

Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary Builder

terms used one hundred times or more

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The lists herein present the terms occurring most often in the Hebrew Bible—more than one hundred 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 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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one	pronouns, prepositions, particles	אל	13	not, nothing
ב	1 in, at, by, with, against	אלה	14	these
ו	2 and, now, or, but	אם	15	if
ה	3 the	אנחנו	16	we
כ	4 like, as, according to, when	אני	17	I (אֲנִי 359X)
ל	5 to, for	אשר	18	who, which, that
ש	6 who, which, whose, whom	את	19	with; definite object marker
או	7 or	אתה	20	you (masc. sing.)
אז	8 then, at that time	אתם	21	you (masc. pl.)
אחרי	9 after, behind	בין	22	between
אין	10 there is/are not	בלתי	23	not, except
אך	11 surely, howbeit	בעד	24	away from, behind, about
אל	12 to, into, towards	גם	25	even, also, moreover

two pronouns, prepositions, particles

תַּחַת	1	under, below, instead of
הוא	2	he, it; that
היא	3	she
הן	4	they; behold
הִנֵּה	5	lo! behold!
זאת	6	this, such
זה	7	this, these, such
יש	8	there is/are
כי	9	that, because, for, when
כל	10	all, each, every, any
כֵּן	11	thus, so
לא	12	no, not
לְמָה	13	what?
לְמַעַן	14	in order that
מְאֹד	15	very, force, abundance
מִן	16	from, out of, more than
נָא	17	I (we) pray, now
עוֹד	18	still, yet, again, beside
עַד	19	as far as, until; forever
עַל	20	on, upon, above, over
עִם	21	with
עַתָּה	22	now
תּוֹךְ	23	midst

three nouns

בֵּן	son, descendant	4932
אֱלֹהִים	God, gods	2600
מֶלֶךְ	king, ruler, prince	2528
אָרֶץ	earth, land, ground	2504
יוֹם	day, time	2300
אִישׁ	human, each, humankind	2185
פָּנָה	front, face, surface	2126
בַּיִת	house, dwelling-place	2050
עַם	people, nation, tribe	1867
יָד	hand	1617
דְּבָר	word, matter, thing	1442
אָב	father, ancestor	1210
עִיר	city, town	1092
עַיִן	spring; eye	890
שֵׁם	name	881
שָׁנָה	year	875
שָׁם	there	834
עֶבֶד	slave, servant	806
אִשָּׁה	woman, wife, female	781
נַפְשׁ	soul, living being, neck	754
כֹּהֵן	priest	750
אֶחָד	one, another	710
דֶּרֶךְ	way, road, journey, manner	706
אָח	brother; ah!, alas!; firepot	632
רֹאשׁ	head	612
לֵב	heart, inner person, will	600
בַּת	daughter; bath	597

four verbs

אמר	say	5309
היה	be, become, is	3561
עשה	do, make	2629
בוא	come (Q); bring (Hif)	2568
נתן	give, set	2010
הלך	walk, go	1547
ראה	see	1302
שמע	listen, hear	1159
דבר	speak (Piel)	1142
ישב	sit, dwell	1077
יצא	go out	1068
שוב	turn, return	1059
לקח	take	966
ידע	know	948
עלה	go up (Q); bring up, offer (Hif)	889
קרא	call; meet, encounter	871
שלח	send	847
מות	die	842
אכל	eat	816

five nouns

מאה	hundred	580
מים	waters, water	580
כה	here, now, thus	576
אדם	human, humankind; Adam	562
הם	they, these, the same	562
הר	mountain, hill	558
גוי	nation, people	554
טוב	good, pleasant (adj)	539
גדול	great (adj)	523
אלף	thousand; cattle, ox	513
קול	sound, voice	505
פה	mouth	497
צבא	army, war, warfare	485
קדש	apartness, sacredness	469
רב	much, many, great (adj)	452
אדני	Lord	439
עולם	for ever, antiquity	439
משפט	judgment	421
שר	chief, ruler, official, prince	421
שמים	heaven, sky	421
חרב	sword	412
אף	yea; nostril, nose, anger	410
כסף	silver, money	403
מזבח	altar	401
מקום	standing place, place	401
ים	sea	396
זהב	gold	389
רוח	breath, wind, spirit	378

