

The lists herein present terms occurring frequently in the Hebrew Bible—between ninety-nine and fifty times (for specifics see frequency version of these lists on ScriptureWorkshop.com). Proper nouns are presented elsewhere.

What should the user know about the *Vocabulary Builder*? The first list is 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.

How does the *Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary Builder* fit with other such works? The minimalist approach here provides portability. Hebrew and English are on facing pages for ease of vocabulary review and acquisition (like Watts). The lists are short so they may be used as memory assignments; the verb and noun lists alternate, as noted below, to eliminate the need to flip back and forth (unlike Watts). The frequencies are based on BibleWorks, and the English glosses on BibleWorks and *HALOT*.

For other approaches to vocabulary lists see Harper, Pratico & Van Pelt, Landes, and Watts.

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Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary Builder II

terms used ninety-nine to fifty times

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eighteen pronouns, prepositions, particles, and the like

יען	1	את	6	כִּכָּה	11
אֲחֵר	2	טָרָם	7	הִנָּה	12
יַחְדּוֹ	3	עִמּוֹד	8	אֲצֵל	13
בֵּל	4	אִי	9	מּוֹל	14
אַחֲרֵית	5	קִדָּם	10	עִמָּה	15

eighteen

1	on account of, because	6	you (fs)	11	thus
2	after, behind	7	not yet, before that	12	they, there
3	together	8	at, with	13	beside, by, near
4	not	9	not; alas!; jackal; coast, region	14	front, opposite, in front of
5	the after-part, end	10	before	15	Ummah; close by, side by side with

nineteen nouns (99-83X)

עוֹר	1	פֶּשַׁע	10	עֵצָה	19
אֱלֹה	2	גֵּר	11	טָמֵא	20
אֲרָךְ	3	כָּרָם	12	עָנָן	21
טָהוֹר	4	קִצֵּה	13	שֶׁקֶל	22
חָלָל	5	תָּמִים	14	דֶּלֶת	23
שְׂמֻחָה	6	זְרוּעַ	15	שָׁלֵם	24
חֵלֶב	7	מִלְכוּת	16	פֶּאֶה	25
כְּרוּב	8	דַּעַת	17	רְחוּק	26
עֵז	9	יֶלֶד	18	הַמּוֹן	27

nineteen

1	skin	10	transgression	19	counsel, advice; trees
2	God, god	11	sojourner	20	unclean
3	length	12	vineyard	21	clouds, clouds
4	clean, pure (adj)	13	end, extremity	22	shekel (measure of weight)
5	profaned; pierced	14	complete, whole, perfect (adj)	23	door
6	joy, gladness, delight	15	arm, shoulder, strength	24	sacrifice for friendship, peace offering
7	fat	16	royalty, reign, kingdom	25	corner, side
8	cherub	17	knowledge	26	distant, far (adj)
9	strength (adj)	18	child, son, boy, youth	27	sound, murmur, roar, crowd

twenty	verbs (98-84X)	
גור	1	בער 7
משל	2	טהר 8
שבע	3	חרה 9
שרת	4	סגר 10
הפך	5	שמם 11
מלט	6	שמד 12
		שיר 13
		למד 14
		עור 15
		שחט 16
		לון 17
		מהר 18

twenty	1	sojourn; stir up, quarrel; dread	7	burn	13	sing
	2	to rule; use a proverb	8	be clean, pure	14	learn (Q); teach (piel)
	3	be satisfied	9	angry, burn	15	raise (cry); exult, rouse
	4	minister, serve (Piel)	10	shut; deliver	16	slaughter
	5	turn, overturn	11	ravage (Hif), be desolate (Q/Nif)	17	lodge, remain
	6	escape	12	exterminate	18	be hurried (Nif); hasten (Piel); exchange, buy (Q)

