

Pronunciation guide

The following pronunciation helps bear no official stamp. They are an attempt to render difficult words (mostly from Hebrew or Greek origin) into American-inflected English (thus *eye-ZAY-uh* rather than the British *eye-ZY-uh*).

Most sounds are presented in a consistent manner—a long *a* is pronounced *ay*; a long *o* is *oh*, and so forth. The long *i* sound is most often shown with a *y*, but where it stands alone, it is represented by *eye*, and as a way of differentiating the noun *prophecy* from the verb *prophesy*, the long *i* at the end of the latter is designated *PROF-uh-sy*.

Note that an *h* at the end of a syllable relates only to the vowel preceding it, and should not be voiced. Thus, in *sheh-OHL*, the second *h* is intended only to show a short *e* sound.

Some of the pronunciations may seem obvious; the intent is to be relatively comprehensive. Pronunciations may, of

course, be altered from these suggestions if another usage is preferred.

A

Abana = uh-BAN-uh

Abba = AH-buh

Abednego = uh-BED-nih-go

Abel-meholah = ay-bul-muh-HO-luh

Abiathar = uh-BY-uh-thar

Abilene = ab-ih-LEE-neh

Abinadab = uh-BIN-uh-dab

Abinoam = uh-BIH-no-um

Abishai = uh-BY-shy

Abram = AY-brum

Absalom = AB-suh-lum

Achaia = uh-KAY-uh

Achor = AY-kor

Adar = AY-dar

Admah = AD-muh

Agabus = AH-guh-bus

Ahasuerus = uh-hazh-oo-ER-us

Ahaz = AY-haz

Ahio = uh-HI-oh

Ai = eye

Alphaeus = al-FEE-us

Amalekites = AM-uh-leh-kytz
Amaziah = am-uh-ZY-uh
Amittai = uh-MIT-eye
Ammonites = AM-uh-nytz
Amorites = AM-uh-rytz
Amoz = AY-moz
Ananias = an-uh-NY-us
Apphia = AP-fee-uh
Arabah = AIR-uh-buh
Aram = EHR-um
Aramean = ehr-uh-MEE-un
Arameans = ehr-uh-MEE-unz
Archippus = ar-KIP-us
Areopagus = ar-ih-OP-uh-gus
Arimathea = ar-ih-muh-THEE-uh
Ashkelon = ASH-kel-un
Assyria = uh-SIH-ree-uh
Athenians = uh-THEEN-ee-unz
Augustus = aw-GUS-tus
Azotus = ah-ZOH-tus

B

Baal = BAY-ul
Baal-shalishah = bay-ul-SHAL-uh-shuh
Baale-judah = bay-ul-ih-JOO-duh

Baals = BAY-ulz
Babel = BAY-bul
Babylon = BAB-ih-lon
Barabbas = buh-RAB-us
Barachiah = bar-uh-KY-uh
Barak = BAR-uk
Barsabbas = bar-SAB-us
Bartimaeus = bar-tim-AY-us
Baruch = buh-ROOK
Bathsheba = bath-SHE-buh
Beelzebul = bee-EL-zeh-bul
Beer-lahai-roi = beer-luh-HI-roy
Beer-sheba = beer-SHE-buh
Belshazzar = bel-SHAZ-ur
Beth-peor = beth-PEE-or
Beth-zatha = beth-ZAY-thuh
Bethlehemite = BETH-leh-myt
Bethphage = BETH-fuh-juh
Bethsaida = beth-SAY-uh-duh
Bethuel = beh-THOO-el
Bilhah = BILL-hah
bitumen = buh-TYOO-mun
Boaz = BOH-az

