

# Biblical Hebrew Vocabulary

These vocabularies are based on those from *Basics of Biblical Hebrew* by G. Pratico & M. van Pelt.

Within each vocabulary, words are arranged in Hebrew ‘alphabetical’ order within grammatical categories.

Verbs are assumed to be Qal unless otherwise indicated.  
Where a verb has a meaning specific to a non-Qal form, this meaning follows | .

## Abbreviations Vocabulary Categories

N	Noun
V	Verb
A	Adjective
a	Adverb
p	Pronoun
P	Preposition
C	Conjunction
I	Interjection

Abbreviations General			
M	Masculine	S	Singular
F	Feminine	P	Plural
Q	Qal		
Ni	Niph'al		
Pi	Pi'el	Pu	Pu'al
Hi	Hiph'il	Ho	Hoph'al
Ht	Hithpa'el		

## Vocabulary 1 – Chapter 3

אָב	M	father	1N
אָדָם	M	man / Adam	1N
אֵל	M	God / god / high god El	1N
אֱלֹהִים	MP	God / gods	1N
אָרֶץ	F	earth / land	1N
בֵּית	M	house	1N
בֶּן	M	son	1N
דָּבָר	M	word / matter / thing	1N
יְהוָה	M	Yahweh / Lord	1N
יוֹם	M	day	1N
יְרוּשָׁלַיִם	M	Jerusalem	1N
יִשְׂרָאֵל	M	Israel	1N
מֶלֶךְ	M	king	1N
מִצְרַיִם	M	Egypt	1N
מֹשֶׁה	M	Moses	1N
סוֹס	M	horse	1N
עֶבֶד	M	servant	1N
פַּרְעֹה	M	Pharaoh	1N
שֵׁם	M	name	1N
שָׁנָה	M	year	1N

## Vocabulary 2 – Chapter 4

אֲדֹנִי	M	lord / master	2N
אָח	M	brother	2N
אִישׁ	M	man / husband	2N
אִשָּׁה	F	woman / wife	2N
בַּת	F	daughter	2N
גּוֹי	M	people / nation	2N
דֶּרֶךְ	M	way / road	2N
הָר	M	mountain / mountain range	2N
כֹּהֵן	M	priest	2N
לֵב	M	heart	2N
מַיִם	M	water	2N
נָבִיא	M	prophet	2N
נֶפֶשׁ	F	life / soul	2N
סֵפֶר	M	book / scroll	2N
עֵין	F	eye / spring	2N
עִיר	F	city	2N
צָבָא	M	army / host	2N
קוֹל	M	voice / sound	2N
רֹאשׁ	M	head / chief / top	2N
תּוֹרָה	F	teaching / law / Torah	2N

## Vocabulary 3 – Chapter 5

אֵשׁ	F	fire	3N
הַיְכָל	M	palace / temple	3N
זָהָב	M	gold	3N
חַי	M	life / lifetime	3N
חֶרֶב	F	sword	3N
יָלֵד	M	(male) child / boy	3N
יָם	M	sea / west	3N
כֶּסֶף	M	silver / money	3N
מִזְבֵּחַ	M	altar	3N
מָקוֹם	M	place	3N
מִשְׁפָּט	M	judgment / custom / justice	3N
נֹאם	M	utterance / declaration	3N
עוֹלָם	M	forever / eternity	3N
עָנָן	M	clouds	3N
רוּחַ	F	wind / spirit	3N
שָׁמַיִם	M	heaven / sky	3N
שַׁעַר	M	gate	3N
שָׂר	M	official / leader / prince	3N
חַי		living	3A
כֹּה		thus / so	3a
וְ		and / but / also / even	3C

