

# PEOPLE OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

- **Aaron:** First high priest of Jews; son of Amram; brother of Miriam and Moses; father of Abihu, Eleazer, Ithamar, and Nadab.
- **Abel:** Son of Adam and Eve; slain by Cain.
- **Abigail:** Wife of Nabal; later, wife of David.
- **Abihu:** Son of Aaron.
- **Abimelech:** King of Gerar.
- **Abner:** Commander of army of Saul and Ishbosheth; slain by Joab.
- **Abraham (or Abram):** Patriarch; forefather of the Jews; son of Terah; husband of Sarah; father of Isaac and Ishmael.
- **Absalom:** Son of David and Maacah; revolted against David; slain by Joab.
- **Achish:** King of Gath; gave refuge to David.
- **Achsa (or Achsah):** Daughter of Caleb; wife of Othniel.
- **Adah:** Wife of Lamech.
- **Adam:** First man; husband of Eve; father of Cain, Abel, and Seth.
- **Adonijah:** Son of David and Haggith.
- **Agag:** King of Amalek; spared by Saul; slain by Samuel.
- **Ahasuerus:** King of Persia; husband of Vashti and, later, Esther; sometimes identified with Xerxes the Great.
- **Ahijah:** Prophet; foretold accession of Jeroboam.
- **Ahinoam:** Wife of David.
- **Amasa:** Commander of army of David; slain by Joab.
- **Amnon:** Son of David and Ahinoam; raped Tamar; slain by Absalom.
- **Amram:** Husband of Jochebed; father of Aaron, Miriam and Moses.
- **Asenath:** Wife of Joseph.
- **Asher:** Son of Jacob and Zilpah.
- **Balaam:** Prophet; rebuked by his donkey for cursing God.
- **Barak:** Jewish captain; associated with Deborah.
- **Baruch:** Secretary to Jeremiah.
- **Bathsheba:** Wife of Uriah; later, wife of David.
- **Belshazzar:** Crown prince of Babylon.
- **Benaiah:** Warrior of David; proclaimed Solomon King.
- **Ben-Hadad:** Name of several kings of Damascus.
- **Benjamin:** Son of Jacob and Rachel.
- **Bezaleel:** Chief architect of Tabernacle.
- **Bilbah:** Servant of Rachel; mistress of Jacob.
- **Bildad:** Comforter of Job.
- **Boaz:** Husband of Ruth; father of Obed.
- **Cain:** Son of Adam and Eve; slayer of Abel; father of Enoch.
- **Cainan:** Son of Enos.
- **Caleb:** Spy sent out by Moses to visit Canaan; father of Achsa.
- **Canaan:** Son of Ham.
- **Chilion:** Son of Elimelech; husband of Orpah.
- **Cush:** Son of Ham; father of Nimrod.
- **Dan:** Son of Jacob and Bilhah.
- **Daniel:** Prophet; saved from lions by God.
- **Deborah:** Hebrew prophetess and judge; helped Israelites conquer Canaanites.
- **Delilah:** Mistress and betrayer of Samson.
- **Elam:** Son of Shem.
- **Eleazar:** Son of Aaron; succeeded him as high priest.

- **Eli:** High priest and judge; teacher of Samuel; father of Hophni and Phinehas.
- **Eliakim:** Chief minister of Hezekiah.
- **Eliezer:** Servant of Abraham.
- **Elihu:** Comforter of Job.
- **Elijah (or Elias):** Prophet; went to heaven in chariot of fire.
- **Elimelech:** Husband of Naomi; father of Chilion and Mahlon.
- **Eliphaz:** Comforter of Job.
- **Elisha (or Eliseus):** Prophet; successor of Elijah.
- **Elkanah:** Husband of Hannah; father of Samuel.
- **Enoch:** Son of Cain.
- **Enoch:** Father of Methuselah.
- **Enos:** Son of Seth; father of Cainan.
- **Ephraim:** Son of Joseph.
- **Esau:** Son of Isaac and Rebecca; sold his birthright to his twin brother Jacob.
- **Esther:** Jewish wife of Ahasuerus; saved Jews from Haman's plotting.
- **Eve:** First woman; wife of Adam.
- **Ezra (or Esdras):** Hebrew scribe and priest.
- **Gad:** Son of Jacob and Zilpah.
- **Gehazi:** Servant of Elisha.
- **Gideon:** Israelite hero; defeated Midianites.
- **Goliath:** Philistine giant; slain by David.
- **Hagar:** Handmaid of Sarah; concubine of Abraham; mother of Ishmael.
- **Haggith:** Mother of Adonijah.
- **Ham:** Son of Noah; father of Cush, Mizraim, Phut, and Canaan.
- **Haman:** Chief minister of Ahasuerus; hanged on gallows prepared for Mordecai.
- **Hannah:** Wife of Elkanah; mother of Samuel.
- **Hanun:** King of Ammonites.
- **Haran:** Brother of Abraham; father of Lot.
- **Hazael:** King of Damascus.
- **Hephi-Bah:** Wife of Hezekiah; mother of Mannaseh.
- **Hiram:** King of Tyre.
- **Holofernes:** General of Nebuchadnezzar; slain by Judith.
- **Hophni:** Son of Eli.
- **Isaac:** Hebrew patriarch; son of Abraham and Sarah; half brother of Ishmael; husband of Rebecca; father of Esau and Jacob.
- **Ishmael:** Son of Abraham and Hagar; half brother of Isaac.
- **Issachar:** Son of Jacob and Leah.
- **Ithamar:** Son of Aaron.
- **Jabal:** Son of Lamech and Adah.
- **Jabin:** King of Hazor.
- **Jacob:** Hebrew patriarch; founder of Israel; son of Isaac and Rebecca; husband of Leah and Rachel; father of sons Asher, Benjamin, Dan, Gad, Issachar, Joseph, Judah, Levi, Naphtali, Reuben, Simeon, and Zebulun, and daughter Dinah.
- **Jael:** Slayer of Sisera.
- **Japheth:** Son of Noah.
- **Jehoiada:** High priest; husband of Jehoshabeath; revolted against Athaliah and made Joash King of Judah.
- **Jehoshabeath (or Jehosheba):** Daughter of Jehoram of Judah; wife of Jehoiada.
- **Jephthah:** Judge in Israel; sacrificed his only daughter because of vow.
- **Jesse:** Son of Obed; father of David.
- **Jethro:** Midianite priest; father of Zipporah.
- **Jezebel:** Phoenician princess; wife of Ahab; mother of Ahaziah, Athaliah, and Jehoram.
- **Joab:** Commander in chief under David; slayer of Abner, Absalom, and Amasa.

