

## Let's Define Some Hard Words

This is a list of old words and what they mean - I have gleaned this from the [CYBERHYMNAL](#), one of my favorite places on the internet, but I have also added to it.

Are there other words? Let me know and I'll define them!

abide, abideth ... wait, remain  
 abode ... home / dwelling place  
 accord ... bestow, grant; agreement, opinion  
 actuate ... influence, guide  
 address ... addressed  
 Æthiop ... Ethiopian  
 afford ... provide, make available  
 Alpha ... First letter of the Greek alphabet. Often used to refer to Christ, in the phrase "Alpha and Omega," meaning "the beginning and the end [of all things]"  
 alas ... expression of sorrow or regret  
 anew ... again, once more  
 anoint ... sanctify or consecrate  
 apace ... quickly, immediately  
 apostolic ... relating to the Apostles, their faith or their teachings  
 apple (of eye) ... pupil (of eye)  
 archangel ... a high-ranking angel  
 art ... are  
 ascendeth ... ascends  
 assail ... attack  
 asunder ... into separate parts  
 athirst ... thirsty, or strongly desiring  
 atone ... pay the penalty for (a crime), make amends  
 attend ... accompany  
 aye ... yes, ever  
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 bark ... ship  
 bade ... commanded, invited  
 bare ... bore  
 beclouded ... darkened by clouds  
 befall ... happen  
 belfry ... bell tower

benediction ... blessing, praise  
 Bethel ... a site in Israel which was formerly a major center of worship  
 betide ... happen  
 Beulah ... Israel  
 bid ... a greeting, invitation, or a command  
 bidden ... see "bid"  
 bidst ... greeted, commanded  
 blest ... blessed  
 board ... table  
 brethren ... brothers  
 builded ... built  
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 Calvary ... the hill outside Jerusalem where Jesus was crucified  
 Canaan ... previous name of the land now occupied by Israel; figuratively the Promised Land before the Covenant People entered and "cleansed" it  
 canst ... can  
 camest ... came  
 cark ... to burden or be burdened with trouble; worry  
 cento ... a hymn made up of separate verses from a longer original  
 changest ... changes  
 chaplet ... a wreath or garland for the head  
 cherub, cherubim ... angel or celestial being often associated with Innocence - it was cherubim who were sent to guard the Tree of Life after Adam and Eve partook of the fruit of the Tree of Knowledge of Good and Evil.  
 Clime ... climate, region  
 clotheth ... puts clothes on  
 cloven ... split

comest ... come  
 cometh ... comes  
 contemn ... despise  
 covenant ... a contract or binding agreement  
 crucify ... to execute a person by nailing and  
 hanging them on a cross until they die  
 crucifixion ... the act of crucifying  
 cumbered ... burdened, weighed down

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 darksome ... dark  
 David ... second king of Israel  
 daystar ... morning star  
 deign ... condescend to give or grant  
 descendeth ... descends  
 descry ... to see  
 didst ... did  
 dieth ... dies  
 divers ... various  
 doeth ... does  
 dost ... do  
 doth ... does  
 draweth ... draws, comes  
 drear ... dreary, dark  
 dreary ... sad  
 dwelleth ... lives  
 dwelt ... dwelled

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 Edom ... a region in the ancient Mideast, south of  
 the Dead Sea

e'er ... ever  
 employ ... use; facilitate  
 Emmanuel ... name for Jesus meaning "God with  
 us"  
 encamp ... set up or live in a camp  
 enthrone ... put on a throne  
 entreat ... request  
 ere ... before  
 eve ... evening, the night before  
 eventide ... evening  
 evermore ... forever

