

Table A

**Potential for the Confusion of Lettersⁱ in Hebrew Bible Text
Transmission**

See also [Confusion of Letters in Paleo-Hebrew and Aramaic-Jewish Scripts](#)

Letter	Easily confused	Possible to Confuse	Possible to Confuse if bottom of letter is erased
ב	ד ר Imperial Aramaic Sixth to Fourth Centuries BCE		
א		ה Fifth to First Centuries BCE	
ב			ד Fifth to Fourth Centuries BCE
ב	בדנ 100 BCE		
ב	כ 100 BCE to present		
		פ Early 6 th c. BCE	
ג			ה ninth c.

Letter	Easily confused	Possible to Confuse	Possible to Confuse if bottom of letter is erased
			BCE
ג			ה ninth c. BCE
ג	ג after 100 BCE		
ד	בנ 100 BCE		
ד	ר ב Imperial Aramaic Sixth to Fourth Centuries BCE		
ד			ב Fifth to Third Centuries BCE
ד	ו 100 BCE		
ד		ז 100 BCE	
ד	כר Fifth to Fourth Centuries BCE; ד ר Third-First century BCE;		
ד	כר 100 BCE		

Letter	Easily confused	Possible to Confuse	Possible to Confuse if bottom of letter is erased
ה		κ Fifth to First Centuries BCE	
ה.			λ ninth c. BCE
ה	י second c. paleo-Hebrew		
	ה in Aramaic and Jewish script 6 th c. BCE at least until 1 st c. CE		
י	י 100 BCE		
י	ה second c. paleo		
י	י at least Fifth to First Centuries BCE		
י	י At least Third to First Centuries BCE		
י	י At least Fifth to First Centuries BCE		
ה			η From Fifth century BCE

Letter	Easily confused	Possible to Confuse	Possible to Confuse if bottom of letter is erased
			on
ט		y Imperial Aramaic Sixth to Fourth Centuries BCE	
י	י At least Third to First Centuries BCE		
כ	כ 100 BCE to present		
כ		כפ First c. BCE	
כ	כד Fifth to Fourth Centuries BCE		
כ	כד 100 BCE		
כ	כמ ninth c. BCE		
כ	כנ 100 BCE.	כנ second c. paleo-Hebrew;	

Letter	Easily confused	Possible to Confuse	Possible to Confuse if bottom of letter is erased
		Third century BCE Aramaic script	
כ		פ Third century BCE	
ך		ו ף First c. BCE	ך ך First c. BCE
ל		ג Fifth to Fourth Centuries BCE	
מ	כ ninth c. BCE		
מ	ג all Paleo-Hebrew scripts 1000 -200 BCE		
נ	בד 100 BCE		
נ	ג after 100 BCE		
נ	ג 100 BCE.	כ second c. paleo-Hebrew; Third century BCE Aramaic script	

Letter	Easily confused	Possible to Confuse	Possible to Confuse if bottom of letter is erased
נ		ל Fifth to Fourth Centuries BCE	
נ	מ all Paleo-Hebrew scripts 1000 -200 BCE		
נ		פ 100 BCE	
ן		ך ך First c. BCE	
ע		ט Imperial Aramaic Sixth to Fourth Centuries BCE	
פ		ב Early 6 th c. BCE	
פ		כ בכ First c. BCE	
פ		כ Third century BCE	
פ		כפ בכפ First c. BCE	
פ		נ 100 BCE	

Letter	Easily confused	Possible to Confuse	Possible to Confuse if bottom of letter is erased
ך		ן ך First c. BCE	
ק		ך seventh c. BCE	
ר	ב ד Imperial Aramaic Sixth to Fourth Centuries BCE; ד ר Third-First century BCE;		
ר	כ ד Fifth to Fourth Centuries BCE		
ר	ד כ 100 BCE		
ר		ך First c. BCE	
ר		ק seventh c. BCE	
ת			n From Fifth century BCE on

ⁱ Except for Imperial Aramaic I used the tables of scripts in [*The Book of Hebrew Script: History, Palaeography, Script Styles, Calligraphy & Design*](#) by Ada Yardeni