

Name in Bible	Plant name	Scientific name	References
סנה <i>səneh</i>	Abraham's Bush or Blackberry	<i>Vitex agnus-castus</i> , <i>Rubus sanctus</i> or <i>Loranthus acaciae</i>	<u>Exodus 3:2</u>
שטה <i>šittāh</i>	Acacia, Spirale	<i>Acacia raddiana</i> Savi	<u>Exodus 25:10</u>
אלמגים ' <i>almuggîm</i>	Almug tree; traditionally thought to denominate Red Sandalwood and/or White Sandalwood, but a few claim it is Juniper	<i>Pterocarpus santalinus</i> <i>Santalum album</i> <i>Juniperus excelsa</i>	<u>2 Chronicles 2:8; 9:10, 11;</u> <u>1 Kings 10:11, 12</u>
שקד <i>šāqēd</i>	Almond	<i>Amygdalus communis</i>	<u>Genesis 43:11</u>
אהלים ' <i>āhālîm</i>	Agarwood ("Aloe")	<i>Aquilaria malaccensis</i> or <i>Aloe succotrina</i>	<u>Proverbs 7:17</u>
κρίνον, <i>krinon</i>	Anemone	<i>Anemone coronaria</i> L.	<u>Matthew 6:28</u>
ἄνηθον, <i>anēthon</i>	Anise or Dill	<i>Pimpinella anisum</i> , <i>Anethum graveolens</i>	<u>Matthew 23:23</u>
תפוחי <i>tappūah</i>	Apple ^[a] or citron	<i>Malus domestica</i> or <i>Citrus medica</i>	<u>Genesis 2:7; Job 31:39;</u> <u>Jeremiah 15:9</u>

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בשם <i>bōsem</i> , בכא <i>bəḵā'im</i>	<u>Balsam</u>	<i>Commiphora gileadensis</i> ^[1]	<u>Exodus</u> , <u>Songs</u>
שערה <i>śə'ōrāh</i>	<u>Barley</u>	<i>Hordeum</i> spp.	<u>Numbers</u> 5:15; <u>Ezekiel</u> 4:9
אזרח <i>bā'ezrāh</i>	<u>Bay</u>	<i>Laurus nobilis</i>	<u>Psalms</u> 37:35
בדלה <i>bəḏōlah</i>	<u>Bdellium</u>	<i>Commiphora africana</i>	<u>Genesis</u> 2:12 (https://www.mechon-mamre.org/p/pt/pt0102.htm#12); <u>Numbers</u> 11:7
פול <i>pōl</i>	<u>Bean</u>	<i>Vicia faba</i>	<u>Ezekiel</u> 4:9
תאשור <i>tə'aššūr</i>	<u>Box</u>	<i>Buxus sempervirens</i>	<u>Isaiah</u> 41:19
צנ <i>tsin</i>	<u>Boxthorn</u>	<i>Lycium europaeum</i>	<u>Proverbs</u> 22:5
אטד <i>'āṭad</i>	<u>Bramble</u>	<i>Rubus ulmifolius</i>	<u>Judges</u> 9:15
רתם <i>rōtem</i>	<u>Broom</u>	<i>Calycotome villosa</i> , <i>Retama raetam</i> or <i>Spartium junceum</i>	<u>Psalms</u> 120:4, <u>1 Kings</u> 19:4
גומא <i>gōme</i>	<u>Bulrush or Papyrus</u>	<i>Typha</i> spp. <i>Cyperus papyrus</i>	<u>Exodus</u> 2:3, <u>Job</u> 40:21 (ABP and NETS)
אביונה <i>'ābīyōnāh</i>	<u>Caper, Desire</u>	<i>Capparis spinosa</i> L.	<u>Ecclesiastes</u> 12:5
κεράτιον, <i>keration</i>	<u>Carob and Locust</u>	<i>Ceratonia siliqua</i>	<u>Luke</u> 15:16, <u>Matthew</u> 3:1
קדה <i>qiddāh</i>	<u>Cassia</u>	<i>Cinnamomum iners</i>	<u>Exodus</u> 30:24, <u>Psalms</u> 45:8, <u>Job</u> 42:14
קיקיון <i>qīqōnāh</i>	<u>Castor Oil Tree ("Jonah's gourd")</u>	<i>Ricinus communis</i> L.	<u>Jonah</u> 4:9
ארז <i>'ārez</i>	<u>Cedar of Lebanon</u>	<i>Cedrus libani</i>	<u>1 Kings</u> 5:10, <u>2 Kings</u> 19:23
קנמון <i>qinnāmōn</i>	<u>Cinnamon</u>	<i>Cinnamomum zeylanicum</i>	<u>Proverbs</u> 7:17
באשה <i>bā'əšāh</i>	<u>Cockle or Stinkweed</u>	<i>Agrostemma githago</i>	<u>Job</u> 31:40
גד <i>gad</i>	<u>Coriander</u>	<i>Coriandrum sativum</i>	<u>Exodus</u> 16:31
כרפס <i>karpas</i>	<u>Cotton</u>	<i>Gossypium herbaceum</i>	<u>Esther</u> 1:6
חבצלת <i>ḥəḇatseleṭ</i>	<u>Crocus</u>	<i>Crocus sativus</i>	<u>Song of Solomon</u> 2:1, <u>Isaiah</u> 35:1
קשא <i>qīššu'a</i>	<u>Cucumber</u>	<i>Cucumis melo</i>	<u>Numbers</u> 11:5
כמון <i>kammōn</i> ; κύνινον, <i>kuminon</i>	<u>Cumin</u>	<i>Cumimum cyminum</i>	<u>Isaiah</u> 28:27
קצה <i>qetsah</i>	<u>Cumin, Black</u>	<i>Nigella sativa</i>	<u>Isaiah</u> 44:14
תרזה <i>tirzāh</i>	<u>Cypress</u>	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i> L.	<u>Isaiah</u> 44:14
ברוש <i>bərōš</i>	<u>Cypress or fir</u>	<i>Cupressus sempervirens</i>	<u>Isaiah</u> 44:14
תמר <i>tāmār</i> φοίνιξ, <i>phoinix</i>	<u>Date Palm</u>	<i>Phoenix dactylifera</i>	<u>Song of Solomon</u> 5:11; 7:7, 8, <u>John</u> 12:13
דביונים <i>dībyōnīm</i>	<u>Dove's Dung</u>	<i>Ornithogalum narbonense</i>	<u>2 Kings</u> 6:25

