





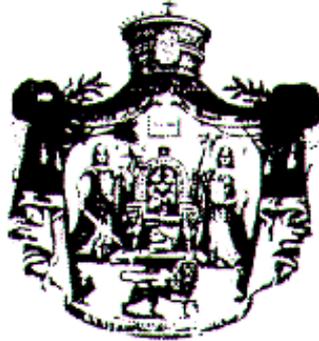
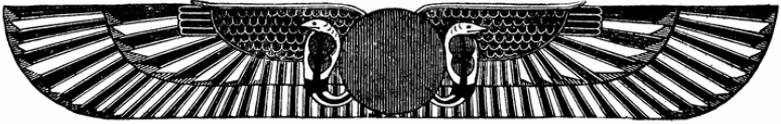
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## FOREWORD

In writing this briefly composed, yet heartfelt foreword on behalf my lovely sister-wife, my co-labourer in ministry and the compiler of the present volume, entitled *Biblical Names in Amharic*, Wzo. Tehetena Girma-Asfaw's very first published work, I am quite pleased and honoured to also mention the great service, and no doubt benefit, that this Amharic Book of Biblical Names will be to all Ethiopians at home and abroad; with a special due emphasis to all those sincere Rastafarians, Ethiopians at home and abroad, including the Black Jews, or Hebrews of the diaspora in the Western hemisphere who have long requested such a well-researched, documented and edited preliminary volume for quite some time.

An overview is here in order: *namely*, that this present edition was in a pre-production status for several years now, while a diligent in-gathering of many factual pieces of available information was compiled and subsequent comparisons made alongside the H.I.M. *Amharic Bible* has eventually been achieved as a basic prerequisite for the inclusion of each and every name included in this book. Thus, the names, definitions and related data herein has gone through several necessary updates and a few revisions over the years in order to be as thorough, complete and useful as possible: including detailed explanations, transliterations for pronunciation and a variety of biblical references for a better contextual clarity of the persons who have given, in part or whole, a character to a particular name.

Although somewhat exhaustive, it is easy-to-read and a prerequisite study for the newcomer as well as the more advanced student of the bible. The dictionary-like entries are also highly accurate, verifiable and reliable due to the fact that it is based upon the general etymological evidences available from a combination of sources, namely – the biblical Hebrew, New Testament Greek and

archaic Amharic. Names that are found in the pages of the Revised Amharic Bible published by H.I.M. Haile Sellassie I's Authorized version of 1961 A.D. do not always agree with the King James Version or other European recensions of the ancient scriptures. This has been noted when and where there have been such differences in rendering and duly noted in connection with the name. More could be said, however, speculative matters have been omitted for the sake of the simplicity of facts easily verifiable herein.

Therefore, we can confidently say that all, or the vast majority, of the information accompanying each of the individual names found in this dictionary, is in agreement with first-hand, second-hand and other related bible resource materials, dictionaries and biblical concordances readily available to the reader in a variety of other documents, ancient and modern.

So, without further ado, we are happy to finally present one of the most complete to date Dictionaries of the ANCIENT & BEAUTIFUL BIBLICAL NAMES IN THE *Royal* AMHARIC WITH ENGLISH TRANSLATIONS & NOTES, along with *many rare & meaningful names not found in other so-called Amharic Name Books*. This, in and of itself, is a great and noteworthy achievement that assists the present and future generations of Ethiopian-Hebrews, at home and abroad in choosing a good name. May the Almighty bless and prosper this work of our hands and heart. Amen and Amen.

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## What's In A NAME?

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Jesse... Thomas... Oprah... Naomi... Levi... Abigail...  
Tabitha... Neariah... Rebekah... Nathan... Matthew...  
Shiloh... Michael... Zemira... Abner... Jacob...  
Noah... Andrew... Sheva... Samuel... Imlah... Eden...  
Hannah... Hodiah... David... Jarah... Nicholas...  
Mahlah... Barnabas... Joshua... Zebina... Silas...  
Peter... Caleb... Jonathan... Dinah... Philip... Linus...  
Candace... Gabriel... Lydia... Sharon... Uriah...  
Timothy... Leah... Elijah... Ascah... Benjamin...  
Phoebe... Aaron... Zia... Joanna... Rufus... Seth...  
Luke... Eli... Josiah... Chloe... Priscilla... Kenan...  
Cyrus... Rachel... Keren... Elizabeth... Saul...  
Sarah... Korah... Susanna...

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# Introduction

A book about biblical names is confronted by certain difficulties, not least the problem of spelling. The names in this book are mostly the *anglicised* forms of ancient ETHIOPIC / *Royal* AMHARIC, biblical Hebrew and Septuagint (or, Koine) Greek names. Different translators have at various times preferred different forms – sometimes quite markedly so. With such variants, we have tried our utmost to chose and present the most popular form, or those that are most likely to be easily recognised by the average reader.

