

Key Terms – Pronunciation Guide

The Bible contains many unusual words. This guide has three tables that contain 282 unusual words that appear in **The Short Bible**. Each table provides the phonetic spelling for the words so they can be pronounced correctly in American English. The chapters where the words appear are listed after each word.

- The first table has phonetic spellings for *people, groups of people, and supernatural beings*.
- The second table has phonetic spellings for *geographical entities*.
- The third table has phonetic spellings for *other* unusual terms used in the book.

Words that appear in the *Index* of **The Short Bible** that most people already know how to say are **not** included in this guide. For example, the name *Aaron* does not appear in the first table.

Notes at the bottom of each page show how to pronounce the sounds in the words. The emphasis is placed on the part that is capitalized. Use [www.merriam – webster.com](http://www.merriam-webster.com) or www.biblespeak.org to find a word and hear how it is pronounced in English.

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Names of People, Groups, and Supernatural Beings

	Pronunciation	Chapter
Abednego	ǔ – BĚD – nē – gō	12
Abel	Ā – bul	1
Abimelech	ǔ – BĭM – ů – lĕk	1
Abimelek	ǔ – BĭM – ů – lĕk	7
Absalom	ĀB – sŭ – lõm	9
Agrippa	ǔ – GRĭP – ů	23
Ahab	Ā – hăb	10
Ahaziah	Ā – hă – ZĪ – ů	10
Ahinoam	ǔ – HĭN – ō – ům	8
Amalekites	ǔ – MĀL – ĭ – kĭts	4
Ammonites	ĀM – ůn – ĭts	1
Amnon	ĀM – nŏn	9
Amorites	ĀM – or – ĭts	5,6,8
Ananias	ĀN – ăn – Ī – ůs	20
Annas	ĀN – ůs	15
Apollos	ǔ – PŎL – ōs	21,24
Apostle	ǔ – PŎS – ul	16,17,19–21,23,24
Aquila	ǔ – KWĭL – ů	21
Areopagus	ěr – ē – ĀP – ů – gŭs	21
Aristarchus	ěr – ĭ – STĀR – kŭs	21
Artaxerxes	ĀRT – ů – ZERK – sĕz	12
Artemis	ĀRT – ů – mĭs	21
Asherah	ĀSH – ur – ů	7
Baal	BĀ – ůl	7,10,11

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Balaam	BĀ – lum	5
Balak	BĀ – luk	5
Barabbas	bu – RĀB – būs	18
Barak	br – ĀK	7,8
Barnabas	BĀR – nū – būs	20,21,23,24
Bathsheba	bāth – SHĒ – bū	9
Beelzebul	bě – ĚL – zě – bul	16
Ben-ammi	běn – ĀM – ē	1
Bildad	BĪL – dād	14
Bilhah	BĪL – hä	1
Boaz	BŌ – āz	7
Caiaphas	KĀ – ůf – ůs	15
Cain	KĀN	1
Colossians	kōl – ĀSH – ůns	23
Corinthians	cōr – ĪNTH – ē – ůns	21,23
Darius	DĀR – ē – ůs	12
Delilah	dě – LĪ – lū	7
Dinah	DĪ – nū	1
Domitian	dō – MĪ – shŭn	25
Edomites	Ē – dŭm – ĩts	5,9–12
Ehud	Ā – hūd	7
Eleazar	ĚL – į – Ā – zār	5
Elihu	ě – lē – hū	14
Elijah	ē – LĪ – jŭ	10
Eliphaz	ĚL – į – FĀZ	14
Elisha	ē – LĪ – shŭ	10
Ephesians	ē – FĒ – shŭns	21,23
Ephraim	Ě – frā – ēm	2
Esau	Ē – sā	1
Essenes	ēs – ĒNS	15
Ezekiel	ē – ZĚK – ē – ul	12
Festus	FĚS – tŭs	22
Gad	gād	1
Gaius	GĀ – ůs	21
Galatians	gŭ – LĀ – shŭnz	21,23
Galileans	GĀL – įl – LĒ – ůns	15
Gallio	GĀ – lē – ō	21
Gamaliel	gŭ – MĀL – ē – ůl	20
Gershom	GER – shŭm	3
Gideon	GĪD – ē – ůn	7
Habakkuk	hŭ – BĀK – ůk	11
Hagar	HĀ – gār	1
Haggai	HĀG – gā – į	12
Haman	HĀ – mŭn	12
Hamor	HĀ – mōr	2
Herod	HĀR – ůd	15
Herod Antipas	HĀR – ůd an – TĒP – ůs	15,19
Herodians	hār – ŌD – ē – ůns	15