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תדהר <i>tighār</i>	<u>Elm</u>	<i><u>Ulmus minor subsp. canescens</u></i>	<u>Song of Solomon 5:11</u> ; <u>7:7, 8</u> , <u>John 12:13</u>

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תאנ <i>tə'ēnāh</i>	<u>Fig</u>	<i><u>Ficus carica</u></i> L.	<u>Joel 1:7</u>
ארן <i>'ōren</i>	<u>Fir</u>	<i><u>Abies cilicica</u></i>	<u>1 Kings</u> etc.
פשתה <i>pešeth</i>	<u>Flax</u>	<i><u>Linum usitatissimum</u></i>	<u>Proverbs 31:13</u>
פרח <i>perah</i>	Flowers, unidentified		<u>1 Kings 7:26</u>
לבונה <i>ləḅōnāh</i>	<u>Frankincense</u>	<i><u>Boswellia thurifera</u></i>	<u>Matthew 2:10</u> , <u>11</u>
שום <i>šūm</i>	<u>Garlic</u>	<i><u>Allium sativum</u></i>	<u>Numbers 11:5</u>
ענב <i>'ānāb</i>	<u>Grape</u>	<i><u>Vitis vinifera</u></i>	<u>Genesis 40:10</u> etc.
חציר <i>ḥātsîr</i>	<u>Grass</u>		<u>Numbers 11:5</u>
כמשכת הדק <i>kimśukat</i> <i>ḥādeq</i>	<u>Hedge of Thorns</u>	<i><u>Solanum incanum</u></i> L.	<u>Proverbs 15:19</u> ^[2]
ראש <i>rōš</i>	<u>Hemlock</u> or gall	<i><u>Conium maculatum</u></i> , <i><u>Papaver somniferum</u></i>	<u>Amos 6:12</u>
כפר <i>kōper</i>	<u>Henna</u>	<i><u>Lawsonia inermis</u></i> L.	<u>Song of Solomon 1:14</u>
אזוב <i>'ēzōḅ</i> ῥῥσσωπος, <i>hysōpos</i>	<u>Hyssop</u>	<i><u>Hyssopus officinalis</u></i>	<u>Leviticus 14:52</u>
קטרת <i>qaṭṭerāh</i>	<u>Incense</u>	<i><u>Boswellia sacra</u></i>	<u>Hosea 4:13</u>
שושן <i>šōšannāh</i>	<u>Iris</u> (then denominated "Lily")	<i><u>Iris palaestina</u></i>	<u>1 Kings 7:22</u>