## Vocabulary 4 – Chapter 6

חֵכֶםָּח	F	wisdom / experience / shrewdness	4N
מִצְוָה	F	commandment	4N
פֶּה	M	mouth	4N
שָׂדֶה	M	field	4N
אֶת / אֵת־		<definite direct object marker>	4P
אַחֲרֵי		behind / after	4P
אֶל		to / unto / toward	4P
אִתּוֹ		with	4P
בְּ		in / against / by / with	4P
בֵּין		between	4P
בְּתוֹךְ		in the midst / in the middle	4P
כְּ		like / as / according to	4P
לְ		to / toward / for	4P
לְמַעַן		for the sake of / on account of	4P
לְפָנַי		before / in the presence of	4P
מִן		from	4P
מֵעַל		above	4P
עַד		to / unto / as far as / until / while	4P
עַל		on / upon / against / because of / on account of	4P
דְּבַר עַל		because of / on account of	4P
עִם		with	4P
תַּחַת		beneath / under / instead of	4P
לְמַעַן		in order that	4C

## Vocabulary 5 – Chapter 7

זָקֵן	M	old man / elder	5N
קֹדֶשׁ	M	holy thing	5N
רְחוֹק	M	distance	5N
שִׁיר	M	song	5N
אֶחָד		one	5A
גָּדוֹל		great	5A
דָּל		poor	5A
זָקֵן		old	5A
חָכָם		wise	5A
טוֹב		good	5A
יָפָה		beautiful	5A
יָשָׁר		straight / right / upright / just	5A
מְעַט		a few / a little	5A
צַדִּיק		righteous / just	5A
קָדוֹשׁ		holy	5A
קֹדֶשׁ		holy	5A
קָטָן		small / insignificant	5A
קָרוֹב		near / imminent	5A
קָשָׁה		difficult	5A
רַב		much / many	5A
רְחוֹק		far / distant	5A
רָע		evil / wicked	5A
רָשָׁע		wicked / guilty	5A
כֵּן		thus / so	5a
מְאֹד		very / exceedingly	5a
עַתָּה		now	5a

## Vocabulary 6 – Chapter 8

אֹהֶל	M	tent	6N
אֶלֶף	M	thousand / tribe / clan	6N
בְּהֵמָה	F	cattle / crocodile / animals	6N
דָּם	M	blood	6N
שֶׁמֶן	M	oil	6N
שֹׁפֵט	M	judge	6N
אֲחֵר		another	6A
טָהוֹר		clean / pure	6A
כְּסִיל		stupid / dull	6A
עָנִי		poor / afflicted	6A
אֵיךְ		how	6a
גַּם		also / indeed	6a
הֲ		... ? / <interrogative particle>	6a
לָמָּה		why	6a
מַדּוּעַ		wherefore / why	6a
מָה		what / how	6a
אֲשֶׁר		who / which / that	6p
מִי		who	6p
כִּי		because / for / that	6C

## Vocabulary 7 – Chapter 9

אַף	M	nose / nostril / anger	7N
בֹּקֶר	M	morning	7N
בָּקָר	M	cows / herd / herds / cattle	7N
בְּרָכָה	F	blessing	7N
חַטָּאת	F	sin	7N
כְּבוֹד	M	glory / honour	7N
כֵּלִי	M	vessel / utensil	7N
לֶחֶם	M	bread / food	7N
מִלְחָמָה	F	war / battle	7N
מִשְׁפָּחָה	F	family / clan	7N
עַם	M	people	7N
עֵץ	M	tree	7N
אֵין		there is not / there are not	7V
יֵשׁ		there is / there are	7V
סָבִיב		all around / surrounding / neighbourhood	7A
לְבַד		alone / besides	7a
אוּ		or	7C
הִנֵּן		behold!	7I
הִנֵּה		behold! / lo!	7I



## Vocabulary 8 – Chapter 10

אֶבֶן	F	stone	8N
אֲדָמָה	F	ground	8N
אֵיב	M	enemy	8N
בְּרִית	F	covenant	8N
בָּשָׂר	M	flesh	8N
גְּבוּל	M	boundary / territory	8N
חֹדֶשׁ	M	new moon / month	8N
חֵיל	M	strength / wealth / army	8N
חֶסֶד	M	loyalty / kindness / devotion / steadfast love	8N
יָד	F	hand	8N
מִדְבָּר	M	pasturage / wilderness	8N
מָוֶת	M	death	8N
מִפֶּה	M	rod / staff / tribe	8N
עֹלָה	F	burnt offering	8N
עֵת	F	time	8N
פָּנִים	MP	face	8N
צֹאן	M	flock / small herd	8N
רֶגֶל	F	foot	8N
עוֹד		yet / still / again	8a

