע       | ngˈ               | touch, hurt a person                                 |
| נִגַּשׁ     | ngš               | Q., Ni. draw near, approach<br>Hi. bring, bring near |
| נָדַר       | ndr               | vow                                                  |
| נָהָר       | nāhār             | river                                                |
| נוּחַ       | nûˈaḥ             | rest                                                 |
| נוּס        | nûs               | flee                                                 |
| נַחַל       | naḥal             | wadi, torrent                                        |
| נַחֲלָה     | naḥˈlā            | hereditary property                                  |

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| נַחְנוּ  | naḥnû               | we                                      |
| נְחֹשֶׁת | neḥōšæt             | copper, bronze                          |
| נָתַח    | nṯh                 | Q. extend, incline<br>Hi. recline, bend |
| נָכַח    | nkḥ                 | strike, smite                           |
| נָסָה    | nsh                 | Pi. test, try                           |
| נָסַע    | nsʿ                 | set out, journey                        |
| נָעַר    | naʿar               | lad, young boy, servant                 |
| נַעֲרָה  | naʿ <sup>a</sup> rā | young girl, maid                        |
| נָפַל    | nfl                 | fall                                    |
| נַפֶּשׁ  | næfæš               | soul, living being, person              |
| נָצַל    | nšl                 | Hi. tear away, deliver                  |
| נָשָׂא   | nśʾ                 | bear, carry                             |
| נָשִׂיא  | nāšîʾ               | deputy, chief                           |
| נָשַׁק   | nšq                 | kiss                                    |
| נָתַן    | ntn                 | give                                    |
| נָתַן    | ntṣ                 | tear down, destroy                      |
|          |                     |                                         |
| סָבַב    | sbb                 | turn, be round about, march around      |
| סָבִיב   | sābîb               | all around                              |
| סוּס     | sûs                 | horse                                   |
| סוּר     | sûr                 | Q. turn side, Hi. remove                |
| סָפַר    | sfr                 | Q. count, Ni. be counted<br>Pi. tell    |
| סֵפֶר    | sefær               | book                                    |
|          |                     |                                         |
| עָבַד    | ʿbd                 | serve, work                             |
| עֶבֶד    | ʿæbæd               | servant, slave                          |
| עֲבָדָה  | ʿ <sup>a</sup> bōdā | work, labour, service                   |
| עָבַר    | ʿbr                 | pass by, go over                        |
| עֵבֶר    | ʿebær               | the region beyond/opposite              |
| עִבְרִי  | ʿibrî               | Hebrew                                  |

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| עַד       | ʿad               | until                                                     |
| עֵד       | ʿēd               | witness                                                   |
| עֵדָה     | ʿēdā              | gathering, congregation                                   |
| עוֹד      | ʿôd               | still, once more, again                                   |
| עוֹלָם    | ʿôlām             | eternity                                                  |
| עוֹן      | ʿāwôn             | sin, guilt                                                |
| עוֹף      | ʿof               | fly                                                       |
| עוֹף      | ʿof               | flying creatures, bird                                    |
| עֹז       | ʿoz               | power, strength                                           |
| עֹזַב     | ʿzb               | leave, abandon                                            |
| עֵין      | ʿayin             | eye, spring                                               |
| עִיר      | ʿîr               | town, city                                                |
| עַל-      | ʿal               | upon, above, against                                      |
| עָלָה     | ʿlh               | Q. go up, ascend, Hi. bring,<br>lead up, offer sacrifices |
| עֹלָה     | ʿôlā              | (whole burnt-) offering                                   |
| עֲלִיּוֹן | ʿælyôn            | the upper, the highest                                    |
| עָם       | ʿam               | people                                                    |
| עִם       | ʿim               | (together) with                                           |
| עָמַד     | ʿmd               | stand                                                     |
| עַמּוּד   | ʿammûd            | pillar, column                                            |
| I עָנָה   | ʿnh               | answer, hear, grant                                       |
| II עָנָה  | ʿnh               | Q. be downcast, afflicted<br>Pi. humiliate, do violence   |
| עָנִי     | ʿāni              | poor, humble                                              |
| עֲנִי     | ʿ <sup>o</sup> nî | poverty, affliction                                       |
| עָנָן     | ʿānān             | cloud                                                     |
| עָפָר     | ʿāfār             | dust                                                      |
| עֵץ       | ʿēš               | tree(s)                                                   |
| עֲצָם     | ʿæšæm             | bone, being                                               |
| עָרַב     | ʿæræb             | evening                                                   |
| עָשָׂה    | ʿšh               | make, manufacture                                         |

