

# Biblical Names

Biblical Name	History	
Aaron (Aharon) אַהֲרֹן (אהרון)	Aaron, the high priest, was Moses's brother.	
Abi (Avi) אַבִּי	Abi, or Abijah, was the mother of Hezekiah, the king of Judah.	
Abiasaph (Aviasaf, Avi'asaf) אַבִּיאֶסָף	Abiasaph was one of Korah's sons.	
Abiathar (Evyatar) אַבִּיָּתָר	Abiathar, the son of Ahimelech, was one of King David's priests.	
Abidan (Avidan) אַבִּידָן	Abidan was the captain of the tribe of Benjamin.	
Abiel (Aviel, Avi'el) אַבְיֵאל	There are two people in the Bible called Abiel. One of them is King Saul's grandfather.	
Abiezer (Aviezer, Avi'ezer) אַבִּיעֶזֶר	There are several men in the Bible called Abiezer. One of them is an offspring of Manasseh.	
Abigail (Avigayil) אַבִּיגַיִל	Abigail was Nabal's wife, and after her husband's death – one of King David's wives.	
Abihail (Avihayil, Avichayil) אַבִּיחַיִל	There are several men in the Bible called Abihail. One of them is Queen Esther's father.	
abihu (Avihu) אַבִּיהוּ (אַבִּיהוּא)	Abihu was one of Aaron's sons.	
Abijah (Aviya, Aviyah, Abiah) אַבִּיָּה	There are different people in the Bible called Abijah. One of them is the second son of the prophet Samuel; another one - Abijah the son of Jeroboam - was the king of Judah; and another one - Abijah the son of Rehoboam - was the king of Israel. There is also one woman called Abijah: the mother of Hezekiah, the king of Judah.	
Abimelech (Avimelech) אַבִּימֶלֶךְ	There are several people in the Bible called Abimelech. One of them is Abimelech king of Gerar.	
Abinadab (Avinadav) אַבִּינָדָב	There are several men in the Bible called Abinadab. One of them is one of King Saul's sons.	
Abinoam (Avinoam, Avinoam) אַבִּינוֹעַם (אַבִּינוֹעַם)	Abinoam was the father of Barak, judge of Israel.	
Abiram (Aviram) אַבִּירָם	There are two people in the Bible called Abiram. One of them is a man of the tribe of Reuben.	
Abishag (Avishag) אַבִּישָׁג	Abishag was King David's personal servant.	
Abishai (Avishai, Avshai)	Abishai, the son of Zeruah, David's sister, was one of King David's heroes.	

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אַבִּישָׁלֹם (Abishalom)		
Abishalom (Avishalom) אַבִּישָׁלֹם	The name "Abishalom" is a version of the name "Absalom". Abishalom was the father of Maachah, King Rehoboam's wife.	
Abital (Avital) אַבִּיטָל	Abital was one of King David's wives.	
Abner (Avner) אַבְנֵר	Abner son of Ner was King Saul's captain of host.	
Abraham (Avraham) אַבְרָהָם	The name of the first of the "three fathers" of the Jewish people. Originally, he was called "Abram". His name was altered to "Abraham" by God who spoke to him. He was Sarah's husband.	
Absalom (Avshalom) אַבְשָׁלוֹם	Absalom was one of King David's sons.	
Adah (Ada) אֲדָה	There are two women in the Bible called Adah. One of them is the wife of Lamech, Cain's offspring. The other one is Esau's wife.	
Adam אָדָם	Adam was the name of the first man created by God. Eve's husband.	
Addar (Adar) אָדָר	Addar was one of Benjamin's offspring.	
Adiel (Adi'el) אֲדִיאֵל	There are several people in the Bible called Adiel. One of them is the father of one of the priests.	
Adin אֲדִין	One of the people who returned from Babylon to Israel at the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.	
Ahiezer (Ahi'ezer) אֲחִיעֶזֶר	There are two men in the Bible called Ahiezer. One of them is the captain of the tribe of Dan.	
Ahijah (Ahiya, Ahiyah, Achiya, Achiyah) אֲחִיָּה	There are several people in the Bible called Ahijah. One of them was a prophet in the time of King Jeroboam.	
Ahinadab (Ahinadav) אֲחִינָדָב	Ahinadab is the name of one of the twelve officers of King Solomon.	
Ahinoam (Achinoam, Achino'am) אֲחִינוֹעַם (Achinoam)	There are two women in the Bible called Ahinoam: the first one is King Saul's wife, and the second – one of King David's wives.	
Alon (Allon) אֵלוֹן	One of Simeon's descendants.	
Amaziah (Amatzia, Amatsya) אֲמַצְיָה (Amatzia)	There are several people in the Bible called Amaziah. One of them is Amaziah, the son of Jehoash, the king of Judah.	
Amittai (Amitay) אֲמִתַּי	The name of the father of Jonah, the prophet.	
Ammiel (Amiel, Ami'el) עַמִּיאֵל	There are several people in the Bible called "Ammiel". One of them is one of the twelve people sent by Moses to search the land of Canaan.	
Amminadab (Aminadav) אֲמִינָדָב	There are a few people in the Bible called Amminadab. One of them is the father in law of Aaron, the high priest.	

