

Hebräisch – Grundwortschatz

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).

אָב	'āb	father
אָבֵד	'bd	Q. perish Pi., Hi. ruin
אָבָה	'bh	be willing
אָבֶן	'ābān	stone
אָדוֹן	'ādōn	master, lord
אָדוֹנָי	'a'dōnāj	lord
אָדָם	'ādām	man, mankind, people
אָדָמָה	'a'dāmā	(arable) soil
אָהֵב	'hb	like, love
אֹהֶל	'ohāl	tent
אוֹר	'ōr	shine, light up
אוֹרֵךְ	'ōr	light
אוֹת	'ōt	sign
אָז	'āz	then
אָזֵן	'ozān	ear
אָח	'āḥ	brother
אָחָד	'āḥād	one
אָחוֹת	'aḥōt	sister
אָחֵר	'aḥar	later on, afterwards
אָחֵר	'aḥēr	another, different
אָחֵרִי	'aḥ ^a rē	after
אָחֵרִית	'ah ^a rīt	end, behind, issue, the future
אֵיב	'ojēb	enemy
אֵיל	'ajil	ram

אֵין / אֵין	'ajin / 'ēn	is not, non existence, nothing
אִישׁ	'îs	man
אִךָ	'ak	only
אָכַל	'kl	eat
אֶל	'āl	towards
אֵל	'al	not
אֵל	'ēl	god
אֵלֶּה	'ellā	these
אֱלֹהִים	'ālo ^a h	god
אֱלֹהִים	'ālohîm	god, gods
אֶלֶף	'alāf	thousand
אִם	'im	if
אִם	'ēm	mother
אָמָה	'āmā	(maid), servant
אָמָה	'ammā	forearm, cubit
אֲמוּנָה	'ā ^a mūnā	faithfulness, trustworthiness
אָמַר	'mr	say
אָמַת	'ā ^a māt	faithfulness
אֲנִי	'a ^a nî	I
אֲנֹכִי	'anokî	I
אָסַף	'sf	gather (food), collect
אֶף	'af	also, even
אֶף	'af	nose, anger
אַרְבַּע / אַרְבָּעָה	'arba ^a / 'arbā ^a ā	four
אַרְבָּעִים	'arbā ^a 'îm	fourty
אָרוֹן	'a ^a rōn	chest, ark of the covenant
אָרֶץ	'ārāṣ	ground, country, territory, the earth
אָרַר	'rr	curse
אֵשׁ	'ēš	fire
אִשָּׁה	'iššā	woman
אֲשֶׁר	'a ^a šār	relative clause

אֵת	'et	together with, along with
אֶת	'et	accusative particle
אַתָּה	'attā	you (sg.)
אַתֶּם	'attām	you (pl.)
בְּ	b ^e	in, at, because of, by way of
בְּגָד	bāgād	garment, covering
בַּד (לְ)	(l ^o)bad	to be alone, only
בְּהֵמָה	b ^e hēmā	cattle, animals
בֹּא	bô'	Q. enter, come to Hi bring (conduct, lead) in
בּוֹר	bôr	cistern, water pit
בַּחַר	bḥr	choose, elect
בַּטַּח	bṭḥ	be reliant, trust
בֵּין	bin	Q., Hi. to understand
בֵּינָם	ben	between
בַּיִת	bajit	house
בָּכָה	bkh	weep
בְּכֹר	b ^e kor	first-born
בְּלִי/בְּלֹתִי	b ^e lî/biltî	without
בְּמָה	bama	hill, high-place, place of worship
בֵּן	ben	son
בָּנָה	bnh	build
בְּעַד	ba'ad	for, for the benefit of
בְּקָר	bqr	cattle
בֹּקֵר	boqār	morning
בִּקֵּשׁ	bqš	seek
בָּרָא	br'	create (god exclusively)
בְּרִית	b ^e rît	covenant, arrangement
בָּרַךְ	brk	Pi bless
בְּרָכָה	b ^e rākā	blessing