The original Bible sources that we have used here are: the First Haile Selassie Amharic Bible, *King James Version* (KJV), the *Revised Standard Version* (RSV), and the *New International Version* (NIV). The KJV, RSV and NIV are said to be amongst the most noted and oft-quoted translations of the Bible in English. All of the names in this book may be found in the H.I.M. Haile Selassie I Revised Amharic Bible, although some, such as Alexander, are known from other historical sources as well. Very obscure biblical names, or those unlikely to be of any significant modern appeal, have been excluded.

For each name, a brief history is sketched of the person or persons who held it, beginning with the earliest bearer to the latter. Each entry is also supported by a citation showing the earliest known use of the name in the Bible.

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## ***Genders***

A boy or girl of today might be given many biblical names with little regard to the original gender of the name. In fact, many parents are already doing this: if they

like a name, they use it - and they do not allow a small detail like sex or gender stand in their way! Names are not always gender specific, but rarely may be. However, most people today are quite happy with Oprah as a female name. It is a unisex name, used by both males in ancient times and today by a famous African-American celebrity. Besides, there are also biblical names such as Daniel, traditionally masculine, that have been adapted into lovely female versions such as Danielle.

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**The following terms are used throughout this book to indicate name genders:**

(female) ... a name used in the Bible for female characters only, and recognised by most people today as an exclusive or mainly female name.

(male) ... a name used in the Bible for male characters only, and recognised by most people today as an exclusive or mainly male name.

(traditionally male and female) ... a name used in the Bible for both male and female characters; that is, a traditionally unisex name.

(modern male and female) ... a name that has been used in modern times for both boys and girls, with either a uniform spelling or varied spelling, or a name that has potential as a modern unisex name (such as Oprah).

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***Concubines***

Many biblical women are described as concubines. In the

polygamous society of the ancient Hebrews, concubinage was not considered immoral. Concubines were simply wives of lower or secondary status. Many of them were slaves or foreign captives of war, though free Hebrew women could and did elect to become concubines. Sometimes a childless wife would offer her husband one of her slaves or maids as a concubine: in the hope of getting an heir. Some famous biblical triangles of this type existed, including Rachel and Jacob with the concubine-wife Bilhah; and Sarah and Abraham with the concubine-wife Hagar.

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### *Pronunciation*

A simple phonetic pronunciation key is provided for sounding out the Amharic names given in this book. The key also offers possibilities for correct pronunciation.

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### *Variants*

The variants are of two types: (i) common spelling forms in different English translations of the Bible, and (ii) popular derivatives and alternates: including selected foreign language derivatives and alternates. **It is important to note that some of the variants may not be only biblical, but pre and post-biblical in origin or derivation.** An example of this occurs with the name Elizabeth, where one of the variants is given as Isobel(?). Some sources claim that this is merely a medieval Spanish variant of Elizabeth's earlier forms. However, others say that Isobel is from a completely different root,

and may be Roman-Egyptian in origination<sup>1</sup>. If you wish to be certain of choosing a biblical name - that is, a name which appears in the Bible, our advise is simply – do not choose a variant. Stick with the main name for each entry. We have provided of plenty of them to choose from. Remember, the words of Proverb 22, Verse 1 that wisely advises: “A good name is rather to be chosen than great riches, and loving favour rather than silver and gold.”

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EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

POSTSCRIPT: An additional note of thanks must be gratefully made to my co-labourer in these labours of love, my brother-husband – RASIADONIS TAFARI, who took the time and patience to proofread, co-edit and further annotate many of the initial name entries in this edition along with various alternative transliterations and transcriptions (mainly in the bracketed portions) to the basic ones given after the simplified Amharic-to-English pronunciation guide that I have provided for the respective user in search of a good *Amharic Bible* name.

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<sup>1</sup> If this is the case, the suggested meaning would be translated as "beautiful daughter of Isis."

## HSV<sup>2</sup>

መጽሐፈ ምሳሌ 22

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ከወርቅ ይበልጣል።

## KJV

THE BOOK OF PROVERB 22

1 A good name is rather to be chosen  
than great riches, and loving favour  
rather than silver and gold.

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<sup>2</sup> HSV stands for the “Haile Selassie Version,” or the Revised Amharic Bible, also known as the H.I.M. Haile Selassie I 1961/62 A.D. Authorized Amharic Bible called the “Emperor’s Bible.”



## ~ A ~

**Aaron** *arr-ron* (as in *arrow*) (male)

አሮገ Aron / Arron

*Hebrew: Enlightener, teacher.* Other interpretations: *Mountain, messenger.* Eldest son of Amram and Jochebed. His brother was Moses and his sister was Miriam. Aaron was the divinely-appointed spokesman of Moses, and he persuaded the Israelites to trust his brother. He also became the first high priest of the nation. His low point came when Moses climbed Mount Sinai to get the Ten Commandments. While Moses was gone, the Israelites made an image of a calf to worship. Aaron did not stop them. The excuse he gave to Moses was unconvincing (but very human): "*They gave me the gold, and I threw it into the fire, and out came this calf!*" His wife was Elisheba and his sons were Nadab, Abihu, Eleazar and Ithamar. **Variants:** *Aharon, Ahron, Arend, Ari, Arny, Aron, Haroun, Ron, Ronny.* [Exodus 4:14] ኦሪገ ዘጸአት። ምዕራፍ 4።14፤

**Abdeel** *ab-deel* (male)

ዓብድኤል Abdiel / Abdi'ael

*Hebrew: Servant of God.* Father of Shelemiah, an official under King Jehoiakim.

