

Yosef, Joseph (Hebrew name)

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# Joseph (given name)

**Joseph** is a name originating from Hebrew, meaning 'God will add' recorded in the Hebrew Bible, as יְהוֹסֵף, Standard Hebrew **Yossef**, Tiberian Hebrew and Aramaic **Yōsēp̄**. In Arabic, including in the Qur'an, the name is spelled يوسف or **Yūsuf**. The name can be translated from Hebrew יְהוָה לַהוֹסִיף *Yihoh Lhosif* as signifying "YHWH will increase/add". This variant of the name is used mostly in English, French and German-speaking countries. Diminutives of Joseph include: Joe and Joey for males, and Jo for females. It is sometimes abbreviated as Jos.

The name has enjoyed significant popularity in its many forms in numerous countries, and *Joseph* was one of the two names, along with *Robert*, remained in the top 10 boys' names list from 1925 to 1972 in the US.<sup>[1]</sup> It is especially common in contemporary Israel, as either "Yossi" or "Yossef" and in Italy, where the name "Giuseppe" was the most common male name in the 20th century.

In the Old Testament, Joseph is Jacob's eleventh son and Rachel's first. In the New Testament, Joseph is the husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus. In the New Testament there is another Joseph as well, Joseph of Arimathea, a secret disciple of Jesus who supplied the tomb in which Jesus was buried.

## 1 Common nicknames

- Joe, Joss, Jozip, Jody

## 2 Variations

Variations for males include:<sup>[2]</sup>

- Afrikaans: Josef
- Albanian: Zef, Josif, Isuf
- Alsatian: Sepp
- Armenian: Հովսեփ *Hovsep*
- Arabic: يوسف (*Yūsuf*, *Youssef*, *Yussef*, *Yousuf*)
- Azerbaijani: Yusif, Yusuf, Usub
- Belarusian: Іосіф, *Iosif*, Язэп, *Yazep*
- Bosnian: Josip, Jusuf

- Basque: Joseba, Josepe
- Bulgarian: Йосиф, *Yosif*
- Catalan: Josep, Pep (shortened form), Jep (an alternative shortened form)
- Chinese (Simplified): 约瑟夫, "Yuēsèfū"
- Chinese (Traditional): 約瑟夫, "Yuēsèfū"
- Corsican: Ghjaseppu
- Croatian: Josip, Joso, Jozo, Joško, Joža
- Czech: Josef, Jožka, Pepa, Pepík, Pepik, Pepan, Pepča, Pepek, Pepino, Jožin
- Danish: Joseph, Josef
- Dutch: Jozef, Joost, Jos, Jo, Jef, Seppe
- English: Joseph, Joe, Joey
- Esperanto: Jozefo
- Estonian: Joosep, Joosu
- Ethiopian: Yosef
- Faroese: Jósef
- Finnish: Jooseppi, Juuso
- French: Joseph
- Friulian: Bepi, Bepo, Bepùt
- Galician: Xosé
- Georgian: იოსებ *Ioseb*, სოსო *Soso*
- German: Josef, Joseph; Jupp (familiar); Sepp, Seppl or Pepi (familiar or diminutive forms, particularly in South Germany and Austria)
- Greek: Ἰωσήφ (*Iōséph*), Ἰώσηπος (*Iosepos*), (*Iosipos*)
- Hebrew: יְהוֹסֵף (*Yosef*)
- Hindi: योसेफ (*Yōsēph*)
- Hungarian: Jóska, József
- Icelandic: Jósef (pronounced "YO-sef"), Jósep (pronounced "YO-sep")
- Indonesian: Yoseph, Yosep, Yusuf, Yusup, Ucup, Josef, Joseph