בָּשָׂר	bāšār	flesh
בַּת	bat	daughter
גָּאֵל	g'al	redeem
גָּבַהּ	gbh	be high/tall, be exalted
גְּבוּל	g ^e bûl	boundary, territory
גִּבּוֹר	gibbôr	hero, fighter
גָּדוֹל	gādôl	great
גָּדַל	gdl	be, become great/strong
גּוֹי	gôj	people, nation
גַּיַּא	gaj'	valley
גַּם	gam	also
גֵּר	gēr	sojourner
גָּרַשׁ	grš	drive out
דָּבַק	dbq	cling, cleave to
דָּבַר	dbr	speak
דָּבָר	dābār	word, matter, affair
דְּבַשׁ	d ^e baš	honey
דּוֹר	dôr	generation
דָּם	dām	blood
דָּרַךְ	dārāk	way, road
דָּרַשׁ	drš	seek, inquire of
הַ	h-	the (definite article)
הֲ	h ^a -	interrogative particle
הוּא	hû'	he
הִיא	hî'	she
הִיָּה	hjh	occur, happen
הַיְכָל	hêkāl	palace, temple
הֵלֵךְ	hlk	go
הֵלַל	hll	Pi. praise

הֵמָּה/הֵם	hem(mā)	they
הֵן/הִנֵּה	hen/hinne	behold!
הַר	har	mountain(s)
הָרַג	hrg	kill
הָרָה	hrh	be, become pregnant
וְ	w ^e	and
זֹאת	zōt	this (sg. f.)
זָבַח	zbḥ	to sacrifice, slaughter
זְבַח	zābaḥ	(communion) sacrifice
זֶה	zā	this (sg. m.)
זָהָב	zāhāb	gold
זָכַר	zkr	remember, call to mind
זָנָה	znh	be unfaithful, commit fornication
זָעַק/צָעַק	z ^ʿ q/s ^ʿ q	cry out, call for help
זָקֵן	zqn/zāqēn	be old, grow old
זָרַע	zāraʿ	seed, descendant(s)
הָגַה/הָג	hāg/hag	feast
הָדָשׁ	hādāš	new
הֹדָשׁ	hōdāš	(new) moon, month
הוֹה	hwh	Hišt. honor, adore
חוֹמָה	hōmā	wall
חוּץ	hûš	outside, street
חָזַה	hzh	see, behold
חָזַק	hḥzq	Q. grow strong, firm Hi. seize, take hold of
חָזַק	hāzāq	firm, strong
חָטָא	htʿ	miss, offend, commit a sin
חָטָא/חַטָּאת	het/hattāt	offence, sin
חַי	haj	alive, living

חַיָּה	ḥjh	be alive
חַיִּים	ḥajjim	live
חַיִל	ḥajil	faculty, power
חָכַם	ḥkm	be wise
חָכָם	ḥakam	wise
חֻכְמָה	ḥōkmā	wisdom
חֲלוֹם	ḥ ^a lôm	dream
חָלַם	ḥlm	to dream
חִמָּה	ḥēmā	rage, wrath
חַמֵּשׁ/חַמִּשָּׁה	ḥāmēš/ ḥ ^a mišša	five
חַמִּשִּׁים	ḥ ^a miššim	fifty
חֵן	ḥēn	favour, grace
חָנָה	ḥnh	encamp
חָנַן	ḥnn	to favour
חָסַד	ḥāsād	prove loyal, solidarity
חָפֵץ	ḥfš/ḥāfēš	take pleasure in, take care off
חֲצִי	ḥ ^a šî	half
חָצֵר	ḥāšēr	court
חֻק/חֻקָּה	ḥoq/huqqā	regulation, prescription
חֶרֶב	ḥārāb	(short) sword
חָרַשׁ	ḥrš	to plough
חָרַשׁ	ḥrš	Q. be deaf Hi. be silent
טוֹב/יָטַב	tōb/jṭb	be good, be pleasant
טוֹב	tōb	good
יָאֵר	j ^e or	river (mostly: Nile)
יָבֵשׁ	jbš	dry up, wither
יָד	jād	hand, power
יָדָה	jdh	Hi. praise
יָדַע	jdʿ	(get to) know

