

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

 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

 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

 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

 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

 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

 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

 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

 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

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

 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!"

 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

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

 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

 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

ye ... you
yea ... yes, truly
yonder ... distant, over there
zephyr ... breeze; greek god of wind

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.