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עמינדב		
Amnon אַמְנוֹן	There are two people in the Bible called Amnon. One of them is King David's elder son.	
Amos עָמוֹס	Amos was one of the prophets of Israel.	
Amoz (Amotz, Amots) אַמוֹץ	Amoz was the father of Isaiah the prophet.	
Amram עֲמֶרָם	There are two people in the Bible called Amram. One of them is the father of Moses and Aaron.	
Anath (Anat) עֲנַת	The name of the father of Shamgar, one of Israel's Judges. This is also the name of the goddess of war and fertility in the ancient Middle East.	
Aner עֵנֶר	Aner is the name of a man who was Abraham's ally.	
Aram אַרָּם	There are several men in the Bible called Aram. One of them is one of the sons of Shem, Noah's son.	
Ariel (Ari'el) אַרְיֵאל	Ariel was the name of a man contemporary with Ezra. This is also one of Jerusalem's appellations, as attested in the verse: "Woe to Ariel, to Ariel, the city where David dwelt." Isaiah 29, 1.	
Asa אַסָּא	There are two people in the Bible called Asa. One of them was a king in Judah.	
Asahel (Asael, Asa'el) אַשָּׁהָאֵל	There are several people in the Bible called "Asahel". One of them is the brother of Joab son of Zeruiah, King David's captain of the host.	
Asaph (Asaf) אַסָּף	There are several people called Asaph in the Bible. One of them is a poet of the Levites of the time of King David.	
Asenath (Asnat, Osnat) אַסְנַת	The name of Joseph's wife.	
Asher אַשֶׁר	"Asher" is the name of one of Jacob's son, as well as the name of his tribe.	
Atarah (Atara) אַטָּרָה	Atarah was the wife of Jerahmeel, one of Judah's offspring.	

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Athaliah (Atalya, Atalia) אַתְלִיָּה	Athaliah, the mother of Ahaziah, was the queen of Judah. There are also two men in the Bible called Athaliah.	
Aviad (Avi'ad) אַבְיָעַד	This is one of the appellations given to the Messiah by the prophet Isaiah.	
Aya (Aiah) אַיָּה	There are two men in the Bible called Aya. One of them is the father of Rizpa, King Saul's concubine.	
Azareel (Azarel, Azar'el) אַזָּרְעֵל	There are several people in the Bible called "Azareel". One of them is one of King David's heroes.	
Azariah (Azaria, Azarya) אַזָּרְיָה	There are several people in the Bible called "Azariah". "Azariah" is an alternative name of Uzziah, the king of Judah.	
Azriel (Azri'el) אַזְרִיֵּאל	There are several people in the Bible called "Azriel". One of them is a person of the tribe of Manasseh.	
Barak בָּרַק	A captain of the army of Israel in the time of Deborah the prophetess. He fought against Sisera, the Captain of Jabin, King of Canaan.	

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Baruch בָּרוּךְ	A scribe of the time of Jeremiah the prophet.	
Bashemath (Basmat, Bosmat) בַּשְׁמַת	Bashemath is the name of one of Esau's wives; this is also the name of one of King Solomon's daughters.	
Bath-Sheba (Bat-Sheva) בַּת-שֶׁבַע	Bath-Sheba, Uriah's wife, later became King David's wife. She was King Solomon's mother.	
Beeri (Be'eri) בְּעָרִי	There are two people in the Bible called Beeri. One of them is the father of the prophet Hosea.	
Ben בֶּן	A name of one of the porters from the Levites in King David's time.	
Benaiah (Bnaya) בְּנַיָּהוּ	There are several people in the Bible called Benaiah. One of them was one of the heroes of King David.	
Benammi (Ben-Ammi, Ben-Ami) בֶּן-עַמְמִי	Benammi, Lot's son, is the ancient father of the people of Ammon.	
Benjamin (Binyamin) בִּנְיָמִין	The youngest son of Jacob and Rachel.	
Bezaleel (Betsalel, Betsal'el) בְּצַלְאֵל	Bezaleel was the artisan who constructed the Tabernacle as well as its appliances.	
Billhah (Billha) בִּלְהָה	Billhah was Rachel's maid and Jacob's mistress.	
Bithyah (Bitya) בִּתְיָהָה	Bithyah was the daughter of Pharaoh.	
Boaz (Bo'az) בועז (בוֹעַז)	The second husband of Ruth the Moabitess. The father of King David's grandfather.	
Bracha (Berachah) בְּרַכָּה	Berachah was one of King David's heroes.	
Bukki (Buki) בֻּקִי (בֻּקִי)	There are two men in the Bible called Bukki. One of them is an offspring of Aaron the priest.	
Canaan (Knaan, Kna'an) כְּנַעַן	Canaan was the son of Ham, the son of Noah.	
Carmela (Karmela) כַּרְמֶלָה	Carmel is the name of a mountain ridge where the city of Haifa is located today. The prophet Elijah: "So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel." 1 Kings 18,20	
Dan דָּן	Dan was one of Jacob's sons. One of the twelve tribes is named after him.	
Daniel דָּנִיֵּאל	There are several men called Daniel in the Bible. One of them is a wise person of the time when Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon, reigned in Jerusalem.	
David דָּוִד (דָּוִד)	David son of Jesse (Yishai) was Israel's second king and King Solomon's father. He occupied Jerusalem and made it his capital. According to tradition, the Messiah is going to be of his seed.	
Debir (Dvir) דְּבִיר	Debir is the name of a city in Judah. It is also the name of the King of Eglon in Joshua's time.	
Deborah (Dvora) דְּבוֹרָה	There are two women in the Bible named Deborah. One of them is the prophetess Deborah.	
Diklah (Dikla) דִּקְלָה	Diklah is an offspring of Shem, the son of Noah.	