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Hezekiah	HĚZ – ů – KĪ – ů	11
Hosea	hō – ZĀ – ů	10
Hoshea	hō – SHĀ – ů	11
Huldah	HŮL – dŭ	11
Immanuel	ē – MĀN – ū – ĚL	10
Isaac	ĪZ – ěc	1
Isaiah	ī – ZĀ – ů	10
Ishbosheth	ĪSH – bō – shěth	9
Ishmael	ĪSH – mā – ěl	1
Issachar	ĪS – sŭ – cār	1
Jebusites	JĚB – ū – sĭtz	9
Jehoram	jě – HŌR – ům	10
Jehoshaphat	jě – HŌSH – ů – făt	10
Jephthah	JĚF – thŭ	7–8
Jeroboam	JER – ů – BŌ – ům	9,10
Jezebel	JĚZ – ě – běl	10
Jezreel	JĚZ – rē – ěl	10
Joab	JŌ – äb	9
Job	jōb	14
Jonah	JŌ – nŭ	11,14
Joram	JŌ – ram	10
Josiah	jō – SĪ – ů	11
Jotham	JŌ – thŭm	7
Judah	JŪD – ů	1
Judas Iscariot	JŪD – ůs ĩs – KĀR – ē – ůt	16,18
Laban	LĀ – bĭn	1
Lazarus	LĀZ – ur – ůs	16,18
Lydia	LĪD – ē – ů	21
Maacah	MĀ – ů – kă	9
Maccabees	MĀC – kŭ – bēz	15
Magi	MĀ – jĭ	12,15
Malachi	MĀL – ů – kĭ	12
Manasseh	mŭ – NĀS – ů	2,10,11
Manoah	mŭ – NŌ – ů	7
Mara	MĀ – rŭ	7
Matthias	mŭ – THĪ – ůs	19
Medes	mēds	12
Meshach	MĚ – shăk	12
Messiah	mŭs – Ī – ů	15–25
Micah	MĪ – kŭ	10
Michal	MĪ – kŭl	8
Midianites	MĪD – ē – ůn – ĭts	5
Moab	MŌ – äb	1
Moabites	MŌ – äb – ĭts	1
Mordecai	MŌR – dě – kĭ	12
Naaman	NĀ – mŭn	10
Nahum	NĀ – hŭm	11
Naphtali	NĀF – tŭ – lĭ	1

