

LOVE

אָהַב ah-hav H157 love. A root word. **THE MAIN WORD FOR LOVE IN HEBREW.** Used as [love](#) (169x), [lover\(s\)](#) (19x), [friend\(s\)](#) (12x), [beloved](#) (5x), [liketh](#) (1x), [lovely](#) (1x), [loving](#) (1x).

Deut 6:5 And thou shalt love [יְהוָה](#) H157 thy God [יְהוָה](#) H3068 with all thine heart, [יְהוָה](#) H3824 and with all thy soul, [יְהוָה](#) H5315 and with all thy might. [יְהוָה](#) H3966

Isaiah 56:6-7 Also the sons of the stranger, that join themselves to [יְהוָה](#), to serve him, and to love [יְהוָה](#) H157 the name of the [יְהוָה](#), to be his servants, every one that keepeth the sabbath from polluting it, and taketh hold of my covenant; Even them will I bring to my holy mountain, and make them joyful in my house of prayer: their burnt offerings and their sacrifices *shall be* accepted upon mine altar; for mine house shall be called an house of prayer for all people.

אֲהַבָה ah-ha-vah H160 love (human love, God's love) from the root **אָהַב** H157 love (above)

Deut. 7:8 But because [יְהוָה](#) loved [יְהוָה](#) H160 you, and because he would keep the oath which he had sworn unto your fathers, hath [יְהוָה](#) brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you out of the house of bondmen, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

I Samuel 18:3 Then Jonathan and David made a covenant, because he loved [יְהוָה](#) H160 him as his own soul.

Prov. 5:19 ... be thou ravished always with her love. [יְהוָה](#) H160

Isaiah 63:9 In all their affliction he was afflicted, and the angel of his presence saved them: in his love [יְהוָה](#) H160 and in his pity he redeemed them; and he bare them, and carried them all the days of old.

חָשַׁק khah-shaq H2836 to love, to be attached to, long for, to fillet (?) [desire](#) (3x), [set his love](#) (2x), [filleted](#) (3x), [log](#) (1x), [delight](#) (1x), [in love](#) (1x).

Deut. 7:7 The LORD did not set his love [יְהוָה](#) H2836 upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye *were* the fewest of all people:

Deut. 10:15 Only [יְהוָה](#) had a **delight** [יְהוָה](#) H2836 in thy fathers to **love** [יְהוָה](#) H2836 them, and he chose their seed after them, *even* you above all people, as *it is* this day. (The word is used twice in this verse.)

Psalms 91:14 Because he hath set his love [יְהוָה](#) H2836 upon me, therefore will I deliver him: I will set him on high, because he hath known my name.

Isaiah 38:17 Behold, for peace I had great bitterness: but thou hast in love [יְהוָה](#) H2836 to my soul *delivered it* from the pit of corruption: for thou hast cast all my sins behind thy back.

רחם rah-kham H7355 to love, love deeply, have mercy, be compassionate, have tender affection, have compassion. [mercy](#) (32x), [...compassion](#) (8x), [pity](#) (3x), [love](#) (1x), [merciful](#) (1x), [Ruhamah](#) (1x), [surely](#) (1x). [**רחם**] H7356 womb, compassion. (Root is H7355 above) (See below)]

Exodus 33:19 And he said, I will make all my goodness pass before thee, and I will proclaim the name of יהוה before thee; and will be gracious to whom I will be gracious, and will shew mercy [H7355](#) on whom I will shew mercy. [H7355](#)

Deut. 13:17 And there shall cleave nought of the cursed thing to thine hand: that יהוה may turn from the fierceness of his anger, and shew thee mercy, and have compassion [H7355](#) upon thee, and multiply thee, as he hath sworn unto thy fathers;

Deut. 30:3 That then יהוה thy God will turn thy captivity, and have compassion [H7355](#) upon thee, and will return and gather thee from all the nations, whither יהוה thy God hath scattered thee.

II Kings 13:23 And יהוה was gracious unto them, and had compassion [H7355](#) on them, and had respect unto them, because of his covenant with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, and would not destroy them, neither cast he them from his presence as yet.

Psalms 18:1 I will love [H7355](#) thee, O LORD, my strength.

Psalms 102:13 Thou shalt arise, *and* have mercy [H7355](#) upon Zion: for the time to favour her, yea, the set time, is come.

Psalms 103:13 Like as a father pitieth [H7355](#) his children, so יהוה pitieth [H7355](#) them that fear him.

Psalms 116:5 Gracious *is* יהוה, and righteous; yea, our God *is* merciful. [H7355](#)

Prov 28:13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh *them* shall have mercy. [H7355](#)

Isaiah 9:17 Therefore the Lord shall have no joy in their young men, neither shall have mercy [H7355](#) on their fatherless and widows: for every one *is* an hypocrite and an evildoer, and every mouth speaketh folly. For all this his anger is not turned away, but his hand *is* stretched out still.

Isaiah 14:1 For יהוה will have mercy [H7355](#) on Jacob, and will yet choose Israel, and set them in their own land: and the strangers shall be joined with them, and they shall cleave to the house of Jacob.

Isaiah 30:18 And therefore will יהוה wait, that he may be gracious unto you, and therefore will he be exalted, that he may have mercy [H7355](#) upon you: for יהוה *is* a God of judgment: blessed *are* all they that wait for him.

Isaiah 49:10 They shall not hunger nor thirst; neither shall the heat nor sun smite them: for he that hath mercy [H7355](#) on them shall lead them, even by the springs of water shall he guide them.

Isaiah 49:13 Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for יהוה hath comforted his people, and will have mercy [H7355](#) upon his afflicted.

Isaiah 54:8 In a little wrath I hid my face from thee for a moment; but with everlasting kindness will I have mercy [H7355](#) on thee, saith יהוה thy Redeemer.