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Dinah (Dina) דינה	Dinah was the daughter of Jacob and Leah.	
Eden עדן	Eden is the place where God planted a garden for Adam and Eve; this is also the name of a Levite of the time of Hezekiah, king of Judah; this is also one of the names given to Jerusalem.	
Ehud אהוד	Ehud, son of Gera, was one of the judges of Israel, who killed Eglon, the king of Moab.	
Elah (Ela) אלה	There are different people in the Bible called Elah. One of them - the son of Baasha - was the king of Israel.	
Elam (Eilam) עילם	There are several men in the Bible called Elam. One of them is one of the sons of Shem, Noah's son.	
Eldad אלדד	The name of a person of the time when the Israelites wandered in the desert.	
Elead (Elad, El'ad) אלעד	Elead was one of Ephraim's sons.	
Eleazar (Elazar, El'azar) אלעזר	There are several people in the Bible called Eleazar. One of them is one of the sons of Aaron, the high priest.	
Elhanan (Elchanan) אלחנן	Two of King David's heroes are called Elhanan.	
Eli (2) עלי	Eli is the name of a high priest in Shiloh.	
Eliab (Eliav, Eli'av) אליאב	There are several men in the Bible called Eliab. One of them is the captain of the tribe of Zebulun.	
Eliada (Elyada) אליאדע	There are several men in the Bible called Eliada. One of them is one of King David's sons.	
Eliel (Eli'el) אליאל	There are several men in the Bible called Eliel. This was the name of a few of King David's heroes.	
Eliezer (Eli'ezer) אליעזר	There are several people in the Bible called Eliezer, one of which is Moses' son.	
Elijah (Eliyahu) אליהו	Elijah the Tishbite was a prophet in Israel in the time of King Ahab.	
Elimelech אלימלך	Naomi's husband, and Ruth's father in law.	
Elisha אלישע	Elisha the son of Shaphat was one of the prophets of Israel.	
Elisheba (Elisheva) אלישבע	Elisheva was the wife of Aaron, the high priest.	
Elizur (Elitzur, Elitsur) אליצור	Elizur was the captain of the tribe of Reuben.	
Elkanah (Elkana) אלקנה	There are several men in the Bible called Elkanah. One of them is the father of Samuel the prophet.	
Elnathan (Elnatan) אלנתן	There are several men in the Bible called Elnathan. One of them is an army leader of King Jehoiakim.	

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Elon (Eylon, Eilon) אילון	There are two people in the Bible called Elon. One of them was a Judge of Israel.	
Enan (Einan) ענין	Enan was the father of the captain of the tribe of Naphtali.	
Enoch (Chanoch) חנוך	There are few people in the Bible called Enoch. The first of them is Cain's son.	

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Ephraim (Efrayim, Efra'im) אֶפְרַיִם	Ephraim was Joseph's second son; the tribe of Ephraim is called after his name.	
Ephrath (Efrat) אֶפְרַת	Ephrath was the wife of Caleb, the son of Hezron, Judah's offspring.	
Eran עֵרָן	Eran is the name of a man of the tribe of Ephraim.	
Eshcol (Eshkol) אֶשְׁכּוֹל	Eshcol is the name of a man who was Abraham's ally.	
Esther (Ester) אֶסְתֵּר	Queen Esther was King Ahasuerus's wife.	
Ethan (Eitan, Eytan) אֵיתָן	There are several people in the Bible called Ethan. One of them is one of the wise men of King Solomon's time.	
Eve (Chava, Hava) חַוָּה	Eve was the first woman created by God. Adam's wife.	
Ezekiel (Yehezkel, Yechezkel) יְחִזְקֵאל	There are two people in the Bible called Ezekiel. One of them is the prophet Ezekiel the priest, son of Buzi.	
Ezer עֶזֶר	There are several people in the Bible called Ezer. One of them was a hero of King David.	
Ezra עֶזְרָא	There are several people by this name in the Bible. One of them is Ezra the scribe, an offspring of Aaron the high priest, who immigrated from Babylon to Jerusalem during the time of the Persian Empire.	
Ezri עֶזְרִי	"Ezri" is the name of a minister at the time of King David.	
Gabriel (Gavriel, Gavri'el) גַּבְרִיאֵל	A name of an angel who appeared in Daniel's vision.	
Gad גָּד	There are two people in the Bible called Gad. One of them is one of Jacob's sons, the father of one of the twelve tribes.	
Gamaliel (Gamliel) גַּמְלִיאֵל	Gamaliel was the leader of the tribe of Manasseh.	
Gedaliah (Gedalya, Gdalya) גְּדַלְיָה	Gedaliah was the grandfather of the prophet Zephaniah.	
Gera גֵּרָא	There are several people in the Bible called Gera. One of them is the father of Ehud, the judge of Israel.	
Gershom גֵּרְשׁוֹם (גֵּרְשֹׁם)	There are several people in the Bible called Geshom. One of them is the elder son of Moses. Another is the elder son of Levi son of Jacob.	
Gershon גֵּרְשׁוֹן	Gershon (or: Gershom) is the name of the elder son of Levi son of Jacob.	
Gideon (Gidon, Gid'on) גִּדְעוֹן	One of Israel's judges. He fought against the Midianites.	
Gilead (Gilad, Gil'ad) גִּלְעָד	There are two people in the Bible called Gilead. One of them is the father of Jephthah, one of the judges of Israel. Gilead is also the name of a Geographical region east to the Jordan river and a name of a city in that region.	
Ginath (Ginat) גִּינַת	Ginath was the father of Tibni, who almost became the king of Israel.	
Guni גֻּנִי	There are several men in the Bible called Guni. One of them is one of Naphtali's sons.	
Hadassah (Hadasa) חַדְסָה	Hadassah is the first name of Queen Esther, King Ahasuerus's wife.	
Hagar חַגָּר	Hagar, Sarah's Egyptian maid, was Ishmael's mother.	