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 faileth ... fails  
 fain ... gladly  
 fane ... temple, church, shrine  
 fast (as in 'hold fast') ... "tightly" or "securely"

feedeth ... feeds  
 felicity ... happiness  
 fen ... swamp, marsh  
 fetter ... chains, shackles  
 floweret ... a small flower  
 floweth ... flows  
 fold ... flock or pen, as in "sheep fold"  
 for aye ... forever  
 fore'er ... forever  
 forevermore ... forever  
 foretaste ... advance sample, hint  
 forsaketh ... forsakes, abandons  
 fraught (with) ... filled with, having  
 froward ... stubborn, willful

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 gainst ... against  
 Gethsemane ... garden near Jerusalem where Jesus  
 spent His last night before being arrested and  
 crucified; at the base of the Mount of Olives  
 giveth ... gives  
 gladsome ... happy  
 Golgotha ... another name for Calvary  
 goodly ... of pleasing appearance; of large number  
 grace ... special favor, protection, or forgiveness  
 given by God  
 greenwood ... woods, forest  
 guileless ... free of deception and trickery;  
 innocent

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 halleluia, hallelujah, halleluyah ... "Praise the  
 Lord"  
 hallow ... sanctify, make holy  
 hallowed ... holy  
 hast ... have  
 hasten ... make something come or go more  
 quickly  
 hath ... has  
 hearest ... hear  
 heareth ... hears  
 heedeth ... pays attention to  
 henceforth ... from now on  
 hereafter ... literally "Immediately after";  
 figuratively "hereafter" means life after death  
 hideth ... hides  
 hie ... go quickly

hither ... to or toward this place  
 hitherto ... up to this time; until now.  
 Holdeth ... holds  
 hosanna ... a shout of praise  
 host ... a large multitude, or army

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 illumine, illumine ... illuminate, light up  
 Immanuel ... See Emmanuel  
 inly ... inwardly  
 intercedeth ... intercedes  
 Isaiah ... an Old Testament prophet  
 Jesse ... Father of King David  
 justify ... to remove the guilt or punishment due  
 for sin. Our acts of Charity and Mercy 'justify' the  
 Lord in saving and redeeming us at the Final  
 Judgment

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 kindred ... related people, such a family or tribe  
 knoweth ... knows

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 laud ... praise  
 lay ... song  
 leadeth ... leads  
 legion ... a large number or gathering. A Roman  
 Legion was a company of 1,000 soldiers  
 lest ... for fear that  
 list ... listen  
 lo ... expression of surprise or to attracts attention;  
 often used to mean "Behold!"; "look at that!"

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 Macedonia ... a region in ancient Greece  
 madest ... made  
 main ... ocean, sea (e.g., "the main")  
 manifest ... show, demonstrate; be evidence of  
 manna ... miraculous food God gave the Israelites  
 in the desert  
 meed ... a gift or payment  
 meet ... sufficient, appropriate  
 methinks ... I think  
 methought ... I thought  
 mid, midst ... In the middle of  
 millennial ... 1000-year period; specifically the  
 1000-year reign of Christ described in the book of  
 Revelation and in modern revelation  
 minstrelsy... ballads and lyrics sung by minstrels

mite ... a very small amount of money; smallest  
 Jewish coin at the time of Christ  
 moil ... Toil, drudgery, confusion, turmoil  
 morn ... morning  
 morrow ... tomorrow  
 myrrh ... an expensive incense or perfume made  
 from the resin of a MidEastern plant

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 naught ... nothing  
 Nazarene ... someone from Nazareth; usually  
 refers to Jesus.  
 'neath ... beneath  
 needful ... necessary, required  
 ne'er ... never  
 nigh ... near; almost  
 noontide ... noon, noontime

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 obtest ... beg for, beseech, supplicate  
 o'er ... over  
 o'ershade ... overshadow  
 o'ertake ... overtake  
 ordain, ordaineth ... to proclaim a law or  
 command; to be set apart for a mission or purpose  
 ordinance ... law, command; a ceremonial action  
 to show obedience to God  
 oft ... often  
 olden ... old  
 Omega ... last letter of the Greek alphabet: Ω  
 ope ... open  
 overborne ... overwhelmed, defeated  
 own ... acknowledge