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| עָשָׂר/עֶשְׂרֵה | ʿæs̱ær/ʿ <sup>a</sup> s̱ārā | ten                       |
| עֶשְׂרִים       | ʿæs̱rîm                     | twenty                    |
| עֵת             | ʿēt                         | time                      |
| עַתָּה          | ʿattā                       | now                       |
|                 |                             |                           |
| פָּדָה          | pdh                         | buy (off), ransom, redeem |
| פֶּה            | pæ                          | mouth                     |
| פָּלַט / מָלַט  | plt/mlt                     | Q. escape, Pi. save       |
| פָּלַל          | pll                         | Hitp. pray                |
| פָּן            | pæn                         | lest                      |
| פָּנָה          | Pnh                         | turn toward a direction   |
| פָּנִים         | pānîm                       | face, surface             |
| פָּעַל          | pʿl                         | make, do                  |
| פָּעַם          | paʿam                       | step, occurrence, time    |
| פָּקַד          | pqd                         | go to see, take care of   |
| פָּר            | par                         | young bull                |
| פְּרִי          | p <sup>o</sup> rî           | fruit                     |
| פָּשַׁע         | pšʿ                         | rebel, revolt against     |
| מִשְׁפָּט       | pæšaʿ                       | rebellion, revolt,        |
| פָּתַח          | pth                         | open                      |
| פְּתִיחַ        | pætaḥ                       | opening, entrance         |
|                 |                             |                           |
| צֶאֱן           | ṣôn                         | small cattle              |
| צָבָא           | ṣābā                        | host                      |
| צַדִּיק         | ṣaddîq                      | righteous                 |
| צָדַק           | ṣdq                         | be in the right, be just  |
| צִדְקָה / צֶדֶק | ṣædæq/ṣedāqā                | righteousness             |
| צִוָּה          | ṣwh                         | Pi. to command            |
| צוּר            | ṣûr                         | rock                      |
| צָעַק           | ṣʿq                         | cry, call (to aid)        |
| צָפוֹן          | ṣāfôn                       | north                     |
| צָפַן           | ṣfn                         | hide                      |

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| קָבַץ        | qbṣ        | Q., Pi. collect, assemble                           |
| קָבַר        | qbr        | bury                                                |
| קָדוֹשׁ      | qādôš      | holy                                                |
| קֶדֶם        | qædæm      | in front, bygone days, east                         |
| קִדֵּשׁ      | qdš        | Q. be holy, Pi., Hi. consecrate                     |
| קִדְשׁ       | qodæš      | holiness, holy place                                |
| קָהַל        | qhl        | Ni. assemble, Hi. call together                     |
| קָהָל        | qāhāl      | assembly, convocation of the people                 |
| קוּה         | qwh        | Pi. hope, wait for                                  |
| קוֹל         | qôl        | sound, voice                                        |
| קוּם         | qûm        | arise, last                                         |
| קָטַן/קָטוֹן | qṯn/qaṭon | be insignificant, small                             |
| קָטַר        | qṭr        | Pi. send sacrifices up in smoke                     |
| קָלַל        | qll        | Q. be slight, Pi. curse                             |
| קָנָה        | qnh        | acquire, buy, create                                |
| קִצְרִיר     | qāṣîr      | harvest of grains                                   |
| קָרָא        | qrʾ        | call                                                |
| קָרַב        | qrb        | Q. approach, Hi. offer                              |
| קֶרֶב        | qæræb      | the inward part (of body), in the midst             |
| קָרְבָּן     | qōrbān     | offering, gift                                      |
| קָרַה        | qrh        | meet, occur                                         |
| קָרוֹב       | qārôb      | near                                                |
| קָשַׁת       | qæšæt      | bow                                                 |
|              |            |                                                     |
| רָאָה        | rʾh        | Q. see, Ni. be seen, show oneself, appear, Hi. show |
| רֹאשׁ        | rōš        | head, summit, upper end                             |
| רִאשׁוֹן     | rîʾšôn     | the first (position)                                |
| רֵאשִׁית     | rēʾšît     | beginning, the first, choicest                      |
| רַב          | rab        | much, many                                          |