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Haggai (Chagai) חגי	Haggai was one of the prophets of the return to Zion. He carried God's order to build the Second Temple.	
Haggith (Chagit) חגיית	Haggith was one of King David's wives.	
Hamutal (Chamutal) חמוטל	Hamutal was the wife of King Josiah and the mother of King Jehoahaz.	
Hanan (Chanan) חנן	There are few people called Hanan in the Bible. One of them of one of King David's heros.	
Hannah (Chana) חנה	Hannah was Elkanah's wife and the mother of the prophet Samuel.	
Harel (Har'el) הרצל	In the Jewish tradition, Harel is one of the names of Jerusalem.	
Hen (Chen) חן	Hen is the name of one of the immigrants from Babylon.	
Hepher (Hefer, Chefer) חפר	There are several men in the Bible called Hepher. One of them is one of King David's heros.	
Hephzi-bah (Hefziba, Heftziba) חפצי-בה		
Hezekiah (Hizkiya, Chizkiya) חזקיהו	There are several people in the Bible called Hezekiah. One of them is Hezekiah the son of Ahaz, king of Judah.	
Hiddai (Hidai, Hiday) חידאי	Hiddai was one of King David's heros.	
Hillel (Hilel) הלל	Hillel is the name of the father of Abdon, one of Israel's judges. This is also the name of "Hillel the Elder", the head of Sanhedrin ("The Assembly") in the first century C.E. He is the founder of the Beit Hillel ("House of Hillel") tradition, which is paired with the Beit Shammai tradition.	
Hobab (Hovav, Chovav) חובב	Hobab was the son of Raguel, Moses' father in law.	
Hosea (Hoshea, Hosh'e'a) הושע	There are several men in the Bible called Hosea. One of them is the prophet Hosea.	
Huldah (Hulda, Chulda) חולדה	Huldah was a prophetess in the time of King Josiah.	
Ibri (Ivri) עברי	Ibri is the name of one of Levi's offspring.	
Iddo (Ido) אידו	Iddo was a man of the time of Ezra.	
Iddo (Ido) עידו, עדוא, עידו	There are several people called Iddo in the Bible. One of them is the prophet Zechariah's grandfather.	
Ilai (1) (Ilay) עילאי	Ilai was one of the heros of King David.	
Immanuel (Emanuel, Imanuel, Imanu'el)	According to the words of Isaiah the prophet, Immanuel is the name of a boy whose birth shall be a sign from God.	

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Isaac (Yitschak) יִצְחָק	The name of the second of the "three fathers" of the Jewish people. He was born to Abraham and Sarah when they were already old. His wife was Rebekah.	♂
Isaiah (Yeshaaya, Yeshaayahu) יֵשַׁעְיָהוּ	There are several people in the Bible called Isaiah. One of them is the prophet Isaiah son of Amoz.	♂
Ishi (Yishi, Yish'i) יִשִּׁי	There are several people in the Bible called "Ishi". One of them is a man of the tribe of Judah.	♂

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Israel (Yisrael, Yisra'el) יִשְׂרָאֵל	"Israel" is the name given to Jacob after he wrestled with God's angel; it is also the name of the Biblical kingdom of Israel, the land of Israel, the people of Israel and the modern state of Israel.	♂
Issachar (Yisachar) יִשָּׁשְׁכָר	Issachar was the fifth son of Jacob and Leah; the tribe of Issachar is called after him.	♂
Ithamar (Itamar, I'tamar) אִיתָמָר	Ithamar was one of the sons of Aaron, the high priest.	♂
Ithiel (Itiel, Iti'el) אִיתֵיֵל	There are two men in the Bible called Ithiel. One of them is a sage who is mentioned in the book of "Proverbs".	♂
Ittai (Itay) אִיתַי	This was the name of one of King David's friends (2 Samuel 15, 19-22). It was also the name of one of King David's heroes (2 Samuel 23, 29).	♂
Izhar (Yitzhar) יִצְהָר	Izhar was Levi's grandson and Korah's father.	♂
Jaakobah (Yaakova, Ya'akova) יַעֲקֹבָה	Jaakobah was an offspring of Simeon.	♀
Jabin (Yavin) יָבִין	Jabin is the name of two of Hazor's kings.	♂
Jachin (Yachin) יָכִין	There are two people in the Bible called "Jachin". One of them is one of Simeon's sons. The other one is a priest of the time of Nehemiah.	♂
Jacob (Yaakov, Ya'akov) יַעֲקֹב	The name of the third of the "three fathers" of the Jewish people. He was also called "Israel". His wives were Leah and Rachel.	♂
Jael (Yael, Ya'el) יַעֲל	Jael was the woman who killed Sisera, the commander of Jabin's (king of Canaan) army.	♀
Jair (Yair, Ya'ir) יָאִיר	There are three people called Jair in the Bible: one is the son of Manasseh, son of Joseph; the second is one of the judges of Israel; and the third is Mordecai's father.	♂
Jarah (Yaara, Ya'ara) יָעָרָה	"Jarah" is the name of one of the offsprings of Jonathan son of King Saul.	♀
Jarib (Yariv) יָרִיב	There are three different people in the Bible called Jarib. One of them is a man contemporary with Ezra.	♂
Jedidah (Yedida) יְדִידָה	Jedidah was the mother of Josiah, the king of Judah.	♀
Jedidiah (Yedidia, Yedidya) יְדִידְיָה	"Jedidiah" is the name that Nathan the prophet gave to King Solomon when he was born.	♂
Jehiel (Yehiel, Yechiel, Yechi'el) יְחִיֵּאל	There are several people in the Bible called "Jehiel". Some of them are Levites.	♂
Jehoiachin (Yehoyachin, Yoyachin) יְהוֹיָכִין	Jehoiachin, the son of Jehoiakim, was one of Judea's kings.	♂

