

## A COMPARISON OF ANCIENT ALPHABETS

Hebrew		#	Greek		Latin	English	
Name	Symbolic Meaning		Letter	Name	Letter	Letter	
א	Aleph	Ox	1	A, α	Alpha	A	A, a
ב	Beth	House	2	B, β	Beta	B	B, b
ג	Gimel	Camel	3	Γ, γ	Gamma	C[G, K]	C, c
ד	Daleth	Door	4	Δ, δ	Delta	D	D, d
ה	He	Behold	5	E, ε	Epsilon	E	E, e
ו	Waw	Hook	6	F	Bau/Digamma	F	F, f
ז	Zayin	Armor/Weapon	7	Z, ζ	Dzeta	[G]	G, g
ח	Heth	Fence/Hedge/Barrier	8	H, η	Eta	H	H, h
ט	Teth	Ball/Serpent	9	Θ, θ	Theta	---	Ð, ð Þ, þ
י	Yodh	Hand	10	I, ι	Iota	I[J]	I, i J, j
כ	Kaph	Palm/Fist	20	K, κ	Kappa	[K]	K, k
ל	Lamedh	Whip/Rod/Ox Goad	30	Λ, λ	Lambda	L	L, l
מ	Mem	Stain/Water	40	M, μ	Mu	M	M, m
נ	Nun	Fish	50	N, ν	Nu	N	N, n
ס	Samekh	Trident/Support	60	Ξ, ξ	Ksi	---	---
ע	Ayin	Eye	70	O, ο	Omicron	O	O, o
פ	Pe	Mouth	80	Π, π	Pi	P	P, p
צ	Tsade	Step/Scythe	90	---	[Sampi]	---	---
ק	Qoph	Ape	100	Ϟ	Qoppa	Q	Q, q
ר	Resh	Head	200	P, ρ	Rho	R	R, r
ש	Shin	Tooth	300	Σ, σ, Ϛ	Sigma	S	S, s
ת	Tau	Sign/Cross	400	T, τ	Tau	T	T, t
The Hebrew letter-names are acrophonic, which means the first letter says the phonetic value. All but four of the Hebrew names (He, Waw, Pe, Tau) end in a consonant.		400	Y, υ	Upsilon	V [U]	U, u, V, v, W, w	
		500	Φ, φ	Phi	---	---	
		600	X, χ	Khi	---	---	
		700	Ψ, ψ	Psi	---	---	
		800	Ω, ω	Omega	---	---	
		900	Ϡ	Sampi/Tsan	---	---	
All but four of the Greek letter-names end in a vowel, but three of the four are actual compound names (E-Psilon, O-Micron, U-Psilon), and the fourth (Tsan) has another name (Sampi).					[X]	X, x	
					[Y]	Y, y	
					[Z]	Z, z	