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ARCHAIC-SOUNDING 8-letter bingos starting with **BE-** – Other bygone words added for good measure
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A 8s

ABORNING	ABGINNOR	while being born [adv]
ACCURSED	ACCDERSU	damnable (detestable) [adj]
AFFLATUS	AAFFLSTU	creative inspiration [n -ES]
AFFOREST	AEFFORST	to convert into forest [v -ED, -ING, -S]
AFFRIGHT	AFFGHIRT	to frighten [v -ED, -ING, -S]
AFLUTTER	AEFLRTTU	nervously excited [adj]
AGLIMMER	AEGILMMR	glimmering [adj]
AGLITTER	AEGILRTT	glittering [adj]
AGNOMINA	AAGIMNNO	AGNOMEN, additional name given to ancient Roman [n]
ALARUMED	AADELMRU	ALARUM, to alarm (to frighten by sudden revelation of possible injury) [v]
ALCHEMIC	ACCEHILM	ALCHEMY, medieval form of chemistry [adj]
ALMAGEST	AAEGLMST	medieval treatise on astrology or alchemy [n -S]
AMPHORAE	AAHMOPR	AMPHORA, narrow-necked jar used in ancient Greece [n]
AMPHORAL	AAHLMOPR	AMPHORA, narrow-necked jar used in ancient Greece [adj]
AMPULLAE	AAELLMPU	AMPULLA, globular bottle used in ancient Rome [n]
AMPULLAR	AALLMPRU	AMPULLA, globular bottle used in ancient Rome [adj]
AROINTED	ADEINORT	AROINT, to drive away [v]
AROYNTE	ADENORTY	AROYNT, to aoint (to drive away) [v]
ARQUEBUS	ABEQRSUU	early portable firearm [n -S]
ARRANTLY	AALNRRTY	ARRANT, outright (being without limit or reservation) [adv]
ASPAKLE	AAEKLPRS	sparkling [adj]
ATREMBLE	ABEELMRT	trembling [adj]
ATWITTER	AEIRTTTW	twittering (to utter succession of chirping sounds) [adj]
AUSPICES	ACEIPSSU	AUSPEX, soothsayer of ancient Rome [n]

B 8s

BALLISTA	AABILLST	ancient weapon [n -E or -S]
BARESARK	AABEKRRS	ancient warrior [n -S]
BASCINET	ABCEINST	basinet (medieval helmet) [n -S]
BECAPPED	ABCDEEPP	to put cap on [v]
BECARPET	ABCEEPRT	to cover with carpet [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECHANCE	ABCCEEHN	to befall [v -D, -CING, -S]
BECLAMOR	ABCELMOR	to clamor loudly [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECLOTHE	BCEEHLOT	to clothe [v -D, -HING, -S]
BECOWARD	ABCDEORW	to accuse of cowardice [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BECUDGEL	BCDEEGLU	to cudgel thoroughly [v -LLED or -ED, -LLING or -ING, -S]
BEDABBLE	ABBBDEEL	to soil [v -D, -LING, -S]
BEDARKEN	ABDEEKNR	to darken [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEDAZZLE	ABDEELZZ	to confuse [v -D, -LING, -S]
BEDEAFEN	ABDEEEFN	to deafen [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEDIAPER	ABDEEIPR	to ornament with kind of design [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEDIMMED	BDDEEIMM	made dimmed [v]
BEDIMPLE	BDEEILMP	to dimple [v -D, -LING, -S]
BEDOTTED	BDDEEOTT	covered with dots [adj]
BEDRENCH	BCDEEHNR	to drench thoroughly [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEDRIVEL	BDEEILRV	to cover with saliva [v -LLED or -ED, -LLING or -ING, -S]
BEFINGER	BEEFGINR	to touch all over [v -ED, -ING, -S]