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יְהוֹיָדָא (יהויכין)		
Jehoiada (Yehoyada) יְהוֹיָדָע	There are several people in the Bible called "Jehoiada". One of them is Jehoiada the priest, the brother in law of Ahaziah, the king of Judah.	
Jehonadab (Yehonadav, Yonadav)	There are two people in the Bible called "Jehonadab". One of them is Jehonadab, the son of Rechab, who helped Jehu, the king of Israel, to establish his reign and to fight the priests of Baal.	
Jehoshaphat (Yehoshafat, Yoshafat)	There are several people in the Bible called "Jehoshaphat". One of them was the king of Judea.	
יְהוֹשָׁפָט (יושפט)		
Jemima (Yemima) יְמִימָה	"Jemima" is the name of one of Job's daughters.	
Jephthah (Yiftach) יִפְתָּח	One of the judges of Israel, who fought against Ammon.	
Jerah (Yerah, Yerach) יֶרַח	Jerah is the grandson of Eber, the offspring of Shem.	
Jerahmeel (Yerahmiel, Yerahmi'el)	There are several people in the Bible called Jerahmeel. One of them is one of Judah's offspring. Later on in history, the pronunciation of this name changed to "יֶרְחִמְיָאֵל".	
יֶרְחִמְיָאֵל, יֶרְחִמְיָאֵל		
Jeremiah (Yirmiya, Yirmiyahu)	There are several people in the Bible called Jeremiah. One of them is the prophet Jeremiah the son of Hilkiah.	
יֶרְמְיָהוּ (ירמיהו)		
Jeroham (Yeroham, Yeruham, Yerucham)	One of the people in the Bible called Jeroham was the grandfather of Samuel the prophet.	
יֶרֶחָם (ירחם)		
Jesse (Yishai) יֵשָׁע	Jesse, the grandson of Boaz and Ruth, is King David's father.	
Jesurun (Yeshurun) יֵשׁוּרוּן (ישורון)	Jesurun is another name for the people of Israel.	
Joab (Yoav, Yo'av) יֹאָב	There are several people in the Bible called Joab. One of them is Joab son of Zeruiah, King David's captain of the host.	
Joash (Jehoash, Yoash, Yo'ash)	There are several people in the Bible called "Joahs" or "Jehoash". Among them are the king of Judah and the king of Israel.	
יֹאָשָׁף (יואש)		
Jobab (Yovav) יֹבָב	There are several people in the Bible called "Jobab". One of them was a decendent of Shem, the son of Noah.	
Jochebed (Yocheved, Yokheved) יֹכְבֵד	Jochebed is the mother of Moses and Aaron.	
Joel (Yoel, Yo'el) יֹאֵל	There are different people in the Bible called Joel. One of them is the elder son of the prophet Samuel; another is Joel the prophet.	
Johanan (Yohanan, Yochanan, Yehochanan)	There are different people in the Bible called Johanan. One of them is the elder son of King Josiah.	
יֹחָנָן (יהוחנן)		
Jonah (Yona) יֹנָתָן	A name of a prophet. While trying to escape his mission as a prophet, he was swallowed by a big fish and lived in its belly for three days.	
Jonathan (Jehonathan, Yonatan, Yehonatan)	There are different people in the Bible called יונתן (Jonathan) or יהונתן (Jehonathan). One of them is King Saul's son and the friend of David.	

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יֹרַי (Jorai) Jorai (Yorai)	Jorai was one of Gad's sons.	
יֹרָם (Joram, Yoram, Yehoram) יֹרָם (Joram)	There are different people in the Bible called יֹרָם (Joram) or יְהוֹרָם (Jehoram). Among them are Joram son of Ahab, king of Israel, and Jehoram son of Jehoshaphat, king of Judah.	
יֹסֵף (Yoseph, Yosef) יוֹסֵף	There are several people in the Bible called Joseph. The most important among them Joseph, the son of Jacob and Rachel. Pharaoh, the king of Egypt, made him a governor of Egypt.	
יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Yehoshua, Yehoshu'a) יְהוֹשֻׁעַ (Yehoshua)	Joshua, the son of Nun, was Moses's servant when he led the Israelites in the desert. Later on he became Moses's successor, leading the Israelites in their entrance to Canaan.	
יֹתָם (Yotam) יֹתָם	There are different people in the Bible called "Jotham". One is the judge Gideon's son; another is Jotham son of Uzziah, king of Judah.	
יֹבָב (Yuval) יֹבָב	It is told that Jubal, son of Lamech, was the ancestor of all those who play on harp and organ.	
יְהוּדָה (Yehuda) יְהוּדָה	Judah was the fourth son of Jacob and Leah; the tribe of Judah is called after his name, as do the kingdom of Judah and its land.	
יְהוּדִית (Yehudit) יְהוּדִית	Judith is the name of one of Esau's wives.	
לֵאָה (Lea, Le'a) לֵאָה	One of the "four mothers" of the Jewish people. Leah and her younger sister Rachel were the two wives of Jacob.	
לֵבָנָה (Levana) לֵבָנָה	The name of one of the Nethinim in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah.	
לֵוִי (Levi) לֵוִי	Levi was the third son of Jacob and Leah; the tribe of Levi is called after him. The Levites did not receive a land of their own. Instead, they served as priests in the Temple.	
לוֹטָן (Lotan) לוֹטָן	Lotan was one of Seir's sons. Seir is another name of Esau.	
מַלְאָכִי (Mal'achi) מַלְאָכִי	Malachi was one of the prophets in Israel.	

