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Names from the Qur'ān

The prophets' names and the names the Qur'ān mentions, 164 in all: each with its Arabic, a short meaning, and where it is found in the Qur'ān.

Reading the list. Verses are given as sūrah:āyah, so 19:16 is Sūrat Maryam, verse 16. The line under each name is a short summary; where the scholars differ on a name's origin, it says so. A few names carry a scholarly note about giving them as names: read it on the name's page before you choose.

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The prophets named in the Qur'ān.

ARABIC	NAME AND MEANING	IN THE QUR'ĀN
آدَمَ	Ādam Scholars differ on its origin	2:31, 3:33, 5:27
الْيَسَعَ	al-Yasa' Scholars differ on its origin	6:86, 38:48
أَيُّوبَ	Ayyūb Name of the Prophet Ayyūb (peace be upon him)	4:163, 6:84, 21:83
دَاوُدَ	Dāwūd Name of the Prophet Dāwūd (peace be upon him)	2:251, 4:163, 5:78
ذُو الْكِفْلِ	Dhū al-Kifl The one with the pledge	21:85, 38:48
هَارُونَ	Hārūn Said to mean "the beloved"	2:248, 4:163, 6:84
هُودَ	Hūd Name of the Prophet Hūd (peace be upon him)	7:65, 11:50, 26:124

إِبْرَاهِيمَ	Ibrāhīm Said to mean “merciful father”	3:33, 4:54, 6:74
إِدْرِيسَ	Idrīs Some link it to study	19:56, 21:85
إِلْيَاسَ	Ilyās Name of the Prophet Ilyās (peace be upon him)	6:85, 37:123
عِيسَى	‘Īsā Name of the Prophet ‘Īsā (peace be upon him)	2:87, 3:45, 4:157
إِسْحَاقَ	Ishāq Said to mean “one who laughs”	2:133, 3:84, 4:163
إِسْمَاعِيلَ	Ismā‘īl Said to mean “obeys Allah”	2:125, 3:84, 4:163
لُوطَ	Lūṭ Name of the Prophet Lūṭ (peace be upon him)	6:86, 7:80, 11:70
مُحَمَّدَ	Muḥammad Praised again and again	3:144, 33:40, 47:2
مُوسَى	Mūsā Said to mean water and trees	2:51, 3:84, 4:153
نُوحَ	Nūḥ Said to mean “at rest”	3:33, 4:163, 6:84
صَالِحَ	Ṣāliḥ Righteous, good	7:73, 11:61, 26:142
شُعَيْبَ	Shu‘ayb A little people or branch	7:85, 11:84, 26:177
سُلَيْمَانَ	Sulaymān Name of the Prophet Sulaymān (peace be upon him)	2:102, 4:163, 6:84
يَحْيَى	Yaḥyā Said to mean “he lives”	3:39, 6:85, 8:42
يَعْقُوبَ	Ya‘qūb Name of the Prophet Ya‘qūb (peace be upon him)	2:132, 3:84, 4:163
يُونُسَ	Yūnus Name of the Prophet Yūnus (peace be upon him)	4:163, 6:86, 10:98
يُوسُفَ	Yūsuf Name of the Prophet Yūsuf (peace be upon him)	6:84, 12:4, 40:34

زَكَرِيَّا

Zakariyyā

Name of the Prophet Zakariyyā (peace be upon him)

3:37, 6:85, 19:2

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ARABIC	NAME AND MEANING	IN THE QUR'ĀN
آلاء	Ālā' Blessings, favours	55:13, 7:69, 53:55
عَالِيَة	Āliyah High, exalted	69:22, 88:10
أَمَل	Amal Hope	18:46, 15:3
أَمَانَة	Amānah Trust	33:72
أَمْنَة	Āminah Safe, at peace	16:112
آيَة	Āyah A sign; a verse	2:248, 3:41, 19:21
بَيِّنَة	Bayyinah Clear evidence	98:1, 6:57, 8:42
بُشْرَى	Bushrā Good news	10:64, 2:97, 16:89
دَانِيَة	Dāniyah Near, close at hand	69:23, 6:99, 76:14
دُعَاء	Du'ā' Supplication	14:40, 2:171, 13:14
ضُحَى	Ḍuḥā The bright morning	93:1, 7:98, 20:59
فِرْدَوْس	Firdaws The highest garden of Paradise	18:107, 23:11
حَسَنَة	Ḥasanah A good deed	2:201, 4:40, 33:21
حِكْمَة	Ḥikmah Wisdom	2:269, 31:12, 16:125

