

THE BIBLICAL HEBREW ALPHABET

FIVE FINAL FORMS

SIX BeGaDKePHaT CONSONANTS

Dot is called **Daghesh Lene**

	Regular	Final		Regular	Final		Regular	Final
Kaph			Bet			Kaph		
				<u>b</u> as in <u>boy</u>	<u>v</u> as in <u>vine</u>		<u>k</u> as in <u>king</u>	<u>ch</u> as in <u>Bach</u>
Mem			Gimel			Pe		
				<u>g</u> as in <u>good</u>	<u>gh</u> as in <u>ag^hast</u>		<u>p</u> as in <u>pastor</u>	<u>ph</u> as in <u>ph^one</u>
Nun			Dalet			Taw		
				<u>d</u> as in <u>day</u>	<u>dth</u> as in <u>width</u>		<u>t</u> as in <u>toy</u>	<u>th</u> as in <u>thⁱn</u>
Pe								
Tsade								

VOWELS

	a	e	i	o	u
Long					
Pronunciation	Qamets He	Tsere Yod	Hireq Yod	Holem Full Holam	Shureq
Transliteration	<u>a</u> as in <u>father</u> ā	<u>e</u> as in <u>ei^{gh}t</u> ē	<u>i</u> as in <u>ma^{ch}ine</u> î	<u>o</u> as in <u>ho^le</u> ō	<u>u</u> as in <u>fruⁱt</u> û
Short					
Pronunciation	Pathach	Seghol	Hireq		Qibbuts
Transliteration	<u>a</u> as in <u>ma^d</u> a	<u>e</u> as in <u>me^t</u> e	<u>i</u> as in <u>hi^d</u> i		<u>u</u> as in <u>pu^ts</u> u
Reduced					
Pronunciation	Hateph Pathach	Hateph Seghol		Hateph Qamets	
Transliteration	<u>a</u> as in <u>ma^d</u> ă	<u>e</u> as in <u>be^tter</u> ĕ		<u>o</u> as in <u>most</u> ō	

SPECIAL



Shewa (Silent)

The Silent Shewa has a zero value and is never pronounced and never transliterated.



Shewa (Vocal)

a in amu^se
ə / °