



HEBREW IDIOMS AND KEY WORDS (Figures of speech)

HEBREW IDIOM	MEANING	EXAMPLE
A (the) door was opened	door of spiritual truth	Rev. 4:1
A full life	if a person ages to 70 years	
Abar'ka'dabara (Aramaic)	I will create as I speak	Gen.11:1
Abraham's seed	same as Yah's seed	Gen. 12:3
Arrogance of heart	arrogant	Isa. 9.9
Bad/Evil eye	stingy	Prov. 23.6
Before the Lord	before the altar	
Beginning of his strength	his firstborn	Deut. 21.17
Ben Adam	a man, son of man	
Big of phallus	lustful	Ezek.16.26
Bind	forbid	Matt. 16:19-20
Break teeth	make powerless	Ps. 3.7
Breath	personality	
Broken the yoke	rejected God's authority	Jer. 5.5
Buried in Israel	buried beneath the altar	Rev. 6:9
Clean hands	act purely	Ps. 24.4
Close hand	selfish	Deut. 15.7
Clouds without water	no Torah/law/false teachers	Jude 12
Covered his feet	relieved himself	1Sam. 24.3
Cut off	death occurs prior to age 50	Dan. 9:26
Cycles of righteousness	cycles of Feasts, Sabbaths, etc.	Psa. 23:3
Day or hour	48 hrs. between wan sliver and dark moon	Mark 13:32
Day of the Lord	judgement	Zeph. 1:2-18
Dead stones	singular person	
Deliver them into your hands	defeat them for you	Jgs. 3.28
Dirt came out	gutted (entrails)	Jgs. 3:22
Do what they did	sew seed like Abraham	Mark 4:8
Double heart	duplicitous, deceitful	Ps. 12.2
Dries bones	drains strength	Prov. 17.22
Ears are uncircumcised	don't listen	Jer. 6.10
Eating blood	eating un-kosher meat	Lev. 17:10-16
Elder	torah observant man over 50	
Enlarge space	set free	Ps. 4.1

Evening	time between twilight and sundown	
Evil eye	cheapskate, selfish, no charity	
Eye of a needle	impossibility	
Eye is consumed	vision is blurred	Ps. 6.7
Eyes run down with water	eyes flow with tears	Lam. 1.16
Eyes are upon	watches over	Ps. 33.18
Face fallen	sad	Gen. 4:6
Face to face	personally witnessed something divine	Gen. 32:30
Fear	respect/reverence	
Feet	person	Isa. 52.7
Flowing with milk and honey	fertile	Exod. 3.8
Found grace in the eyes	accepted	Gen 6:8
From the womb	from birth	Jgs. 13.5
Fruit of the mouth	what someone says	Prov.18.20
Gave him another heart	changed his attitude	1Sam. 10.9
Gird up your loins	get ready	2Kgs. 4.29
Good eye	generous	Prov. 22.9
Good news is in his mouth	he brings good news	2Sam.18.25
Good shepherd, bad shepherd	good leaders, bad leaders	John 10:11
Grapes of Sodom	opium/poppies	Deut.32:31-33
Grapes of wrath	judgement time	Rev. 14:19
Hard forehead	stubborn	Ezek. 3.7
Having a bad eye	cheap, uncharitable	Matt. 6:22
He who awakens and he who answers	every single person	Mal. 2.12
Her sickness	her period	Lev. 20.18
Hide your face	refuse to answer	Ps. 102.2
His anger burned	very angry	Exod.32.19
Heart	mind	Deut. 28.28
Heart lifted up	proud	Deut. 8.14
Heart melt	lose courage	Deut. 20.8
Heart of the torah	centre of the torah..basics	Lev. 17-18
Hearts and kidneys	thoughts and emotions	Ps. 7.9
His banner over me is love	he loves me very much	Song 2.4
Hissing	scorn	Jer 51.37
House of bondage	(land of) slavery	Deut 5.6
House	nation	2Sam. 1.12
Hung himself	fell on his sword (suicide)	Acts 1:18, 2Sam. 1:6,
Idle words/unclean lips	bad words spoken	Isa. 6:5, Matt. 12:33-37
Iniquity in my hands	guilty	Ps. 7.3
In that day	when Messiah comes	Zech. 3:10
In the tent	studying torah, meeting place	Gen. 9:27, Exod. 27:21
It is finished	no more sacrifices	John 19:30, Rev. 16:17
Joy will crown their heads	they will be joyful	Isa. 35.10
Kingdom of Heaven	when Yeshua returns	Acts 1:6