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מַלְכִּיֵּל (Malkiel, Malki'el) מַלְכִּיֵּל	Malchiel was the grandson of Asher, son of Jacob.	
מְנַשֶּׁה (Manasseh, Menashe) מְנַשֶּׁה	There are several people called Manasseh in the Bible. One of them is Joseph's elder son; the tribe of Manasseh is called after his name. Another is the king of Judah, Manasseh son of Hezekiah.	
מַטָּן (Matan) מַטָּן	There are two people in the Bible called Matan. One of them is the father of one of King Zedekiah's ministers.	
מַטַּנְיָהוּ (Mattaniah, Mattania, Matania, Matanya) מַטַּנְיָהוּ	There are several people in the Bible called "Mattaniah". "Mattaniah" is the former name of Zedekiah, king of Judah.	
מַטִּיתְיָהוּ (Mattithiah, Matitya, Matityahu) מַטִּיתְיָהוּ	There are several people in the Bible called "Mattithiah". One of them is a certain Levite.	

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Maya (מַיָּה) (מַיָּה)		
Menahem (Menachem) מְנַחֵם	Menahem the son of Gadi was one of the kings of Israel.	
Merab (Merav) מֵרָב (מֵרָב)	Merav was one of King Saul's daughters.	
Meshullam (Meshulam) מִשְׁלָם (מִשְׁלָם)	There are several people in the Bible called "Meshullam". One of them is the grandfather of Shaphan, King Josiah's scribe.	
Micah (Micha) מִיכָה	There are several people in the Bible called Micah. One of them is the prophet Micah the Morashthite.	
Michael (Micha'el) מִיכָאֵל	There are different people in the Bible called Michael. One of them is a Persian prince of Israel. Daniel tells about him that he is an angel of God.	
Michal (Michelle) מִיכָל	Michal was King Saul's daughter and one of King David's wives. When Saul wanted to kill David, Michal helped him escape.	
Miriam (Miryam) מִרְיָם	There are two women in the Bible called Miriam. One of them is Moses's sister.	
Mishael (Misha'el) מִישָׁאֵל	There are several people in the Bible called "Mishael". One of them is Aaron's cousin.	
Mordecai (Mordechai) מֶרְדֳּכַי	Mordecai the Jew was Queen Esther's uncle. Together they saved the Jews from Haman's evil plot.	
Moses (Moshe) מֹשֶׁה	Moses was the leader of Israel in the exodus from Egypt and during the 40-years of wandering in the desert.	
Naamah (Naama, Na'ama) נְאֻמָּה	There are two women in the Bible called Naama: one is one of the decedents of Cain, and the other – the wife of Rehoboam, King of Judah.	
Nadab (Nadav) נָדָב	There are several people by this name in the Bible. One of them is the son of Aaron, the high priest. Another is the king of Israel, Nadab son of Jeroboam.	
Nahshon (Nachshon) נַחֲשֹׁן	"Nahshon" is the name of a captain of the tribe of Judah. According to the Jewish tradition, he was the first man who entered the Red Sea during the Exodus. Therefore, "Nahshon" is used as an appellation of a brave person who goes first in spite of any danger.	
Nahum (Nachum) נְחֻם	Nahum was a prophet of condolence who prophesied the destruction of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire.	
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Naomi (No'omi) נְעֻמִי	The mother in law of Ruth the Moabitess. After Ruth's husband's death, she stayed with her mother in law. "And Ruth said: Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee, for whither thou goest, I will go and where thou lodgest, I will lodge, thy people shall be my people, and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." Ruth 1, 16-17	
Naphtali (Naftali) נַפְתָּלִי	Naphtali was one of Jacob's sons; the tribe of Naphtali is called after his name.	
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Nathan (Natan) נָתָן	There are several people called Nathan in the Bible. One of them is a prophet of the time of King David and King Solomon.	
Nehemiah (Nehemia, Nehemya, Nechemya) נְחֵמְיָה	Nehemiah was the leader of the Jews in Israel at the time of the return to Zion (around the 6th century B.C.E.).	