[Jeremiah 36:26] ትገቢተ ኤርምያስ። ምዕራፍ 36።26፤

**Abel** *a-bel* (male)

አቤል Abel / Abael

*Hebrew: Breath, vapour.* (May be linked to an Akkadian word meaning *son*.) Second son of Adam and Eve, the first human parents. Abel was a keeper

of sheep, the world's first shepherd. He found favour in the eyes of God and was the first human being to please God after his parents' catastrophic fall from grace. Cain, his brother, resented his good standing with God. In a fit of jealousy, Cain slew Abel, thereby making him the first murder victim in history.

**Variants:** *Abelard, Abeles, Abell, Abi, Able, Hevel, Nab.* [Genesis 4:2] ሐሪት ዘፍጥረት። ምዕራፍ 4።2፤

**Abida** *ab-be-da* (male)

አቢ.ዳዕ Abida'i / Abeeda'i

*Hebrew: Father of wisdom, the father knows.* Son of Midian and grandson of Abraham and Keturah, Abraham's second wife. His brothers were Ephah, Ephraim, Hanoah and Eldaah. **Variants:** *Abidah.*

[Genesis 25:4] ሐሪት ዘፍጥረት። ምዕራፍ 25።4፤

**Abidan** *ab-be-dan* (male)

አቢ.ዳገ Abidan / Abeedan

*Hebrew: The father will decide.* Other interpretations: *Father of judgment.* A chief of the tribe of Benjamin.

Son of Gideoni. [Numbers 1:11] ሐሪት ዘኵሉቶ።

ምዕራፍ 1።11፤

**Abiel** *ab-be-el* (modern male and female)

አቢ.ኤል Abiel / Abee'ael

*Hebrew: The father is God, God is the father.* Other interpretations: *Father of strength.* Son of Zeror.

Father of Kish and the grandfather of Saul and Abner. *Others with this name:* One of David's mighty warriors. **Variants:** *Abi-Albon.*

[1 Samuel 9:1] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 9።1፤

**Abiezer** *ab-be-ezer* (male)

አቢ.ዒ.ዘር Abiezir / Abee'aezir

*Hebrew: Father of help, the father is my help.* Eldest son of Gilead and a descendant of Joseph. His brothers were Helek, Asriel, Shechem, Hopher and Shemida. *Others with this name:* One of David's mighty warriors. **Variants:** *lezer, Jeezer, lezerrm.*

[Joshua 17:2] መጽሐፈ. ኢ.ያሱ ወልደ ነዌ። ምዕራፍ 17።2፤

**Abigail** *ab-be-gale* (female)

አቢ.ግያ Abigya / Abeegiya

*Hebrew: Spring of joy.* Wife of Nabel. She was wise and beautiful, but her husband Nabel was an ill-mannered drunkard. Abigail's discreet hospitality stopped the great warrior David from killing Nabel, who had insulted him. Nabel later died and David married Abigail. Her son by David was Kileab.

*Others with this name:* A sister or step-sister of David. This Abigail married Jether the Ishmaelite, and gave birth to Amasa. **Variants:** *Abagael, Abagail, Abbe, Abbey, Abbey, Abbye, Abigael, Gael, Gail, Gale, Gayel, Gayle.*

[1 Samuel 25:3] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 25።

**Abihail** *ab-be-hale* (modern male and female)

አቢ.ካኢል Abika'il / Abeeka'eel

*Hebrew: The father is strength, father of strength.* A clan chief. The father of Zuriel. *Others with this name:* (i) Wife of Abishur. Mother of Ahban and Molid. (ii) Son of Huri, a descendant of Gilead. (iii) Daughter of Eliab. She married King Rehoboam of Judah. (iv) Father of Esther.

[Numbers 3:35] ኦሪት ዘኅሉልቀ። ምዕራፍ 3።35፤

**Abijah** *ab-be-jar* (traditionally male and female)

**አቢያ** Abeeya / Abiya

*Hebrew: God is father, whose father is God.*

Seventh son of Beker and a grandson of Benjamin.

