

The lists herein present the terms occurring most often in the Hebrew Bible—more than one hundred times (for specifics see frequency version on [ScriptureWorkshop.com](http://ScriptureWorkshop.com)). Proper nouns are presented elsewhere.

### **What should the user know about the *Vocabulary***

***Builder?*** The first lists are made up of pronouns, prepositions, particles, and the like. The remaining odd number lists present nouns and adjectives (marked as such), and the even verbs. Verb glosses usually refer to Qal root; often noted when term occurs only or primarily in a stem other than Qal. The English glosses are the most common only. In the case of two roots with the same letters a semi-colon divides the definitions. The frequencies are based on BibleWorks, and the English glosses on BibleWorks and *HALOT*.

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## **Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary Builder**

**terms used one hundred times or more**

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one pronouns, prepositions, particles, and the like

ב	1	אֵין	10	אֲשֶׁר	18
ה	2	אֶךְ	11	אֵת	19
ו	3	אֶל	12	אִתָּהּ	20
פ	4	אֶל	13	אִתְּם	21
ל	5	אֵלֶּהָ	14	בֵּין	22
שׁ	6	אִם	15	בְּלִי	23
או	7	אֲנַחְנוּ	16	בְּעַד	24
אז	8	אֲנִי	17	גַּם	25
אַחֲרַי	9				

two pronouns, prepositions, particles, and the like

כִּי	1	כֹּל	9	עוֹד	17
הוּא	2	כֵּן	10	עַד	18
הִיא	3	לֹא	11	עַל	19
הֵן	4	לְמָה	12	עִם	20
הִנֵּה	5	לְמַעַן	13	עִתָּהּ	21
זֹאת	6	מְאֹד	14	תְּוֹךְ	22
זֶה	7	מִן	15	תַּחַת	23
יֵשׁ	8	נָא	16		

one

1	in, at, by, with, against	10	there is/are not	18	who, which, that
2	the	11	surely, howbeit	19	with; definite object marker
3	and, now, or, but	12	to, into, towards	20	you (masc. sing.)
4	like, as, according to, when	13	not, nothing	21	you (masc. pl.)
5	to, for	14	these	22	between
6	who, which, whose, whom	15	if	23	not, except, unless
7	or	16	we	24	away from, behind, about
8	then, at that time	17	I (אֲנִי)	25	even, also, moreover
9	after, behind				

two

1	that, because, for, when	9	all, each, every, any	17	still, yet, again, beside
2	he, it; that	10	thus, so	18	as far as, until; forever
3	she	11	no, not	19	on, upon, above, over
4	they; behold	12	why?	20	with
5	lo! behold!	13	in order that	21	now
6	this, such	14	very, force, abundance	22	midst
7	this, these, such	15	from, out of, more than	23	under, below, instead of
8	there is/are	16	I (we) pray, now		

three nouns (over 597X)

אָב	1	בַּת	10	עֶבֶד	19
אָח	2	דָּבָר	11	עֵינַיִן	20
אָחָד	3	דֶּרֶךְ	12	עִיר	21
אִישׁ	4	יָד	13	עַם	22
אִשָּׁה	5	יוֹם	14	פְּנֵה	23
אֱלֹהִים	6	כַּהֵן	15	רֹאשׁ	24
אָרֶץ	7	לֵב	16	שָׁם	25
בַּיִת	8	מֶלֶךְ	17	שֵׁם	26
בֵּן	9	נֶפֶשׁ	18	שָׁנָה	27

four verbs (over 816X)

אָכַל	1	יָצָא	8	עָשָׂה	14
אָמַר	2	יָשַׁב	9	קָרָא	15
בּוֹא	3	לָקַח	10	רָאָה	16
דִּבֶּר	4	מוֹת	11	שׁוּב	17
הָיָה	5	נָתַן	12	שָׁמַע	18
הֵלַךְ	6	עָלָה	13	שָׁלַח	19
יָדַע	7				

three

1	father, forefather, ancestor	10	daughter; bath	19	slave, servant
2	brother; ah!, alas!; firepot	11	word, matter, thing	20	spring; eye
3	one, another	12	way, road, journey, manner	21	city, town
4	human, each, humankind	13	hand	22	people, nation, tribe
5	woman, wife, female	14	day, time	23	front, face, surface
6	God, gods	15	priest	24	head
7	earth, land, ground	16	heart, inner person, will	25	there, thither
8	house, dwelling-place	17	king, ruler, prince	26	name
9	son, descendant	18	soul, living being, neck	27	year

four

1	eat	8	go out	14	do, make
2	say	9	sit, dwell	15	call; meet, encounter
3	come (Q); bring (Hif)	10	take	16	see
4	speak (Piel)	11	die	17	turn, return
5	be, become, is	12	give, set	18	listen, hear
6	walk, go	13	go up (Q); bring up, offer (Hif)	19	send
7	know				

five nouns (580-378X)

