

Transliterating Names in the Hebrew Bible (First Draft)

- English Bibles often use the following conventions when transliterating names in the Hebrew Bible.
- Many well-known names (e.g., Solomon) do not follow these conventions.
- This is a first draft based on Numbers 7 and spot-checked with other passages.
- Please report corrections or additions at HebrewSyntax.Org.
- A Dagesh Forte doubles the English transliteration, except שׁ (= ssh) and יׁ (j or omitted)

א	omitted			
ב	b			
ג	g			
ד	d			
ה	h	הָ → ah		
ו	v			
ז	z			
ח	h			
ט	t			
י	i	Initial יׁ → I	Initial יׁ → J	j or omitted if dagesh forte.
כ	ch	some translations use k		כּ is sometimes c
ל	l			
מ	m			
נ	n			
ס	s			
ע	omitted	sometimes use 'a' if has silent shewah		
פ	ph			
פּ	p			
צ	z			
ק	k			
ר	r			
שׁ	sh			
שׂ	s			
ת	th			
תּ	t			
A vowels:	אָ אַ אִ	אָ → ah	אִ → ai	
E vowels:	עֵ עֶ עִ	עֵ → eh or ee (translation dependent)		עִ and עִ unknown
I vowels:	יִ יׁ			
O vowels:	וּ וֹ וֹ	וּ unknown		
U vowels:	וּ			
Silent shewa	omitted	sometimes use e		silent under Ayin → a
Vocal shewa	e			