

Curious about the acrostic poem in Proverbs 31?

You won't easily spot it using most online tools. That's because resources like Blue Letter Bible focus on word meanings rather than poetic structure. Since English translations don't follow the Hebrew alphabet, the acrostic pattern is usually hidden—unless you're reading from a Hebrew Bible or a version that highlights it. Below is a chart that brings the structure to light.

	Hebrew Letter	Hebrew Letter Name	Hebrew Word	NIV Verse Summary	First Word Meaning
1	(Aleph) א	Aleph	(eshet) אִשָּׁה	A wife of noble character who can find?	wife
2	(Bet) ב	Bet	(batach) בָּטַח	Her husband has full confidence in her	trust
3	(Gimel) ג	Gimel	(gemalat) גַּמְלַת	She brings him good, not harm	brings
4	(Dalet) ד	Dalet	(darshah) דָּרְשָׁה	She selects wool and flax	seeks
5	(Hey) ה	Hey	(hayetah) הַיְתָה	She is like the merchant ships	merchant
6	(Vav) ו	Vav	(vataqam) וַתִּקַּם	She gets up while it is still night	rises
7	(Zayin) ז	Zayin	(zamemah) זָמְמָה	She considers a field and buys it	considers
8	(Chet) ח	Chet	(chagrah) חָגְרָה	She sets about her work vigorously	girds
9	(Tet) ט	Tet	(ta'amah) טָעַמָּה	She sees that her trading is profitable	sees
10	(Yod) י	Yod	(yadeha) יָדֶיהָ	In her hand she holds the distaff	hands

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11	(Kaf) כ	Kaf	(kappah) כַּפָּה	She opens her arms to the poor	palm
12	(Lamed) ל	Lamed	(lo) לֹא	When it snows, she has no fear for her household	not
13	(Mem) מ	Mem	מַרְבְּדִים (marbaddim)	She makes coverings for her bed	coverings
14	(Nun) נ	Nun	(noda) נוֹדָע	Her husband is respected at the city gate	known
15	(Samekh) ס	Samekh	(sadin) סָדִין	She makes linen garments and sells them	linen
16	(Ayin) ע	Ayin	(oz) עֹז	She is clothed with strength and dignity	strength
17	(Pe) פ	Pe	(piha) פִּיהָ	She speaks with wisdom	mouth
18	(Tsade) צ	Tsade	(tzofiyah) צוֹפֵיָה	She watches over the affairs of her household	watches
19	(Qof) ק	Qof	(qamu) קָמוּ	Her children arise and call her blessed	rise
20	(Resh) ר	Resh	(rabbot) רַבּוֹת	Many women do noble things	many
21	(Shin) ש	Shin	(sheqer) שֶׁקֶר	Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting	charm
22	(Tav) ת	Tav	(tenu) תְּנוּ	Honor her for all that her hands have done	give