*Others with this name:* (i) Second son of Samuel, the great Hebrew prophet. He became a judge of Israel but proved unworthy of high office. (ii) A descendant of the first high priest Aaron, and an ancestor of John the Baptist. (iii) A son of King Jeroboam. He died in childhood, fulfilling a prophecy that claimed he would. (iv) Son of King Rehoboam. He succeeded to the throne of Jerusalem and attempted to unite the Twelve Tribes of Israel, as his great-grandfather David had done. Reigned for three years, and in the end became corrupted. (v) The mother of Hezekiah, a king of Judah. (vi) Two priests have this name in the Book of Nehemiah. **Variants:**

*Abi, Abijam.* [1 Chronicles 7:8] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።24፤

**Abiram** *ab-be-ram* (male)

**አቢሮገ** Abaeron / Aberon

*Hebrew: High father, the father is exalted, greatest.*

Son of Eliab the Reubenite. With Korah and Dathan, Abiram conspired against Moses. For this crime the earth swallowed him. *Others with this name:* Eldest son of Hiel the Bethelite, who rebuilt Jericho: "he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn."

[Numbers 16:1] ኦሪት ዘጉልቀ። ምዕራፍ 16።1፤

**Abishag**

**አቢሳገ** Abeesan / Abisan

*Hebrew: "My Father was a wonderer"*

[1 Kings 1:3] መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 1። 3፤

**Abishai** *ab-be-shay* (modern male and female)

አቢሳ Abisa / Abeesa

*Hebrew: Father of gifts, gift of the father.* The son of Zeruah, David's sister. He offered to kill Saul for David, saying, "*God hath delivered thine enemy into thine hand this day.*" He defeated the Edomites and rescued David from a fight with a Philistine giant.

**Variants:** *Abisha.* [1 Samuel 26:6] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 26።6፤

**Abishua** *ab-be-shoo-ar* (modern male and female)

አቢሱ Abeesu / Abisu

*Hebrew: Father of deliverance, salvation.* Other interpretations: *The father is noble.* Son of the priest Phinehas. *Others with the name:* Son of Bela.

[1 Chronicles 6:4] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ም.6።4፤

**Abital** *ab-be-tal* (female)

አቢጣል AbeeTal / Abital

*Hebrew: The father is dew, like the dew.* One of King David's wives. She was the mother of Shephatiah, the fifth son of David.

[2 Samuel 3:4] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካል ምዕራፍ 3። 4፤

**Abner** *ab-ner* (male)

አቡኔር Abenaer / Abener

*Hebrew: The father is a lamp, father of light.* A son of Ner. Nephew of Kish and cousin of Saul. He was chief commander of Saul's military forces. After Saul's demise, Abner wanted Ish-Bosheth, Saul's son, to assume the throne. But David also sought the kingship. Abner was defeated by David at the pool of Gibeon. Shortly after, he swung his support

behind David. Abner was killed by Joab, the chief commander of David's army. **Variants:** *Ab, Abbey, Abby, Abiner, Avner, Eb, Ebbey, Ebby, Ebner.*

[1 Samuel 14:50] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ም.14።50፤

**Abraham** *ab-ra-ham* (male)

**አብርሃም** Abirham / Abrham

*Hebrew: Father of many, father of a multitude, father of the cosmos.* Son of Terah and a descendant of Shem, eldest son of Noah. His original name was *Abram*, which in Hebrew meant *high father* or *exalted father*. This was changed by God, who said, "No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of many nations". Abraham's first wife was his half-sister Sarai, renamed Sarah by God. He had eight sons: Ishmael, his first born, to the Egyptian concubine Hagar; Isaac, his beloved second son and heir, to Sarah; and Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah, the sons of his latter years, to his second wife Keturah. Abraham had two brothers, Nahor and Haran. He died at the age of one hundred and seventy-five years and was buried next to Sarah. He is recognised widely as the father of the Jewish and Arabian nations. **Variants:** *Ab, Abe, Abi, Abrahan, Abram, Abramo, Abran, Avraham, Avram, Avrom, Bram, Ham, Ibrahim.*

[Abram - Genesis 11:27, Abraham - Genesis 17:5]

ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 17።5፤

**Abram** *ab-ram* (male)

**አብራም** Abiram see Abraham

[Abram - Genesis 11:27] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 11።27፤

[Abraham - Genesis 17:5] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 17።5፤

**Absalom** *ab-sal-lom* (male)

አቤሴሎም Abaesaelom / Abeselom

*Hebrew: Father of peace.* The tragic third son of King David. His mother was Maacah and his sister was Tamar. Absalom plotted to usurp his father, who met his forces in battle and defeated them. In seeking to escape, Absalom's head became caught in the branches of an oak tree, perhaps ensnared by his abundant hair. When Absalom had his yearly haircut, says the Bible, "*he weighed the hair of his head at two hundred shekels*" (about six pounds or 2.7 kilograms). He was killed by David's men as he hung in the tree, despite David's orders that he be taken unharmed. David's grieved deeply for his rebellious son. **Variants:** *Abishalom, Absolom.*