יום	jôm	day
יין	jajin	wine
יכל	jkl	be able, have it in one's power
ילד	jld	Q. bear, Hi. procreate
יָלַד	jäläd	child
ים	jām	sea
יָמִין	jāmîn	right hand, the right side
יִסַּף	jʃf	Q., Hi. add, continue
יעץ	jʃ	advise, give an advise
יצא	jʃʹ	Q. go out, come forth Hi. cause to go forth, bring forth
יצק	ʃq	pour out
יצר	jʃr	form, shape
ירא	jʀʹ	to fear
ירָאָה	jirʹā	fear, reverence
ירד	jrd	descend, go down
ירש	jʀš	Q. take possession of, inherit Hi. drive away
יש	jēš	existence, there is, it exists
ישב	jšb	sit, dwell
ישוע	jʃsū ^{ac}	(acts of) help
ישע	jšʹ	help, save
יָשָׁר	jāšār	straight, right, upright
יתר	jtr	Ni. remain, Hi. leave over
כּ	k ^e	as
כָּבֵד	kbd	Q. be heavy, weighty Pi. honour
כָּבוֹד	kābôd	splendour
כֶּבֶשׂ	kābās	lamb, young ram
כה	ko	thus
כהן	kohēn	priest

כּוּן	kûn	Ni. be firm, be established Hi. make ready, prepare
כֹּחַ	ko ^a ḥ	strength, power
כִּי	kî	therefore, because
כָּל/כֻּל־	kol/kôl	the whole, all
כלה	klh	Q. be completed, cease Pi. bring to an end, finish
כֶּלִי	k ^e lî	vessel
כֵּן	ken	thus
כַּנָּף	kānāf	wing
כִּסֵּא	kissēʹ	throne
כסה	ksh	Pi. cover
כֶּסֶף	kāsāf	silver (the metal)
כַּף	kaf	palm, flat of the hand
כפר	kpr	Pi. make expiation
כרת	krt	Q. cut off, make a covenant Hi. cut off, destroy
כתב	ktb	write
ל	l ^e	for, concerning
לא	lōʹ	not
לֵב/לֵבָב	lēb/lēbāb	heart
לחם	lḥm	Ni. fight
לֶחֶם	lāḥām	bread
לַיְלָה	lajlā	night
לכד	lkd	catch, seize
למד	lmd	learn
לקח	lqḥ	take
לָשׁוֹן	lāšôn	tongue, language
מְאֹד	m ^e ʹod	very
מֵאָה	meʹā	hundred
מאס	mʹs	reject, despise

מָגֵן	māgēn	shield
מִגְרָשׁ	migrāš	pasture-ground
מִדְבָּר	midbār	wilderness
מָה	mā	what?
מוֹעֵד	mo‘ēd	appointed time
מוֹת	mût	Q. die, Hi. kill
מוֹת	mawät	death
מִזְבֵּחַ	mizb‘ah	altar
מִזְמוֹר	mizmôr	song, psalm
מַחֲנֶה	mah‘nā	encampment
מַטֵּה	mattā	staff, rod, tribe
מִי	mî	who?
מַיִם	majim	water, waters
מָכַר	mkr	sell
מָלֵא	ml’	be full, be accomplished
מַלְאָךְ	mal‘āk	messenger, angel
מַלְאָכָה	m‘lā‘kā	sending, labour, work
מִלְחָמָה	milhāmā	fight, battle
מִלֵּט/פִּלֵּט	mlt/plṭ	Ni. save oneself, escape Pi. save
מָלַךְ	mlk	be king, to reign
מֶלֶךְ	mälāk	king
מַלְכוּת	malkût	royal power, reign
מַמְלָכָה	mamlākā	kingdom, dominion
מִן	min	from, off
מִנְחָה	minhā	gift, present
מִסְפָּר	mispār	number
מְעַט	m‘e‘aṭ	few, a little
מֵעַל	ma‘al	on the top of, above
מֵעַן	ma‘an	for the sake of, in order that
מַעֲשֵׂה	ma‘aśā	deed
מָצָא	mš‘	find