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BEFLOWER	BEEFLORW	to cover with flowers [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEFOGGED	BDEEFGGO	enveloped with fog [v]
BEFOULER	BEEFLORU	one that befouls [n -S]
BEFRINGE	BEEFGINR	to border with fringe [v -D, -GING, -S]
BEFUDDLE	BDDEEFLU	to confuse [v -D, -LING, -S]
BEGEMMED	BDEEEGMM	to gem (to adorn with precious stones) [v]
BEGETTER	BEEEGRTT	one that begets (causes to exist) [n -S]
BEGIRDLE	BDEEGILR	to surround [v -D, -LING, -S]
BEGLAMOR	ABEGLMOR	to dazzle with glamor [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEGOTTEN	BEEGNOTT	caused to exist [v]
BEGRUDGE	BDEEGGRU	to concede reluctantly [v -D, -GING, -S]
BEGUILER	BEEGILRU	one that beguiles [n -S]
BEHOLDER	BDEEHLOR	one that beholds [n -S]
BEJUMBLE	BBEEJLMU	to jumble [v -D, -LING, -S]
BEKISSES	BEEIKSSS	to cover with kisses [v]
BEKNIGHT	BEGHIKNT	to raise to knighthood [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BELABOUR	ABBELORU	to belabor [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BELADIES	ABDEEILS	to apply title of lady to [v]
BELIQUOR	BEILOQRU	to soak with liquor [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEMADDEN	ABDDEEMN	to madden [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEMINGLE	BEEGILMN	to mix together [v -D, -LING, -S]
BEMUDDLE	BDDEELMU	to confuse completely [v -D, -LING, -S]
BEMURMUR	BEMMRRUU	to murmur at [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEMUZZLE	BEELMUZZ	to muzzle [v -D, -LING, -S]
BEPIMPLE	BEEILMPP	to cover with pimples [v -D, -LING, -S]
BERASCAL	AABCELRS	to accuse of being rascal [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BERINGED	BDEEGINR	adorned with rings [adj]
BEROUGED	BDEEGORU	obviously or thickly rouged [adj]
BESCORCH	BCCEHORS	to scorch [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESCREEN	BCEEENRS	to screen [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESETTER	BEEERSTT	one that besets [n -S]
BESHADOW	ABDEHOSW	to cast shadow on [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESHIVER	BEEHIRSV	to break into small pieces [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESHROUD	BDEHORSU	to cover [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESIEGER	BEEEGIRS	one that besieges [n -S]
BESLAVED	ABDEELSV	filled with slaves [adj]
BESMOOTH	BEHMOOST	to smooth [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BESMUDGE	BDEEGMSU	to smudge [v -D, -GING, -S]
BESOOTHE	BEEHOOST	to soothe [v -D, -HING, -S]
BESOTTED	BDEEOSTT	stupefied [v]
BESPOUSE	BEEOPSSU	to marry [v -D, -SING, -S]
BESPREAD	ABDEEPRS	to spread [v -SPREAD, -ING, -S]
BESPRENT	BEENPRST	sprinkled over [adj]
BESTRIDE	BDEEIRST	to straddle [v -RODE or -RID, -DDEN, -DING, -S]
BESTROWN	BENORSTW	bestrewed [v]
BESUITED	BDEEISTU	wearing suit [adj]
BETATTER	ABEERTTT	to tatter [v -ED, -ING, -S]



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BEUNCLED	BCDEELNU	having many uncles [adj]
BEWAILER	ABEEILRW	one that bewails [n -S]
BEWIGGED	BDEEGGIW	adorned with wig [v]
BEWILDER	BDEEILRW	to confuse [v -ED, -ING, -S]
BEWINGED	BDEEGINW	having wings [adj]
BEWRAYER	ABEERRWY	one that bewrays [n -S]
BOMBARDE	ABBDEMOR	medieval shawm [n -S]
BOUGHTEN	BEGHNOTU	purchased [adj]

C 8s

CALENDAL	AACDELLN	pertaining to calends (first day of Roman month) [adj]
CEORLISH	CEHILORS	CEORL, freeman of low birth [adj]
CESTUSES	CEESSSTU	CESTUS, hand covering for ancient Roman boxers [n]
CHACONNE	ACCEHNNO	ancient dance [n -S]
CHAUSSES	ACEHSSSU	medieval armor [n CHAUSSES]
COMETHER	CEEHMORT	affair or matter [n -S]
COMITIAL	ACIILMOT	COMITIA, public assembly in ancient Rome [adj]
COMPLEAT	ACELMOPT	to complete (to bring to end) [v -ED, -ING, -S]
COPEMATE	ACEEMOPT	antagonist [n -S]
COPPERAH	ACEHOPPR	copra (dried coconut meat) [n -S]
COPPERAS	ACEOPPRS	compound used in making inks [n -ES]
CORODIES	CDEIOORS	CORODY, allowance of food or clothes [n]
COTHURNI	CHINORTU	cothurns (buskin worn by ancient Roman actors) [n COTHURNI]
COULDEST	CDELOSTU	can [v]
COUTHEST	CEHOSTTU	COUTH, sophisticated [adj]
COUTHIER	CEHIORTU	COUTHIE, friendly (inclined to approve, help, or support) [adj]
CULVERIN	CEILNRUV	medieval musket [n -S]