[1 Kings 15:2] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ፥ ምዕራፍ 15፥2፤

**Adah** *a-da* (female)

ዓዳ Ada / Adda

*Hebrew: Beauty, ornament.* First wife of Lamech, the other being Zillah. Ada (or Adah) had two sons, Jabal and Jubal. Hers is the second woman's name to appear in the Bible, after Eve. *Others with this name:* A wife of Esau and the daughter of Elon the Hittite. Esau also had a wife called Basemath, which may have been just another name for Ada. In any case, her son was Eliphaz. **Variants:** *Adah, Adena, Adina, Dena, Dina.*

[Genesis 4:19] አሪት ዘፍጥረት

ምዕራፍ 4፥19-23፤

**Adalia** *ada-li-ar* (modern male and female)

በርያ Beriya

*Hebrew: Fire-god.* One of the ten sons of Haman the Agagite killed by the Jews. His brothers were

Parshandatha, Dalphon, Aspatha, Poratha, Aridatha, Parmashta, Aridai, Arisai and Vaizatha.  
[Esther 9:8] መጽሐፈ ኢስቴር። ምዕራፍ 9።8፤

**Adam** *ad-dam* (male)

አዳም Adam / Addam

*Hebrew: Earth, red earth, taken from the red earth, or (in a general sense) man, humanity.* The first person created by God to live in the garden of Eden. His wife was Eve. The meaning of the name Adam is somewhat uncertain. In the Bible, the name is used in two different senses: firstly as the name of a person, and secondly, as a broad name for all mankind. Adam participated in the first sin when, following Eve's example, he ate the fruit of the tree that God had commanded them not to eat. For this, Adam and Eve were expelled from Eden and subjected to the curse of work, sorrow and death. Adam had three sons, Cain, Abel and Seth. He lived nine hundred and thirty years. **Variants:** *Ad, Adamo, Adamson, Adan, Adao, Addison, Addos, Adekin, Adom, Edom.* [Genesis 3:17] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ም.3።17፤

**Addi** *ad-di* (male)

ሐዲ Hadee / Hadi / Haddi

*Greek, from Hebrew: Adorned.* Other interpretations: *My witness.* An ancestor of Joseph, husband of Mary, the mother of Jesus Christ. **Variants:** *Addei.* [Luke 3:28] የሉቃስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 3።28፤

**Adiel** *ad-de-el* (modern male and female)

ዳዲኤል Adeeeael / Adee'ael / Adiel / Adee'El

*Hebrew: Ornament of God.* A descendant of

Simeon, the son of Jacob and Leah. *Others with this name:* (i) The priestly son of Jahzerah (ii) The father of Azmaveth, who rose to high office as King David's treasurer. [1 Chronicles 4:36] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።36፤

**Adin** *ad-deen* (male)

ዓዲገ Adeen / Addeen / Adin

*Hebrew: Delicate.* The head of an important family that returned to Jerusalem with Zerubbabel from captivity in Babylon. *Others with this name:* An unknown Adin whose sons returned from captivity with Ezra. [Ezra 2:15] መጽሐፈ. ዕዘራ። ምዕራፍ 2።15፤

**Adina** *ad-deen-ar* (modern male and female)

ዓዲና Adeena / Addeena

*Hebrew: Slender.* A captain in David's army. [1 Chronicles 11:42] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 11።42፤

**Adnah** *ad-nah* (male)

ዓድና Adina / Aadina

*Hebrew: Pleasure.* A captain in Saul's army who went over to David's side. *Others with this name:* A captain in Jehoshaphat's army. [1 Chronicles 12:20] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 12።20፤

**Adoni-bezek** *ad-don-ni* (male)

አድኒቤቅ Adoneebaezaek / Adonibezek / Adonibaezaek

*Hebrew: Lord.* King of Bezek, captured by the men

of Judah and Simeon after his defeat in battle. He suffered the grisly punishment of having his thumbs and big toes cut off. Adoni was a fan of this particular form of ritual humiliation and used it on his own enemies. His full name was Adoni-Bezek (*lord of lightning*). [Judges 1:5] መጽሐፈ. መሣፍንት ም.1።5፤

**Adonijah** *ad-don-nee-jar* (male)

አደገዖስ Adoniyas

*Hebrew: My lord is God.* Fourth son of King David. His mother was Haggith. As the elder sons Ammon, Kileab and Absalom were dead, Adonijah became heir apparent to the throne. But David selected Solomon as his successor. Adonijah sought to overthrow him. He was unsuccessful in this attempt, and forgiven for it. But Adonijah continued to press his claim. This time there was no clemency: Solomon had him executed. *Others with this name:* (i) A Levite teacher of the law. (ii) A tribal chief present at the sealing of the covenant. *Possible Variants: Adonikam.*

[2 Samuel 3:4] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ካል ምዕራፍ 3።4፤

**Adriel** *ad-re-el* (modern male and female)

አስድጊኤል Aesidireeael / Asidiriel / Aesidiree'Ael

*Hebrew: Flock of God, belonging to God.* Other interpretations: *God is my help.* Son of Barzillai and son-in-law of Saul. His wife was Merab. He was killed by the Gibeonites.

