

Weights and Measures

Biblical Unit	U.S. Equivalent	Metric Equivalent
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Length

Cubit, long	20.5 inches	51.8 centimeters
Cubit, short	17.5 inches	44.4 centimeters
Span	9 inches	23 centimeters
Handbreadth	3 inches	8 centimeters
Finger	1 inch	2 centimeters
Milion (8 stadia)	1 mile	1.5 kilometers
Stadion (1/8 milion)	600 feet	183 meters

Capacity, Dry Measure

Cor [homer] (10 ephahs)	58 gallons	170 kilograms, 220 liters
Letek (1/2 omer)	12 quarts	8.5 kilograms, 11 liters
Ephah (10 omers)	23 quarts	17 kilograms, 22 liters
Seah (1/3 ephah)	7 quarts	5.5 kilograms, 7.3 liters
Omer (1/10 ephah)	2 quarts	1.7 kilograms, 2.2 liters
Cab (1/18 ephah)	1 quart	1 kilogram, 1.2 liters

Capacity, Liquid Measure

Bath (1 ephah)	5.8 gallons	22 liters
Hin (1/6 bath)	3.4 quarts	3.2 liters
Log (1/72 bath)	1/3 quart	0.3 liter
Cor (10 baths)	58 gallons	220 liters
Double Bath (2 ephah)	11.6 gallons	44 liters
Metretes (1 double bath)	10.3 gallons	39 liters

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Talent (60 minas)	75 pounds	34 kilograms
Mina (60 shekels)	1.5 pounds	575 grams
Mina (50 shekels)	24 ounces	690 grams
Shekel (2 bekas)	2/5 ounce	11.5 grams
Pim (2/3 shekel)	1/3 ounce	7.8 grams
Beka (10 gerahs)	1/5 ounce	5.75 grams
Gerah (1/20 shekel)	1/32 ounce	0.58 gram
Litra	11.5 ounces	326 grams

Cubit (short/long) The long cubit seems to be the standard for temple measurements and the short cubit the standard of the royal or civil (non-priestly) system.

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