D 8s

DANEGELD	ADDEEGLN	annual tax in medieval England [n -S]
DANEGELT	ADEEGLNT	danegeld (annual tax in medieval England) [n -S]
DECURIES	CDEEIRSU	DECURY, group of ten soldiers in ancient Rome [n]
DECURION	CDEINORU	commander of decury (group of ten soldiers in ancient Rome) [n -S]
DEMIURGE	DEEGIMRU	magistrate of ancient Greece [n -S]
DENARIUS	ADEINRSU	coin of ancient Rome [n -II]
DICASTIC	ACCDIIST	DICAST, judge of ancient Athens [adj]
DIOBOLON	BDILNOOO	diobol (coin of ancient Greece) [n -S]
DISBOSOM	BDIMOOSS	to confess [v -ED, -ING, -S]
DRABBING	ABBDGINR	DRAB, to consort with prostitutes [v]
DUUMVIRI	DIIMRUUV	DUUMVIR, magistrate of ancient Rome [n]

E 8s

ECCLESIA	ACCEEILS	assembly in ancient Greece [n -E]
EFTSOONS	EFNOOSST	EFTSOON, soon afterward [adv]
EPHORATE	AEEHOPRT	office of ephor (magistrate of ancient Greece) [n -S]
EREWHILE	EEEHILRW	some time ago [adv]
EUPATRID	ADEIPRTU	aristocrat of ancient Athens [n -S or -AE]
EVENTIDE	DEEEINTV	evening (latter part of day and early part of night) [n -S]

F 8s

FERNINST	EFINNRST	near to [prep]
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FETIALES	AEEFILST	FETIALIS, fetial (priest of ancient Rome) [n]
FETIALIS	AEFIILST	fetial (priest of ancient Rome) [n -LES]
FLAMINES	AEFILMNS	FLAMEN, priest of ancient Rome [n]
FOREDOOM	DEFMOOOR	to doom in advance [v -ED, -ING, -S]
FOREFEEL	EEEFFLOR	to have premonition of [v -FELT, -LING, -S]
FOREFELT	EEEFFLOR	FOREFEEL, to have premonition of [v]
FOREFEND	DEEFFNOR	to protect [v -ED, -ING, -S]
FOREKNOW	EFKNOORW	to know in advance [v -NEW, -N, -ING, -S]
FORENOON	EFNNOOOR	period of daylight before noon [n -S]
FORETIME	EEFIMORT	past [n -S]
FOREWENT	EEFNORTW	went before [v]
FORSOOTH	FHOOORST	in truth [adv]
FORSPENT	EFNOPRST	worn out [adj]
FORSWEAR	AEFORRSW	to deny under oath [v -WORE, -WORN, -ING, -S]
FOUGHTEN	EFGHNOTU	exhausted especially from fighting [adj]

G 8s

GADZOOKS	ADGKOOSZ	used as mild oath [interj]
GAMBESON	ABEGMNOS	medieval coat [n -S]
GARDYLOO	ADGLOORY	used as warning cry [interj]
GRAMERCY	ACEGMRRY	expression of gratitude [n -CIES]

H 8s

HARUSPEX	AEHPRSUX	soothsayer of ancient Rome [n -PICES]
HEREAWAY	AAEEHRWY	in this vicinity [adv]
HEREINTO	EEHINORT	into this place [adv]
HEREUNTO	EEHNORTU	to this matter [adv]
HEREUPON	EEHNOPRU	immediately following this [adv]
HEREWITH	EEHHIRTW	along with this [adv]
HIPPARCH	ACHHIPPR	cavalry commander in ancient Greece [n -S]
HOPLITIC	CHIILOPT	HOPLITE, foot soldier of ancient Greece [adj]

I 8s

J 8s

JONGLEUR	EGJLNORU	minstrel (medieval musician) [n -S]
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K 8s

L 8s

LACKADAY	AAACDKLY	used to express regret [interj]
LECYTHUS	CEHLSTUY	lekythos (oil jar used in ancient Greece) [n -HI]
LEKYTHOI	EHIKLOTY	LEKYTHOS, oil jar used in ancient Greece [n]
LEKYTHOS	EHKLOSTY	oil jar used in ancient Greece [n -OI]
LEKYTHUS	EHKLSTUY	lekythos (oil jar used in ancient Greece) [n -HI]
LOQUITUR	ILOQRTUU	he or she speaks [v]

M 8s

MAENADES	AADEEMNS	MAENAD, female participant in ancient Greek orgies [n]
MAENADIC	AACDEIMN	MAENAD, female participant in ancient Greek orgies [adj]
MANGONEL	AEGLMNNO	medieval military device for hurling stones [n -S]
MARGRAVE	AAEGMRRV	military governor of medieval German border province [n -S]
MASTABAH	AAABHMST	mastaba (ancient Egyptian tomb) [n -S]
MESEEMED	DEEEEMMS	it seemed to me [v]