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Neriah (Neriahu, Neria, Neriya) (נְרִיָּהוּ) (נְרִיָּה)	There are two people in the Bible called Neriah. One of them is the father of Baruch, the scribe of the prophet Jeremiah.	
Nethaneel (Netanel, Netan'el) נְתַנְאֵל	There are several people in the Bible called "Nethaneel". One of them is a captain of the tribe of Issachar.	
Nevo (Nebo) נְבוֹ		
Nimrod נִמְרוֹד	Ths son of Cush, son of Ham, son of Noah.	
Noah (1) (Noach, No'ach) (נֹחַ) (נוֹחַ)	In the time of the great flood, Noah built an ark where he lived, together with his family and representatives of all the animals, until the earth reappeared from beneath the water.	
Noah (2) (Noa, No'a) (נוֹעָה) (נועה)	Noa was one of the daughters of Zelophehad, a descendent of Menasseh.	
Nogah (Noga) נוֹגַהּ, נוגה	The name of one of King David's sons.	
Obadiah (Ovadya, Ovadia) (עֹבַדְיָה) (עבדִּיָּה)	There are several people in the Bible called Obadiah. One of them is Obadiah the prophet.	
Oded עֹדֵד	There are two people in the Bible called Oded. One of them was a prophet, and the other - the father of Azariah the prophet.	
Ohad (אֹהַד) (אוהד)	One of the sons of Simeon, the son of Jacob.	
Omri (עֹמְרִי) (עומר)	There are several people in the Bible called Omri. One of them was the king of Israel.	
On אוֹן	Reuben's offspring.	
Ophir (Ofir) אוֹפִיר	Ophir was a descendent of Shem. Ophir is also the name of a country which was the place of origion of gold, as attested in the verse: "And they came to Ophir and fetched from thence gold, four hundred and twenty talents, and brought it to king Solomon." 1 Kings 9, 28	
Ophrah (Ofra) (עֹפְרָה) (עופרה)	Ophrah is the name of one of the offsprings of Judah. It is also the name of two different places in the Biblical times.	
Oren (אֹרֵן) (אורן)	According to the genealogical tree in the book of Chronicles, Oren is the name of one of Judah's offspring.	
Ornan (אֹרְנָן) (אורנן)	Ornan was the name of a Jebusite man from whom King David bought a threshingfloor.	
Paltiel (Palti'el) פְּלִטְיָאֵל	There are two people in the Bible called "Paltiel". One of them is a prince of the tribe of Issachar.	
Peleg פְּלֶג	Peleg was a decendent of Shem, son of Noah.	
Peninnah (Pnina) (פְּנִינָה) (פנינה)	Peninnah was one of two wives of Elkanah, the father of the prophet Samuel.	

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Phinehas (Pinhas, Pinchas) פינחס, פינחס	There are several people called Phinehas in the Bible. One of them is the grandchild of Aaron the high priest.	
Puah (Pua, Pu'a) פועה	Shiphrah and Puah were two Hebrew midwives in Egypt at the time when Moses was born. The Egyptian king ordered them to kill all the newborn Hebrew boys, but they disobeyed him.	
Rachel רחל	One of the "four mothers" of the Jewish people. Jacob's second wife. Jacob worked for Laban, Rachel's father, fourteen years in order to marry her.	
Ram רם	There are several people in the Bible called "Ram". One of them is one of king David's ancestors.	
Raya (Raaya, Ra'ya) רעיה		

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Rebekah (Rivka) רבקה	Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel, and Isaac's wife, was the second of the "four mothers" of the Jewish people.	
Rehoboam (Rehavam, Rechavam, Rechav'am) רחבום	Rehoboam, the son of Solomon, was the king of Judah.	
Rei (Re'i) רעי	Rei was one of the men loyal to King David when his son, Adonijah the son of Haggith, wanted to take over the throne.	
Rephael (Raphael, Refael, Refa'el) רפאל	A name of a person of the time of King David.	
Resheph (Reshef) רשף	Resheph was an offspring of Ephraim the son of Jacob.	
Reuben (Reuven, Re'uven) ראובן	Reuben was the first son of Jacob and Leah; the tribe of Reuben is called after his name.	
Reumah (Re'uma) רעומה	Reumah was the concubine of Nahor, Abraham's brother.	
Rimmon (Rimon) רמון (רימון)	Rimmon is the name of a man of the tribe of Benjamin at the time of King Saul.	
Rinnah (Rina) רנה (רינה)	The name of one of the descendants of Judah.	
Ruth (Rut) רות	Ruth the Moabitess was the mother of King David's grandfather.	
Samson (Shimshon) שמסון	Samson was the last judge of Israel. He fought against the Philistines.	
Samuel (Shemuel, Shmuel, Smu'el) שמואל	One of the people in the Bible called "Samuel" is the prophet who anointed the first two kings of Israel: Saul and David.	
Sarah (Sara) שרה	Sarah, Abraham's wife, was the first of the "four mothers" of the Jewish people.	
Sarai שרי	"Sarai" is the first name of Sarah, Abraham's wife.	
Saul (Shaul, Sha'ul) שאול	Saul was the first king of Israel. The Biblical story tells that he found kingship as he was searching for his father's lost mares (she-asses).	
Shabbethai (Shabtai) שבתי (שבתי)	Shabbethai was one of the Levites who returned to Israel from Babylon.	
Shamir שמיר	"Shamir" is the name of a certain Levite.	