- Interlingua: Joseph
- Italian: Giuseppe, Giù, Beppe, Peppe, Peppino, Pino, Bepi, Beppo, Pippo, Puccio
- Irish: Seosamh, Iósaf
- Japanese: 義経 *Yosefu*
- Kazakh: Yusuf, Jusip
- Korean: 约瑟 *Yosep*
- Latin: Ioséphus
- Latvian: Jāzeps
- Limburgish: Joep, Sef
- Lithuanian: Juozapas, Juozas (shorter form), Juzas (shortest form)
- Lombard: Giüsèpp, Pèpp, Bèpp
- Malayalam: ജസപ്പ് *Josapp* or ജസപ്പൻ *Josappan*, ഔസപ്പ് *Ousepp*, യസപ്പ് *Yosef*, ഔസപ്പപ്പൻ *Ouseppachen*, കച്ചപ്പപ്പൻ *Kochaappu*, ഇപ്പപ്പൻ "Eappan", ഇപ്പപ്പപ്പൻ "Eappachan"
- Malay: Yusuf, Yusop, Yusoff, Jusoh, Usop
- Manado Malay: Josef, Yosef, Oce'
- Maltese: Ġuzèppi, Ġużi, Ġuż, Ġużè, Peppi, Peppu, Peppinu, Pepp, Żèppi, Żèppu, Żèpp
- Mandarin Chinese: 约瑟(s) 约瑟(t) *Yuēsè*, 约瑟(s) 约瑟(t) *Yuēsèfū*, 约瑟 *Yùsùfū*, *Zho-Zi-Fu*
- Maori: Hohepa
- Norwegian: Josef
- Occitan: Josèp
- Persian: یوسف *Yūsuf*, *Youssef*, *Yussef*
- Polish: Józef (Yu-zef), Diminutive: Józek, Józio
- Portuguese: José, Josefo,<sup>[3]</sup> Zé, Zezé (the last two are nicknames)
- Quechua: Husiy
- Romanian: Iosif
- Russian: Иосиф (Iosif), Осип (Osip)
- Samoan: Iosefa
- Sardinian: Jisepu
- Scottish Gaelic: Seòsaidh
- Serbian: Јосиф (Josif)
- Sepedi: Josefa
- Sicilian: Giuseppi
- Sinhala: Jose, Juse
- Slovak: Jozef, Jožo, Dodo, Ďoďo
- Slovene: Jožef, Jože
- Spanish: José, Pepe, Chepe, Che
- Sundanese: Yusup, Usup, Ucup
- Swedish: Josef
- Syriac: ܝܘܨܫܐ (Yausef, Yausep)
- Turkish: Yusuf, Yasef
- Tagalog: Jose, Pepe, Peping,
- Tamil: Yoseppu
- Telugu: Yosepu
- Ukrainian: Йосип (Yosyp)
- Valencian: Josep
- Venetian: Juxepe (pronounced as “Giusepe” or “Iusepe”), Bepi, Bepin
- Vietnamese: Giu-se.
- Welsh: Joseff
- Yiddish: Yissl, Yussel, Jayzl
- Yorùbá: Josefu, Yesufu, Yusuf
- Zimbabwean (Shona): Joze, Joza
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## 2.1 Female forms

Main article: Josephine (name)

- Albanian: Jozefina, Zefina
- English: Jo, Josephine, Joette
- French: Joséphine
- Irish: Seosaimhín
- Italian: Giuseppina
- Catalan : Josepa, Pepa (shortened)
- Polish : Józefina (Yo-zef-yna)
- Portuguese: Josefa, Josefina, José (mainly in the compound Maria José), Zezé (nickname)
- Spanish: Josefa, Josefina
- Greek: Ἰωσηφίνα (Iosiphina)
- Croatian: Josipa
- Maltese: Ġuża, Ġużèppa
- Swedish: Josefin, Josefine
- Yiddish: Jayzl, Yissl

## 3 People known as Joseph

### 3.1 Royalty

- **Austria**
  - Joseph I, Holy Roman Emperor
  - Joseph II of Austria
  - Franz Joseph I of Austria
- **Portugal**
  - Joseph I of Portugal, King of Portugal
  - Joseph, Prince of Brazil
  - Joseph, General Inquisitor (1720–1801) – a natural son of King John V of Portugal, one of the *Children of Palhavã*.
- **Spain/Italy/France**
  - Joseph Bonaparte, King of Spain, King of Naples
- **Other**
  - Maximilian III Joseph, Elector of Bavaria
  - Maximilian I Joseph of Bavaria, King of Bavaria

### 3.2 Biblical figures

- Saint Joseph, husband of Mary the mother of Jesus (according to Christian doctrine)
- Joseph (Hebrew Bible), Old Testament Biblical figure in the book of Genesis
- Joseph of Arimathea, secretive disciple of Jesus

### 3.3 Other

- Joseph Albrier, French painter
- Joe Alexander (American football), American 2x All-Pro NFL football player
- Józef Beck, the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Poland who rejected Hitler's territorial demands
- Józef Bem, a national hero of Poland and Hungary
- Joe Biden, Vice President of the United States of America
- Joseph Carraro, Independent State Senator from New Mexico
- José Carreras, tenor singer