מַצָּה	maṣṣā	unleavened bread
מִצְוָה	mišwā	commandment(s)
מָקוֹם	māqôm	place
מַרְאֵה	mar‘ā	appearance
מַשָּׂא	maššā‘	burden, utterance
מָשַׁח	mšḥ	anoint
מְשֻׁחַ	māšī‘h	anointed
מִשְׁכָּן	miškān	dwelling-place
מִשַּׁל	mšl	rule
מִשְׁאָל	māšāl	proverbial saying
מִשְׁפָּחָה	mišpāhā	(larger) family, clan
מִשְׁפָּט	mišpaṭ	(legal) decision, justice
נָא	na‘	now! come!
נְאֻם	n‘um	utterance (of god)
נִאֵף	n‘f	commit adultery
נָבִיא	nābī‘	prophet
נֶגֶב	nägāb	south, the south-country
נִגַּד	ngd	Hi. make known, report, tell
נֶגַד	nägād	in front of
נָגַע	ng‘	touch, hurt a person
נִגַּשׁ	ngš	Q., Ni. draw near, approach Pi. bring, bring near
נָדַר	ndr	vow
נָהָר	nāhār	river
נִחַח	nū‘h	rest
נוּס	nûs	flee
נַחַל	nāhāl	wady, torrent
נַחֲלָה	nah‘lā	hereditary property
נַחְנוּ	nahnû	we
נְחֹשֶׁת	neḥōšāt	copper, bronze
נָתַח	nṭh	Q. extend, incline

		Hi. recline, bend
נכה	nkh	strike, smite
נסה	nsh	Pi. test, try
נסע	ns'	set out, journey
נער	na'ar	lad, young boy, servant
נערה	na ^a rā	young girl, maid
נפל	nfl	fall
נפש	nāfāš	soul, living being, person
נצל	nšl	Hi. tear away, deliver
נשא	ns'	bear, carry
נשיא	nāšî'	deputy, chief
נשק	nšq	kiss
נתן	ntn	give
נתן	ntš	tear down, destroy
סבב	sbb	turn, be round about, march around
סָבִיב	sābîb	all around
סוס	sûs	horse
סור	sûr	Q. turn side, Hi. remove
ספר	sfr	Q. count, Ni. be counted Pi. tell
סֵפֶר	sefār	book
עבד	'bd	serve, work
עֶבֶד	'ābād	servant, slave
עֲבָדָה	'a b ōdā	work, labour, service
עבר	'br	pass by, go over
עֵבֶר	'ebār	the region beyond/opposite
עִבְרִי	'ibrî	Hebrew
עד	'ēd	witness
עדה	'ēdā	gathering, congregation

עוד	'ōd	still, once more, again
עוֹלָם	'ōlām	eternity
עוֹן	'āwôn	sin, guilt
עוף	'of	fly
עוף	'of	flying creatures, bird
עז	'oz	power, strength
עזב	'zb	leave, abandon
עין	'ajin	eye, spring
עיר	'îr	town, city
על-	'al	upon, above, against
עלה	'lh	Q. go up, ascend, Hi. bring, lead up, offer sacrifices
עֹלָה	'ōlā	(whole burnt-) offering
עֲלִיּוֹן	'ālĵôn	the upper, the highest
עם	'am	people
עם	'im	(together) with
עמד	'md	stand
עמוד	'ammûd	pillar, column
I ענה	'nh	answer, hear, grant
II ענה	'nh	Q. be downcast, afflicted Pi. humiliate, do violence
עָנִי	'āni	poor, humble
עֲנִי	'o n î	poverty, affliction
עָנָן	'ānān	cloud
עָפָר	'āfār	dust
עץ	'eš	tree(s)
עצם	'āšām	bone, being
ערב	'ārāb	evening
עשה	'šh	make, manufacture
עֲשָׂר/עֶשְׂרֵה	'āšār/' ^a sara	ten
עֶשְׂרִים	'āšrîm	twenty
עת	'ēt	time