[1 Samuel 18:19] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ም.18።19፤

**Aeneas** *ar-nee-us* (male)

ኤገዖ Aeniya / Aenya / Eniya

*Hebrew: Deserving, laudable.* A paralysed man at Lydda healed by Peter.

[Acts 9:33] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 9፡33፤

**Ahab** *a-hab* (male)

አክዓብ Akiab / Ak'Ab / Akab

*Hebrew: Uncle.* Son of Omri. Seventh king of Israel; reigned for twenty-two years. His wife was Jezebel of Tyre who introduced the blasphemous worship of the god Baal and the goddess Ashtoreth to Israel. She also persecuted the true followers of the God of Moses and urged Ahab to greater evils. He did not need much urging, however, as he was naturally greedy. He was killed in battle by a random arrow. According to the Bible, "*the dogs licked up his blood, and the harlots washed themselves in it.*"

[1 Kings 16:29] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ም.16፡29፤

**Ahlai** *ar-lay* (traditionally male and female)

አሕላይ Ahilay / Ahlay

*Hebrew: Ornamental, beautiful.* Other interpretations: *O would that!* Father of Zabad, a soldier in David's army. *Others with this name:* Daughter of Sheshan and wife of Jarha, a slave freed by her father. Mother of Attai. [1

Chronicles 11:41] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 11፡41፤

**Akim** *ar-keem* (male)

አክም Akeem / Akim

*Greek, from Hebrew: God will establish.* Son of Sadoc. An ancestor of Jesus Christ. **Variants:**

*Achim.* [Matthew 1:14] የማቴዎስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 1፡14፤

**Alemeth** *al-le-meth* (modern male and female)

ዓሌሜት Alaemaet / Alemet

*Hebrew: Concealment, covering, veil.* Son of Beker and a grandson of Benjamin. *Others with this name:*

A descendant of Jonathan. **Variants:** *Alameth.*

[1 Chronicles 7:8] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 7።8፤

**Alexander** *al-lex-zan-der* (modern male and female)

አሌክሰንድሮስ Alaeksindiros / Aleksindiros

*Greek: Defender of men, man-defending.* Son of

Simon of Cyrene, the man chosen to help Jesus bear the Cross to Calvary. His brother was Rufus.

*Others with this name:* (i) Kin of Annas the high

priest. (ii) A Jewish convert in Ephesus who spoke to

the crowd. (iii) A false prophet rebuked by Paul. (iv)

A coppersmith who sought to harm Paul. **Variants:**

*Al, Alastair, Alec, Aleck, Alecksander, Aleksei,*

*Alessander, Alex, Alexis, Alistair, Allister, Sandy,*

*Sasha, Zander.* The female forms include *Alejandra,*

*Alessandra, Alexandra, Alexandria, Alexia, Alexis,*

*Elke, Sacha, Sandra, Sondra.*

[Mark 15:21] የጣርቆስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 15።21፤

**Almodad** *al-mo-dad* (male)

ኤልሞዳድ Aelimodad / Elimodad / Elimodad

*Hebrew: Beloved.* Other interpretations: *Infinite,*

*beyond measurement.* Eldest son of Joktan. His

brothers were Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah,

Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba,

Ophir, Havilah and Jobab. Founder of an Arab tribe.

**Variants:** *El-Mudad.* [Genesis 10:26] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት

ምዕራፍ 10።26፤

**Alvan** *al-van* (male)

ዓልዋን Aliwan / Alwan

*Hebrew: Tall.* A son of Shobal and a grandson of Seir the Horite. His brothers were Manahath, Ebal, Shepho and Onam. **Variants:** *Alian.*

[Genesis 36:23] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።23፤

**Amariah** *am-ma-ri-ar* (modern male and female)

አማርያ Amariya / Amarya / Ammarya

*Hebrew: God promises, declares.* Father of Ahitub.

An ancestor of the great priest, Ezra. *Others with this name:* (i) High priest of Jehoshaphat. (ii) A Levite of David's time. (iii) A Levite priest under Hezekiah. (iv) A priest with a foreign wife in the time of Ezra. (v) One of those present with Nehemiah at the sealing of the covenant. (vi) A priest under Zerubbabel. (vii) A son of Hezekiah and great-grandfather of Zephaniah the prophet.

[1 Chronicles 6:7] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 6።7፤

**Amasiah** *am-ma-si-ar* (modern male and female)

ዓማስያ Amasiya / Ammasiya

*Hebrew: Whom God bears.* Son of Zicri. He commanded two hundred thousand "mighty men of valour" as a captain under King Jehoshaphat.