## Vocabulary 9 – Chapter 11

אִם	F	mother	9N
אַמָּה	F	forearm / cubit	9N
בִּגְד	M	garment	9N
זֶרַע	M	seed / offspring / descendant / child	9N
חֲצֵר	M	settlement / court / enclosure	9N
לַיְלָה	M	night	9N
מוֹעֵד	M	appointed place / appointed time / season	9N
מַחֲנֶה	M	camp / army	9N
מַלְאָךְ	M	messenger / angel	9N
מַעֲשֵׂה	M	work	9N
נַחֲלָה	F	inheritance	9N
נֶעַר	M	lad / youth	9N
עֲוֹן	M	transgression / iniquity	9N
קֶרֶב	M	inward part / midst	9N
שָׁלוֹם	M	peace / health	9N
לָכֵן		therefore	9a
רַק		only	9a
שָׁם		there	9a
תָּמִיד		continually / regularly	9a

## Vocabulary 10 – Chapter 12

אָכַל		to eat	10V
אָמַר		to say	10V
הָיָה		to be / to happen / to become	10V
הָלַךְ		to go / to walk	10V
יָצָא		to go out / to come out / to go forth / to come forth	10V
יָשַׁב		to sit / to dwell / to inhabit	10V
נָתַן		to give	10V
עָשָׂה		to do / to make	10V
רָאָה		to see	10V
שָׁבַת		to cease / to rest	10V
שָׁמַע		to hear / to give ear to / to obey	10V
אָרוֹן	M	ark / chest	10N
מִנְחָה	F	gift / offering	10N
שַׁבָּת	M	sabbath / rest	10N
אֶךְ		only / surely	10a
אֵל		no / not	10a
לֹא		no / not	10a
אִם		if / then	10C

## Vocabulary 11 – Chapter 13

בָּרַךְ	to bless	11V
זָכַר	to remember	11V
זָקַן	to become old / to be old	11V
חָזַק	to become strong / to be strong	11V
יָדַע	to know	11V
כָּבֵד	to be heavy	11V
כָּתַב	to write	11V
מָלֵא	to be full / to fill / to fulfil	11V
מָלַךְ	to reign / to be king	11V
מָצָא	to find	11V
פָּקַד	to visit / to number / to appoint	11V
שָׁכַב	to lie down / to have sexual intercourse	11V
שָׁלַח	to stretch out / to let go / to send	11V
שָׁמַר	to keep / to watch / to guard / to observe	11V

## Vocabulary 12 – Chapter 14

בוא	to go in / to enter / to come	12V
בנה	to build	12V
ילד	to bring forth / to bear	12V
ירא	to fear / to be afraid	12V
ירד	to go down	12V
לקח	to take	12V
מות	to die	12V
נפל	to fall	12V
נשא	to lift up / to bear / to carry	12V
עבר	to pass over / to transgress	12V
עלה	to go up	12V
עמד	to stand	12V
קום	to arise / to rise / to stand	12V
קרא	to call / to meet / to read aloud	12V
שוב	to turn / to return	12V
שים	to set / to put / to place	12V
פה	here	12a

## Vocabulary 13 – Chapter 15

חַיָּה		to live	13V
יָכֹל		to be able	13V
כָּרַת		to cut off / to make a covenant	13V
סוּר		to turn	13V
עָבַד		to serve	13V
עָנָה		to answer	13V
אָזֶן	F	ear	13N
אֵיל	M	ram	13N
גִּבּוֹר	M	warrior / mighty man	13N
זָבַח	M	sacrifice	13N
צְדָקָה	F	righteousness	13N
צָפוֹן	F	north	13N
אָז		then / since	13a
אֵף		also / even	13a
פֶּן		lest	13C

## Vocabulary 14 – Chapter 16

גָּאַל		to redeem	14V
חָטָא		to miss a mark / to miss / to sin	14V
יָסַף		to add	14V
יָרַשׁ		to subdue / to possess / to dispossess / to inherit	14V
כָּפַר		to cover	14V
נָטָה		to turn / to stretch out	14V
עָזַב		to leave / to abandon	14V
קָרַב		to draw near	14V
רָבָה		to become numerous / to be numerous / to be great	14V
שָׁתָה		to drink	14V
תָּמַם		to be complete	14V
כַּף	F	hand / palm / sole ( <i>of foot</i> )	14N
רֵעַ	M	friend / fellow / companion	14N
נֶגֶד		before / opposite	14P