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Shealtiel (She'alti'el) שְׁאַלְתִּיאֵל	Shealtiel was the father of Zerubbabel, governor of Judah.	
Shelomi (Shlomi) שְׁלֹמִי	"Shelomi" is the name of the father of a leader of the tribe of Asher.	
Shelomith (Shlomit) שְׁלֹמִית	There are two women and several men by the name "Shelomith" in the Bible. One of the women by that name is a woman of the tribe of Dan from the time of wandering in the desert.	
Shemaiah (Shmaia, Shmaya, Shma'ia) שְׁמַעְיָה	There are several people in the Bible called "Shemaiah". One of them is a prophet at the time of Rehoboam, the king of Judah.	
Shemer שֶׁמֶר	There are several people in the Bible called "Shemer". One of them was the owner of the hill of Samaria, before Omri, the king of Israel, bought it from him.	
Shimrith (Shimrit) שִׁמְרִית	"Shimrith" is the name of the mother of one of the assassins of Joash, the king of Judah.	
Shiphrah (Shiphra, Shifra) שִׁפְרָה	Shiphrah and Puah were two Hebrew midwives in Egypt at the time when Moses was born. The Egyptian king ordered them to kill all the newborn Hebrew boys, but they disobeyed him.	
Shobal (Shoval) שׁוֹבָל	There are several people in the Bible called "Shobal". One of them is a descendent of Judah.	
Shoham (שׁוֹהַם) שׁוֹהַם	Shoham is the name of one of Levi's offspring.	
Shuah (Shua, Shu'a) שׁוּעַ	Shuah was the father of Judah's wife.	
Shulamit שׁוּלַמִּית	The Song of Solomon mentions a woman called הַשׁוּלַמִּית (the Shulamite). Perhaps it refers to a person of a place called "Shulam".	
Simeon (Shimon, Shim'on) שִׁמְעוֹן	Simeon was the second son of Jacob and Leah; the tribe of Simeon is called after him.	
Solomon (Shlomo) שְׁלֹמֹה	Solomon, King David's son, was Israel's third king. The Temple was built under his reign. According to tradition, Solomon, who was the wisest of men, is the composer of the books "Proverbs", "Ecclesiastes", and "The Song of Solomon".	
Tamar תָּמָר	there are three women in the bible named Tamar: Judah's daughter in law, Absalom's sister and Absalom's daughter.	
Tikvah (Tikva) (תִּקְוָה) תִּקְוָה	There are two people called Tikvah in the Bible. One of them is the father of the husband of Huldah the prophetess.	
Tirzah (Tirtza, Tirtsa) תִּרְצָה	"Tirzah" is the name of one of the daughters of Zelophehad, a descendent of Menasseh. this is also a name of a city in the land of Menasseh.	
Uri אֹרִי	Uri was the father of Bezaleel, the artisan who constructed the Tabernacle as well as its appliances.	
Uriah (Uriyah, Uriya) אֹרִיָּה	There are several people in the Bible called Uriah. One of them is Uriah the Hittite, Bath-Sheba's husband.	
Uriel (Uri'el) אֹרִיאֵל	There are two people in the Bible called Uriel. One of them was a chief in the time of King David.	
Uzzi (Uzi) (עֲזִי) עֲזִי	There are several different people in the Bible called Uzzi. One of them is one of Ezra the Scribe's ancestors.	
Uzziah (Uziya, Uziyahu) (עֲזִיָּה) עֲזִיָּה, עֲזִיָּהוּ	There are several people in the Bible called Uzziah. One of them was the king of Judah.	
Uzziel (Uziel, Uzi'el) (עֲזִיאֵל) עֲזִיאֵל	There are several people in the Bible called Uzziel. One of them is the grandson of Levi.	
Yigal (Igal, Yig'al) יְגָאֵל	Igal is the name of one of the spies Moses sent to search Canaan. This is also the name of one of King David's heroes.	

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Zadok (Tzadok, Tsadok) צָדוֹק	There are several people in the Bible called "Zadok". One of them was a priest of King David.	
Zebulun (Zvulun) זְבֻלֹן	Zebulun was the sixth son of Jacob and Leah; the tribe of Zebulun is called after him.	
Zechariah (Zcharya) זְכַרְיָה	There are several people by this name in the Bible. One of them is Zechariah, king of Israel. His name sometimes appear as זְכַרְיָהוּ. Another is the prophet Zechariah.	
Zedekiah (Tzidkiya, Tsidkiya) צִדְקִיָּה (צִדְקִיָּהוּ)	There are several people in the Bible called Zedekiah. One of them was the king of Judah.	
Zeeb (Zeev, Ze'ev) זֵאֵב	Zeeb is the name of one of two princes of Midian in the time of Gideon, judge of Israel.	
Zephaniah (Tzephania, Tsefanya) צְפַנְיָה	There are several people in the Bible called "Zephaniah". One of them is the prophet Zephaniah.	
Zeruiah (Zeruya, Tzruya, Tsruya) צְרוּיָה	Zeruiah was King David's sister, and the mother of Abishai, Joab and Asahel.	
Zibiah (Zivia, Zivya) צִבְיָה	This was the name of King Jehoash's mother.	
Zillah (Tzila, Tsila) צִלְהָ (צִלְה)	Zillah is the name of the wife of Lamech, Cain's offspring.	
Zipporah (Tsipora) צִיפּוֹרָה (צִיפּוֹרָה)	Zipporah, the daughter of Reuel, was Moses' wife.	

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Zuph (Tsuf, Tzuf, Tsoof) צוּף	Zuph is one of the ancestors of Samuel the prophet.	
Zur (Tzur, Tsur) צוּר	There are two people in the Bible called "Zur". One of them is an offspring of Benjamin.	
Zuriel (Tzuriel, Tzuri'el, Tsuriel) צוּרִיֵּאל	"Zuriel" is the name of one of the Levites.	