six	verbs	
	נשא	lift, carry 656
	קום	arise, stand 627
	שים	put, set 584
	עבר	pass over 555
	עמד	stand 522
	נכה	smite, strike (Hif) 500
	ילד	beget, sire (Hif); bear (Q) 495
	צוה	command 493
	שמר	keep, watch 468
	מצא	find 455
	נפל	fall 434
	ענה	answer; be afflicted 413
	ירד	go down 380
	בנה	build 375
	נגד	(Hif) declare, tell (הגיד) 370
	מלך	be king, rule, reign 348
	ברך	bless, kneel 330
	ירא	fear 322

seven	nouns	
	אש	fire 376
	נאם	utterance 376
	שער	gate; measure 373
	דם	blood 360
	רעה	evil, misery 354
	אהל	tent 346
	סביב	circuit, round about 336
	אדון	lord, master 334
	עץ	tree, trees, wood 329
	שדה	field, land 328
	כלי	article, utensil, vessel 325
	מלחמה	battle, war 319
	נביא	prophet, spokesperson 316
	משפחה	clan, family 303
	לחם	bread, food 297
	עת	time 296
	חטאת	sin, sin offering 293
	עלה	whole burnt offering; ascent 287
	ברית	covenant 284
	חדש	new moon, month 284
	פרעה	Pharaoh 274
	צאן	flock, sheep 274
	אבן	stone 271
	בשר	flesh 270
	מדבר	wilderness; mouth 270

eight verbs

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סור	turn aside	298
חזק	be strong	290
עבד	work, serve	289
כרת	cut, destroy	288
איב	be hostile to	283
חיה	live	280
קרב	approach (Q); bring near (Hif)	280
מלא	be full, fill, fulfill	252
חטא	sin (Q); cause to sin (Hif); purify (Piel)	238
זכר	remember	232
ירש	possess, inherit	231
בקש	seek (בִּקֵּשׁ)	225
רבה	be many, great	225
כתב	write	223
כּוּן	fix, establish	218
שתה	drink	217
עזב	leave, abandon	216

nine nouns

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אֶחָד	one, same, each	260
חַי	alive, living (adj)	255
לֵבָב	heart, inner person, will	252
מִטָּה	staff, scepter, branch, tribe	252
אַמָּה	cubit	250
אֵל	God, god	249
חֶסֶד	goodness, kindness	248
רֶגֶל	foot	245
חֵיל	strength, wealth, army	243
גְּבוּל	border, boundary, territory	241
נֶעַר	boy, lad, youth; shaking	240
שְׁלוֹם	complete, welfare, peace	237
מַעֲשֵׂה	deed, work	235
לַיְלָה	night	232
עוֹן	iniquity, guilt, punishment	232
בַּד	separation; white linen; empty, idle talk	231
זֶרַע	sowing, seed, offspring	229
קֶרֶב	inward part, midst	227
אֲדָמָה	ground, land	226
נַחֲלָה	possession, inheritance	224
מוֹעֵד	appointed time, place	223
אִם	mother	220
תּוֹרָה	teaching, instruction	220

ten verbs

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נטה	stretch, incline	214
נצל	snatch, deliver (Hif)	213
יסף	add, increase	212
שכב	lay	208
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שפט	judge	203
אסף	gather; assemble	200
רום	be high	193
יכל	be able	192
גלה	uncover, reveal	187
שבע	swear (Nif)	186
אבד	perish (Q); destroy (Piel/Hf)	184
לחם	fight, battle (Nif)	177
השתחוה	bow down [stem unclear]	176
רעה	pasture, tend	175
שאל	ask, borrow	173

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בגד	garment; treachery	217
מחנה	encampment, camp	215
בקר	morning	214
מלאך	messenger, angel	213
מנחה	gift, tribute, offering	211
צדיק	just, righteous (adj)	206
ארון	chest, ark	202
כבוד	abundance, honor, glory	200
כף	flat of the hand, palm, sole	193
שמן	fat, oil	193
רע	friend; shouting; purpose	191
בהמה	beast, animal, cattle	190
חצר	enclosure, courtyard; village	190
שֵׁבֶט	rod, staff, club, scepter, tribe	190
אָזן	ear	187
איל	leader, chief; ram; mighty tree	186
ספר	document, writing, book	185
בקר	cattle, herd, ox	183
ראשון	former, first (adj)	182
מצוה	commandment	181
מלך	king	180
זקן	old (of persons only) (adj)	179
שפה	lip, speech, edge	176
עדה	witness; congregation	175

