



HEBREW

words





Baruch

b a h - R O O K H



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Definition: "Blessed"

Blessing God is an important part of Jewish and Messianic Jewish worship. Many blessings open with the phrase, "Blessed are You, Lord our God, Ruler of the universe," and are followed by various lines specific to each occasion.

Echad

eh - KHAD



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e h - k h a d

Definition: "One"

More than a simple numeral, *echad* reflects a compound oneness that is fitting to describe God's existence. "Hear O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one!" (Deuteronomy 6:4).

A serene landscape of snow-covered mountains under a clear blue sky with a crescent moon. The mountains are covered in a thick layer of snow, with some rocky outcrops visible. The sky is a deep, clear blue, and a thin crescent moon is visible in the upper right corner. The overall mood is peaceful and majestic.

Elohim

eh - loh - HEEM



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Definition: "God"

Elohim is a name for God frequently used in the Old Covenant, which is also called the Tanakh (see later).



Hallel

h a h - L E L L



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Definition: "Praise"

In Jewish worship, “The *Hallel*” refers to the recitation of Psalms 113–118 in the Hebrew liturgy at various Jewish holidays.



Kadosh

k a h - D O S H E



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Definition: "Holy"

Kadosh can be heard often in prayers and worship songs within Messianic Judaism. "And they were calling to one another: 'Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty; the whole earth is full of His glory' (Isaiah 6:3).



Mashiach

m a h - S H E E - a k h



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m a h - s h e e - a k h

*Definition: "Messiah" or
"Anointed One"*

The Old Covenant is filled with promises of the coming Messiah, the Anointed One of God. The Brit Chadasha, or New Covenant, reveals Yeshua as the Jewish Messiah prophesied throughout the Holy Scriptures. Most Jewish people still wait for the Messiah's appearing while Messianic Jews recognize Him as Yeshua.

Mitzvah

mitz - VAH





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Definition: "Commandment"

When a Jewish boy goes through his *Bar Mitzvah* ceremony, he becomes a “son of the commandment.” *Mitzvot* is the plural of *mitzvah*, meaning commandments.



Parasha

p a h - r a h - S H A H



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p a h - r a h - s h a h

Definition: "Portion"

The *parasha* is a weekly Scripture reading recited in Jewish synagogues. Each week the *parasha* includes a part of the first five books of the Bible, called the Torah or Pentateuch. By the end of the year, worshipers have read the entire Torah, and the cycle begins again. Messianic Judaism continues this tradition, connecting the *parasha* to images of Yeshua found in the Torah.

Ruach

R O O - a k h





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r o o - a k h

*Definition: "Spirit," "Breath"
or "Wind"*

Scripture uses this in a variety of ways to describe the Spirit of God, such as *Ruach Adonai* (Spirit of the Lord), *Ruach Elohim* (Spirit of God), the *Ruach HaKodesh* (the Holy Spirit), and the Lord Himself refers to His *Ruach*.



Selah

SAY-lah



Selah

s a y - l a h

Definition: "Pause"

You've probably noticed this little word in the book of Psalms. It typically appears between passages within a single psalm, and it is a directive to the reader to linger a moment and reflect on what was just read before moving on to the next verse.



Shalom

s h a h - L O M E



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Definition: "Peace"

Shalom conveys much more than the idea of simply being "at peace." It also denotes the concept of "completeness" and "wholeness." Knowing the fuller meaning of *shalom* enriches our understanding of Scripture – especially such passages as Psalm 122:6 in which God commands us to pray for the *shalom* of Israel; and John 14:27 in which Yeshua told us about the extraordinary peace He gives. *Shalom* can also be used as a greeting and farewell.



Shema

sheh - MAH



Shema

s h e h - m a h

Definition: "Hear" or "Listen"

This is the opening word used in Deuteronomy 6:4. The *Shema* is a Jewish prayer recited morning and evening, taken from three Scripture passages (Deuteronomy 6:4-9, 11:13-21 and Numbers 15:37-41). Messianic Judaism has adapted the *Shema*, and it is commonly sung to open worship services and prayer gatherings.



Tanakh

t a h - N A K H



Tanakh

t a h - n a k h

Definition: "Hebrew Scriptures"

The *Tanakh* is the entirety of Hebrew Scriptures, known to Christians as the Old Covenant or Old Testament. The word *Tanakh* was formed from the first letters (TNK) of the three sections into which the Jewish Scriptures are divided: the *Torah* (instruction), *Neviim* (prophets) and *Ketuvim* (writings).





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