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Hebrew and Greek Alphabets

Hebrew Alphabet

Letter	Final	Name	Sounds like	Notes
a	-	Aleph	' (unappreciable)	Open mouth soft puff of air. Usually takes on sound of next letter. Usually becomes a vowel sound.
b	-	Beth	B	-
g	-	Giymel	G	-
d	-	Daleth	D	-
h	-	He	H	Often quiescent. May sound like a vowel.
w	-	Vav	V or W	Often quiescent. Sometimes sounds like "u" or "o".
z	-	Zayin	Z - as in zeal	-
x	-	Het	Kh	Almost an H (pronounced "hate")
j	-	Tet	T	Pronounced "tate"
y	-	Yod	Y	Often quiescent. Often sounds like "y", "i", or "ee"
k	d	Kaph	K or Q	-
l	-	Lamed	L	-
m	~	Mem	M	Pronounced "mame"
n	w	Nun	N	Pronounced "noon"
s	-	Samek	S	-
[-	Ayin	' unappreciable	Like Aleph, see note there.
p P	@	Phe/Pe	Ph/P	Pronounced "fay"/"pay"
c	#	Tsadek	Ts	Hard Z
q	-	Qoph	Q or K	-
r	-	Resh	R	Pronounced "raysh"
f v	-	Sin/Shin	S/Sh	Pronounced "seen"/"sheen"
t T	-	Thav/Ta v	Th/T	Also know as "Tau"

Note: vowel sounds are determined by vowel points (diacritic marks), which are not discussed here. There were no vowel points in Hebrew when the Scripture was written; they were added in the seventh century AD. There are sites available online that teach the vowel points. It is more important to learn the consonants first.

Greek Alphabet

Upper	Lower	Name	Sound	Notes
A	α	Alpha	A	-
B	β	Beta	B	Pronounced "bay'-ta"
Δ	δ	Delta	D	-
Γ	γ	Gamma	G	-
E	ε	Epsilon	E	Short "e" like in pet
Z	ζ	Zeta	Z	pronounced "zay'-ta"
H	η	Eta	E (long)	Long "e" sounds like "ay" as in hey (pronounced "ay'-ta")
Θ	θ	Theta	T	pronounced "thay'-ta"
I	ι	Iota	I	pronounced "ee-oh'-ta"
K	κ	Kappa	K	-
Λ	λ	Lambda	L	-
M	μ	Mu	M	-
N	ν	Nu	N	-
Ξ	ξ	Xi	X	May sound like K
O	ο	Omicron	O	Short "o" like in fox (pronounced "ah'-mee-cron")
Π	π	Pi	P	-
P	ρ	Rho	R	-
Σ	σ	Sigma	S	Final ζ (called <i>stigma</i>)
T	τ	Tau	T	-
Υ	υ	Upsilon	U	-
Φ	φ	Phi	Ph	-
X	χ	Chi	K	Long "i" like in "high" (pronounced "kai")
Ψ	ψ	Psi	Ps	-
Ω	ω	Omega	O (Long)	Long "o" like in boat (pronounced "oh-may'-ga")

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