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n/a	<u>Judas Tree</u>	<i>Cercis siliquastrum</i>	<u>Matthew 27:5</u>
ערוער <i>ärō'ēr</i>	<u>Juniper</u>	<i>Juniperus excelsa</i>	<u>Jeremiah 17:6</u> , <u>48:6</u>
ἀκανθα, <i>akantha</i>	<u>Jujube</u>	<i>Ziziphus spina-christi</i>	<u>Matthew 27:29</u>
חציר <i>ḥātsîr</i>	<u>Leek</u>	<i>Allium porrum</i>	<u>Numbers 11:5</u>
עדש <i>ādāša</i>	<u>Lentil</u>	<i>Lens esculenta</i>	<u>2 Samuel 17:28</u> ; <u>Ezekiel 4:9</u>
שושנת העמקים <i>šōwōšannaṯ hā-āmāqîm</i>	<u>Lily-of-the-valley</u>	<i>Convallaria majalis</i>	<u>Song of Solomon 2:1</u>
שש <i>šēš</i>	<u>Linen</u>	<i>Linum usitatissimum</i>	<u>Exodus 35:25</u>
צאל <i>tse'ēlîm</i>	<u>Lotus</u>	<i>Nelumbo nucifera</i>	<u>Job 40:21–22</u>
מלוח <i>mallūah</i>	<u>Mallow</u>	<i>Atriplex halimus</i> L.	<u>Job 30:4</u>
מלוח <i>dūdā'î</i>	<u>Mandrake</u>	<i>Mandragora autumnalis</i> Bertol.	<u>Genesis 30:15</u>
מן <i>man</i>	<u>Manna</u>	<i>Alhagi camelorum</i>	<u>Numbers 11:7</u>
ἡδύσμον, <i>hēduosmon</i>	<u>Mint</u>	<i>Mentha</i> sp.	<u>Matthew 23:23</u>
σίναπι, <i>sinapi</i>	<u>Mustard</u>	<i>Brassica nigra</i>	<u>Matthew 13:31</u>
ט <i>lōṯ</i>	<u>Myrrh</u>	<i>Commiphora guidotti</i> Engl.	<u>Genesis 37:25</u> , <u>43:11</u>
הדס <i>hāḏas</i>	<u>Myrtle</u>	<i>Myrtus communis</i> L.	<u>Isaiah 55:13</u>

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סרפד <i>sirpaḏ</i>	<u>Nettle</u>	<i>Acanthus spinosus</i>	<u>Isaiah 55:13</u>
בטנ <i>beten</i>	<u>Pistachio</u>	<i>Pistacia vera</i> L.	<u>Song of Solomon 6:11</u>
אלון <i>'allōn</i>	<u>Oak</u>	<i>Quercus calliprinos</i> Webb	<u>Joshua 24:26</u>
זית <i>zāyit</i>	<u>Olive</u>	<i>Olea europaea</i>	<u>Judges 9:9</u>
בצל <i>betsāl</i>	<u>Onion</u>	<i>Allium cepa</i>	<u>Numbers 11:5</u>
ערמון <i>'armōn</i>	<u>Plane</u>	<i>Platanus orientalis</i> L.	<u>Ezekiel 31:8</u> , <u>Genesis 30:37</u>
רמון <i>rimmōn</i>	<u>Pomegranate</u>	<i>Punica granatum</i>	<u>Song of Solomon 7:12</u>
לבנה <i>libneh</i>	<u>Poplar species</u>	<i>Populus</i> sp.	<u>Isaiah 44:4</u>
הלמות <i>hallāmūt</i>	<u>Purslane</u>	<i>Portulaca oleracea</i>	<u>Job 6:6</u>
אבה <i>'ēbeh</i>	<u>Reed (see also Cane)</u>	<i>Phragmites</i>	<u>Ezekiel 40:vv.</u> , <u>Job 40:21</u>
רִיָּחוֹן, <i>pēganon</i>	<u>Rue</u>	<i>Ruta graveolens</i>	<u>Luke 11:42</u>
אגמון <i>'aḡmōn</i>	<u>Rush</u>	<i>Juncus</i> sp.	<u>Isaiah 9:14</u>