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Nazarites	NĀ – zer – ĩtz	5
Nehemiah	NĒ – ů – MĪ – ů	12
Nicodemus	NĪK – ō – DĒ – mŭs	16,18
Obadiah	Ō – bū – DĪ – ů	11
Obed	Ō – bĕd	7
Onesimus	ō – NĚS – ĭ – mŭs	23
Orpah	OR – pŭ	7
Othniel	ĀTH – nē – ul	7
Pharisees	FĀR – ĭ – sēz	15
Philemon	fĭ – LĒ – mŭn	24
Philippian	fĭl – ĪP – ē – ůn	21,23
Philistines	FĪL – ĭ – stĕns	1,4
Phinehas	FĪ – nē – ůs	5
Pontius Pilate	PŌN – chŭs PĪ – lŭt	15
Porcius Festus	PŌR – shĕ – ůs FĚS – tŭs	22
Potiphar	PŌT – ĭ – fer	2
Queen of Sheba	SHĒ – bū	9
Rachel	RĀ – chul	1,15
Rahab	RĀ – hĕb	6
Rehoboam	rŭ – hō – BŌ – ům	9,10
Sadducees	SĀD – ū – sēz	15
Samaritans	sŭ – MĀR – ĭ – tŭns	10
Sanhedrin	sĕn – HĒ – drĭn	15
Sapphira	sĕ – FĪ – rĕ	20
Sarai	SĀR – ĭ	1
Sennacherib	sĕn – NĀK – er – ĭb	11
Shadrach	SHĀD – rĕk	12
Shechem	SHĚK – ům	2
Simeon	SĪM – ē – ůn	1,15
Stoics	STŌ – ĭcs	21
Tamar	TĀ – mĕr	9
Tertullus	tĕr – TŪL – ůs	22
Thessalonians	THĚS – ů – LŌN – ē – ůns	21,23
Theudas	thĕ – Ū – dĕs	20
Uriah	ŭ – RĪ – ů	9
Uzziah	ŭz – Ī – ů	10
Xerxes	ZERK – sēz	12
Zacchaeus	zĕk – Ē – ůs	16
Zebulun	ZĚB – ū – lŭn	1
Zechariah	ZĚK – ĕr – ĭ – ů	12,15
Zedekiah	ZĚD – ů – Ī – ů	11
Zephaniah	ZĚF – ĕn – ĭ – ů	11
Zeus	zŭs	21
Zilpah	ZĪL – pŭ	1
Zimri	ZĪM – rĕ	10
Zipporah	zĭp – PŌR – ů	3
Zophar	ZŌ – fĕr	14
Zorah	ZŪR – ů	7

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Geographical Locations (Cities, mountains, rivers, regions, countries)

	Pronunciation	Chapter
Abyss	Û – BĪŠ	16,25
Ai	Ā – ī	6
Antioch	ĀN – tē – äk	20,21
Ammon	ä – MĀN	7
Aram	Ä – räm	7
Armageddon	ÄR – mü – GĒD – ũn	25
Arnon River	ÄR – nŭn	5
Ashdod	ĀSH – död	8
Ashkelon	ĀSH – kē – lön	7,8
Beersheba	bēr – SHĒ – bü	1
Berea	bē – RĒ – ũ	21
Beth Shan	BĒTH – shän	8
Caesarea	SĒZ – är – Ē – ũ	20–22
Cana	CĀ – nŭ	16
Canaan	CĀ – nŭn	1–12,20,23,24
Capernaum	kŭ – PER – nā – ũm	15
Colossae	cō – LĀS – ē	23
Corinth	CÖR – ĩnth	21,23
Derbe	DER – bē	21,23
Dothan	DŌ – thŭn	10
Edom	Ē – dŭm	2,5,11,12
Ekron	ĔK – rön	8
Elim	Ē – lĭm	4
Emmaus	ēm – MĀ – ũs	19
Ephesus	ĔF – ē – sŭs	21,23–25
Ephrath	ĔF – räth	2
Ezion-Geber	ĔZ – ē – on GĒ – ber	5
Galatia	gŭ – LĀ – shē – ũ	21,23
Galeed	GĀL – ē – ěd	1
Gethsemane	gĕth – SĒM – än – ē	18
Gath	găth	8
Gerasenes	JĔR – ũ – sēnz	16
Gibeon	GĪB – ē – ũn	6
Gilead	GĪL – ē – äd	7
Gilgal	GĪL – gäl	6–8
Golgotha	göl – GĀTH – ũ	18
Goshen	GŌ – shun	2
Gulf of Aqaba	ÄK – ũ – bü	5
Haran	HĀR – ũn	1
Hazor	HĀZ – er	6,7
Hebron	HĔB – rön	6,9,15
Iconium	ī – CŌN – ē – ũm	21,23
Jabbok River	JĀB – ũk	2
Jabesh Gilead	JĀB – ĩsh GĪL – ē – äd	8
Jezreel	JĔZ – rēl	8
Joppa	JŌP – ũ	20