C

Caesarea Philippi = sez-uh-REE-uh fil-IP-eye

Caiaphas = KAY-uh-fus

Cana = KAY-nuh

Canaan = KAY-nun

Canaanite = KAY-nuh-nyt

Canaanites = KAY-nuh-nytz

Cananaean = kay-nuh-NEE-un

Candace = KAN-duh-suh

Capernaum = kuh-PER-nuh-um

Cappadocia = kap-uh-DOH-shee-uh

Carmel = CAR-mel

centurion = sen-CHUR-ee-un

Cephas = SEE-fus

Chaldeans = kahl-DEE-unz

Chilion = KIL-ih-un

Chuza = KOO-zuh

Cilicia = sih-LISH-yuh

Cleopas = KLEE-uh-pus

Colossae = kuh-LOS-ee

Colossians = kuh-LOSH-unz

Crescens = CRES-enz

Cyrene = sy-REE-neh

Cyrenians = sy-REE-nee-unz

Cyrus = SY-rus

D

Dalmatia = dal-MAY-shuh

Decapolis = deh-CAP-oh-lis

Demas = DEE-mus

denarii = den-AR-ee-eye

denarius = den-AR-ee-us

Deuteronomy = dew-ter-ON-uh-mee

Diblaim = DIB-lih-um

Dothan = DOH-thun

E

Ecclesiastes = ek-lee-zee-ASS-teez

Edom = EE-dum

Ehud = EE-hud

Elah = EE-luh

Eldad = EL-dad

Eli = EE-ly

Eli, lema sabachthani = EL-ee, LEM-uh suh-BAHK-
thun-ee

Eliab = eh-LY-ub

Eliam = eh-LY-um

Eliezer = el-ih-EE-zer

Elimelech = eh-LIM-eh-lek

Elkanah = el-KAY-nuh

Eloi, lema sabachthani = EL-oh-ee, LEM-uh suh-
BAHK-thun-ee

Epaphras = EP-uh-frus

ephah = EE-fuh

Ephesians = eh-FEE-zhunz

Ephesus = EF-uh-sus

ephod = EE-fod

Ephphatha = EF-uh-thuh

Ephraim = EF-rum

Ephrathah = EF-ruh-thuh

Ephrathites = EF-ruh-thytz

Euodia = you-OH-dee-uh

Euphrates = you-FRAY-teez

Ezekiel = eh-ZEE-kee-el

G

Gabbatha = GAB-uh-thuh

Galatia = guh-LAY-shuh

Galatians = guh-LAY-shunz

Gennesaret = geh-NES-uh-rut

Gerasenes = GEHR-uh-seenz

Gethsemane = geth-SEM-uh-nee

Gibeah = GIB-ee-uh

Gibeon = GIB-ee-un

Gilboa = gil-BOH-uh

Gilead = GIL-ee-ad
Gilgal = GIL-gol
Gomer = GO-mer
Gomorraah = guh-MOR-uh
Goshen = GOH-shun

H

Habakkuk = huh-BAK-uk
Hades = HAY-deez
Hagar = HAY-gar
Haggai = HAG-eye
Hakeldama = huh-KEL-duh-muh
Haman = HAY-mun
Hanamel = HAN-uh-mel
Hananiah = han-uh-NY-uh
Haran = HAR-un
Harosheth-ha-goim = huh-RO-sheth-huh-GOY-im
Hazael = HAY-zuh-el
Hazor = HAY-zor
Hebron = HE-brun
heifer = HEF-er
hemorrhages = HEM-or-uh-juhz
Herodians = heh-ROH-dee-unz
Herodias = heh-ROH-dee-us
Hezekiah = hez-eh-KY-uh

Hivites = HIH-vytz
Horeb = HO-reb
Hosea = ho-ZAY-uh
hypocrisy = hih-POK-ris-ee
hypocrites = HIP-uh-crits
hyssop = HISS-up

I

idolaters = eye-DOL-uh-terz
impiety = im-PY-uh-tee
iniquities = ih-NIK-wit-eez
Isaiah = eye-ZAY-uh
Iscariot = is-CAR-ee-ut
Ishmaelites = ISH-muh-lytz
Israelites = IS-rul-eytz
Ittai = IT-eye
Ituraea = it-uh-REE-uh

J

Jabbok = JAB-uk
Jabin = JAY-bin
Japheth = JAY-fith
Jashar = JAY-shur
Jebusites = JEB-you-sytz

Jehoiada = juh-HOY-uh-duh
Jehoiakim = jeh-HOY-uh-kim
Jehozadak = jeh-HOZE-uh-dak
Jehu = JEE-hoo
Jemimah = jeh-MY-muh
Jephthah = JEF-thuh
Jeremiah = jehr-uh-MY-uh
Jericho = JEHR-ih-koh
Jeroboam = jehr-uh-BO-um
Jezreel = JEZ-re-ul
Jezreelite = JEZ-re-uh-lyt
Joab = JOH-ab
Joash = JOH-ash
Job = JOHB
Joses = JOH-sis
Josiah = joh-SY-uh
Jotham = JOH-thum

K

Kedar = KEE-dur
Kedesh = KEE-desh
Keren-happuch = ker-en HAP-uk
Keziah = keh-ZY-uh

L

Laban = LAY-bun

Lappidoth = LAP-uh-doth

Lazarus = LAZ-uh-rus

Levi = LEE-vy

Levites = LEE-vytz

Leviticus = leh-VIT-ih-cus

licentiousness = ly-SEN-chus-ness

Lo-ammi = lo-AM-eye

Lo-ruhamah = lo-roo-HAY-muh

Lucius = LOO-shus

Lydda = LID-uh

Lydia = LID-ee-uh

Lysanias = lih-SAY-nee-us

M

Macedonia = mass-uh-DOHN-ee-uh

Mahlon = MAH-lun

Mahseiah = mah-SEE-uh

Malachi = MAL-uh-ky

Malchus = MAL-kus

Mamre = MAM-rih

Manaen = MAN-ih-en

Manasseh = muh-NAS-uh

Massah = MAS-uh
Matthias = muh-THY-us
Medad = MEE-dad
Melchizedek = mel-KIZ-uh-dek
Meribah = MEH-rih-bah
Meshach = ME-shak
Mesopotamia = mes-oh-poh-TAY-mee-uh
Micah = MY-kuh
Michal = MY-kul
Midian = MID-ee-un
Midianite = MID-ee-uh-nyt
Moab = MO-ab
Mordecai = MOR-deh-ky
Moreh = MOR-eh
Moriah = moh-RY-uh