Kingdom of God	when Yeshua returns	Acts 1:6
Kingdom is at hand	when yeshua returns	Acts 1:6
Knew no quiet in their bellies	greedy	Job 20.20
Kneel over	have sex with	Job 31.10
Lamp will go out	will die	Prov. 24.20
Let the dead bury the dead see below list for explanation	(Luke 9:59-62 Matt. 8:18-20)	
Let fall	neglect (3)	Esther 6.10
Libation	fine drink	
Lift up your head	restore to honor	Gen. 40.13
Lift up my soul	pray	Ps. 25.1
Lifted heel against	turned against	Ps. 41.9
Lift up eyes	be aware of something	Ps. 121.1
Lift horn	defy God	Ps. 75.5
Little man of the eye	pupil	Ps. 17.8
Living stones	multiple persons	1Pet. 2:4
Loins	descendants	Exod. 1.5
Long of anger	slow to get angry	Exod. 34.6
Long life	if a person ages to over 80 years	
Look each other in the face	meet each other in battle	2Chr. 25.17
loose	permit it, allow it	Matt. 16:19-20,
loose the loins	put fear in a person	Isa. 45:1
Lord's day	sabbath, His day of judgement, Yom Kippur	
Mercies of God	13 attributes of Yah	Rom. 12:1, Exod. 34:6-7,
Mighty hand	force	Exod. 3.19
Mountain	things representing authority	Matt. 17:20
Myriads of thousands	millions, like grains of sand	Num.10:35,
My name	me	Mal. 1.11
New wineskin	new teaching, expandable	Luke 5:37
Nimrod	fool, idiot	
No man knows the day or hour	Feast of Trumpets	Matt. 25:13, Rev. 3:3,
no one comes to the Father but through the Son.entrance to the Holy Place	John 14:6	
None is bereaved	none is missing	Song 4.2
Number days	use time wisely	Ps. 90.12
Oil of gladness	joy	Isa. 61.3
Old wineskin	someone learned in his ways	Luke 5:37
On the first day	by the first day	Exod. 12:15, Mark 14:12
One who urinates against a wall	male	1Sam. 25.22
Open the womb	be born	Exod. 13.2
Open hand	generosity	Esther 1.7
Opens the ear	informs, reveals	Job 33.16
Open mouth wide	sneer	Isa. 57.4
Planted	created	Ps. 94.9
Possess gates	capture cities	Gen. 24.60
Promotion comes from the north	comes from Yah	

Put hand on	harm	Job 1.12
Plowed with my heifer	going behind my back	Jgs. 14:18,
Pray without ceasing	consistent prayer	Col. 1:9 ,Eph.1:16
Rain	life and teachings (Torah)	Mark 4:26
Rabbi	torah teacher over 30..tradition	
Remove the foreskin of your heart	dedicate yourselves fully to God	Jer 4.4
Right hand	might	Ps. 89.13
Rosh	poppy plant head	
Rooster crows	Temple crier	John 13:38, Mark 14:30
Sage	torah observant wise man over 70, tradition	
Said in heart	thought to self	Gen. 27.41
Saw his face	had access to him	Esther 1.14
Seed	descendants	Gen. 22.17
Seek your life	want to kill you	Jer. 4.30
Seek my face	seek me	Ps. 27.8
Send a hand against	assassinate	Esther 2.21
Slack hands	abandon	Josh. 10.6
Slept	died	1Kgs. 2.10
Small of hand	weak	2Kgs. 19.26
Snorts	scoffs	Ps. 10.5
Suck the milk of nations	receive the wealth of other countries	Isa.60.16
Sweet water	water fit to drink	Exod. 15.25
Soft heart	fearful	Job 23.16
Sons of the prophets	group of prophets	2Kgs. 2.7
Sons of	people of	Jer 50.33
Son of Jesse, David, man	Yeshua	Job 35.8
Son of the morning	morning star	Isa. 14.12
Son of wickedness	wicked person	Ps. 89.22
Soul	person	Lev. 22.6
Spread feet	offer self for sex	Ezek 16.25
Stand at the door	stand in front of Temple door	Lev. 14:1-20
Stand at the door and knock	bridal tradition	Rev. 3:20
Stiffened his neck	became stubborn	2Chr. 36.13
Squat outside	defecate (toilet)	Deut 23.13
Synagogue of satan	accusers of the brethren	Rev. 2:9, 3:9
Swallowed alive	killed	Ps. 124.3
Take my yoke (not burdensome)	a Rabbi's pitch	1John 5:3, Matt. 11:29
Thief in the night	H priest in the Temple	1Ths. 5:2, Rev. 3:3;16:15
Their throat is an open grave	they speak deceitfully	Ps. 5.9
The portion of their cup	their destiny	Ps. 11.6
The way of women	menstruation	Gen. 31.35
They ate the dust of their Rabbi	talmidim listened so close	not biblical
Thorn in the side	Putting up with the Canaanites	2Cor. 12:7, Jgs2:2-3,
Thousand years	long time, not 1000	2Pet. 3:8

Tongue struts through the earth	arrogantly order everyone	Ps. 73:9
Trees of life	Torah scrolls	tradition
Twilight	after 3:00pm	
Unclean lips..idle words	bad words spoken	Isa. 6:5, Matt. 12:33-37
Until the day breathes	until dawn	Song 2:17
Under the fig tree	at peace	John 1:48
Under the thigh	penis, place of generation	Gen. 24:2
Unto heaven	high walls or towers	Gen. 11:3-4, Deut. 1:28
Valley of death	Kidron Valley	Ps. 23:4, Zech. 14:4-5
Walls	pain	Jer. 4:19
Water of gall	opium derivative	Deut. 32:31-33
Waters	spring of water	Jer. 9:1
Wells without water	no Torah (water)	2Pet. 2:17
What comes from you	excrement	Deut. 23:13
Where I caused my name to dwell	where I chose to be worshiped	Jer. 7:12
Wild beasts	enemies of Israel	Deut. 7:22, Ezek. 34:5
Wine of wrath	my anger	Jer. 25:15
Wormwood	poppies/grapes of gall	Deut 32:31-33
Yah's seed	same as Abraham's seed	Gen. 12:3
Year of the Lord	when Yah returns	Isa. 61:1-2
Yoke	teachings	Matt. 11:29-30
You who were formerly far off	gentiles	Eph. 2:13,17

“Your seed will possess the gate of your enemies” is a Hebrew idiom meaning: “Your seed will conquer your enemies” (Gen. 22:17, Jgs. 16:3).

“Let the dead bury the dead” means make a clear and total break with the spiritually dead.

“Dead” is a noun. (Luke 9:59-62 Matt. 8:18-20)

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