
CHUMASH FUNDAMENTALS FOR ADULTS

The 200 commonest content words

A reference sheet from the book.

APPENDIX B

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Counted as dictionary headwords: each row covers every inflection of one word.

These top 200 entries cover 27.73% of the Chumash. Divine names and proper names are excluded.

#	HEBREW	MEANING	COUNT	% OF CHUMASH	FIRST SEEN
1	**כָּל**	all, every	1,595	1.29%	Gen.1.21
2	**בֶּן**	son, builder	1,496	1.21%	Gen.3.16
3	**אָמַר**	to say	1,373	1.11%	Gen.1.3
4	**הָיָה**	to be	1,049	0.85%	Gen.1.2
5	**עָשָׂה**	to make	860	0.69%	Gen.1.7
6	**אֶרֶץ**	the earth	849	0.68%	Gen.1.1
7	**יוֹם**	day	668	0.54%	Gen.1.5
8	**נָתַן**	to give	647	0.52%	Gen.1.17
9	**פָּנִים**	face, before	627	0.51%	Gen.1.2
10	**בָּאוּ**	to bring to, give	618	0.50%	Gen.2.19
11	**אִישׁ**	man, male person	570	0.46%	Gen.2.23
12	**עַם**	people, tribe, troops	445	0.36%	Gen.11.6

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13	**דַּבֵּר**	to speak	415	0.33%	Gen.8.15
14	**אָב**	father, parent	413	0.33%	Gen.2.24
15	**אֶחָד**	one, first	399	0.32%	Gen.1.5
16	**רָאָה**	to see	396	0.32%	Gen.1.4
17	**לָקַח**	to take	393	0.32%	Gen.2.15
18	**יָד**	hand	382	0.31%	Gen.3.22
19	**שָׁנָה**	year	371	0.30%	Gen.1.14
20	**יָצִיא**	to go out, bring out	347	0.28%	Gen.1.12
21	**שְׁנַיִם**	two	329	0.27%	Gen.1.16
22	**אָכַל**	to eat	328	0.26%	Gen.2.16
23	**בֵּית**	house	324	0.26%	Gen.6.14
24	**אִשָּׁה**	woman	307	0.25%	Gen.2.22
25	**מוֹת**	to die	303	0.24%	Gen.2.17
26	**כֹּהֵן**	priest, official	295	0.24%	Gen.14.18
27	**אָח**	brother, sibling	285	0.23%	Gen.4.2
28	**דָּבָר**	word, matter, thing	256	0.21%	Gen.11.1
29	**שֵׁם**	name, honor	252	0.20%	Gen.2.11
30	**צִוָּה**	to order, command	252	0.20%	Gen.2.16

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31	**שָׁמַע**	to hear attentively	240	0.19%	Gen.3.8
32	**עֵינַי**	eye	231	0.19%	Gen.3.5
33	**הָלַךְ**	to walk, carry	229	0.18%	Gen.3.14
34	**קֹדֶשׁ**	sacred place	221	0.18%	Exod.3.5
35	**אֹהֶל**	tent	214	0.17%	Gen.4.20
36	**מַיִם**	water	207	0.17%	Gen.1.2
37	**נֶפֶשׁ**	living creature	205	0.17%	Gen.1.20
38	**יָלַד**	to give birth	205	0.17%	Gen.3.16
39	**בֵּת**	daughter	204	0.16%	Gen.5.4
40	**עָלָה**	to go up	201	0.16%	Gen.2.6
41	**שָׁלַח**	to send away	201	0.16%	Gen.3.22
42	**יָשַׁב**	to sit, dwell, remain	199	0.16%	Gen.4.16
43	**מִזְבֵּחַ**	altar	198	0.16%	Gen.8.20
44	**קָרַב**	to bring near	198	0.16%	Gen.12.11
45	**מֵאָה**	a hundred	194	0.16%	Gen.5.3
46	**קָרָא**	to name	192	0.15%	Gen.1.5
47	**שָׁבַע**	seven, week	185	0.15%	Gen.4.24
48	**מִשְׁפָּחָה**	family, tribe	185	0.15%	Gen.8.19