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Kadesh Barnea	KĀ – dīsh BĀR – nē – ů	5,6
Kedesh	KĚ – děsh	7
Kibroth-hattaavah	KĪB - rāth hū - TĀ - ů - vŭ	5
Kishon River	KĚ – shŭn	7
Laodicea	LĀ – ō – dī – SĚ – ů	21,23,25
Lydda	LĪD – ů	20
Lystra	LĪ – strŭ	21,23
Megiddo	mě – DĚ – gō	7
Midian	MĪD – ē – ůn	3
Mizpah	MĪZ – pŭ	7,8,11
Moreh	MŌR – ě	7
Mount Ebal	Ě – bāl	6
Mount Gerizim	GĚR – ĭ – zīm	6
Mount Gilboa	gĭl – BŌ – ů	8
Mount Hor	hor	5
Mount Horeb	HŌR – ěb	3,10
Mount Nebo	NĚ – bō	5
Mount Sinai	SĪ – nī	4
Nain	NĀ – ĭn	16
Negev	NĚG – ěv	5,6
Nineveh	NĪN – ě – vŭ	11
Ophrah	ŌF – rā	7
Patmos	PĀT – mōs	25
Peniel	PĚN – ē – ůl	7
Perga	PER – gŭ	21
Philippi	FĪL – ů – pī	21,23
Philistine	FĪL – ĭ – stīn	1,8
Pisgah	PĪZ – gā	5
Pisidian Antioch	pĭ - SĪD - ē - ůn ĀN - tē - āk	21,23
Puteoli	pŭ – TĚ – ō – lī	22
Praetorium	prē – TŌR – ē – ům	18
Rabbah	RĀB – ä	9
Ramah	RĀ – mŭ	8,15
Ramath Lehi	RĀ – mŭth LĚ – hī	7
Rephidim	RĚF – ĭ – dīm	4
Rock of Etam	Ě – tŭm	7
Samaria	sŭ – MĀR – ē – ů	10
Samothrace	SĀM – ů – thrās	21
Shechem	SHĚ – kŭm	2,6,7,10
Shiloh	SHĪ – lō	6–8
Shur	shŭr	4
Sidon	SĪ – dŭn	10
Sinai Peninsula	SĪ – nī	3,10
Succoth	SŪK – ůth	2,4,7
Syracuse	SĪR – ů – kyŭz	22
Taanach	TĀ – ů – nāk	7
Tarshish	TĀR – shīsh	14
Tarsus	TĀR – sīs	20,21

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Thessalonica	THĚS – ů – lōn – ī – kŭ	21,23
Thyatira	THĪ – ů – TĪ – rŭ	21,25
Tyrannus	tī – RĀN – ůs	21
Tyre	tīr	6
Ur	er	1
Valley of Achor	Ā – kōr	6
Valley of Elah	Ē – lŭ	8
Waters of Merom	MĚR – ům	6
Zarephath	ZĚR – ů – fāth	10
Ziklag	ZĪK – lāg	8
Zion	ZĪ – ůn	9

Concepts, Stories, and Other Terms

	Pronunciation	Chapter
Aramaic	ĀR – ů – MĀ – ĭc	12
Epistle	ě – PĪ – sul	22
Gnosticism	NĀ – stĭ – SĪ – zm	24
Hanukkah	HĀN – ĭc – ů	15
Hellenistic	HĚL – lĕn – ĭ – zm	15
Hermeneutics	HER – mĕn – Ū – tĭks	–
Psalms	sālms	13
Shavuot	shŭ – VŪ – ōt	20
Tanakh	tŭ – NĀK	15

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