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 Paraclete ... the Holy Spirit  
 pavilioned ... covered, as if by a tent  
 peculiar ... appropriate  
 Pentecost ... the day, 50 days after Passover, when  
 the Holy Spirit came to the Apostles and they  
 spoke in Tongues.  
 Pine ... to grieve or mourn for  
 pinions ... wings  
 Pisgah ... the mountain from which Moses viewed  
 the Promised Land into which he would not enter  
 plenitude ... abundance  
 plighted ... promised, pledged  
 psaltery ... ancient stringed instrument similar to a

harp.

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quick ... alive, living  
 quicken, quickening ... bring to life, vitalize  
 quire ... choir

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receiveth ... receives  
 reignest ... reign  
 reigneth ... reigns  
 remaineth ... remains  
 repair ... go to frequently  
 repine ... complain, be discontented  
 repose ... a deep, calm rest  
 rood ... crucifix, cross  
 'round ... around  
 ruleth ... rules

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sabaoth ... Hebrew plural form of "army" or  
 "host."  
 saith ... says  
 seemly ... suitable, appropriate  
 seest ... see, sees  
 seraph, seraphim ... angelic or celestial being  
 shalt ... shall  
 shareth ... shares  
 shineth ... shines  
 shouldst ... should  
 showeth ... shows  
 Sion ... See Zion  
 sittest ... sits  
 sore ... full of sorrow or distress  
 soundeth ... sounds  
 spake ... spoke  
 stablish ... establish  
 stead ... place or position usually occupied by  
 someone else  
 steadfast ... reliable, trustworthy  
 strand ... shore, beach  
 strown ... covered with, scattered  
 succor ... help in time of distress  
 sunder ... In parts, or break into parts  
 suffer ... undergo pain; permit  
 sup ... eat  
 supernal ... heavenly, blessed  
 supplication ... prayer, request

sustaineth ... sustain  
 swaddling cloths ... strips of cloth wrapped around  
 a baby to keep it still  
 sway ... influence, power

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taketh ... takes  
 tempter ... usually, Satan, the devil  
 th' ... the  
 thee ... you  
 thine ... yours  
 thither ... there  
 tho' ... though  
 thou ... you  
 thro' ... through  
 thy ... your  
 thyself ... yourself  
 tidings ... news  
 till ... until  
 timbrel ... ancient musical instrument similar to a  
 tambourine  
 'tis ... it is  
 Trinity ... The three-in-one God-head  
 Triune ... Three-person council/Godhead - as  
 opposed to the Trinity  
 trod ... walked  
 trump ... trumpet  
 'twas ... it was  
 'twere ... it were  
 'twill ... it will  
 'twixt ... between

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unbelief ... lack of belief or faith  
 unction ... anointing, as part of a religious ritual  
 unto ... to, until, by  
 unwearied ... not weary

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vale ... valley  
 visitant ... visitor, guest  
 vouchsafe ... condescend to give or bestow

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weal ... happiness, prosperity  
 wert ... were  
 whate'er ... whatever  
 'whelm ... overwhelm  
 whence ... from where

whene'er ... whenever  
where'er ... wherever  
wherewith ... the thing or things with which; by  
means of which.  
Whither ... where  
whosoever ... whoever  
wilt ... will  
withersoever ... wherever  
wont; wonted ... customary, usual  
worldling ... a person preoccupied with worldly  
pleasures or concerns  
wouldst ... would  
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ye ... you  
yea ... yes, truly  
yonder ... distant, over there  
zephyr ... breeze; greek god of wind  
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Zion ... The land or people of Israel. Mount Zion is one of the hills on which Jerusalem is located. In LDS theology it is the Covenant People of whatever age. It is not only the city (New Jerusalem) that will be built to usher in Christ's Millennial Reign but it is the the society and 'kingdom' that must be established for Him to come to and reign.