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49	**שׁוּב**	to turn back	180	0.15%	Gen.3.19
50	**עֶבֶד**	servant	180	0.15%	Gen.9.25
51	**יָדַע**	to know	174	0.14%	Gen.3.5
52	**עִיר**	city	173	0.14%	Gen.4.17
53	**נָשָׂא**	to lift, carry	168	0.14%	Gen.4.13
54	**דָּם**	blood, juice, shed blood	166	0.13%	Gen.4.10
55	**מוֹעֵד**	appointed time	160	0.13%	Gen.1.14
56	**שׁוּם**	to put	151	0.12%	Gen.2.8
57	**הָרַךְ**	mountain range	150	0.12%	Gen.7.19
58	**שָׁמַר**	to protect, guard	148	0.12%	Gen.2.15
59	**עֹלָה**	to offer as a sacrifice	148	0.12%	Gen.8.20
60	**כֶּסֶף**	silver, money	146	0.12%	Gen.13.2
61	**קוּם**	to rise	145	0.12%	Gen.4.8
62	**רֹאשׁ**	head	144	0.12%	Gen.2.10
63	**זָהָב**	gold, yellow	143	0.12%	Gen.2.11
64	**חַטָּאָה**	offense, sin	142	0.11%	Gen.4.7
65	**מִטָּה**	branch, rod, staff	142	0.11%	Gen.38.18
66	**חֲמִישׁ**	five years	139	0.11%	Gen.5.6

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67	**בָּשָׂר**	flesh, body	138	0.11%	Gen.2.21
68	**בָּרַךְ**	to bless	137	0.11%	Gen.1.22
69	**חַי**	alive, living	136	0.11%	Gen.1.20
70	**פָּקַד**	to oversee, care for	135	0.11%	Gen.21.1
71	**תּוֹךְ**	center	133	0.11%	Gen.1.6
72	**מָקוֹם**	place	133	0.11%	Gen.1.9
73	**עָבַר**	to cross over	130	0.10%	Gen.8.1
74	**פֶּה**	mouth, speech	124	0.10%	Gen.4.11
75	**אֶלֶף**	a thousand	123	0.10%	Gen.20.16
76	**מָצָא**	to find, to get	122	0.10%	Gen.2.20
77	**נָסַע**	to start a journey	120	0.10%	Gen.11.2
78	**שָׂדֶה**	open space	117	0.09%	Gen.2.5
79	**אֵיל**	ram	117	0.09%	Gen.15.9
80	**דֶּרֶךְ**	a path or way	116	0.09%	Gen.3.24
81	**צֹאן**	flock of sheep or goats	116	0.09%	Gen.4.2
82	**שְׁלוֹשׁ**	three	115	0.09%	Gen.5.22
83	**טָמֵא**	to be contaminated	114	0.09%	Gen.34.5
84	**עָבַד**	to work, serve	113	0.09%	Gen.2.5

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85	**מִנְחָה**	to bring as an offering	113	0.09%	Gen.4.3
86	**בְּגָד**	clothing, disguise	113	0.09%	Gen.24.53
87	**זֶרַע**	seed, plant, offspring	112	0.09%	Gen.1.11
88	**עֵדָה**	a group, congregation	110	0.09%	Exod.12.3
89	**עֵץ**	tree, wood	108	0.09%	Gen.1.11
90	**אָדָם**	human being	107	0.09%	Gen.1.26
91	**שֶׁמֶן**	oil	106	0.09%	Gen.28.18
92	**מִדְבָּר**	open field, desert	105	0.08%	Gen.14.6
93	**אֵשׁ**	fire	104	0.08%	Gen.15.17
94	**מַחֲנֶה**	camp, army	104	0.08%	Gen.32.3
95	**מִשְׁכָּן**	dwelling place	104	0.08%	Exod.25.9
96	**בְּהֵמָה**	large animal	103	0.08%	Gen.1.24
97	**גָּדוֹל**	great, large	102	0.08%	Gen.1.16
98	**קוֹל**	voice, sound	102	0.08%	Gen.3.8
99	**מֶלֶךְ**	king	101	0.08%	Gen.14.1
100	**רָשׁ**	to take possession of	101	0.08%	Gen.15.3
101	**שָׁמַיִם**	sky, heavens	100	0.08%	Gen.1.1
102	**נָכָה**	to strike	99	0.08%	Gen.4.15