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| רַב      | rob                                | multitude                                |
| רַבִּב   | rbb                                | be, become many, much                    |
| רַבָּה   | rbh                                | Q. become many<br>Hi. make many          |
| רֶגֶל    | rægæl                              | foot                                     |
| רָדַף    | rdf                                | pursue, persecute                        |
| רוּחַ    | rû <sup>a</sup> ḥ                  | wind, breath, spirit                     |
| רוּם     | rûm                                | be high above, be exalted                |
| רוֹחַב   | roḥab                              | breadth                                  |
| רַחַם    | rḥm                                | Pi. have compassion                      |
| רַחֵק    | rḥq                                | be far, become far                       |
| רִיב     | rîb                                | dispute, conduct a (legal) case          |
| רִיב     | rib                                | dispute, case of law, lawsuit            |
| רֶכֶב    | rækæb                              | vehicle, chariot                         |
| רָע      | ra <sup>ʿ</sup>                    | bad, evil                                |
| רֵעַ     | re <sup>a</sup> <sup>e</sup>       | fellow, companion, friend                |
| רָעָב    | rā <sup>ʿ</sup> āb                 | hunger, famine                           |
| רָעָה    | r <sup>ʿ</sup> h                   | pasture, tend                            |
| רָעָה    | rā <sup>ʿ</sup> ā                  | evil, misery, trouble                    |
| רָעָה    | r <sup>ʿ</sup> <sup>e</sup>        | be bad, do evil                          |
| רַק      | raq                                | only                                     |
| רָשָׁע   | rš <sup>ʿ</sup>                    | be, become guilty, act<br>wickedly       |
| רָשָׁע   | rāšā <sup>ʿ</sup>                  | being wrong, guilty, impious             |
|          |                                    |                                          |
| שָׂדֶה   | śādæ                               | open field                               |
| שָׂם     | śîm                                | set, put, put down                       |
| שָׂכַל   | śkl                                | Hi. understand, have success,<br>prosper |
| שְׂמָאל  | ś <sup>e</sup> mō <sup>ʿ</sup> l   | the left side, left                      |
| שִׂמַּח  | śmḥ                                | rejoice                                  |
| שִׂמְחָה | śimḥā                              | joy, gladness                            |
| שָׂנֵא   | śn <sup>ʿ</sup> /śānē <sup>ʿ</sup> | hate                                     |

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| שָׂפָה            | śāfā                                  | lip, shore, bank                            |
| שָׂר              | śar                                   | official, chief, leader                     |
| שָׂרַף            | śrf                                   | burn                                        |
|                   |                                       |                                             |
| שֶׁ               | šæ                                    | relative particle                           |
| שָׂאֵל            | š <sup>ʿ</sup> l                      | ask, inquire                                |
| שְׂאוֹל           | š <sup>e</sup> ôl                     | underworld, realm of dead                   |
| שִׁבְעָה/שִׁבְעָה | šæba <sup>ʿ</sup> /šib <sup>ʿ</sup> ā | seven                                       |
| שִׁבְעִים         | šib <sup>ʿ</sup> îm                   | seventy                                     |
| שִׁבְט            | šebæt                                 | rod, staff                                  |
| שָׁבַע            | šb <sup>ʿ</sup>                       | Ni. swear                                   |
| שָׁבַר            | šbr                                   | break (in pieces)                           |
| שַׁבָּת           | šabbāt                                | Sabbath                                     |
| שׁוּב             | šûb                                   | Q. turn back, turn around<br>Hi. bring back |
| שׁוֹר             | šôr                                   | bull, ox, steer                             |
| שַׁחַט            | šḥṭ                                   | slaughter                                   |
| שַׁחַת            | šḥt                                   | Hi. spoil, ruin                             |
| שִׁיר             | šîr                                   | sing                                        |
| שִׁיר             | šîr                                   | song                                        |
| שָׁכַב            | škb                                   | lie down                                    |
| שָׁכַח            | škh                                   | forget                                      |
| שָׁכַן            | škn                                   | settle down to abide, live in               |
| שָׁלוֹם           | šālôm                                 | peace                                       |
| שָׁלַח            | šlh                                   | send                                        |
| שֻׁלְחָן          | šulḥān                                | table                                       |
| שָׁלַךְ           | šlk                                   | Hi. throw                                   |
| שָׁלֵם            | šlm                                   | intact, complete                            |
| שָׁלֹשׁ/שְׁלֹשָׁה | šālōš/š <sup>e</sup> lōšā             | three                                       |
| שְׁלִישִׁי        | š <sup>e</sup> lišî                   | the third                                   |
| שְׁלֹשִׁים        | š <sup>e</sup> lōšîm                  | thirty                                      |
| שֵׁם              | šēm                                   | name                                        |