אָדָם	1	טוֹב	10	עוֹלָם	19
אֶלֶף	2	יָם	11	פֶּה	20
אֵף	3	כֹּה	12	צָבָא	21
גְּדוֹל	4	כֶּסֶף	13	קָדָשׁ	22
גּוֹי	5	מֵאָה	14	קוֹל	23
הֵם	6	מִזְבֵּחַ	15	רַב	24
הָר	7	מַיִם	16	רוֹחַ	25
זָהָב	8	מָקוֹם	17	שֵׁר	26
חָרֶב	9	מִשְׁפָּט	18	שָׁמַיִם	27

five

1	Adam; human, humankind	10	good, pleasant (adj)	19	for ever, antiquity
2	thousand; cattle, ox	11	sea	20	mouth
3	yea; nostril, nose, anger	12	here, now, thus	21	army, war, warfare
4	great (adj)	13	silver, money	22	apartness, sacredness
5	nation, people	14	hundred	23	sound, voice
6	they, these, the same	15	altar	24	much, many, great (adj)
7	mountain, hill	16	waters, water	25	breath, wind, spirit
8	gold	17	standing place, place	26	chief, ruler, official, prince
9	sword	18	judgment	27	heaven, sky

six verbs (656-322X)

בָּנָה	1	מִצָּא	7	עָמַד	13
בָּרַךְ	2	נָגַד	8	עָנָה	14
יָלַד	3	נָכַה	9	צָוָה	15
יָרָא	4	נָפַל	10	קָוִים	16
יָרַד	5	נָשָׂא	11	שָׂיִם	17
מָלַךְ	6	עָבַר	12	שָׁמַר	18

six

1	build	7	find	13	stand
2	bless, kneel	8	(Hif) declare, tell (הִגִּיד)	14	answer; be afflicted
3	beget (Hif); bear (Q)	9	smite, strike (Hif)	15	command
4	fear	10	fall	16	arise, stand
5	go down	11	lift, carry	17	put, set
6	be king, rule, reign	12	pass over	18	keep, watch

## seven nouns (376-270X)

אָבֵן	1	חַטָּאת	9	סָבִיב	17
אָדוֹן	2	כָּלִי	10	עֲלָה	18
אֹהֶל	3	לֶחֶם	11	עֵץ	19
אֵשׁ	4	מִדְבָּר	12	עֵת	20
בְּרִית	5	מִלְחָמָה	13	צֵאן	21
בָּשָׂר	6	מִשְׁפָּחָה	14	רְעָה	22
דָּם	7	נֶאֱמַר	15	שָׂדֵה	23
חֹדֶשׁ	8	נָבִיא	16	שַׁעַר	24

## eight verbs (303-216X)

אִיב	1	יָרַשׁ	7	עָבַד	13
בִּקֵּשׁ	2	כּוֹן	8	עָזַב	14
זָכַר	3	כָּרַת	9	פָּקַד	15
חִזַּק	4	כָּתַב	10	קָרַב	16
חָטָא	5	מָלֵא	11	רָבָה	17
חִיָּה	6	סוּר	12	שָׁתָה	18

## nine nouns (263-220X)

אֲדָמָה	1	חֵי	9	נֶחְלָה	17
אֶחָד	2	חֵיל	10	נֶעַר	18
אֵל	3	חֶסֶד	11	עָוֹן	19
אִם	4	לֵבָב	12	קָרַב	20
אִמָּה	5	לֵילָה	13	רֶגֶל	21
בֵּד	6	מִטָּה	14	רָשַׁע	22
גְּבוּל	7	מוֹעֵד	15	שָׁלוֹם	23
זָרַע	8	מַעֲשֵׂה	16	תּוֹרָה	24

## seven

1	stone	9	sin, sin offering	17	circuit, round about
2	lord, master	10	utensil, vessel	18	burnt offering; ascent
3	tent	11	bread, food	19	tree, trees, wood
4	fire	12	wilderness; mouth	20	time
5	covenant	13	battle, war	21	flock, sheep
6	flesh	14	clan, family	22	evil, misery
7	blood	15	utterance	23	field, land
8	new moon, month	16	prophet	24	gate; measure

