

These are the 22 characters of the

## Hebrew “alef-bet”

כ	י	ט	ח	ז	ו	ה	ד	ג	ב	א
kaf	yud	tet	chet	zain	va	hey	dalet	gimel	bet	alef

Read from right to left



ת	ש	ר	ק	צ	פ	ע	ס	נ	מ	ל
tav	shin	resh	kof	tzadik	pe	ain	samech	nun	mem	lamed

Name	Final Form	Book Print	Sound
Alef		א	Silent
Bet		ב	<b>B</b> as in <b>Boy</b>
		ב	<b>V</b> as in <b>Van</b>
Gimel		ג	<b>G</b> as in <b>Gas</b>
Dalet		ד	<b>D</b> as in <b>Dog</b>
Hey		ה	<b>H</b> as in <b>Hat</b>
Vav		ו	<b>V</b> as in <b>Van</b>
Zayin		ז	<b>Z</b> as in <b>Zoo</b>
Chet		ח	<b>CH</b> as in <b>BaCH</b>
Tet		ט	<b>T</b> as in <b>Top</b>
Yod		י	<b>Y</b> as in <b>You</b>
Kaf		כ	<b>K</b> as in <b>Key</b>
	ך	כ	<b>CH</b> as in <b>BaCH</b>
Lamed		ל	<b>L</b> as in <b>Lot</b>

Mem	ם	מ	<b>M</b> as in <b>Mat</b>
Nun	ן	נ	<b>N</b> as in <b>Nut</b>
Samec h		ס	<b>S</b> as in <b>See</b>
Ayin		ע	Silent
Pey		פ	<b>P</b> as in <b>Pie</b>
	ף	פ	<b>F</b> as in <b>Fan</b>
Tsade	ץ	צ	<b>TS</b> as in <b>CaTS</b>
Qof		ק	<b>K</b> as in <b>Key</b>
Resh		ך	<b>R</b> as in <b>Rug</b>
Sin		ש	<b>S</b> as in <b>See</b>
Shin		שׁ	<b>SH</b> as in <b>SHe</b>
Tav		ת ת	

**V** as in  
**Van**

ו

ב

**CH** as in  
**BaCH**

כ

ח

**T** as in  
**Top**

ת

ט

**K** as in  
**Key**

ק

כ

**S** as in  
**See**

ש

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ס

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Alef

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Bet

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Gimel

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Dalet

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Sin

שִׁן

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Shin

שִׁין

Tav  


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# *Regular Form      Final Form*

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ץ<sup>1</sup>

Final  
Form

Basic  
Form

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מ<sup>1</sup>

	Soft			Hard
<b>V</b> as in <b>Van</b>	ב		<b>B</b> as in <b>Boy</b>	בּ
<b>CH</b> as in <b>BaCH</b>	כ		<b>K</b> as in <b>Key</b>	כּ
<b>F</b> as in <b>Fan</b>	פ		<b>P</b> as in <b>Pie</b>	פּ <sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Futato, M. D. (2003). [\*Beginning Biblical Hebrew\*](#) (p. 4). Winona Lake, IN: Eisenbrauns.