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METHINKS	EHIKMNST	it seems to me [v]
MILLIARY	AIILLMRY	ancient Roman milestone [n -RIES]
MISSPELT	EILMPSS	MISSPELL, to spell (to name or write letters of in order) incorrectly [v]
MURRHINE	EHIMNRRU	MURRHA, murra (substance used to make fine vases and cups in ancient Rome) [adj]

N 8s

NAETHING	AEGHINNT	nothing [n -S]
NATHLESS	AEHLNSST	nevertheless [adv]
NIDERING	DEGIINNR	coward (one who lacks courage (quality that enables one to face danger fearlessly; spirit)) [n -S]

O 8s

OFTTIMES	EFIMOSTT	often (frequently (in frequent (occurring again and again) manner)) [adv]
OUTSPELT	ELOPSTTU	OUTSPELL, to surpass in spelling [v]

P 8s

PALESTRA	AAELPRST	school for athletics in ancient Greece [n -E, -S]
PEPLOSES	EELOPPSS	PEPLOS, garment worn by women in ancient Greece [n]
PEPLUSES	EELPPSSU	PEPLUS, peplos (garment worn by women in ancient Greece) [n]
PONTIFEX	EFINOPTX	ancient Roman priest [n -FICES]
POORTITH	HIOOPRTT	poverty (state of being poor (lacking means of support)) [n -S]
PRAEFECT	ACEEFPRT	prefect (ancient Roman official) [n -S]
PRENOMEN	EEMNNOPT	first name of ancient Roman [n -S, -MINA]
PSALTERY	AELPRSTY	ancient stringed musical instrument [n -RIES]
PUISSANT	AINPSSU	powerful [adj]

Q 8s

QUADRANS	AADNQRSU	ancient Roman coin [n -NTES]
QUAESTOR	AEOQRSTU	ancient Roman magistrate [n -S]
QUINTAIN	AIINNQTU	object used as target in medieval sport [n -S]

R 8s

RETIARII	AEIIIIRT	ancient Roman gladiators [n RETIARII]
RHAPSODE	ADEHOPRS	reciter of epic poetry in ancient Greece [n -S]
ROGATION	AGINOORT	proposal of law in ancient Rome [n -S]

S 8s

SACRARIA	AAACIRRS	ancient Roman shrines [n SACRARIA]
SELCOUTH	CEHLOSTU	unusual [adj]
SENARIUS	AEINRSSU	Greek or Latin verse consisting of six metrical feet [n -II]
SENNIGHT	EGHINNST	week (period of seven days) [n -S]
SESTERCE	CEEERSST	coin of ancient Rome [n -S]
SEXTARII	AEIIRSTX	ancient Roman units of liquid measure [n SEXTARII]
SHEKALIM	AHEIKLMS	SHEKEL, ancient unit of weight and money [n]
SHEKELIM	EEHIKLMS	SHEKEL, ancient unit of weight and money [n]
SHEQALIM	AEHILMQS	SHEQEL, shekel (ancient unit of weight and money) [n]
SIRVENTE	EEINRSTV	satirical medieval song or poem [n -S]
SITHENCE	CEEHINST	since (from then until now) [adv]
SKLENTED	DEEKLNST	SKLENT, to slant (to deviate from horizontal or vertical) [v]
SOMEDEAL	ADEELMOS	to some degree [adv]
SOMEWAYS	AEMOSSWY	someway [adv]
SOMEWHEN	EEHMNOSW	sometime [adv]
SOMEWISE	EEIMOSSW	somehow [adv]
SOOTHSAY	AHOOSSTY	to predict [v -AID, -ING, -S]



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SQUIRING	GIINQRSU	SQUIRE, to serve as squire (escort) [v]
SQUIRISH	HIIQRSSU	of, resembling, or befitting squire [adj]
STASIMON	AIMNOSST	choral ode in ancient Greek drama [n -MA]
STEDFAST	ADEFSSTT	staunch (firm and dependable) [adj]
STEMMATA	AAEMMSTT	STEMMA, scroll recording genealogy of family in ancient Rome [n]
STROPHIC	CHIOPRST	STROPHE, part of ancient Greek choral ode [adj]
STYLITIC	CIILSTTY	STYLITE, early Christian ascetic [adj]

