

# Pictograms

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This ancient pictogram writing is known as Ivri script, but now the modern Ashuri script is used.

Ancient Semitic/Hebrew							Modern Hebrew			Greek		Latin
Early	Middle	Late	Name	Picture	Meaning	Sound	Letter	Name	Sound	Ancient	Modern	
א	בְּ	בָּ	Ei	Ox head	Strong, Power, Leader	ah, eh	א	Aleph	silent	A	A	A
בּ	בְּ	בָּ	Bet	Tent floorplan	Family, House, In	b, bh(v)	בּ	Beyt	b, bh(v)	בּ	בּ	B
גּ	גְּ	גָּ	Gam	Foot	Gather, Walk	g	גּ	Gimal	g	Γ	Γ	C G
דּ	דְּ	דָּ	Dal	Door	Move, Hang, Entrance	d	דּ	Dalet	d	Δ	Δ	D
הּ	הְ	הָ	Hey	Man with arms raised	Look, Reveal, Breath	h, ah	הּ	Hey	h	Ε	Ε	E
וּ	וְ	וָ	Waw	Tent peg	Add, Secure, Hook	w, o, u	וּ	Vav	v	F		F
זּ	זְ	זָ	Zan	Mattock	Food, Cut, Nourish	z	זּ	Zayin	z	Ζ	Ζ	Z
חּ	חְ	חָ	Hhet	Tent wall	Outside, Divide, Half	hh	חּ	Chet	hh	Η	Η	H
טּ	טְ	טָ	Tet	Basket	Surround, Contain, Mud	t	טּ	Tet	t	Θ	Θ	
יּ	יְ	יָ	Yad	Arm and closed hand	Work, Throw, Worship	y, ee	יּ	Yud	y	I	I	I J
עּ	עְ	עָ	Kaph	Open palm	Bend, Open, Allow, Tame	k, kh	עּ	Kaph	k, kh	Κ	Κ	K
לּ	לְ	לָ	Lam	Shepherd Staff	Teach, Yoke, To, Bind	l	לּ	Lamed	l	Λ	Λ	L
מּ	מְ	מָ	Mem	Water	Chaos, Mighty, Blood	m	מּ	Mem	m	Μ	Μ	M
נּ	נְ	נָ	Nun	Seed	Continue, Heir, Son	n	נּ	Nun	n	Ν	Ν	N
סּ	סְ	סָ	Sin	Thorn	Grab, Hate, Protect	s	סּ	Samech	s	Ξ	Ξ	X
עּ	עְ	עָ	Ghah	Eye	Watch, Know, Shade	gh(ng)	עּ	Ayin	silent	Ο	Ο	O
פּ	פְּ	פָּ	Pey	Mouth	Blow, Scatter, Edge	p, ph(f)	פּ	Pey	p, ph(f)	Π	Π	P
צּ	צְ	צָ	Tsad	Trail	Journey, chase, hunt	ts	צּ	Tsade	ts	Μ		
קּ	קְ	קָ	Quph	Sun on the horizon	Condense, Circle, Time	q	קּ	Quph	q	Ϙ		Q
רּ	רְ	רָ	Resh	Head of a man	First, Top, Beginning	r	רּ	Resh	r	Ρ	Ρ	R
שּׁ	שְׁ	שָׁ	Shin	Two front teeth	Sharp, Press, Eat, Two	sh	שּׁ	Shin Sin	sh, s	Σ	Σ	S
תּ	תְּ	תָּ	Taw	Crossed sticks	Mark, Sign, Signal, Monument	t	תּ	Tav	t	Τ	Τ	T
ং			Ghah	Rope	Twist, Dark, Wicked	gh						

Letter	Name	Symbolism	Literal Meaning	Sound	Natural Vowel Sound	Spelling (Miluim)	Names of Letters Used in Spelling
א	Alef	Strength, leader, first	Ox, bull	Vowel	a, Aa (Kametz גַּ)	אלֶף	Aleph-Lamed-Pey Sofit
בּ	Bet	Household, in, into, family	Tent, house	B, V	e, Be (Tzere צֵ)	בִּתְ	Bet-Yod-Tav
גּ	Gimel	To lift up, pride, animal, traveler	Camel	G	i, Gi (Chirek חֵ)	גִּימֶל	Gimmel-Yod-Mem-Lamed
דּ	Dalet	Pathway, gate, portal, to enter	door	D	a, Da (Kametz גַּ)	דְּלַת	Dalet-Lamed-Tav
הּ	Heh	The, to reveal	Behold, Window	H	e, He (Tzere צֵ)	הָ	Hey-Aleph
וּ	Vav	And, to add, to secure	Nail, peg, hook, man	V	a, Va (Kametz גַּ)	וּ	Vav-Vav
זּ	Zayin	Cut, to cut off	Weapon	Z	a, Za (Kametz גַּ)	זְ	Zayin-Yod-Nun Sofit
חּ	Chet	Private, to separate	Fence, inner room	CH	e, CHe (Tzere צֵ)	חִיתָ	Chet-Yod-Tav
טּ	Tet	To surround	Snake, surround	T	e, Te (Tzere צֵ)	טִתָּ	Tet-Yod-Tav
יּ	Yod	Work, a deed, to make, arm	Hand (closed hand)	Y	o, Yo (Cholem נֹ)	יְ	Yod-Vav-Dalet
כּ	Kaf	To cover, to open, allow	Palm (open hand)	K, CH	a, Ka (Kametz גַּ)	כּ	Kaph-Pey Sofit

ל	Lamed	Control, authority, the tongue	Cattle goad	L	a, La (Kametz ג)	לָמֶד	Lamed-Mem-Dalet
מ	Mem	Liquid, massive, chaos, wisdom	Water	M	e, Me (Tzere צ)	מֵם	Mem-Mem Sofit
נ	Nun	Activity, life	Fish	N	u, Nu (Shurek נ)	נוּן	Nun-Vav-Nun Sofit
ס	Samekh	Support, twist slowly, turn	Prop, support	S	a, Sa (Kametz ס)	סָמֵךְ	Samech-Mem-Kaph Sofit
ע	Ayin	To see, know, experience	Eye	'	a, Ea (Kametz ע)	עַיִן	Ayin-Yod-Nun Sofit
פ	Peh	To speak, a word, to open	Mouth	P	e, Pe (Tzere פ)	פֵּאַף	Pey-Aleph
צ	Tzadi	Catch, desire, need, righteous	Fishhook	TS	a, TSa (Kametz צ)	צָדֵי	Tzadi-Dalet-Yod
ק	Kof	Behind, the last, the least	Back of head	Q, K	o, Ko, Qo (Cholem ק)	קוֹף	Quph-Vav-Pey Sofit
ר	Resh	A person, the highest	Head	R	e, Re (Tzere ר)	רִישׁ	Resh-Yod-Shin
ש	Shin	To consume, to destroy, fire	Teeth	S, SH	i, SHi (Chirek ש)	שֵׁין	Shin-Yod-Nun Sofit
ת	Tav	To seal, Covenant	Sign, Cross	T, TH	a, THa (Kametz ת)	תָּוֹן	Tav-Vav