## Vocabulary 15 – Chapter 17

אָבד		to perish	15V
אַהב		to love	15V
אַסַּף		to gather / to take in	15V
בער		to consume / to burn	15V
גָּלַה		to reveal / to uncover	15V
טָהַר		to be clean / to be pure	15V
כָּלָה		to cease / to come to an end / to finish / to complete	15V
רום		to become high / to be high / to be exalted	15V
שָׁפַט		to judge / to enter into controversy	15V
אַמֶּת	F	truth / trustworthiness	15N
כִּסֵּא	M	seat / throne	15N
מִסְפָּר	M	number	15N
עֶשֶׂר	M	group of ten / decade	15N
שֶׁמֶשׁ	M	sun	15N



## Vocabulary 16 – Chapter 18

בָּחַר		to choose	16V
בִּין		to understand / to perceive	16V
דָּרַשׁ		to seek	16V
הָרַג		to kill	16V
חָפֵץ		to please / to delight / to take pleasure	16V
טוֹב		to be good / to be pleasant	16V
קָדַשׁ		to be holy	16V
רָעָה		to feed / to graze / to tend flocks	16V
שָׁאַל		to ask for / to ask / demand	16V
בַּעַל	M	owner / husband / Baal	16N
שִׁבְט	M	rod / staff / tribe	16N
נָא		please / now / <particle of entreaty>	16a
בְּעַד		behind / through	16P
יַעַן		on account of / because	16P

## Vocabulary 17 – Chapter 19

בִּטַּח		to trust	17V
בָּכָה		to weep	17V
לְבַשׁ		to put on / to clothe	17V
שָׁלֵם		to be whole / to be complete	17V
שָׂרַף		to burn	17V
דּוֹר	M	generation / lifetime / lifespan	17N
מְלָאכָה	F	work	17N
פָּר	M	young bull / young cow / heifer	17N
פֶּתַח	M	gate / opening / entrance	17N
רַב	M	multitude / abundance	17N
שִׁפָּה	F	lip / shore / bank	17N
חוּץ		outside	17a

## Vocabulary 18 – Chapter 20

אָחַז		to seize	18V
טָמֵא		to be unclean	18V
יָצַר		to form / to shape / to fashion	18V
נָגַע		to touch / to reach	18V
נוּס		to flee	18V
סָבַב		to turn around / to surround	18V
סָפַר		to write / to count / to number	18V
שָׁבַר		to break	18V
שָׂמַח		to rejoice	18V
תָּתַן		to give	18V
יָחַד	M	community / union	18N
יַיִן	M	wine	18N
עֲבוּדָה	F	service	18N
עֵדָה	F	congregation	18N
יַחַד		together / at the same time	18A
בְּלֹא		not / in order not / <negates infinitive construct>	18a

## Vocabulary 19 – Chapter 21

זָבַח		to slaughter / to sacrifice	19V
חָנָה		to encamp	19V
נָוָה		to rest / to settle down	19V
נָסַע		to depart	19V
פָּנָה		to turn about / to turn aside	19V
פָּתַח		to open	19V
רָדַף		to pursue / to persecute	19V
שָׁאַר		to remain	19V
שָׂנֵא		to hate	19V
בִּמָּה	F	high place / funerary installation	19N
חֻקָּה	F	statute / prescription	19N
יָמִין	F	right / right side / south	19N
מִשְׁכָּן	M	dwelling / tabernacle	19N
נָחַל	M	stream / wadi	19N
רָעַב	M	hunger / famine	19N

## Vocabulary 20 – Chapter 22

אָרַר		to curse	20V
בושׁ		to be ashamed	20V
גָּדַל		to become strong / to be strong / to be great	20V
חָשַׁב		to account / to regard / to value / to think	20V
יָטַב		to be good	20V
לָכַד		to seize / to capture	20V
נָגַשׁ		to draw near / to approach	20V
קָבַץ		to gather	20V
קָבַר		to bury	20V
שָׁכַן		to dwell / to settle	20V
שָׁפַךְ		to pour out	20V
חוֹמָה	F	city wall	20N
חֹק	M	statute / prescription / ordinance	20N
כֶּבֶשׂ	M	young ram / lamb	20N
שֹׁכֵן	M	tent	20N