T 8s

THRAWART	AAHRRTTW	stubborn (unyielding (not yielding (yield))) [adj]
THWARTLY	AHLRTTWY	athwart (from side to side) [adv]
TRADITOR	ADIORRTT	traitor among early Christians [n -RIES]
TRIENTES	EEINRSTT	TRIENS, coin of ancient Rome [n]
TRIPTYCA	ACIPRTTY	trptych (ancient writing tablet) [n -S]
TRIPTYCH	CHIPRTTY	ancient writing tablet [n -S]
TRIUMVIR	IIMRRTUV	one of ruling body of three in ancient Rome [n -S or -I]
TROUVERE	EEORRTUV	medieval poet [n -S]
TROUVEUR	EORRTUUV	trouvere (medieval poet) [n -S]

U 8s

UNBITTED	BDEINTTU	not bitted (to seize with teeth) [adj]
UNBONNET	BENNOSTU	to uncover head [v -ED, -ING, -S]
UNBREECH	BCEEHNRU	to remove breeches of [v -ED, -ING, -ES]
UNCHURCH	CCHHNRUU	to expel from church [v -ED, -ING, -S]
UNCOFFIN	CFFINNOU	to remove from coffin [v -ED, -ING, -S]
UNCOMELY	CELMNOUY	not comely (pleasing to look at) [adj]
UNFORGOT	FGNOORTU	not forgotten [adj]
UNGRACED	ACDEGNRU	not graced (to give beauty to) [adj]
UNHAired	ADEHINRU	UNHAIR, to remove hair from [v]
UNHAIRER	AEHINRRU	one that unhairst (to remove hair from) [n -S]
UNHALLOW	AHLLNOUW	to profane (to treat with irreverence or abuse [v -ED, -ING, -S])
UNHANDED	ADDEHNNU	UNHAND, to remove hand from [v]
UNHATTED	ADEHNNTU	UNHAT, to remove one's hat [v]
UNHELMED	DEEHLMNU	UNHELM, to remove helmet of [v]
UNHOODED	DDEHNOOU	UNHOOD, to remove hood from [v]
UNKENNED	DEEKNNNU	not known or recognized [adj]
UNLEARNT	EALNNRTU	UNLEARN, to put out of one's knowledge or memory [v]
UNLETTED	DEELNTTU	not letted (to hinder (to impede)) [adj]
UNMEETLY	EELMNTUY	UNMEET, improper (not proper (suitable (appropriate))) [adv]
UNMEWING	EGIMNNUW	UNMEW, to set free [v]
UNREASON	AENNORSU	to disrupt sanity of [v -ED, -ING, -S]
UNRIDDLE	DDEILNRU	to solve [v -D, -LING, -S]
UNSICKER	CEIKNRSU	unreliable (not reliable) [adj]
UNSPOILT	ILNOPSTU	not spoilt (to impair value or quality of) [adj]
UNSWATHE	AEHNSTUW	to unbind (to free from bindings) [v -D, -HING, -S]
UNTENTED	DEENNTTU	not probed or attended to [adj]
UNTHRONE	EHNNTORTU	to remove from throne (v -D, -NING, -S)
UNWEIGHT	EGHINTUW	to reduce weight of [v -S, -ING, -ED]
UNWIFELY	EFILNUWY	not wifely (of or befitting wife [adj])



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UNWISDOM	DIMNOSUW	lack of wisdom [n -S]
UNWITTED	DEINTTUW	UNWIT, to make insane [v]
UNWONTED	DENNOTUW	unusual (not usual) [adj]
UNYEANED	ADEENNUY	unborn (not born (having particular qualities from birth)) [adj]
UNYOKING	GIKNNOUY	UNYOKE, to free from yoke (wooden frame for joining together draft animals) [v]
URAEUSES	AEERSSUU	URAEUS, figure of sacred serpent on headdress of ancient Egyptian rulers [n]

V 8s

VELARIUM	AEILMRUV	awning over ancient Roman theater [n -IA]
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W 8s

WAESUCKS	ACEKSSUW	used to express pity [interj]
WELLADAY	AADELLWY	expression of sorrow [n -S]
WELLAWAY	AAELLWWY	expression of sorrow [n -S]
WOBEGONE	BEEGNOOW	affected with woe [adj]
WORTHING	GHINORTW	WORTH, to befall (to happen to) [v]
WOULDEST	DELOSTUW	WILL, to decide upon [v]

X 8s

Y 8s

YESTREEN	EEENRSTY	previous evening [n -S]
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Z 8s

ZIGGURAT	AGGIRTUZ	ancient Babylonian temple tower [n -S]
ZIKKURAT	AIKKRTUZ	ziggurat (ancient Babylonian temple tower) [n -S]