هُدَى	Hudā Guidance	2:2, 2:5, 6:71
حُسْنَى	Ḥusnā The best	7:180, 10:26, 4:95
إِيمَان	Īmān Faith	3:173, 49:7, 49:14
جَنَّة	Jannah A garden; Paradise	2:265, 69:22, 2:35
كَوْثَر	Kawthar Abundance	108:1
لَيْنَة	Līnah A date palm	59:5
لُؤْلُؤ	Lu'lu' Pearls	52:24, 55:22, 76:19
مَدِينَة	Madīnah A city	9:101, 63:8, 33:60
مَرْضِيَّة	Marḍīyyah One who is pleasing	89:28
مَرْجَان	Marjān Small pearls	55:22, 55:58
مَرْوَة	Marwah White stone; hill of Makkah	2:158
مَرْيَم	Maryam Mother of 'Īsā	19:16, 3:36, 66:12
مَيْسَرَة	Maysarah Ease, comfort	2:280
مِشْكَاة	Mishkāh A niche for a lamp	24:35
مُنْتَهَى	Muntahā The furthest point	53:14, 53:42
نَاضِرَة	Nāḍirah Radiant, glowing	75:22
نَاعِمَة	Nā'imah Living in delight	88:8

نِعْمَةٌ	Ni'mah A blessing <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	5:7, 93:11, 2:211
رَاضِيَةٌ	Rāḍiyah Content, well pleased	89:28, 69:21, 88:9
رَأْفَةٌ	Ra'fah The tenderest mercy	24:2, 57:27
رَحْمَةٌ	Raḥmah Mercy	3:8, 21:107, 19:21
رَوْضَةٌ	Rawḍah A green meadow	30:15
صَفَا	Ṣafā Smooth stones; hill of Makkah	2:158
سَكِينَةٌ	Sakīnah Tranquillity, calm	2:248, 48:4, 48:18
سَلْسَبِيلٌ	Salsabīl A spring in Paradise	76:18
سَّمَاءٌ	Samā' The sky	2:22, 50:9, 2:19
شِفَاءٌ	Shifā' Healing	10:57, 16:69, 17:82
سِدْرَةٌ	Sidrah The lote tree	53:14, 53:16
سُنْدُسٌ	Sundus Fine silk brocade	18:31, 44:53, 76:21
تَقْوَى	Taqwā Mindfulness of Allah	2:197, 9:108, 48:26
تَسْنِيمٌ	Tasnīm A spring in Paradise	83:27
طَيِّبَةٌ	Ṭayyibah Good, pure	14:24, 16:97, 3:38
طُوبَى	Ṭubā Blessedness	13:29
عُلَى	ʿUlā The highest	20:4, 20:75

وَرْدَة	Wardah A rose	55:37
يُسْرَى	Yusrā Ease	87:8, 92:7
زَهْرَة	Zahrah A blossom	20:131
زَكِيَّة	Zakiyyah Pure, growing in goodness	18:74
زَيْتُونَة	Zaytūnah An olive tree	24:35

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ARABIC	NAME AND MEANING	IN THE QUR'ĀN
عَبْدُ اللَّهِ	‘Abd Allāh Servant of Allah	72:19, 19:30
عَابِد	‘Ābid Worshipper	109:4
أَحْمَد	Aḥmad Most praiseworthy	61:6
عَلِيم	‘Alim Knowing, learned <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	2:29, 12:55, 15:53
أَمِين	Amīn Trustworthy	7:68, 26:107, 81:21
عَاصِم	‘Āṣim Protector	11:43, 10:27, 40:33
أَيْمَن	Ayman Blessed, fortunate	19:52, 20:80, 28:30
عَزِيز	‘Azīz Mighty, precious <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	2:209, 12:51, 22:40
بَدْر	Badr The full moon	3:123
بَشِير	Bashīr Bringer of good news	5:19, 2:119, 12:96

بَيَّان	Bayān Clear speech	3:138, 55:4
بُرْهَان	Burhān A clear proof	4:174, 12:24, 23:117
فَضْل	Faḍl Bounty, grace	2:64, 57:21, 62:4
فَتْح	Fatḥ Opening; victory	61:13, 48:1, 110:1
فُرَات	Furāt Sweet, fresh water	25:53, 35:12, 77:27
فُرْقَان	Furqān The criterion	25:1, 2:185, 8:29
غَيْث	Ghayth Rain that brings relief	57:20, 31:34, 42:28
هَادِي	Hādī One who guides <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	25:31
حَافِظ	Ḥāfiẓ Guardian, keeper	86:4
حَكِيم	Ḥakīm Wise <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	2:209, 31:2, 43:4
حَلِيم	Ḥalīm Forbearing, gentle <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	2:225, 9:114, 37:101
حَمِيد	Ḥamīd Praiseworthy <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	11:73, 2:267, 14:8
حَنِيف	Ḥanīf Upright in faith	3:67, 4:125, 6:79
عِمَاد	ʿImād A pillar	89:7
عِمْرَان	ʿImrān From long life, building up	3:33, 3:35, 66:12
إِسْلَام	Islām Submission to Allah	3:19, 5:3, 6:125