Isaiah 54:10 For the mountains shall depart, and the hills be removed; but my kindness shall not depart from thee, neither shall the covenant of my peace be removed, saith יהוה that hath mercy [H7355](#) on thee.

Isaiah 55:7 Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto יהוה, and he will have mercy [H7355](#) upon him; and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.

Isaiah 54:10 And the sons of strangers shall build up thy walls, and their kings shall minister unto thee: for in my wrath I smote thee, but in my favour have I had mercy [H7355](#) on thee.

Micah 7:19 He will turn again, he will have compassion [H7355](#) upon us; he will subdue our iniquities; and thou wilt cast all their sins into the depths of the sea.

Zech 10:16 And I will strengthen the house of Judah, and I will save the house of Joseph, and I will bring them again to place them; for I have mercy [H7355](#) upon them: and they shall be as though I had not cast them off: for I *am* יהוה their God, and will hear them.

רחם rah-kham H7356 womb, compassion. Root is H7355 (above)

II Samuel 24:14 And David said unto Gad, I am in a great strait: let us fall now into the hand of יהוה; for his mercies [H7356](#) are great:

דוד dah-veed H1730 beloved, loved one, love, uncle [beloved](#) (34x), [uncle](#) (16x), [love\(s\)](#) (8x), [father's brother](#) (2x), [wellbeloved](#) (1x).

Song of Songs 1:2 Let him kiss me with the kisses of his mouth: for thy love [H1730](#) is better than wine.

Prov. 7:18 Come, let us take our fill of love [H1730](#) until the morning:

Isaiah 5:1 Now will I sing to my wellbeloved [H3039](#) a song of my beloved [H1730](#) touching his vineyard. My wellbeloved [H3039](#) hath a vineyard in a very fruitful hill:

ידיד yah-deed H3039 Well beloved, beloved [beloved](#) (5x), [wellbeloved](#) (2x), [loves](#) (1x), [amiable](#) (1x).

Deut. 33:12 *And* of Benjamin he said, The beloved [H3039](#) of יהוה shall dwell in safety by him; *and* יהוה shall cover him all the day long, and he shall dwell between his shoulders.

Psalms 84:1 How amiable [H3039](#) are thy tabernacles, O LORD of hosts!

Psalms 172:2 *It is vain* for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: *for* so he giveth his beloved [H3039](#) sleep.

רעיה rah-yah H7474 companion, attendant maidens, (Used 10 x all in Song of Songs except 1x in Judges as “fellows.” [love](#) (9x), [variant](#) (1x).

Song of Songs 2:10 My beloved [H1730](#) spake, and said unto me, Rise up, my love, [H7474](#) my fair one, and come away.

Song of Songs 5:2 I sleep, but my heart waketh: it is the voice of my beloved [H1730](#) that knocketh, saying, Open to me, my sister, my love, [H7474](#) my dove, my undefiled: for my head is filled with dew, and my locks with the drops of the night.

רֵעַ reh-ah **H7453** friend, intimate, companion, fellow, another person [neighbour](#) (102x), [friend](#) (42x), [another](#) (23x), [fellow](#) (10x), [companion](#) (5x), [other](#) (2x), [brother](#) (1x), [husband](#) (1x), [lovers](#) (1x), [neighbour \(with H1121\)](#) (1x). From root: [רָעָה \(H7462\)](#) to pasture, tend, graze, feed

Exodus 33:11 And **יְהוָה** spake unto Moses face to face, as a man speaketh unto his friend. [H7453](#)

עֲגָבִים ah-gah-veem H5690 sensuous love [love](#) (1x), [lovely](#) (1x). From root: [עָגַב \(H5689\)](#) lust, [doted](#) (6x), [lovers](#) (1x).

Ezekiel 33:31 they hear thy words, but they will not do them: for with their mouth they shew much love, [H5690](#) *but* their heart goeth after their covetousness.

עֲגָבָה ah-gah-vah H5691 lust from the same root as above (root H5689) [inordinate love](#) (1x).

Lust: **נֶפֶשׁ** nephesh H5315 soul [soul](#) (475x), [life](#) (117x), [person](#) (29x), [mind](#) (15x), [heart](#) (15x), [creature](#) (9x), [body](#) (8x), [himself](#) (8x), [yourselves](#) (6x), [dead](#) (5x), [will](#) (4x), [desire](#) (4x), [man](#) (3x), [themselves](#) (3x), [any](#) (3x), [appetite](#) (2x)

תַּאֲוָה tah-ah-vah H8378 desire [desire](#) (13x), [lust](#) (1x), [greedily](#) (1x), [pleasant](#) (1x), *misc.* (4x). From root **אָוָה (H183)** ava desire [desire](#) (17x), [lust](#) (4x), [longed](#) (3x), [covet](#) (2x).

Psalms 10:17 LORD, thou hast heard the desire [H8378](#) of the humble: thou wilt prepare their heart, thou wilt cause thine ear to hear:

Psalms 21:2 Thou hast given him his heart's desire, [H8378](#) and hast not withholden the request of his lips. Selah.

Psalms 39:8 Lord, all my desire [H8378](#) *is* before thee; and my groaning is not hid from thee.

Prov. 11:23 The desire [H8378](#) of the righteous *is* only good: *but* the expectation of the wicked *is* wrath.

Prov. 13:12 Hope deferred maketh the heart sick: but *when* the desire [H8378](#) cometh, *it is* a tree of life.

Pronunciation note: All the “a” sounds in Hebrew are “ah” even if we left the “h” off. There is no “a” as in cat sound in Hebrew.

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יְהוָה is the Hebrew name for God depicted as “the LORD” in most English versions.