twenty-one	nouns (82-74X)	
זָכָר	1	שׁוֹר 10
פֶּה	2	יְשׁוּעָה 11
הֶבֶל	3	מִשְׁמֶרֶת 12
צוּר	4	נִגְעָה 13
הַיְכָל	5	גֹּזֶל 14
חֶשֶׁךְ	6	עֲנִי 15
קָרְבָן	7	קִיר 16
אוֹצָר	8	קָרוֹב 17
אוֹת	9	שִׁיר 18
		תְּפִלָּה 19
		בְּרִזָּל 20
		מִקְנֵה 21
		קֶשֶׁת 22
		תְּרוּמָה 23
		כְּסִיל 24
		מִקְדָּשׁ 25
		קֶרֶן 26
		מִזְרָח 27

twenty-one	1	male	10	head of cattle (bull, ox, etc.)	19	prayer
	2	here	11	salvation	20	iron
	3	vapor, breath	12	guard, watch, charge	21	cattle
	4	rock, cliff	13	stroke, plague, mark	22	bow
	5	palace, temple	14	lot (for casting)	23	contribution, offering
	6	darkness	15	poor, afflicted, humble	24	stupid fellow, fool
	7	offering, gift	16	wall	25	sacred place, sanctuary
	8	treasure, storehouse	17	near (adj)	26	horn
	9	sign	18	song	27	place of sunrise, east

twenty-two	verbs (84-74X)		
פלל	1	עזר	7
קנה	2	יעץ	8
שית	3	מכר	9
צפה	4	רכב	10
קלל	5	חנן	11
סתר	6	מאס	12
		חלה	13
		חפץ	14
		ירה	15
		ערך	16
		חרש	17
		נצב	18

twenty-three	nouns (74-66X)		
סָלָה	1	בְּרָכָה	10
עֵז	2	שׁוֹפָר	11
קָטָן	3	עוֹף	12
אָוֶן	4	צָרָה	13
אֲרֹז	5	שְׁלֶחָן	14
בֶּטֶן	6	זָר	15
חֲרָפָה	7	חֵן	16
כְּנַעֲנִי	8	אֱלוֹף	17
שָׁלַל	9	חֶלֶק	18
		עֵד	19
		קָדִים	20
		כֶּכֶר	21
		מִשָּׂא	22
		כַּתֵּף	23
		נִעְרָה	24
		קֵבֶר	25
		קִץ	26
		אֲחִזָּה	27

twenty-two			
1	mediate, judge (Piel); pray (Hith)	7	help, aid
2	get, buy	8	advise, counsel
3	put, set	9	sell
4	keep watch	10	mount, ride
5	curse; make light	11	show favor
6	hide	12	reject, refuse
		13	be weak, sick
		14	delight in
		15	throw, shoot
		16	set in order (Q); value, tax (Hif)
		17	be silent, deaf; engrave, plough
		18	stand (Nif); cause to stand (Hif)

twenty-three			
1	lift up voice, or pause ¹	10	blessing
2	female goat	11	horn (for blowing)
3	small, insignificant (adj)	12	flying creatures
4	trouble, sorrow, wickedness	13	straits, distress
5	cedar	14	table
6	belly, body, womb	15	strange, peculiar
7	reproach	16	favor, grace
8	trader, merchant; Canaanite	17	chief
9	prey, spoil, plunder	18	smoothness; portion
		19	witness
		20	east, east wind
		21	round (district, loaf, weight, etc.)
		22	utterance, oracle burden
		23	shoulder, side
		24	girl, maiden
		25	grave
		26	end
		27	possession

¹ סָלָה uncertain, possibly *raising the voice to a higher pitch*; may be abbreviation for *סִימָן לְשִׁנוֹת הַקּוֹל* *sign to change the voice*, or, *סֵב לְמַעַלָּה* *always pause*; may indicate interruption or change in rendering (*HALOT*).

twenty-four

verbs (72-65X)

זעק	1	נבט	7	ברח	13
רחץ	2	ריב	8	חלק	14
אסר	3	תקע	9	נצח	15
משח	4	פרש	10	צלח	16
שבת	5	רפא	11	שכם	17
פלא	6	אחז	12	תפש	18

twenty-four

1	call, cry out	7	look (Piel); look, regard(Hif)	13	flee
2	wash, bathe	8	strive, contend	14	divide, share; smooth
3	tie, bind	9	thrust, clap	15	be enduring (Nif); act as director (Pi)
4	smear, anoint	10	spread out	16	prosper
5	cease (Q); destroy, remove (Hif)	11	heal	17	rise early (Hif)
6	be difficult (Nif); do in a surprising (strange) way (Hif)	12	grasp	18	seize, grasp

twenty-five

nouns (66-58X)