- Chief Joseph, Nez Perce tribal leader
- Joe Choynski (“Chrysanthemum Joe”), American heavyweight Hall of Fame boxer
- Harry Connick, Jr., or Joseph Harry Fowler Connick, Jr., American singer, actor and pianist
- Joe Camel, cigarette mascot
- Joseph Connors, American art historian
- Joseph Conrad, Polish-British writer
- Joseph Cook, Prime Minister of Australia
- Joseph Daye, AFL footballer for the Gold Coast Suns.
- Joseph Dempsie, British actor
- Joseph Dennie, American writer
- Joe DiMaggio, New York Yankees hall of famer
- Joe Dolan, Irish Showband singer
- Josef Doležal (1920–1999), Czechoslovak race walker
- Josef Ertl, German politician
- Joseph Fenton, informer killed by the Provisional Irish Republican Army
- Jozef Feranec (1910–2003), Slovak Roman Catholic bishop
- Joseph Fitzgerald (disambiguation), multiple people
- Josef Fritzl, Austrian sex offender
- Joseph Glidden, created barbed wire
- Joseph Goebbels, Propaganda minister of Nazi Germany
- Joseph Gordon-Levitt, American actor
- Josep Guardiola, Catalan current trainer and former player of FC Barcelona
- Joseph Hagerty, American gymnast
- Joe Hart, English football player
- Joseph Haydn, Austrian composer
- Joseph Heller, American author
- Josef Hladký, Czech-German medley swimmer
- Joseph Dalton Hooker, British botanist
- Joe Horlen, American major league baseball All Star pitcher
- Joe Jacobi, American Olympic champion canoer, Canadian slalom pairs

- Joe Jacobson, Wales soccer player (Oldham Athletic & U21 national team)
- Joe Jonas, lead vocals from the Jonas Brothers
- Joseph Kabui, first President of the Autonomous Region of Bougainville
- Jusuf Kalla, 10th Vice President of Indonesia from 2004 to 2009.
- Joe Kaminer, South African rugby union national team
- Joseph Koo, Hong Kong composer and arranger
- Joe Lieberman, US Senator from Connecticut
- Josef Lontscharitsch, Austrian road cyclist
- Joseph Lyons, Prime Minister of Australia
- Joseph B. MacInnis (born 1937), Canadian physician, underwater diver and author
- Joe Magidsohn, Russian, American football player
- Joseph Marwa, Tanzanian boxer
- Joe Mauer, American Baseball Player and AL MVP
- Joseph McCarthy, US Senator from Wisconsin
- Joe McElderry, British singer and winner of *The X Factor* (UK Series 6)
- Joseph Carey Merrick, the “Elephant Man”
- Joseph Mengele, Nazi scientist
- Joe Montana, Hall of Fame NFL quarterback
- József Munk, Hungarian Olympic medalist swimmer
- Joseph Nicéphore Niépce, first person to create a permanent photograph
- Joseph Oliver (disambiguation), multiple people
- Joseph Oosting, Dutch football (soccer) player
- Joseph Paulo, New Zealand Rugby League player
- Joe Pasquale, winner of the 4th series of *I'm a Celebrity... Get Me Out Of Here!*
- Joe Paterno, Penn State football coach with the most all time Division I wins
- Joe Pavelski (born 1984), American professional ice hockey player
- Joe Perry, Aerosmith lead guitarist
- Joe Picker (born 1987), Australian Rugby League player
- Joseph Pickett, American painter
- Józef Piłsudski, First Marshal of Poland
- Jozef Plachý, Slovak middle distance runner
- Joseph Planta (librarian) (1744–1828), Swiss Principal Librarian of the British Museum, and his son Sir Joseph Planta (1787–1847), English politician
- Joe the Plumber, figure mentioned at least 20 times during the 2008 US presidential debates
- Józef Poniatowski, a Polish leader and a Marshal of the Empire.
- Joseph Ratzinger, given name of Pope Benedict XVI
- Joe Root, a 19th-century American naturalist from Erie, Pennsylvania
- Joe Satriani, instrumental rock guitarist
- Joe Schilling, American kickboxer
- Josef Schmid (disambiguation)
- Joseph Simmons, a.k.a. DJ Run, of rap group Run-DMC
- Joseph Smith, Jr., founder of the Latter Day Saint movement
- Joseph Smith, III, son of Joseph Smith and an American Mormon.
- Joseph Stalin, General Secretary of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union's Central Committee from 1922 until his death in 1953
- Josip Broz Tito, Communist leader of Yugoslavia
- Joe Toye, American World War II veteran
- Joseph Ualesi, Australian Rugby League player
- Joseph Valtellini (born 1985), Canadian kickboxer
- Joseph Vaz, Indian Catholic priest, *Apostle of Sri Lanka*
- József Vida (born 1963), Hungarian hammer thrower
- Joseph Vijay, Tamil actor
- Joseph Wapasha, Mdewakanton Sioux chief
- Joss Whedon, American screenwriter, director and executive producer
- Joseph Wiseman (1918–2009), Canadian actor
- Yosef Zaritsky (1891–1985), Israeli painter
- Josef Zeilbauer, Austrian decathlete
- Josephus (37 – c. 100 AD), a.k.a. Yosef Ben Matityahu, was a 1st-century Jewish historian of priestly and royal ancestry who recorded the destruction of Jerusalem in 70 AD.

## 4 See also

- Joseph (surname)
- Joseph (disambiguation)
- Average Joe
- G.I. Joe
- Joe Millionaire
- Joe Cool (disambiguation)

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