

Chapter 2a - Hebrew Vowels

vowels with consonants

Deuteronomy 6:5

no vowel pointing



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Chapter 2b - Hebrew Vowels

short vowels

2.3 Vowel Chart 1: Short Vowels.

	<i>Vowel Name</i>	<i>Pronunciation</i>	<i>Transliteration</i>
<i>a-type</i>	 Pathach	<i>a as in bat</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>e-type</i>	 Seghol	<i>e as in better</i>	<i>e</i>
<i>i-type</i>	 Hireq	<i>i as in bitter</i>	<i>i</i>
<i>o-type</i>	 Qamets Hatuf	<i>o as in bottle</i>	<i>o</i>
<i>u-type</i>	 Qibbuts	<i>u as in ruler</i>	<i>u</i>



Chapter 2c - Hebrew Vowels

changeable long vowels

2.4 Vowel Chart 2: Changeable Long Vowels

	<i>Vowel Name</i>	<i>Pronunciation</i>	<i>Transliteration</i>
<i>a-type</i>	 Qamets	<i>a</i> as in <i>father</i>	<i>ā</i>
<i>e-type</i>	 Tsere	<i>e</i> as in <i>they</i>	<i>ē</i>
<i>o-type</i>	 Holem	<i>o</i> as in <i>role</i>	<i>ō</i>



Chapter 2d - Hebrew Vowels

unchangable long vowels

2.5 Vowel Chart 3: Unchangeable Long Vowels

	<i>Vowel Name</i>	<i>Pronunciation</i>	<i>Transliteration</i>	
<i>a-type</i>		Qamets Yod	<i>ou as in bought</i>	<i>â</i>
<i>e-type</i>		Tsere Yod	<i>e as in they</i>	<i>ê</i>
		Seghol Yod	<i>e as in better</i>	<i>ê</i>
<i>i-type</i>		Hireq Yod	<i>i as in machine</i>	<i>a</i>
<i>o-type</i>		Holem Waw	<i>o as in role</i>	<i>ô</i>
<i>u-type</i>		Shureq	<i>u as in ruler</i>	<i>û</i>



Chapter 2e - Hebrew Vowels

reduced (hateph) vowels

2.6 Vowel Chart 4: Reduced (Hateph) Vowels

	<i>Vowel Name</i>	<i>Pronunciation</i>	<i>Transliteration</i>
<i>a-type</i>	 Hateph Pathach	<i>a</i> as in <i>amuse</i>	<i>á</i>
<i>e-type</i>	 Hateph Seghol	<i>a</i> as in <i>amuse</i>	<i>é</i>
<i>o-type</i>	 Hateph Qamets	<i>a</i> as in <i>amuse</i>	<i>ó</i>



Chapter 2f - Hebrew Vowels

summary vowel chart

	<i>a</i>	<i>e</i>	<i>i</i>	<i>o</i>	<i>u</i>
<i>Short</i>	 Pathach	 Seghol	 Hireq	 Qamets Hatuf	 Qibbutz
<i>Changeable</i>	 Qamets	 Tsere		 Holem	
<i>Unchangeable</i>	 Qamets Yod	 Tsere Yod/ Seghol Yod	 Hireq Yod	 Holem Waw	 Shureq
<i>Reduced</i>	 Hateph Pathach	 Hateph Seghol		 Hateph Qamets	



Chapter 2g - Hebrew Vowels

shewa



This vowel symbol is called ***Shewa***.
It is not listed in the vowel charts because it is not like any other vowel. It does not belong to any phonetic class.
There are two types of Shewa in Hebrew:
Silent Shewa and ***Vocal Shewa***.



Chapter 2h - Hebrew Vowels

daghesh forte



This pointing symbol is called ***Daghesh Forte***.

It looks exactly like the Daghesh Lene but it is used to **double the consonant** in which it occurs. For example, the Hebrew word הַשָּׁמַיִם (the heavens) has a Daghesh Forte in the Shin (שׁ). It should be rendered, therefore, with two Shins (שׁשׁ), *haji`amayim*. The Daghesh Forte can occur in any consonant except the gutturals (א, ע, ה, ח) and ר.



Chapter 2i - Hebrew Vowels

defective writing

	<i>Full Writing</i>		<i>Defective Writing</i>	
	בּוּ	➤	בּוֹ	Holem Waw to Holem
<i>Example</i>	שׁוֹפָר	➤	שׁפָר	ram's horn
	בּוֹ	➤	בּוֹ	Shureq to Qibbutz
<i>Example</i>	מִדּוֹעַ	➤	מִדּוֹעַ	why?
	בִּי	➤	בִּי	Hireq Yod to Hireq
<i>Example</i>	דָּוִד	➤	דָּוִד	David