שְׂאֵרִית	1	מִיָּן	10	עֲרוֹת	19
אִשָּׁה	2	שִׁפְחָה	11	קָדָם	20
בוֹר	3	חַג	12	חֲמָס	21
חֵלוֹם	4	קָנָה	13	נָדָר	22
יָאֵר	5	רִיב	14	קְטָרֶת	23
עֵמֶק	6	אֲבִיוֹן	15	שָׁעִיר	24
עֲרָבָה	7	גְּבוּרָה	16	בְּלִי	25
שְׂאוּל	8	דּוֹד	17	יַעַר	26
נֶסֶךְ	9	מִלָּא	18	אֵלוֹהִים	27

twenty-five

1	rest, remnant	10	shield	19	testimony
2	offering made by fire	11	maid, maidservant	20	front, east, formerly
3	pit, cistern, well	12	festival gathering, feast	21	violence, wrong
4	dream	13	stalk, reed	22	vow
5	stream (of the Nile)	14	strife, dispute	23	smoke, odor of sacrifice, incense
6	valley	15	in want, needy, poor	24	male goat, buck
7	steppe or desert plain	16	strength, might	25	wearing out
8	underworld, grave	17	beloved, love, uncle	26	wood, forest, thicket; honeycomb
9	molten image; drink offering	18	full	27	God, god

twenty-six

verbs (64-58X)

פּוֹץ	1	צָרַר	8
אָרַר	2	שָׁקָה	9
דָּרַךְ	3	תָּמַם	10
יָרָא	4	נָצַר	11
כָּשַׁל	5	זָנָה	12
קָרַע	6	פָּדָה	13
יָצַר	7	שָׁכַל	14

twenty-seven

nouns (58-54X)

אֲרֵחַ	1	אֲמָה	9
רֵיחַ	2	מִדָּה	10
אֶרֶן	3	מַחְשָׁבָה	11
חֶזֶק	4	מִצָּה	12
מְזֻמּוֹר	5	רְצוֹן	13
מַלְכוּ	6	שְׂמֹמָה	14
פָּרָשׁ	7	נֶשֶׁן	15
תְּהִלָּה	8	אֶלְמָנָה	16

twenty-six

1	be scattered	8	bind, be cramped	15	be dry
2	curse	9	give to drink (Hif)	16	inherit
3	tread, march	10	be finished	17	be distant
4	fear	11	watch, guard	18	cease
5	stumble, totter	12	act a harlot	19	plant
6	tear	13	ransom	20	do, make
7	form	14	be prudent (Q); look at, prosper (Hif); lay crosswise (Piel)	21	decide, reprove (Hif); be punished (Hif); argue (Nif/Hith)

twenty-seven

1	way, path	9	maid, handmaid	17	vine
2	smell, scent, odor	10	tribute; measure	18	heavy; liver
3	base, pedestal	11	thought, device	19	trouble, labor, toil
4	strong, stout, mighty (adj)	12	unleavened bread or cake; strife	20	camel
5	melody	13	goodwill, favor, acceptance	21	honey
6	royalty, reign, kingdom	14	devastation, waste	22	curtain
7	horseman; horse	15	tooth, ivory	23	height
8	praise, song of praise	16	widow	24	secretary, scribe

twenty-eight	verbs (58-50X)	
שָׁדַד	1	אָבָה 8
זָרַע	2	בָּרָא 9
רָצָה	3	כָּעַס 10
דָּבַק	4	נָדַח 11
חָזָה	5	רָנַן 12
חָתַת	6	חָרַם 13
צָעַק	7	יָצַק 14
		מָדַד 15
		בָּקַע 16
		כָּבַס 17
		פָּרַר 18
		חִיל 19
		נָשַׁג 20
		תָּעָה 21

