

SUPREME GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER  
OF  
NEW ZEALAND

HAURAKI DISTRICT

*A*  
*GUIDE TO*  
*PRONUNCIATION*

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## GUIDE TO PRONUNCIATION

This *Guide to Pronunciation* has been extracted from the book *Some Royal Arch Terms Explained* by Roy A Wells PM Quatuor Coronati Lodge.

The intent is two-fold;

1. To satisfy a demand of Companions of the Hauraki District for assistance with the pronunciation of words quite uncommon in our every day language.
2. To convey a common pronunciation of the Anglicised forms of non-English names or words that occur in Royal Arch masonry.

In some words the letters '**I**' and '**J**' are interchangeable, as indeed are '**J**' and '**Y**', and often the letters '**B**' and '**V**' in Hebrew. An example of this kind of adaptability is shown in the word 'Alleluia' which occurs in Revelations, chapter 19, and may be seen printed as 'Halleluiah' or 'Halleluyah', or 'Hallelujah'. It derives from the Hebrew 'Hallal' for 'praise' and 'Jah' which is an abbreviated form of the Ineffable Name to mean LORD and occurs in *Psalms* 68. It is often used as a suffix in Hebrew names amongst which are: *Elijah*, *Isaiah*, *Josiah*, Jeremiah, Nehemiah, and Zedekiah, which all have an obvious meaning that refers to God.

Where stress should be voiced the phonetic spelling in this list has the appropriate syllable underlined.

Aleph	<i>Al-ef</i>	Babylon	<i>Bab-e-lon</i>
Alleluia	<i>Al-le-lu-yah</i>	Benedicat	<i>Ben-ne-de-cart</i>
Amalekites	<i>Am-mal-e-kites</i>	Benedictus	<i>Ben-ne-dic-tous</i>
Ammi	<i>Ar-mee</i>	Benedicto	<i>Ben-ne-dic-tow</i>
Amorites	<i>Am-mor-rites</i>	Benedicatur	<i>Ben-ne-de-car-tour</i>
Araunah	<i>Ar-rantz-nah</i>	Berith	<i>Be-rith</i> or Berit
Artaxerxes	<i>Ar-tax-erk-seas</i>	Bethlehemite	<i>Beth-le-hem-mite</i>
		Bezaleel	<i>Bez-ar-leel</i>
Babel	<i>Bay-bel</i>	Boaz	<i>Bo-az</i>

Brethren	<i>Breth-ren</i>	Jerusalem	Jer-ru-sar-lem
		Josedech	<i>Jo-se-deck</i>
Chaldean	Kal-de-an	Josiah	<i>Jo-si-yah</i>
Cherubim	Cher-roo-bim	Jubelo	Ju-be-low
Cyrus	<i>Sy-russ</i>	Japhet	<i>Jay-fet</i>
Darius	Da-ri-uss	Judea	<i>Ju-dear</i>
Dodecahedron	<i>Do-decca-he-dron</i>		
		Kodes	<i>Ko-desh</i>
Ecclesiastes	<i>Ecc-clee-se-astees</i>	Kebraoth	<i>Ke-bray-oth</i>
Eleazar	<i>El-le-ay-zar</i>	Kadosh	<i>Kad-dosh</i>
Eliab	E-ii-ab		
Eliel	E-ii-el	Lamed	Lar-med
Elohe	El-o-ee or <i>El-o-hay</i>		
Ephraim	E-fray-im	Machabon	Mark-ha-bon
Exaltation	Ex-alt-tay-shun	Machabonai	<i>Mark-ha-bone-eye</i>
Ezekiel	<i>Ez-zeek-eel</i>	Machbenah	Mark-ben-ah
		Mage	<i>May-jen</i>
Gedaliah	Ged-a-ly-yah	Mahalaleel	<i>Mah-ha-la-le-el</i>
Giblites	<i>Gib-lites</i>	Maher	<i>Mar-her</i>
Giblim	<i>Gib-lim</i>	Mannasseh	<i>Man-nass-er</i>
		Mattaniah	Matt-an-i-yah
Hagar	<i>Hay-gar</i>	Melchizedech	Mel-kiz-ze-deck
Haggai	<i>Hag-eye</i>	Melech	<i>Mel-leck</i>
Halidom	Hat-e-dom	Menatschin	Men-at-skin
Harodim	<i>Harro-deem</i>	Moriah	Mor-ri-yah
Horeb	Hor-reb		
Icosahedron	<i>I-cos-a-he-dron</i>	Naamah	Nay-ah-mah
Isaiah	I-zi-yah	Naphtali	Naf-ta-lee
Ishmeel	Ish-may-el	Nathan	<i>Nay-than</i>
Israel	<i>Is-ray-el</i>	Nebuchadnezzar	<i>Neb-bu-kad-nezzar</i>
Issachar	<i>Iss-a-kar</i>	Nebuzaradan	Neb-bu-zarra-dan
		Neder	<i>Nee-der</i>
Jachin	<i>Jar-kin</i>	Nehemiah	Nay-he-mi-yah
Jebusite	<i>Jeb-u-zite</i>	Nineveh	Nin-ne-vah
Jehoachin	Je-ho-a-kin		
Jehosaphat	<i>Je-hos-a-fat</i>	Noachidae	No-ack-e-day
Jeremiah	Jerry-my-yah	Noachite	No-ack-kite

Noah	<i>No-ar</i>	Zebulon	Zeb-u-lon
		Zechariah	Zeck-ar-ri-yah
Omega	<i>O-me-ga</i>	Zedekiah	Zed-e-ki-yah
		Zeredatha	Zer-red-a-tha
Patriarch	Pay-tre-ark	Zerubbabel	Zer-rub-ab-bel
Potipherah	Pot-tif-fer-rah		
Pythagoras	<i>Py-thag-gor-as</i>		
Rabboni	Rab-bon-eye		
Ramah	<i>Ram-ah</i>		
Raphael	<i>Raf-fay-el</i>		
Reuben	Ru-ben		
Ruach	<i>Ru-ark</i>		
Ruhamah	Ru-ar-mah		
Sacerdotal	<i>Sas-ser-doe-tal</i>		
Salem	<i>Sar-lem</i>		
Samaria	Sam-air-ree-ah		
Sanhedrin	San-hed-rin		
Seraphim	<i>Serra-fim</i>		
Shaddai	<i>Shad-eye</i>		
Shalom	Shal-om		
Shealtiel	<i>She-al-le-el</i>		
Shiloh	<i>She-low</i>		
Sinai	<i>Sign-eye</i>		
Sojourner	Soj-journ-ner		
Tabor	<i>Tay-bor</i>		
Tabernacle	<i>Tabber-nackle</i>		
Tau	Taw		
Thummim	Thum-im		
Tirshatha	<i>Ter-shar-tha</i>		
Vespasian	<i>Ves-pays-ze-an</i>		
Zadok	Zay-dock		