N

Naaman = NAY-uh-mun
Naboth = NAY-bahth
Nahor = NAY-hor
Naphtali = NAF-tuh-lye
nazirite = NAZ-uh-ryt
Neapolis = nee-AP-uh-lis
Nebo = NEE-boh
Nebuchadnezzar = neb-uh-kud-NEZ-ur

Nebuchadrezzar = neh-buh-kud-REZ-ur

Negeb = NEG-eb

Nehemiah = nee-eh-MY-uh

Neriah = neh-RY-uh

Nicodemus = nick-uh-DEEM-us

Niger = NY-ger

Nimshi = NIM-shee

Nineveh = NIN-uh-vuh

O

Obed = OH-bed

Obed-edom = oh-bed-EE-dum

oblation = oh-BLAY-shun

Onesimus = oh-NES-ih-mus

P

Paddan-aram = pad-un-AR-um

Pamphylia = pam-FIL-yuh

Paphos = PA-fus

Paran = PAR-un

Peniel = peh-NY-el

Peninnah = peh-NIN-uh

Penuel = peh-NOO-el

Perizzites = PEH-rih-zytz

perseverance = per-seh-VEAR-untz

Phanuel = FAN-oo-el

Pharaoh = FAIR-oh

Pharisee = FAIR-uh-see

Pharpar = FAR-par

Philemon = fy-LEE-mun

Philippi = fih-LIP-eye

Philippians = fih-LIP-ee-unz

Phoenicia = fuh-NEESH-yuh

Phrygia = FRIJ-yuh

phylacteries = fih-LAK-ter-eez

Pisgah = PIZ-guh

Pisidia = pih-SID-yuh

Pithom = PY-thum

porticoes = POR-tih-koz

prophecy = PROF-uh-see

prophesy = PROF-uh-sy

Puah = POO-uh

Q

Quirinius = kwih-RIN-ee-us

R

Rabbah = RAB-uh

Rabbouni = ruh-BOON-ih

Rahab = RAY-hab

Ramah = RAY-muh

Rameses = RAM-uh-seez

Rephidim = REF-uh-dim

S

Sadducees = SAD-yuh-seez

Salome = sah-LOH-mih

Samaria = suh-MAIR-ee-uh

Samaritan = suh-MAIR-it-un

Samaritans = suh-MAIR-it-unz

Samothrace = SAM-uh-thrays

Sarai = SEHR-eye

satraps = SAY-traps

Scythian = SITH-ee-un

Seba = SEE-buh

Shadrach = SHAD-rak

Shammah = SHAH-mah

Shaphat = SHAH-fut

Shealtiel = she-AL-tih-el

Sheba = SHE-buh

Shechem = SHEK-em
shekels = SHEK-ulz
Sheol = sheh-OHL
Shiloh = SHY-lo
Shinar = SHY-nar
Shiphrah = SHIF-ruh
Sidon = SY-dun
Siloam = sih-LOH-um
Silvanus = sil-VAY-nus
Simeon = SIM-ee-un
Sinai = SY-ny
Sirach = SIHR-ahk
Sisera = SIS-uh-ruh
Sychar = SY-car
Syene = sy-EE-nih
synagogue = SIN-uh-gog
synagogues = SIN-uh-gogz
Syntyche = SIN-tih-kih
Syrian = SIHR-ee-un
Syrophoenician = sy-ro-fuh-NISH-un

T

tabernacle = TAB-er-nak-ul
Tabor = TAY-bor
talitha cum = tuh-LEE-thuh KOOM

Tarshish = TAR-shish

Terah = TEH-ruh

terebinth = TEHR-eh-binth

Thaddaeus = THAD-ee-us

Theophilus = thee-OFF-il-us

Thessalonians = thes-uh-LOAN-ee-unz

Thessalonica = thes-uh-loh-NY-kuh

Thyatira = thy-uh-TY-ruh

Tiberias = ty-BIHR-ee-us

Titus = TY-tus

Trachonitis = track-uh-NY-tis

trigon = TRY-gon

Troas = TROH-us

Tyre = TYR

U

Ur = uhr

Uriah = yuh-RY-uh

Uzzah = UZ-uh

Uzziah = uh-ZY-uh

W

wadi = WAH-dee

Wadi Kishon = WAH-dee KY-shun

Z

Zacchaeus = zak-EE-us

Zarephath = ZAR-eh-fath

Zarethan = ZAIR-uh-than

Zealot = ZEL-ut

zealous = ZEL-us

Zebedee = ZEB-uh-dee

Zeboiim = zeh-boy-EEM

Zebulun = ZEB-you-lun

Zechariah = zek-uh-RY-uh

Zedekiah = zed-eh-KY-uh

Zephaniah = zef-uh-NY-uh

Zerubbabel = zeh-RUB-uh-bul

Ziklag = ZIK-lag

Zilpah = ZIL-puh

Zoar = ZOH-ur