עָטָה	'attā	now
פָּדָה	pdh	buy (off), ransom, redeem
פֶּה	pā	mouth
פָּלַט / מַלַּט	plt/mlt	Q. escape, Pi. save
פָּלַל	pll	Hitp. pray
פָּן	pān	lest
פָּנָה	pnh	turn toward a direction
פָּנִים	pānīm	face, surface
פָּעַל	p'l	make, do
פָּעַם	pa'am	step, occurrence, time
פָּקַד	pqd	go to see, take care of
פָּר	par	young bull
פְּרִי	p'ri	fruit
פָּשַׁע	pš'	rebel, revolt against
פְּשָׁע	pāša'	rebellion, revolt,
פָּתַח	pth	open
פְּתִיחַ	pātaḥ	opening, entrance
צֶאֱן	ṣōn	small cattle
צָבָא	ṣābā	host
צַדִּיק	ṣaddīq	righteous
צַדִּק	ṣdq	be in the right, be just
צַדִּיקָה / צֶדֶק	ṣādāq/ṣedāqā	righteousness
צִוָּה	ṣwh	Pi. to command
צֹר	ṣūr	rock
צָעַק	ṣ'q	cry, call (to aid)
צָפוֹן	ṣāfōn	north
צָפַן	ṣfn	hide
קָבַץ	qbs	Q., Pi. collect, assemble
קָבַר	qbr	bury

קָדוֹשׁ	qādōš	holy
קָדָם	qādām	in front, bygone days, east
קָדַשׁ	qdš	Q. be holy, Pi., Hi. consecrate
קִדְשׁ	qodāš	holiness, holy place
קָהַל	qhl	Ni. assemble, Hi. call together
קָהָל	qāhāl	assembly, convocation of the people
קוּה	qwh	Pi. hope, wait for
קוֹל	qōl	sound, voice
קוּם	qûm	arise, last
קָטַן	qtñ/qaṭon	be insignificant, small
קָטַר	qtr	Pi. send sacrifices up in smoke
קָלַל	qll	Q. be slight, Pi. curse
קָנָה	qnh	acquire, buy, create
קִצִּיר	qāšîr	harvest of grains
קָרָא	qr'	call
קָרַב	qrb	Q. approach, Hi. offer
קָרֵב	qārāb	the inward part (of body), in the midst
קָרְבָּן	qōrbān	offering, gift
קָרָה	qrh	meet, occur
קָרוֹב	qārōb	near
קָשָׂת	qāšāt	bow
רָאָה	r'h	Q. see, Ni. be seen, show oneself, appear, Hi. show
רֹאשׁ	rōš	head, summit, upper end
רִאשׁוֹן	rī'šōn	the first (position)
רֵאשִׁית	rē'šît	beginning, the first, choicest
רַב	rab	much, many
רֹב	rob	multitude
רַבִּב	rbb	be, become many, much