جَلَال	Jalāl Majesty	55:27, 55:78
كَرِيم	Karīm Generous, noble <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	8:4, 27:40, 44:49
خَلِيل	Khalīl A close friend	4:125, 17:73, 25:28
لَطِيف	Laṭīf Gentle, kind <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	12:100, 22:63, 42:19
لُقْمَان	Luqmān Name of Luqmān the Wise	31:12, 31:13
مَحْمُود	Maḥmūd Praised	17:79
مَجِيد	Majīd Glorious, noble <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	11:73, 85:21, 50:1
مَالِك	Mālik Owner, master <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	1:4, 3:26
مَنْصُور	Manṣūr Granted victory	17:33
مُبَارَك	Mubārak Blessed <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	6:92, 21:50, 19:31
مُبَشِّر	Mubashshir Bringer of glad tidings	33:45, 61:6, 48:8
مُبِين	Mubīn Clear	5:15, 12:1, 15:1
مُحْسِن	Muḥsin One who does good	2:112, 4:125, 31:22
مُؤْمِن	Mu'min Believer <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	40:28, 4:92, 59:23
مُنِيب	Munīb One who turns to Allah	11:75, 50:8, 50:33
مُنِير	Munīr Shining, giving light	33:46, 22:8, 25:61

نَذِير	Nadhīr Warner	5:19, 7:184, 22:49
نَعِيم	Na'im Bliss	9:21, 56:89, 83:24
نَجْم	Najm A star	53:1, 86:3, 16:16
نَاصِر	Nāṣir Helper	47:13, 86:10
نَصْر	Naṣr Help, victory	2:214, 61:13, 110:1
رَعْد	Ra'd Thunder	13:13, 2:19
رَفِيق	Rafīq Gentle companion	4:69
رَحِيم	Raḥīm Merciful <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	2:173, 9:128, 2:218
رَقِيب	Raqīb Watchful guardian <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	50:18, 11:93, 4:1
رَشَاد	Rashād Right guidance	40:29, 40:38
رَشِيد	Rashīd Rightly guided	11:78, 11:87
رَعُوف	Ra'ūf Full of tender mercy <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	9:128, 2:207, 3:30
رَيْحَان	Rayḥān Sweet basil	56:89, 55:12
رِضْوَان	Riḍwān Good pleasure	3:15, 9:72, 57:20
صَابِر	Ṣābir Patient	18:69, 38:44
صَادِق	Ṣādiq Truthful	19:54

صَفْوَان	Ṣafwān A smooth rock	2:264
سَعِيد	Sa'īd Happy, fortunate	11:105
سَلِيم	Salīm Sound, whole	26:89, 37:84
شَاهِد	Shāhid Witness	11:17, 46:10, 12:26
شَاكِر	Shākir Grateful	2:158, 4:147, 16:121
شِهَاب	Shihāb A shooting star	15:18, 37:10, 27:7
صِدِّيق	Ṣiddīq Utterly truthful	19:41, 19:56, 12:46
سِرَاج	Sirāj A lamp	33:46, 71:16, 78:13
سُلْطَان	Sulṭān Authority	6:81, 14:22, 55:33
طه	Ṭahā Letters that open Qur'ān 20:1 <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	20:1
تَقِيّ	Taqī God-fearing	19:13, 19:63
طَارِق	Ṭāriq The night star	86:1, 86:2
طَيِّب	Ṭayyib Good, pure	2:168, 3:179, 5:100
ثَاقِب	Thāqib Brightly shining	37:10, 86:3
عُزَيْر	ʿUzayr A non-Arabic name	9:30
وَلِيّ	Walī Friend, protector <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	4:45, 19:5, 18:17

يس	Yāsīn Letters that open Qur'ān 36:1 <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	36:1
زَكِيّ	Zakī Pure, growing in goodness	19:19
زَيْد	Zayd Increase, growth	33:37

For a girl or a boy 9

Names from the Qur'ān given to girls and to boys.

ARABIC	NAME AND MEANING	IN THE QUR'ĀN
فَجْر	Fajr Dawn	89:1, 97:5, 17:78
غُفْرَان	Ghufrān Forgiveness	2:285
إِحْسَان	Iḥsān Excellence	16:90, 55:60, 17:23
إِكْرَام	Ikrām Honour, generosity	55:27, 55:78
مِصْبَاح	Miṣbāḥ A lamp	24:35
نُور	Nūr Light <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	24:35, 5:15, 57:28
قَمَر	Qamar The moon	54:1, 6:77, 71:16
سَلَام	Salām Peace <i>Read the note on its page before choosing.</i>	36:58, 97:5, 59:23
يَقِين	Yaqīn Certainty	27:22, 15:99, 56:95

Where this comes from

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