## Vocabulary 21 – Chapter 23

אֹר	M	light	21N
בְּכֹר	M	firstborn	21N
חֶמָּה	F	heat / rage / wrath	21N
חֲצִי	M	half	21N
כֹּחַ	M	strength / power	21N
לָשׁוֹן	M	tongue	21N
נְחֹשֶׁת	M/F	copper / bronze	21N
נָשִׂיא	M	chief / prince	21N
עֵצָה	M	bone	21N
עֶרֶב	M	evening	21N
פֶּרִי	M	fruit	21N
קָהָל	M	assembly / congregation	21N
רֶכֶב	M	chariot / chariotry	21N
תּוֹעֵבָה	F	abomination	21N

## Vocabulary 22 – Chapter 24

אָמַן	Ni	to be steady / to be firm / to be faithful	22V
יָשַׁע	Ni	to be saved	22V
יָתַר	Ni	to be left	22V
כּוֹן	Ni	to be firm	22V
לָחַם	Ni	to fight	22V
מָלַט	Ni	to escape	22V
נָחַם	Ni	to be sorry / to repent	22V
נָכַח	Hi	to hit / to smite / to kill	22V
נָצַב	Ni	to take one's stand / to be stationed	22V
נָצַל	Ni	to be delivered / to snatch away	22V
סָתַר	Hi	to conceal / to hide	22V
פָּלַא	Ni	to be extraordinary / to be wonderful	22V
רוּץ		to run	22V
שָׁחַת	Hi	to ruin / to spoil / to destroy	22V
שָׁמַד	Ni	to be destroyed / to be exterminated	22V

## Vocabulary 23 – Chapter 25

הִפֹּךְ		to turn / to overturn	23V
זָנָה		to commit fornication / to play the harlot	23V
חָרָה		to become hot / to become burning / to become angry	23V
רָעָה	Hi Ni	to do evil   to be wicked / to be evil	23V
שָׂבַע	Hi Ni	to satisfy   to be satiated	23V
שָׁכַח		to forget	23V
שָׁמַם		to be astonished / to be desolate	23V
זָכָר	M	man / male	23N
חֹשֶׁךְ	M	darkness	23N
מִנְרָשׁ	M	pasture / untilled ground	23N
מַמְלָכָה	F	kingdom	23N
נָהָר	M	river / stream	23N
צֶדֶק	M	righteousness / what is right / what is just	23N
קָרְבָּן	M	offering / gift	23N
רֹעֶה	M	shepherd	23N



## Vocabulary 24 – Chapter 26

בָּקַשׁ	Pi	to seek	24V
דָּבַר	Pi	to speak	24V
הִלֵּל	Pi	to praise	24V
יָדָה	Pi Hi	to throw / to cast   to praise	24V
כָּסָה	Pi	to cover / to conceal	24V
מָהַר	Pi	to hasten	24V
נָבֵא	Ni	to prophesy	24V
נָבַט	Hi	to look at / to regard	24V
סָגַר		to shut / to close	24V
צָוָה	Pi	to command	24V
קָטַר	Pi	to send an offering up in smoke / to make smoke	24V
שָׁרַח		to sing	24V
שָׁתַח		to put / to set / to place	24V
שָׁרַת	Pi	to minister / to serve	24V

## Vocabulary 25 – Chapter 27

גִּוּר		to sojourn	25V
יַעַץ		to give counsel / to give advice	25V
לָמַד	Q Pi	to learn   to teach	25V
מָכַר		to sell	25V
מָשַׁל		to govern / to rule	25V
עָזַר		to help / to assist	25V
עָנָה	Q Pi	to answer   to oppress / to humiliate	25V
קָלַל	Q Pi	to be slight / to be swift   to curse	25V
קָנָה		to acquire / to buy	25V
רָכַב		to ride	25V
שָׁחַט		to slaughter / to kill	25V
אָחוֹת	F	sister	25N
כָּנָף	M	wing / corner / edge	25N
עַמּוּד	M	pillar / column	25N
שָׁקַר	M	lie / falsehood / deception	25N