- **Job:** Patriarch; underwent many afflictions; comforted by Bildad, Elihu, Eliphaz and Zophar.
- **Jochebed:** Wife of Amram.
- **Jonah:** Prophet; cast into sea and swallowed by great fish.
- **Jonathan:** Son of Saul; friend of David.
- **Joseph:** Son of Jacob and Rachel; sold into slavery by his brothers; husband of Asenath; father of Ephraim and Manassah.
- **Joshua:** Successor of Moses; son of Nun.
- **Jubal:** Son of Lamech and Adah.
- **Judah:** Son of Jacob and Leah.
- **Judith:** Slayer of Holofernes.
- **Kish:** Father of Saul.
- **Laban:** Father of Leah and Rachel.
- **Lamech:** Son of Methuselah; father of Noah.
- **Lamech:** Husband of Adah and Zillah; father of Jabal, Jubal, and Tubal-Cain.
- **Leah:** Daughter of Laban; wife of Jacob; sister of Rachel.
- **Levi:** Son of Jacob and Leah.
- **Lot:** Son of Haran; escaped destruction of Sodom.
- **Maacah:** Mother of Absalom and Tamar.
- **Mahlon:** Son of Elimelech; first husband of Ruth.
- **Manasseh:** Son of Joseph.
- **Melchizedek:** King of Salem.
- **Methuselah:** Patriarch; son of Enoch; father of Lamech.
- **Michal:** Daughter of Saul; wife of David.
- **Miriam:** Prophetess; daughter of Amram; sister of Aaron and Moses.
- **Mizraim:** Son of Ham.
- **Mordecai:** Uncle of Esther; with her aid, saved Jews from Haman's plotting.
- **Moses:** Prophet and lawgiver; son of Amram; brother of Aaron and Miriam; husband of Zipporah.
- **Naaman:** Syrian captain; cured of leprosy by Elisha.
- **Nabal:** Husband of Abigail.
- **Naboth:** Owner of vineyard; stoned to death because he would not sell it to Ahab.
- **Nadab:** Son of Aaron.
- **Nahor:** Father of Terah.
- **Naomi:** Wife of Elimelech; mother-in-law of Ruth.
- **Naphtali:** Son of Jacob and Bilhah.
- **Nathan:** Prophet; reproved David for causing Uriah's death.
- **Nebuchadnezzar (or Nebuchadrezzar):** King of Babylon; destroyer of Jerusalem.
- **Nehemiah:** Jewish leader; empowered by Artaxerxes to rebuild Jerusalem.
- **Nimrod:** Mighty hunter; son of Cush.
- **Noah:** Patriarch; son of Lamech; escaped Deluge by building Ark; father of Ham, Japheth and Shem.
- **Nun (or Non):** Father of Joshua.
- **Obed:** Son of Boaz; father of Jesse.
- **Og:** King of Bashan.
- **Orpah:** Wife of Chilion.
- **Othniel:** Kenazite; judge of Israel; husband of Achsa.
- **Phinehas:** Son of Eleazer.
- **Phinehas:** Son of Eli.
- **Phut (or Put):** Son of Ham.
- **Potiphar:** Egyptian official; bought Joseph.
- **Rachel:** Wife of Jacob; mother of Joseph; sister of Leah.
- **Rebecca (or Rebekah):** Wife of Isaac; mother of Esau and Jacob.

- **Reuben:** Son of Jacob and Leah.
- **Ruth:** Wife of Mahlon, later of Boaz; daughter-in-law of Naomi.
- **Samson:** Judge of Israel; famed for strength; betrayed by Delilah.
- **Samuel:** Hebrew judge and prophet; son of Elkanah.
- **Sarah (or Sara, Sarai):** Wife of Abraham; mother of Isaac.
- **Sennacherib:** King of Assyria.
- **Seth:** Son of Adam; father of Enos.
- **Shem:** Son of Noah; father of Elam.
- **Simeon:** Son of Jacob and Leah.
- **Sisera:** Canaanite captain; slain by Jael.
- **Tamar:** Daughter of David and Maachah; raped by Amnon.
- **Terah:** Son of Nahor; father of Abraham.
- **Tubal-Cain:** Son of Lamech and Zillah.
- **Uriah:** Husband of Bathsheba; sent to death in battle by David.
- **Vashti:** Wife of Ahasuerus; set aside by him.
- **Zadok:** High priest during David's reign.
- **Zebulun (or Zabulon):** Son of Jacob and Leah.
- **Zillah:** Wife of Lamech.
- **Zilpah:** Servant of Leah; mistress of Jacob.
- **Zipporah:** Daughter of Jethro; wife of Moses.
- **Zophar:** Comforter of Job.