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| שָׁם                | šām                                       | there                                           |
| שָׁמַד              | šmd                                       | Hi. exterminate, Ni. be destroyed, exterminated |
| שָׁמָּה             | šammā                                     | thither, (as far as) there                      |
| שָׁמַיִם            | šamayim                                   | heaven                                          |
| שֶׁמֶן              | šæmæn                                     | oil (of olives)                                 |
| שְׁמוֹנָה/שְׁמוֹנֶה | š <sup>°</sup> monæ/š <sup>°</sup> monā   | eight                                           |
| שָׁמַע              | šmʿ                                       | hear                                            |
| שָׁמַר              | šmr                                       | keep, watch over, retain                        |
| שֶׁמֶשׁ             | šæmæš                                     | sun                                             |
| שֵׁן                | šen                                       | tooth                                           |
| שָׁנָה              | šānā                                      | year                                            |
| שֵׁנִי              | šēnî                                      | the second                                      |
| שְׁתַּיִם/שְׁנַיִם  | š <sup>°</sup> tayim/š <sup>°</sup> nayim | two                                             |
| שַׁעַר              | šaʿar                                     | gate                                            |
| שִׁפְחָה            | šifḥā                                     | maid-servant                                    |
| שֹׁפֵט              | šfṭ                                       | judge                                           |
| שָׁפַךְ             | šfk                                       | pour out                                        |
| שֶׁקֶל              | šæqæl                                     | shekel                                          |
| שֶׁקֶר              | šæqær                                     | lie, deception                                  |
| שֵׁשׁ/שֶׁשׁ         | šeš/šišša                                 | six                                             |
| שָׁתָה              | šth                                       | Q. drink, Hi. to water                          |
|                     |                                           |                                                 |
| תְּהוֹם             | t <sup>°</sup> hôm                        | the primaeval ocean                             |
| תְּהִלָּה           | t <sup>°</sup> hillā                      | glory, praise                                   |
| תּוֹךְ              | tawæk                                     | the midst                                       |
| תּוֹעֵבָה           | tôʿebā                                    | abomination                                     |
| תּוֹרָה             | tôrā                                      | instruction                                     |
| תַּחַת              | taḥat                                     | under, instead of                               |
| תָּמִיד             | tamîd                                     | continually, regular                            |
| תָּמִים             | tamîm                                     | complete, blameless                             |
| תָּמַם              | tmm                                       | be complete                                     |

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| תֵּעֵב              | tʿb                 | Pi. be abhorred       |
| תְּפִלָּה           | tefillā             | prayer                |
| תִּפְשׁ             | tfš                 | capture               |
| תְּרוּמָה           | t <sup>°</sup> rûmā | tribute, contribution |
| תֵּשַׁע / תִּשְׁעָה | těsaʿ/tišʿa         | nine                  |

This list of basic Hebrew words is intended to help you keeping up or to brush up your Hebrew.

The list is arranged alphabetically, still you may figure out word-families (קום - מקום, פלל - פלה etc.) or groups like the numbers or pronouns.

If you find errors or have suggestions, please send me an email. Thank you for the feedback which has been sent so far.

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