## eight

1	be hostile to	7	possess, inherit	13	work, serve
2	seek (Piel, בִּקֵּשׁ)	8	fix, establish	14	leave, abandon
3	remember	9	cut, destroy	15	attend, visit (Q); appoint (Piel/Hif)
4	be strong	10	write	16	approach (Q); bring near (Hif)
5	sin (Q); cause to sin (Hif); purify (Piel)	11	be full, fill, fulfill	17	be many, great
6	live	12	turn aside	18	drink

## nine

1	ground, land	9	alive, living (adj)	17	possession, inheritance
2	one, same, each	10	strength, wealth, army	18	boy, lad, youth; shaking
3	God, god	11	goodness, kindness	19	guilt, punishment
4	mother	12	heart, will	20	inward part, midst
5	cubit	13	night	21	foot
6	separation; white linen; empty, idle talk	14	staff, scepter, branch, tribe	22	wicked, guilty (adj)
7	border, territory	15	appointed time, place	23	complete, welfare
8	seed, offspring	16	deed, work	24	teaching, instruction

## ten verbs (215-173X)

אבד	1	יִסַּף	7	רום	13
אהב	2	יִשַׁע	8	רעה	14
אסף	3	כִּלָּה	9	שאל	15
גלה	4	לָחַם	10	שבע	16
הִשְׁתַּחֲוָה	5	נָטָה	11	שכב	17
יכל	6	נָצַל	12	שפט	18

## eleven nouns (217-175X)

אֶזְרָא	1	חֲצִיר	9	סֵפֶר	17
אֵיל	2	כְּבוֹד	10	עֵדָה	18
אֶרֶץ	3	כַּף	11	צִדִּיק	19
בְּגָד	4	מִחְנָה	12	רַע	20
בְּהֵמָה	5	מִלְאָךְ	13	רֵאשׁוֹן	21
בָּקָר	6	מִלְדָּה	14	שָׁפָה	22
בָּקָר	7	מִנְחָה	15	שָׁבֹט	23
זָקוֹן	8	מִצְוָה	16	שָׁמוֹן	24

## twelve verbs (172-144X)

בחר	1	טָמֵא	7	פתח	13
בין	2	כִּסָּה	8	קדש	14
דרש	3	נָגַע	9	שמח	15
הלל	4	נִוַּס	10	שנא	16
הרג	5	נָסַע	11	שבר	17
חנה	6	סָבַב	12	שחת	18

## ten

1	perish (Q); destroy (Piel/Hf)	7	add, increase	13	be high
2	love	8	deliver, save (Hif)	14	pasture, tend
3	gather; assemble	9	complete, finish, spent	15	ask, borrow
4	uncover, reveal	10	fight, battle (Nif)	16	swear (Nif)
5	bow down [stem unclear]	11	stretch, incline	17	lay
6	be able	12	snatch, deliver (Hf)	18	judge

## eleven

1	ear	9	enclosure, courtyard; village	17	document, writing, book
2	leader, chief; ram; mighty tree	10	abundance, honor, glory	18	witness; congregation
3	chest, ark	11	flat of the hand, palm, sole	19	just, righteous (adj)
4	garment; treachery	12	encampment, camp	20	friend; shouting; purpose
5	beast, animal, cattle	13	messenger, angel	21	former, first (adj)
6	cattle, herd, ox	14	king	22	lip, speech, edge
7	morning	15	gift, tribute, offering	23	rod, staff, club, scepter, tribe
8	old (of persons) (adj)	16	commandment	24	fat, oil

## twelve

1	choose	7	become unclean	13	open
2	discern, understand	8	conceal; cover	14	be set apart
3	seek, resort to	9	touch, strike	15	rejoice
4	praise (Piel); be boastful (Q)	10	flee, escape	16	hate
5	kill	11	pull up, set out	17	break; buy grain
6	decline, encamp	12	surround	18	spoil, ruin (Piel/Hif)

thirteen	nouns (174-138X)		
	אָחֵר 1	חֻכְמָה 9	נַחַל 17
	בַּעַל 2	יַיִן 10	נַחֲשֵׁת 18
	גְבוּר 3	יָמִין 11	סוּס 19
	דּוֹר 4	מּוֹת 12	פֶּתַח 20
	זֶבַח 5	מְלֶאכָה 13	עֲבוּדָה 21
	חוּץ 6	מַעַל 14	צְדָקָה 22
	חַיִּים 7	מִשְׁכָּן 15	צָפוֹן 23
	חֻכָּם 8	נָגַד 16	רֵב 24

fourteen	verbs (143-118X)		
	בוּשׁ 1	לָכַד 7	קָבַר 13
	בִּטַח 2	נָגַשׁ 8	רָדַף 14
	גָּדַל 3	נֹחַ 9	שָׂרַף 15
	זָבַח 4	נָשִׂיא 10	שָׂאֵר 16
	חָלַל 5	פָּנָה 11	שָׁכַן 17
	חָשַׁב 6	קָבַץ 12	שָׁלַךְ 18