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103	**קָרַב**	near, among	99	0.08%	Gen.18.12
104	**כֵּל**	utensil, vessel	99	0.08%	Gen.24.53
105	**אַרְבַּע**	four	98	0.08%	Gen.2.10
106	**בָּקָר**	cattle herd	98	0.08%	Gen.12.16
107	**אֲדָמָה**	soil, earth	96	0.08%	Gen.1.25
108	**רָע**	bad or evil	96	0.08%	Gen.2.9
109	**עָשָׂר**	ten, teens	92	0.07%	Gen.5.8
110	**פָּר**	bull, ox	92	0.07%	Gen.32.16
111	**גֵּוִי**	foreign nation	91	0.07%	Gen.10.5
112	**אָדוֹן**	to control	91	0.07%	Gen.18.3
113	**צָבָא**	army, force	90	0.07%	Gen.2.1
114	**בִּי**	by itself	90	0.07%	Gen.2.18
115	**אֶבֶן**	stone	88	0.07%	Gen.2.12
116	**יָרַד**	to go down	88	0.07%	Gen.11.5
117	**יָם**	large body of water	87	0.07%	Gen.1.10
118	**כֶּבֶשׂ**	ram, male sheep	87	0.07%	Exod.12.5
119	**טוֹב**	good, well	86	0.07%	Gen.1.4
120	**חֹדֶשׁ**	new moon month	86	0.07%	Gen.7.11

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121	**חָנָה**	to pitch camp	86	0.07%	Gen.26.17
122	**לֵוִי**	descendant of Levi	86	0.07%	Exod.4.14
123	**חָלַךְ**	to walk	84	0.07%	Gen.2.14
124	**לֶחֶם**	food, especially bread	84	0.07%	Gen.3.19
125	**עָמַד**	to stand	84	0.07%	Gen.18.8
126	**חָיָה**	to live	83	0.07%	Gen.5.3
127	**מִשְׁפֵּט**	to judge, decide	83	0.07%	Gen.18.19
128	**עָבָדָה**	to work	83	0.07%	Gen.29.27
129	**כָּרַית**	to make a pact	82	0.07%	Gen.6.18
130	**יָרָא**	to fear, reverence	81	0.07%	Gen.3.10
131	**בֹּקֶר**	morning dawn	80	0.06%	Gen.1.5
132	**עוֹר**	skin, hide	80	0.06%	Gen.3.21
133	**כָּפַר**	to cover, forgive	79	0.06%	Gen.6.14
134	**קָרְבָּן**	sacrificial offering	78	0.06%	Lev.1.2
135	**עֶרֶב**	dusk, evening	77	0.06%	Gen.1.5
136	**קָדַשׁ**	to set apart as holy	75	0.06%	Gen.2.3
137	**פֶּתַח**	door, entrance	75	0.06%	Gen.4.7
138	**נַחֲלָה**	inheritance	74	0.06%	Gen.31.14

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139	**עוֹלָם**	eternity, always	73	0.06%	Gen.3.22
140	**עֶשְׂרִים**	twenty	73	0.06%	Gen.6.3
141	**אַמָּה**	unit of length	73	0.06%	Gen.6.15
142	**שֵׁשׁ**	six	73	0.06%	Gen.7.6
143	**סָבִיב**	around, surrounding	73	0.06%	Gen.23.17
144	**חֲמִשִּׁים**	fifty	72	0.06%	Gen.6.15
145	**חָטָא**	to miss, sin	72	0.06%	Gen.20.6
146	**זָבַח**	to offer as a sacrifice	72	0.06%	Gen.31.54
147	**נָשִׂיא**	leader, prince	71	0.06%	Gen.17.20
148	**שָׁבַע**	to swear	70	0.06%	Gen.21.23
149	**טָהוֹר**	to be clean	69	0.06%	Gen.7.2
150	**כָּרַת**	to make a covenant	69	0.06%	Gen.9.11
151	**בְּכוֹר**	firstborn, chief	69	0.06%	Gen.10.15
152	**שְׁלוֹשִׁים**	thirty years	68	0.05%	Gen.5.3
153	**גֵּר**	foreigner, guest	68	0.05%	Gen.15.13
154	**לֵב**	heart, feelings	67	0.05%	Gen.6.5
155	**נָגַע**	to inflict, to strike	67	0.05%	Gen.12.17
156	**רָבָה**	to increase	66	0.05%	Gen.1.22

