

Hebrew Language Resources

Type of Resource	Description	Function	Title	Call #
Lexicon	Alpha order: root/dictionary forms with extensive definitions	Use to define words	<i>Hebrew and English Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> (Brown, Driver, Briggs)	Ref 492.432 Bro 12118
			<i>Concise Hebrew and Aramaic Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> (Holladay)	Ref 221.4 Hol 12197
Index to the Lexicon	Scripture order: root/dictionary forms, page location in lexicon	Use to speed lexicon use and overcome problem of unknown roots for Scripture words	<i>An Index to the Brown, Driver, Briggs Lexicon</i> (Einspahr)	Ref 221.2 Ein 15382
Analytical lexicon	Alpha order: actual (vs. dictionary) forms, brief definition, parsing	Use to get definition and parsing for every word in Scripture while sidestepping knowing the root/dictionary form	<i>The Analytical Hebrew and Chaldee Lexicon</i> (Davidson)	Ref 492.4/3/21 Dav 13241
Analytical Key	Scripture order: parsing, brief definition	Use to get basic data on every Scripture word sidestepping knowing the root/dictionary form (generally multi-volume works since words can reappear hundreds of times vs. once as in the "alpha order" layout above)	<i>Analytical Key to the Old Testament</i> (Owens, 4 volumes)	Ref 221.4/4 Owe 13257
Parsing Guide	Scripture order: parsing, verbs only, no definitions	Use to parse verbs as they arise in Scripture, usually single volumes	<i>Old Testament Parsing Guide</i> (Beall, 2 volumes)	Ref 492.4/5 Bea 12410
Reader's Lexicon	Scripture order: brief definition of root words that are used less than 50 times; words used over 50 times are in an alpha index in the back	Use to define less-used words as they arise in Scripture; meant for Hebrew OT readers, i.e. enables one to read the Hebrew OT quickly with a single reference tool (actually four slender volumes for the OT) and no flipping pages, once one has a vocabulary up to words used 50 times or less,	<i>A Reader's Hebrew-English Lexicon of the Old Testament</i> (Armstrong, Busby, Carr, 4 volumes)	Ref 221.4/4 Arm 15366
Graded Student Reader	Selected Hebrew scriptures, in order of difficulty with notes	Use to build reading speed and comprehension	<i>Readings in Biblical Hebrew</i> (Ben Zvi)	Ref 492.4/86421 Ehu 15369
Theological Dictionary/Wordbook	Alpha order: root/ dictionary forms, extended discussion of meanings	Use for in depth analysis of key words, usually multi-volume	<i>New International Dictionary of Old Testament Theology &</i>	

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			<i>Exegesis</i> (VanGemeren, 5 volumes) (less conservative)	
			<i>The Theological Wordbook of the Old Testament</i> (Harris, 2 volumes) (conservative)	Ref 221.4 Har 12940
Concordance	Alpha order: Listing of each Hebrew OT word, followed by the Scripture phrases (in Hebrew) that include the Hebrew word, usually categorizing the surrounding grammatical constructions	Use to establish the most precise word meanings possible, via the study of actual usage per specific authors and grammatical constructions	<i>A New Concordance of the Old Testament</i> (Even-Shoshan)	Ref 221.2 Eve 15454
Englishman's Concordance	Alpha order, linked to the Strong's numbering system: Listing of each Hebrew OT word, followed by the translated Scripture phrases (in English, using the KJV) that include the Hebrew word	Use to establish relatively precise word meanings, via the study of actual usage per specific authors (grammatical patterns are lost via the use of English translation in the Scripture phrases)	<i>The New Englishman's Hebrew-Chaldee Concordance</i>	Ref 220.2 Wig 15579
Beginning Grammar		Use to understand rules of grammar and sentence construction	Basics of Biblical Hebrew Grammar	Ref 492.4/82421 Pra 15264
Intermediate Grammar			<i>Introduction to Biblical Hebrew Syntax</i> (Waltke)	Ref 492.4/82421 Wal 15368
Advanced Grammar			<i>Gesenius' Hebrew Grammar</i>	Ref 415 Gen 12604
Student Vocabulary	Order by frequency of use in the Hebrew OT	Use to memorize the most used words first. Important for getting to the crucial "50 words or less" vocabulary benchmark assumed for the readers lexicon	<i>A Student's Vocabulary for Biblical Hebrew and Aramaic</i> (Mitchel)	221.44 Mit 12703
Cumulative Index/ Grammatical Aid	Scripture order index by verse: gives summary of comments on the verse from several key grammars	Use to survey the major grammars on a given verse	<i>A Cumulative Index to the Grammar and Syntax of Biblical Hebrew</i> (Putnam)	Ref 016.4924/7 Put 15367