רבה	rbh	Q. become many Hi. make many
רגל	rāgāl	foot
רדף	rdf	pursue, persecute
רוח	rū ^{ah}	wind, breath, spirit
רום	rûm	be high above, be exalted
רוחב	roḥab	breadth
רחם	rḥm	Pi. have compassion
רחק	rḥq	be far, become far
ריב	rîb	dispute, conduct a (legal) case
ריב	rib	dispute, case of law, lawsuit
רכב	rākāb	vehicle, chariot
רע	ra ^ʿ	bad, evil
רע	re ^{ac}	fellow, companion, friend
רעב	ra ^ʿ ab	hunger, famine
רעה	r ^ʿ h	pasture, tend
רעה	ra ^ʿ ā	evil, misery, trouble
רעע	r ^ʿ ʿ	be bad, do evil
רק	raq	only
רשע	rš ^ʿ	be, become guilty, act wickedly
רשע	rāšā ^ʿ	being wrong, guilty, impious
שדה	śādā	open field
שים	śîm	set, put, put down
שכל	śkl	Hi. understand, have success, prosper
שמאל	ś ^o mō ^ʿ l	the left side, left
שמח	śmḥ	rejoice
שמחה	śimḥa	joy, gladness
שנא	śn ^ʿ /śānē ^ʿ	hate
שפה	śāfā	lip, shore, bank
שר	śar	official, chief, leader

שרף	śrf	burn
ש	šā	relative particle
שאל	š ^ʿ l	ask, inquire
שאול	š ^o ʾl	underworld, realm of dead
שבע/שבעה	šāba ^ʿ /šib ^ʿ ā	seven
שבעים	šib ^ʿ îm	seventy
שבת	šebāt	rod, staff
שבע	šb ^ʿ	Ni. swear
שבר	šbr	break (in pieces)
שבת	šabbat	Sabbath
שוב	šûb	Q. turn back, turn around Hi. bring back
שור	šôr	bull, ox, steer
שחט	šḥṭ	slaughter
שחת	šḥt	Hi. spoil, ruin
שיר	šîr	sing
שיר	šîr	song
שכב	škb	lie down
שכח	škh	forget
שכן	škn	settle down to abide, live in
שלום	šālôm	peace
שלח	šlh	send
שולחן	šulḥān	table
שלה	šlk	Hi. throw
שלם	šlm	intact, complete
שלוש/שלושה	šālōš/š ^o lōšā	three
שלישי	š ^o lišî	the third
שלושים	š ^o lišîm	thirty
שם	šēm	name
שם	šām	there
שמד	šmd	Hi. exterminate, Ni. be

		destroyed, exterminated
שָׁמָּה	šammā	thither, (as far as) there
שָׁמַיִם	šamajim	heaven
שֶׁמֶן	šämān	oil (of olives)
שְׁמוֹנָה / שְׁמוֹנָה	š ^o monā/š ^o monā	eight
שָׁמַע	šm ^ʿ	hear
שָׁמַר	šmr	keep, watch over, retain
שֶׁמֶשׁ	šämāš	sun
שֵׁן	šen	tooth
שָׁנָה	šānā	year
שֵׁנִי	šēnī	the second
שְׁתַּיִם / שְׁנַיִם	š ^o tajim/š ^o najim	two
שַׁעַר	ša ^ʿ ar	gate
שִׁפְחָה	šifhā	maid-servant
שֹׁפֵט	šft	judge
שָׁפַךְ	šfk	pour out
שֶׁקֶל	šäqäl	shekel
שָׁקַר	šäqār	lie, deception
שֵׁשׁ / שֵׁשִׁים	šeš/šišša	six
שָׁתָה	šth	Q. drink, Hi. to water
תְּהוֹם	t ^o hôm	the primaeval ocean
תְּהִלָּה	t ^o hillā	glory, praise
תּוֹךְ	tawāk	the midst
תּוֹעֵבָה	tô ^ʿ ebā	abomination
תּוֹרָה	tôrā	instruction
תַּחַת	taḥat	under, instead of
תָּמִיד	tamīd	continually, regular
תָּמִים	tamîm	complete, blameless
תָּמַם	tmm	be complete
תֵּבַעַב	t ^ʿ b	Pi. be abhorred
תְּפִלָּה	tefillā	prayer

תִּפְסַח	tfš	capture
תְּרוּמָה	t ^o rûmā	tribute, contribution
תֵּשַׁע / תֵּשְׁעָה	těsa ^ʿ /tiš ^ʿ a	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 - תפלה etc.) or groups like the numbers or pronouns.

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