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157	**רַב**	abundant, great	66	0.05%	Gen.6.5
158	**טָמֵא**	unclean	66	0.05%	Lev.5.2
159	**מְלָאכָה**	work	65	0.05%	Gen.2.2
160	**חֶלֶב**	choice part	65	0.05%	Gen.4.4
161	**מַעֲשֶׂה**	action, transaction	65	0.05%	Gen.5.29
162	**יָכֹל**	to be able	64	0.05%	Gen.13.6
163	**לַיְלָה**	night	63	0.05%	Gen.1.5
164	**אִם**	mother	63	0.05%	Gen.2.24
165	**חוּץ**	outside, outdoors	63	0.05%	Gen.6.14
166	**שָׁקֶל**	weight standard	63	0.05%	Gen.23.15
167	**מִצְוָה**	command	63	0.05%	Gen.26.5
168	**זֶבַח**	sacrifice	63	0.05%	Exod.29.18
169	**שֵׁנִי**	second, again	62	0.05%	Gen.1.8
170	**אַרְבָּעִים**	forty days	61	0.05%	Gen.5.13
171	**דּוֹר**	generation, age	61	0.05%	Gen.6.9
172	**שָׁכַב**	to lie down	61	0.05%	Gen.19.4
173	**רֶגֶל**	foot, step	60	0.05%	Gen.8.9
174	**נָפַל**	to fall	58	0.05%	Gen.2.21

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175	**יָסַף**	to continue adding	58	0.05%	Gen.4.2
176	**כַּף**	hand, palm	58	0.05%	Gen.8.9
177	**מָלֵא**	to fill up	57	0.05%	Gen.1.22
178	**שְׁבִיעִי**	seventh day	57	0.05%	Gen.2.2
179	**יֵשֶׁר**	head person	57	0.05%	Gen.12.15
180	**זָכָר**	male, masculine	56	0.05%	Gen.1.27
181	**עִז**	goat	56	0.05%	Gen.15.9
182	**שַׁעַר**	door, gate	56	0.05%	Gen.19.1
183	**חֻקָּה**	rule, command, regulation	56	0.05%	Gen.26.5
184	**תּוֹרָה**	law	56	0.05%	Gen.26.5
185	**נִגַּד**	to announce, expose	55	0.04%	Gen.3.11
186	**רִאשׁוֹן**	first, foremost	55	0.04%	Gen.8.13
187	**סוּר**	to turn away	55	0.04%	Gen.8.13
188	**לֵבָב**	heart	55	0.04%	Gen.20.5
189	**אֵדָן**	column base	55	0.04%	Exod.26.19
190	**נָגַע**	to touch, strike	54	0.04%	Gen.3.3
191	**זָקֵן**	old person	54	0.04%	Gen.18.11
192	**טָהַר**	to make pure	54	0.04%	Gen.35.2

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193	**שָׁלַם**	to offer as a peace offering	54	0.04%	Exod.20.24
194	**אַחֵר**	next, other	53	0.04%	Gen.4.25
195	**גְּבוּל**	boundary, territory	53	0.04%	Gen.10.19
196	**אֵיב**	enemy	53	0.04%	Gen.22.17
197	**יָרֵעַ**	friend	52	0.04%	Gen.11.3
198	**שׁוֹר**	cattle traveler	52	0.04%	Gen.32.6
199	**אַף**	face, anger	51	0.04%	Gen.2.7
200	**מִקְנֶה**	property, livestock	51	0.04%	Gen.4.20