## Vocabulary 26 – Chapter 28

אָסר		to bind / to be fettered / to be imprisoned	26V
הֵנִן		to be gracious to / to favour	26V
זָעַק		to cry out	26V
חָזָה		to see / to perceive	26V
חָלָה		to become weak / to be weak / to become ill / to be ill	26V
מָאָס		to reject	26V
עוֹר		to arouse / to awaken	26V
עָרַךְ		to arrange / to set in order	26V
רָחַץ		to wash / to wash off	26V
שָׂכַל	Hi	to have success / to cause to consider / to teach	26V
מִרְאָה	M	sight / appearance	26N
נֶגֶב	M	dry country / south / Negev	26N
עָפָר	M	dry earth / dust	26N
פַּעַם	F	foot / step / time	26N

## Vocabulary 27 – Chapter 29

לִּין		to spend the night / to lodge	27V
מָשַׁח		to anoint	27V
נָצַר		to watch / to guard	27V
גֵּר	M	sojourner / alien	27N
חַיָּה	F	wild animal / animal	27N
חֲמֹר	M	ass / male ass / donkey / male donkey	27N
יֶתֶר	M	remainder / remnant	27N
מָשַׁח	M	anointed one	27N
עֹר	M	skin / leather	27N
עֹז	M	strength / power / might	27N
פָּשַׁע	M	rebellion / revolt / transgression	27N
קֶצֶה	M	end / border / extremity	27N
שִׂמְחָה	F	joy / rejoicing	27N
חֵלֶב		fat	27A
תָּמִים		whole / entire / blameless	27A

## Vocabulary 28 – Chapter 30

חָלַל	Ni Pi Hi	to be defiled / to be slain   to profane   to begin	28V
נָגַד	Hi	to make known / to report / to tell	28V
שָׁבַע	Ni Hi	to swear   to plead with	28V
שָׁלַךְ	Hi	to throw / to cast	28V
דֶּלֶת	F	door	28N
דַּעַת	F	knowledge	28N
הִמּוֹן	M	tumult / turmoil / multitude	28N
זְרוּעַ	F	arm / forearm	28N
כְּרוּב	M	cherub	28N
כַּרֶם	M	vineyard	28N
מַלְכוּת	F	kingdom / dominion / reign	28N
עֵצָה	F	advice / counsel	28N
חָלַל		pierced / slain / defiled	28A
טָמֵא		unclean	28A

## Vocabulary 29 – Chapter 31

אָן	M	wickedness / iniquity	29N
אוצר	M	supply / storehouse / treasure	29N
אות	M	sign	29N
גורל	M	lot / allotment	29N
ישועה	F	deliverance / salvation	29N
מקנה	M	possessions / land / cattle	29N
משמרת	F	obligation / service	29N
נגע	M	blow / assault / plague	29N
צר	M	adversary / foe	29N
קדם	M	east / ancient times	29N
שקל	M	shekel / unit of weight	29N

## Vocabularies 30-33 – Chapters 32-35

אַרְז	M	cedar	30N
צוּר	M	rock / boulder	30N
קֶרֶן	F	horn	30N
קֶשֶׁת	F	bow / rainbow	30N
בֶּטֶן	F	belly / womb	31N
הֶבֶל	M	breath / vanity / idol	31N
הִרְפָּה	F	reproach / disgrace	31N
מִזְרַח	M	sunrise / east	31N
מִקְדָּשׁ	M	sanctuary	32N
עוֹף	M	flying creatures / fowl / insects	32N
עִז	M	goat	32N
קִיר	M	wall	32N
שׁוֹפָר	M	ram's horn / trumpet	32N
פָּלַל	Ht	to pray	32V
בַּרְזֵל	M	iron	33N
עֵד	M	witness	33N
צָרָה	F	distress	33N
שׁוֹר	M	bull / steer / ox	33N
שֻׁלְחָן	M	table	33N
תְּפִלָּה	F	prayer	33N