twelve verbs

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בין	discern, understand	169
שבר	break; buy grain	168
הרג	kill	167
הלל	praise (Piel); be boastful (Q)	165
דרש	seek, resort to	164
טמא	become unclean	162
סבב	surround	162
נוס	flee, escape	158
שמח	rejoice	154
כסה	conceal; cover	152
שחת	spoil, ruin (Piel/Hif)	152
נגע	touch, strike	150
נסע	pull up, set out	146
שנא	hate	146
חנה	decline, encamp	144
פתח	open	144

thirteen

nouns

דור	generation, period, dwelling	174
זבח	sacrifice	174
מעל	unfaithful or treacherous act	169
אחר	other, another (adj)	167
מלאכה	occupation, work	167
בעל	owner, lord; Baal	164
חניץ	outside, street	164
פתח	opening, doorway, entrance	164
גבור	strong, mighty (adj)	159
צדקה	righteousness	157
צפון	north	154
חכמה	wisdom	153
מות	death	152
נגד	in front of, opposite to	151
רב	multitude, abundance	147
ימין	right hand	146
עבודה	labor, service	145
יין	wine	141
נחשת	copper, bronze	140
משכן	dwelling place, tabernacle	139
נחל	torrent, torrent-valley, wadi	139
סוס	horse	139
חיים	life	138
חכם	wise (adj)	138

fourteen	verbs	
חלל	pollute, profane; begin	143
רדף	pursue	143
נוח	rest	141
זבח	slaughter; sacrifice	134
נשא	rising mist; one lifted up	134
פנה	turn	134
קבר	bury	133
שאר	remain	133
שכן	settle, dwell	129
בוש	be ashamed	127
קבץ	gather, collect	127
נגש	draw near	125
שלך	throw, cast (Hif)	125
חשב	think, devise, scheme	124
גדל	be great, grow	121
לכד	capture	121
בטח	trust	120
שרף	burn	118

fifteen	nouns	
ערב	evening	136
כסא	throne, seat of honor	135
מספר	number, quantity	135
שמש	sun	134
חומה	wall	133
פן	lest, not	133
פר	young bull, steer	133
חק	statute	130
עצם	bone, substance, self	129
אמת	truth, faithfulness	127
כח	strength, power	126
חמה	heat, rage	125
חצי	half	125
קהל	assembly, congregation	123
אור	light	120
בכור	first-born	120
רכב	chariot, millstone	120
ישר	straight, right (adj)	119
נהר	stream, river	119
פרי	fruit	119
צדק	rightness, righteousness	119
פעם	foot, anvil, occurrence	118
לשון	tongue	117
ממלכה	kingdom, dominion, reign	117

sixteen	verbs	
יטב	be good	117
שלם	complete (Q/Hif); repay (Piel); be at peace	116
שפך	pour out	115
בכה	weep	114
גאל	redeem; pollute	114
ידה	praise (Hif)	114
נבא	prophesy	114
קטר	make sacrifices	114
כבד	be heavy (Q); make heavy (Hif); honor (Piel)	113
לבש	put on, clothe	111
נחם	be sorry (Nf); comfort (Piel)	108
ספר	count (Q); recount (Piel)	107
אמן	be firm (Nif); believe (Hif)	106
יתר	be left, remain (Nif)	106
רעע	be bad; break	105
רוץ	run	103
כפר	cover, atone	102
שכח	forget	102

seventeen	nouns	
תועבה	abomination	117
קדוש	sacred, holy (adj)	116
אחות	sister	114
גבעה	hill	114
מגורש	common land, open land	114
שקר	deception, falsehood	113
צר	narrow; flint; distress; foe	112
רק	thin, only, altogether, surely	112
חמור	donkey	111
יתר	cord; remainder, excess	111
עמוד	pillar, column	111
שבת	sabbath	111
נגב	south country, Negev, south	110
עפר	dry earth, dust	110
חיה	living thing, animal	109
כנף	wing, extremity	109
כבש	lamb	107
חקה	statute	104
תמיד	continuity	104
במה	high place	103
מראה	sight, appearance, vision	103
מעט	little, few	101
רחב	breadth, width	101
רעב	famine, hunger	101