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כרכם <i>karkōm</i>	<u>Saffron</u>	<i>Crocus</i> sp.	<u>Song of Solomon 4:14</u> ^[b]
כסמת <i>kussemeṯ</i>	<u>Spelt</u>	<i>Triticum spelta</i>	<u>Isaiah 28:25</u> ; <u>Ezekiel 4:9</u>
נרד <i>nēred</i>	<u>Spikenard</u>	<i>Nardostachys jatamansi</i>	<u>Song of Solomon 4:14</u>
נטפ <i>nāṭāf</i>	<u>Stacte</u> or <u>Storax</u>	<i>Styrax officinalis</i> , <i>Liquidambar orientalis</i>	<u>Exodus 30:34</u>
συκάμινος, <i>sykaminos</i>	<u>Sycamine</u> (Mulberry)	<i>Morus</i> sp.	<u>Luke 17:6</u>

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אשל <i>'ešel</i>	<u>Tamarisk</u>	<i>Tamarix aphylla</i>	<u>Genesis 21:33</u>
ζιζάνιον, <i>zizanon</i>	"Tares", <u>Darnel</u> ^{[3][4]}	<i>Lolium temulentum</i>	<u>Matthew 13:25–40</u>
אלה <i>'ēlah</i>	<u>Terebinth</u>	<i>Pistacia terebinthus</i>	<u>2 Samuel 18:9</u>
חוח <i>ḥōwah</i>	<u>Thistle</u>	<i>Cardueae</i>	<u>Job 31:40</u> , <u>2 Chronicles 25:18</u>
קוצ <i>qōṭs</i>	Thorn, thornbush	<i>Vachellia tortilis</i> or similar	<u>Jeremiah 4:3</u>
θύϊνος, <i>thyinos</i>	Thyine Wood	<i>Tetraclinis articulata</i>	<u>Revelation 18:12</u>
עץ <i>'ēts</i>	<u>Timber</u>		<u>2 Kings 12:12</u>
השרון שושנת <i>ḥă-batseleṯ ha-Šārōn</i>	<u>Tulip Sharon</u>	<i>Tulipa agenensis</i>	<u>Song of Solomon 2:1</u>
אגוז <i>'ēgōz</i>	<u>Walnut</u>	<i>Juglans regia</i>	<u>Song of Solomon 6:11</u> , ^[5] <u>Genesis 43:11</u>
אבטיח <i>'ābattih</i>	<u>Watermelon</u>	<i>Citrullus lanatus</i>	<u>Numbers 11:5</u>
חטה <i>ḥittāh</i> חנטא <i>ḥinta'</i>	<u>Wheat</u>	<i>Triticum</i> sp.	<u>Ezra 7:22</u> ; <u>Ezekiel 4:9</u>
ערב <i>'ārāb</i>	<u>Willow</u>	<i>Salix alba</i> L.	<u>Job 40:22</u>
ἄψινθος, <i>apsinthos</i> לענה <i>la'ānāh</i>	<u>Wormwood</u>	<i>Artemisia absinthium</i>	<u>Revelation 8:11</u>

Notes

- a. To change a "p" to "f" in Hebrew a dot is changed; the word indicates that which is distinguished by its fragrance; it derives from the root "na·phach?" denoting "blow, pant, struggle for breath" (see Genesis 2:7; Job 31:39; Jeremiah 15:9); regarding this, M. C. Fisher wrote that "relationship [to na·phach?] seems at first semantically strained, but the ideas of 'breathe' and 'exhale an odor' are related. The by-form puah means both 'blow' (of wind) and 'exhale a pleasant odor, be

fragrant." (see [Proverbs 25:11](#))

b. referenced as the plant or the product consisting of its pollen?

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