

Lord: Compound Names

Theophoric names are compound names that include a name of God together with one of His attributes, characteristics, or qualities. Old Testament theophoric names may include the name *Lord*, *God*, *Adoni*, or other names of Deity. This chart presents only those Hebrew names that include Lord (Hebrew *YHWH*, or Jehovah; remember that Jehovah is none other than Jesus Christ), which is represented in the names by the suffixes *-iah*,

-jah, *-ai*, or *-jahu* or the prefixes *Ho-*, *Jo-*, *Jeh-*, or *Jeho-*. For instance, the names Isaiah, Jeremiah, Uriah, Zedekiah, and Zephaniah each feature the suffix *-iah*, which is translated into English as “Lord.” Similarly, the names Jehoahaz, Jehoiachin, Jehoiada, Jehoiakim, and Jehoram each include the prefix *Jeho-*, which is also translated as “Lord.”

Theophoric names containing *Lord* are common in the Old Testament, and the chart contains only a representative sample. The first column in the chart lists the English form of the name as the translators of the Bible have transliterated it. The second column provides the meaning or the translation of the name.

The various theophoric names set forth the Lord’s attributes and character: He is a father, brother, protector, king, fortress, light, and refuge; He is mighty, majestic, great, exalted, righteous, strong, and good. He hears, saves, builds, sees, answers, sustains, succors, helps, knows, strengthens, loves, creates, establishes, shows favor, judges, remembers, protects, ransoms, heals, and consoles. Theophoric names teach us of these and many more characteristics that belong to God.

Name	Meaning*	Name	Meaning*
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Abijah	The Lord is my father	Irijah	The Lord sees
Adaiah	The Lord has adorned Himself	Isaiah	The Lord is salvation
Adonijah	The Lord is my lord	Ismachiah	The Lord sustains
Ahijah	The Lord is my brother	Jaazaniah	The Lord hears
Amasiah	The Lord has borne	Jecoliah	The Lord can
Amaziah	The Lord is strong	Jehoiakim	The Lord raises up
Anaiah	The Lord has answered	Jehoram	The Lord is high

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Asaiah	The Lord has made	Jekamiah	May the Lord establish
Athaliah	The Lord is exalted	Jeremiah	The Lord raises up
Azaniah	The Lord has heard	Jochebed	The Lord is glory
Azariah	The Lord has helped	Joel	The Lord is God
Barachiah	The Lord blesses	Johanan	The Lord has shown favor
Benaiah	The Lord has built	Joiarib	The Lord renders justice
Beraiah	The Lord has created	Joshua	The Lord saves
Berechiah	Blessed by the Lord	Jozabad	The Lord has bestowed
Besodeiah	In the secret council of the Lord	Jozadak	The Lord is just
Chenaniah	The Lord is steadfast	Kushaiah	Gift of the Lord
Dodavahu	Beloved of the Lord	Maaziah	The Lord is a fortress
Eliehoenai	Toward the Lord are my eyes	Malchijah	My king is the Lord
Elijah	The Lord is my God	Meraiah	Loved by the Lord
Gedaliah	The Lord has magnified	Nehemiah	The Lord consoles
Gemariah	The Lord has completed	Pedaiah	The Lord ransoms
Habaiah	The Lord hides Himself	Rephaiah	The Lord has healed
Hacaliah	Hope is the Lord	Semachiah	The Lord has sustained
Haggiah	The Lord is my festival	Shemariah	The Lord has preserved
Hananiah	The Lord has shown favor	Shephatiah	The Lord has judged
Hasadiah	The Lord is faithful	Tobijah	The Lord is good
Hashabiah	The Lord has taken into account	Uriah	My light is the Lord
Hazaiah	The Lord has seen	Uzziah	The Lord is my strength
Hilkiah	My share is the Lord	Zebadiah	Gift of the Lord

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Hodaviah	Celebrate the Lord	Zechariah	The Lord remembers
Hoshaiah	The Lord has saved	Zedekiah	The Lord is righteous
Ibnijah	The Lord builds	Zephaniah	The Lord protects
Igdaliah	The Lord is great	Zerahiah	The Lord has shone

* The meanings of some names are subject to dispute.