[2 Chronicles 17:16] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ካልዕ።

ምዕራፍ 17።16፤

**Amaziah** *am-ma-zi-ar* (male)

አሜስያስ Amaesiyas / Amesiyas / Amesyas

*Hebrew: Strength of God, whom God strengthens.*

Eighth king of Judah, which he ruled for twenty-nine

years. Despite successes and victories, he fell into error by worshipping the idols of Edom. He was eventually defeated by Jehoash of Israel and assassinated by conspirators at Lachish. *Others with this name:* (i) Father of Joshah. (ii) One of Ethan's ancestors. (iii) A wicked priest of Bethel under Jeroboam II. [2 Kings 12:22] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 12።22፤

**Ammiel** *am-me-el* (modern male and female)  
ዓሚኤል Ameeael / Amiel / Amee'el / Amee'Ael  
*Hebrew: People of God, my kinsman is God.* One of the scouts commissioned Moses to "spy out the land of Canaan." *Others with this name:* (i) Father of Bathsheba, one of David's wives. (ii) Father of Machir. (iii) Son of Obed-Edom. A gatekeeper in the temple. [Numbers 13:12] ኦሪት ዘኲልቶ ምዕራፍ 13።12፤

**Amos** *aim-mos* (male)  
አሞጽ Amotz / Amos / Amots  
*Hebrew: Weighty, bearer of burdens, troubled.* A minor prophet. Amos reproved Israel for its spiritual impoverishment. He condemned the empty rituals and idolatry that had sprung up and exhorted the nation to reform. His words provoked the priests. Amaziah, a priest, accused him of treason against King Jeroboam. [Amos 1:1] ትገቢተ አሞጽ ምዕራፍ 1።1፤

**Amoz** *aim-moz* (male)  
አሞጽ Amotz / Amots / Amos  
*Hebrew: Strong.* Father of the prophet Isaiah. [2 Kings 19:2] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 19።2፤

**Amraphel** *am-raff-fel* (modern male and female)  
አምራፊል Amorafael / Amorafel / Amraphel  
*Hebrew: Keeper of gods.* The King of Shinar who, allied with Chedorlaomer, attacked the city of Sodom. [Genesis 14:1] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 14።1፤

**Amzi** *em-zee* (male)  
አማሲ Amasee / Amasi  
*Hebrew: Strong.* An ancestor of Ethan. *Others with this name:* A priestly ancestor of Adaiiah.  
[1 Chronicles 6:46] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 6።46፤

**Anah** *an-nar* (male)  
ዓና Ana / Anna  
*Hebrew: Answering.* A son of Seir the Horite. His brothers were Lotan, Shobal, Zibeon, Dishon, Ezer and Dishan. Timna was his sister and Oholibamah, his daughter. His son-in-law was Esau.  
[Genesis 36:2] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።2፤

**Ananiah** *an-na-ni-ar* (male)  
ሐናንያ Hananiya / Hananya  
*Hebrew: God is a protector, shielded by God.* A priestly assistant to Nehemiah. Father of Maaseiah.  
[Nehemiah 3:23] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 3።23፤

**Ananias** *an-na-ni-us* (male)  
ሐናንያ Hananiya / Hananya  
*Greek, from Hebrew: God has been gracious, whom God has given.* An early Christian convert of tepid conviction. He was scolded by Peter for his lack of

faith and fell dead on the spot. *Others with this name:* (i) A Jew at Damascus who helped the blinded Paul to regain his sight. (ii) A high priest of Jerusalem before whom Paul was tried.

[Acts 5:1] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 5፡1፤

**Andrew** *an-drew* (male)

አገድርያስ Indiriyas / Indryas

*Greek: Manly.* A disciple of Jesus Christ and a former disciple of John the Baptist. He was the son of Jonas of Bethsaida on the Sea of Galilee. His brother was Simon, later named Peter, the leader of the disciples. The brothers, both fisherman, were called by Jesus to follow him. Tradition says Andrew was martyred by crucifixion on an X-shaped cross. Today this symbol is known as the St. Andrew's cross. **Variants:** *Anders, Andonis, Andor, Andre, Andrea, Andreas, Andrei, Andres, Andreu, Andrey, Andros, Andvari, Bandi, Dandi, Drew.*

[Matthew 4:18] የማቴዎስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 4፡18፤

**Andronicus** *an-dron-nik-cus* (male)

አገዲራኒቶ Andeeraneeko / Andiraniko

*Greek: Man conqueror, victor over men.* A Christian friend of Paul who spent time in prison with him.

[Romans 16:7] ወደ ሮሜ ሰዎች ምዕራፍ 16፡7፤

**Anna** *an-na* (female)

ሐና Hana / Hanna

*Greek, from Hebrew: Gracious, grace.* Greek form of the Hebrew name *Hannah*. Anna was the daughter of Phanuel, an Asherite. She became a prophetess. As an old woman, she saw the infant Jesus Christ

and recognised Him at once as the long-awaited Messiah. **Variants:** *Anca, Ania, Anica, Anita, Anka, Anne, Annette, Anni, Annice, Anusia, Nan, Nance, Nancy, Nanette, Nanice, Nanita, Nanny, Nansi, Nita, Panni.* [Luke 2:36] የሉቃስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 2።36-38፤

**Apollos** *ap-poll-us* (male)

አጵሎስ APolos / Appolos

*Greek: Belonging to Apollo* (pagan Greek god of light, music and poetry). Influential Alexandrian Jew converted to Christianity. The Bible says he was "*an eloquent man, well versed in the scriptures... fervent in spirit.*" Possibly the author of *Letter to the Hebrews*. **Variants:** *Apollonius.*

[Acts 18:24] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 18።24፤

**Apphia** *af-fi-ar* (female)

አፍብያ Afibiya / Affibya

*Greek: Productive, bountiful.* A Christian woman of Colosse. She was perhaps the wife of Philemon and the mother of Archippus.

