

# ALL THE PLACES OF THE BIBLE

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This article identifies all of the places named in the Bible, excluding the deuterocanonical books. The place names are arranged alphabetically as they appear in the King James Version, with variant spellings enclosed in brackets [ ]. The suggested meaning of the names is then given in parentheses ( ). Under each entry, various places bearing this name are differentiated by boldface brackets, like this [1] ; [2]; and so on. Then follows a description of each place, with several Bible references to it.

The meanings of the names are not infallibly accurate; they are simply interesting possibilities. These place names are ancient, many are pre-Israelite, and their history is obscure and uncertain.

Often a Hebrew name refers to both a place and a person. In such cases, you will find the same name in "All the People of the Bible."

Different names were used to refer to certain sites in different periods of history (e.g., Accho and Ptolemais). We have grouped these names under the most familiar biblical name, cross-referencing the other names to it. Modern place names are given under most of the biblical names.

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**Ibleam** ("ancient people"), a city of the tribe of Marasseh (Josh. 17:11; Judg. 1:27); generally believed to be another name for Bileam (q.v.)

**Iconium** ("coming"), capital of the province of Lycaonia in Asia Minor (Acts 13:51; 14:1).

**Idalah** ("land of slander"), a city of the tribe of Zebulun (Josh. 19:15); modern Khirbet el-Huvara.

**Idumea** ("red"), the name used by the Greeks and Romans for Edom, the land inhabited by the descendants of Esau (Mark 3:8). The Hebrew of Isaiah 34:5, 6 and Ezekiel 35: 15; 36:5 reads *Edom*.

**Iim** ("heaps"). [1] A town in extreme southern Judah (Josh. 15:29); modern Deir el-Ghawi. [2] A town east of the Jordan River, perhaps the Moabite fortress of Mahaiy (Num. 33:45); probably the same as Ije-abarim.

**Ije-abarim** ("ruins of Abraham"), a place where the Israelites camped in the territory of Moab (Num. 33:45). *See also* Iirn [2].

**Ijon** ("heap; ruin"), a city of northern Palestine belonging to the tribe of Naphtali (1 Kings 15:20); modern Merj 'Ayun, a few kilometers northwest of Dan.

**Ilyricum** ("joy"), a Roman province on the east coast of the Adriatic Sea, stretching from Italy on the north to Macedonia on the south (Rom. 15:19). It was later renamed Dalmatia (q.v.)

**Immer** ("lamb"), a place in Babylonia (Ezra 2:59; Neh. 7:61); its exact location is unknown.

**India** (meaning unknown), a land on the eastern limit of the Persian Empire, surrounding the Indus River (Esther 1:1; 8:9).

**Ir-nahash** ("serpent city"), a town of Judah (1 Chron. 4: 12); its exact location is unknown, but it is probably the same as modern Deir Nahhas, near Beit Jibrin.

**Iron** ("pious; place of terror"), a city of the tribe of Naphtali (Josh. 19:38); probably modern Yarun, 16 km. (10 mi.) west of Huleh Lake.

**Irpeel** ("God heals"), a city of the tribe of Benjamin (Josh. 18:27); perhaps the same as modern Rafat, 10 km. (6 mi.) northwest of Jerusalem.

**Ir-shemesh** ("city of the sun"), a city of the tribe of Dan (Josh. 19:41); probably another name for Beth-shemesh (q.v.).

**Ish-tob** ("good man"), a small state of Aram (2 Sam. 10:6, 8).

**Israel** ("who prevails with God"), the northern kingdom of the Hebrews in Palestine, inhabited by the ten tribes that followed Ishbosheth and Jeroboam. The cities of Jericho and Gezer marked its southern boundary (2 Chron. 35: 18; cf. Gen. 32:32). *See also* Jacob in "All the People of the Bible."

**Italy** ("abounding with calves"), the peninsula jutting from the Alps into the Mediterranean Sea, bounded on the south by the straits of Messina (Acts 18:2; 27: 1).

**Ithnan** ("given"), a town in extreme southern Judah (Josh. 15:23).

**Ittah-kazin** ("gather"), a landmark on the boundary of Zebulun near modern Sepphoris (Josh. 19: 13).

**Ituraea** ("mountains"), a small province on the northwest boundary of Palestine at the base of Mount Hermon (Luke 3: 1). It probably derived its name from Jetur, a son of Ishmael.

**Ivah** ("hamlet"), a city located on the Euphrates River (2 Kings 18:34; 19: 13); perhaps the same as Ava.

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