

CHAPTER 1:  
THE HEBREW ALPHABET AND VOWELS

(a) *Writing*

Practice writing down each of the letters, including the final forms, until you can do it with ease.

	א
	ב
	ג
	ד
	ה
	ו
	ז
	ח
	ט
	י
	כ
	ל
	מ
	נ
	ס
	ע
	פ
	צ
	ק
	ר
	ש
	ת

	ק
	ך
	ש
	ש
	ת

(b) *The Alphabet*

Write, in alphabetical order, the letters of the Hebrew alphabet with both the Hebrew letters and the names. Practice this until you have fully memorized the alphabet.

1.		7.		13.		19.	
2.		8.		14.		20.	
3.		9.		15.		21.	
4.		10.		16.		22.	
5.		11.		17.		23.	
6.		12.		18.			

(c) *Phonetic Values of the Alphabet*

Give the phonetic equivalent of each Hebrew letter, including the begadkephat letters.

א	ו	ז	ך
ב	ז	ח	ש
ג	כ	ט	ש
ד	ס	צ	ת
ה	י	ק	ת
ו	ט	ק	
ז	ט	ל	
ח	ץ	ך	

(d) *The Vowels*

Give the vowel classes, names, lengths and phonetic equivalents of all the simple vowels.

Class	Symbol	Name	Quantity	Sound
	-	תַּי		
	ֶ	תֵּי		
	ִ	תִּי		
	ֵ	תֵּי		
	ֶ	תֵּי		
	ִ	תִּי		
	ֵ	תֵּי		
	ֶ	תֵּי		
	ִ	תִּי		
	ֵ	תֵּי		

(e) *Transliteration*

Write the transliteration for each of the vocabulary words.

1.	אָדָם	
2.	אֵשׁ	
3.	אֶרֶץ	
4.	דָּבָר	
5.	דַּעַת	
6.	זָקֵן	
7.	חָצֵר	
8.	מִלֵּךְ	
9.	שֶׁבֶד	
10.	עֵאָז	
11.	שֵׁר	
12.	שִׁפְט	

(f) *Fill the Blanks with Hebrew*

Using your vocabulary as a base, write in the appropriate Hebrew word(s) missing in each sentence. Write in Hebrew, not in transliteration.

- (1) In Genesis, God is called the \_\_\_\_\_ of all the \_\_\_\_\_, meaning that he judges the whole world.
- (2) A sentence must have at least one \_\_\_\_\_.
- (3) A two-letter Hebrew word for “ruler” is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (4) If you study, you will acquire \_\_\_\_\_.
- (5) The first man in the Bible is \_\_\_\_\_.
- (6) A very small city is a \_\_\_\_\_.
- (7) God created heaven and \_\_\_\_\_.
- (8) In a monarchy, the \_\_\_\_\_ rules.
- (9) The \_\_\_\_\_ has had many birthdays.
- (10) A \_\_\_\_\_ usually has to work hard.
- (11) \_\_\_\_\_ is very hot.
- (12) There are many sheep in the \_\_\_\_\_.

(g) *The Reduced Vowels*

Give the Names and phonetic equivalents of the reduced vowels.

Symbol		Name	Sound
:	וְ		
ִ	וִ		
ֵ	וֵ		
ֶ	וֶ		

(h) *Construct Chains*

Translate the following construct chains.

דְּבַר זָקֵן (1)

חֵצֵר מְלֶכֶךְ (2)

צֹאן שֶׁר (3)

עָבַד מִלְּךְ (4)

יָעַת שָׁפֵט (5)