fifteen	nouns (136-117X)		
	אוֹר 1	כַּחַ 9	פֶּן 17
	אַמֶּת 2	כֶּסֶּא 10	פַּעַם 18
	בְּכוֹר 3	לָשׁוֹן 11	פֶּר 19
	חוֹמָה 4	מַמְלָכָה 12	פְּרִי 20
	חֻמָּה 5	מִסְפָּר 13	צָדֵק 21
	חֻצֵי 6	נָהַר 14	קָהַל 22
	חֵק 7	עֶצֶם 15	רֶכֶב 23
	יִשָּׂר 8	עָרַב 16	שָׁמֶשׁ 24

thirteen					
1	other, another (adj)	9	wisdom	17	torrent, torrent-valley, wadi
2	owner, lord; Baal	10	wine	18	copper, bronze
3	strong, mighty (adj)	11	right hand	19	horse
4	generation, period, dwelling	12	death	20	opening, doorway, entrance
5	sacrifice	13	occupation, work	21	labor, service
6	outside, street	14	unfaithful or treacherous act	22	righteousness
7	life	15	dwelling place, tabernacle	23	north
8	wise (adj)	16	in front of, opposite	24	multitude, abundance

fourteen					
1	be ashamed	7	capture	13	bury
2	trust	8	draw near	14	pursue
3	be great, grow	9	rest	15	burn
4	slaughter; sacrifice	10	rising mist; one lifted up	16	remain
5	pollute, profane; begin	11	turn	17	settle, dwell
6	think, devise, scheme	12	gather, collect	18	throw, cast (Hif)

fifteen					
1	light	9	strength, power	17	lest, not
2	truth, faithfulness	10	throne, seat of honor	18	foot, anvil, pace, occurrence
3	first-born	11	tongue	19	young bull, steer
4	wall	12	kingdom, dominion	20	fruit
5	heat, rage	13	number, quantity	21	rightness
6	half	14	stream, river	22	assembly
7	statute	15	bone, substance	23	chariot, millstone
8	straight, right (adj)	16	evening	24	sun

sixteen verbs (117-100X)

אמן	1	כבד	7	קטר	13
בכה	2	כפר	8	רוץ	14
גאל	3	לבש	9	רעע	15
ידה	4	נבא	10	שכח	16
יטב	5	נחם	11	שלם	17
יתר	6	ספר	12	שפך	18

seventeen nouns (117-100X)

אחות	1	כַּנָּף	9	רֶחֶב	17
בָּמָה	2	מִגְרָשׁ	10	רָעַב	18
גְּבֻעָה	3	מְעֵט	11	רֶק	19
חֵיָה	4	מְרֵאָה	12	קְדוּשׁ	20
חִמּוֹר	5	נֶגֶב	13	שֶׁבֶת	21
חֻקָּה	6	עִמּוֹד	14	שֶׁקֶר	22
יָתֵר	7	עֶפְרָיִם	15	תּוֹעֵבָה	23
כֶּבֶשׂ	8	צֶר	16	תְּמִיד	24

Numbers

אחת	שש	מאה
שתיים	שבע	אלף
שלוש	שמונה	
ארבע	תשע	
חמש	עשר	

sixteen

1	be firm (Nif); believe (Hif)	7	be heavy (Q); make heavy (Hf); honor (P)	13	make sacrifices
2	weep	8	cover, atone	14	run
3	redeem; pollute	9	put on, clothe	15	be bad; break
4	praise (Hif)	10	prophecy	16	forget
5	be good	11	be sorry (Nf); comfort (Piel)	17	complete (Q/Hif); repay (P); be at peace
6	be left, remain (Nf)	12	count (Q); recount (Piel)	18	pour out

seventeen

1	sister	9	wing, extremity	17	breadth, width
2	high place	10	common land, open land	18	famine, hunger
3	hill	11	little, few	19	thin, only, altogether, surely
4	living thing, animal	12	sight, appearance, vision	20	sacred, holy (adj)
5	donkey	13	south country, Negev, south	21	sabbath
6	statute	14	pillar, column	22	deception, falsehood
7	cord; remainder, excess	15	dry earth, dust	23	abomination
8	lamb	16	narrow; flint; distress; foe	24	continuity

(f) one	(f) six	hundred
(f) two	(f) seven	thousand
(f) three	(f) eight	
(f) four	(f) nine	
(f) five	(f) ten	