twenty-nine	nouns (54-50X)	
עֲרוּהָ	1	סֶלֶת 9
קִצִּיר	2	עֲלִיּוֹן 10
שְׂמָאל	3	צֵל 11
שֶׁבֶר	4	רְחֹב 12
חֲדָשׁ	5	שׂוּא 13
חֵץ	6	חֶבֶל 14
יוֹמָם	7	יְאֻשִׁיהוּ 15
מְדִינָה	8	יוֹנָה 16
		מָחָר 17
		עֵבוֹר 18
		קֶרֶשׁ 19
		רְאשִׁית 20
		אֶפֶד 21
		בְּתוּלָה 22
		מוֹסָר 23
		פָּחַד 24

twenty-eight			
1	destroy, oppress	8	be willing
2	produce seed (Hif); sow (Q)	9	create
3	pay off (Hif); be pleased	10	be angry, vexed;
4	cling	11	impel, banish
5	see	12	shout
6	be shattered; be dismayed	13	ban, destroy (Hif)
7	cry out	14	pour out, cast
		15	measure (Poel)
		16	rip open; break into
		17	tread (Q); wash (Piel)
		18	break, frustrate
		19	dance, writhe
		20	reach, overtake (Hif)
		21	wander, err

twenty-nine			
1	nakedness	9	fine flour
2	harvest; boughs, branches	10	high, upper
3	the left hand, side	11	shadow
4	corn, grain; breaking, fracture	12	broad open place, plaza
5	new (adj)	13	emptiness, vanity
6	arrow	14	cord, territory; destruction
7	daytime, by day	15	buttress
8	district, province	16	dove; Jonah
		17	tomorrow, in time to come
		18	produce
		19	board, boards
		20	beginning, chief
		21	ephod
		22	virgin
		23	discipline, correction
		24	thigh; dread

the verb

pronouns		pronominal suffixes for sing nouns		perfect	imperfect	imperative		
1cs	אֲנִי אַנְכִי	1cs	י	1cp	נוֹ	קַטְל	קַטְל	קַטְל
2ms	אַתָּה	2ms	ךָ	2mp	כֶּם	קַטְלָה	תִּקְטַל	קַטְלִי
2fs	אַתְּ	2fs	ךְ	2fp	כֶּן	קַטְלְתֶּה	תִּקְטַלְתְּ	קַטְלוּ
3ms	הוא	3ms	וֹ	3mp	ם	קַטְלְתֶּם	תִּקְטַלְתֶּם	קַטְלְנָה
3fs	היא	3fs	הָ	3fp	ן	קַטְלְתֶּן	תִּקְטַלְתֶּן	קַטְלְנָה
		pronominal suffixes for plur nouns		קַטְלְתִּי	אֶקְטַל	participle		
1cp	אֲנַחְנוּ	1cs	י	1cp	ינוּ	קַטְל		
2mp	אַתֶּם	2ms	יְכָ	2mp	יְכֶם	קַטְלוּ		
2fs	אַתְנָה אַתֶּן	2fs	יְכְ	2fp	יְכֶן	קַטְלְתֶּם	קַטְלְנָה	קַטְלִים
3mp	הֵם הֵמָּה	3ms	יוּ	3mp	יְהֶם	קַטְלְתֶּן	תִּקְטַלְוּ	קַטְלָה
3fp	הֵן הֵמָּה	3fs	יְהָ	3fp	יְהֶן	קַטְלְנוּ	תִּקְטַלְנָה	קַטְלוֹת
							קַטְל (inf-c)	
							קַטּוּל (inf-a)	

demonstratives

near

ms זֶה *this*; fs זאת *this*; cp אֵלֶּה *these*

far

ms הוּא *that* (he, it); fs הִיא *that* (she)

mp הֵמָּה (הֵם) *those* (they); fp הֵמָּה (הֵן) *those* (they)

numbers

אַחַת

שֵׁשׁ

מֵאָה

שְׁתַּיִם

שִׁבְעַ

אֶלֶף

שְׁלֹשׁ

שְׁמֹנֶה

אַרְבַּע

תְּשַׁע

חֲמִישׁ

עֶשֶׂר