[Philemon 2] ወደ ፊልሞና ምዕራፍ 1።2፤

**Aquila** *ak-kwil-ar* (male)

አቂላ Akeela / Akkila

*Latin: Eagle.* The husband of Priscilla. Expelled from Rome, he moved to Corinth and became a tent-maker. Aquila and his wife were friends and assistants of Paul, who stayed in their home for a year and a half.

[Acts 18:2] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 18።2፤

**Ardon** *ar-don* (male)

**አርድን** Ardon

*Hebrew: Fugitive, elusive.* Other interpretations: *Bronze.* A son of Caleb by his wife Jerioth. His brothers were Jeshar and Shobab.

[1 Chronicles 2:18] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።18፤

**Areli** *ar-rel-li* (modern male and female)

**አርኢሊ** Arieli / Ari'Aelee / Arielee

*Hebrew: Heroic, brave.* A son of Gad. His descendants were the Arelites. His brothers were Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Eri and Arodi.

[Genesis 46:16] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።16፤

**Ariel** *ar-re-el* (modern male and female)

**አርኢል** Ariel / Ari'Ael / Ari'el

*Hebrew: Lion of God.* A leader of the returning captives from Babylon. **Variants:** *Arel, Ari, Ario, Ary, Arye, Aryll.* [Ezra 8:16] መጽሐፈ. ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 8።16፤

**Armoni** *ar-mon-ni* (male)

**ሂርሞን** Haermon / Hermon

*Hebrew: Of the palace.* A son of Saul by the concubine Rizpah. He was one of the party given up by David to the vengeful Gibeonites. **Variants:**

*Armoni.* [2 Samuel 21:8] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ካል ም.21።8፤

**Artemas** *art-tem-mas* (male)

**አርጢሞን** ArTeemon / Artimon

*Greek: Gift of Artemis* (pagan Greek goddess of hunting and the moon). An early Christian and a

friend of Paul. According to tradition he became the bishop of Lystra. [Titus 3:12] ወደ ቲቶ ምዕራፍ 3።12፤

**Artemis** *art-tem-mis* (female)

አርቴሚስ ArTaemis / Artemis

*Greek: Meaning unknown.* Pagan Greek goddess of the moon, animals and hunting. She was called Diana by the Romans. Her mythical father was Zeus, and her brother was Apollo. **Variants:** *Artema, Artemas.* [Acts 19:24] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 19።24፤

**Asa** *a-za* (male)

አሳ Asa / Assa

*Hebrew: Healer, physician.* Third king of Judah. His father was the wicked Abijah. His grandmother was Maacah, a blasphemer. Against all odds, Asa became a righteous king who corrected the iniquities of his forebears. He ruled for thirty-nine years.

*Others with this name:* A Levite returned from the Babylonian captivity. [1 Kings 15:9] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 15።9፤

**Asaph** *as-saff* (modern male and female)

አሳፍ Asaf / Asa[h

*Hebrew: Gatherer.* A talented Levite musician, poet and singer. Asaph was David's choirmaster and author of twelve Psalms.

*Others with this name:* (i) Father of Joah, chronicler of the reign of King Hezekiah. (ii) The official keeper of the forests under King Artaxerxes. [1 Chronicles 6:39] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 6።39፤

**Asarel** *az-sa-rel* (modern male and female)

አሣርኤል Asariel / Asari'ael / Asari'El

*Hebrew: Bound by oath.* Son of Jehalelel, a descendant of Judah.

[1 Chronicles 4:16] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 4።16፤

**Asarelah** *az-sar-rel-ar* (modern male and female)

አሸርኤላ Asheriela / Asheri'aela

*Hebrew: Virtuous.* A Levite singer under Asaph.

**Variants:** *Jesarelah, Jesharelah.*

[1 Chronicles 25:2] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 25።2፤

**Ascah** *az-kar* (female)

ዓክሳ Aksa / Akisa

*Hebrew: Anklet.* Daughter of Caleb and granddaughter of Hephunneh. She married her uncle Othniel. A bold woman for her time and culture. She told her husband to ask her father for some land.

This request was granted, but Acsah was still unsatisfied. She also wanted water rights over the land. Her husband was frightened to ask for more. So she asked Caleb herself, and he gave her the rights to both the upper and lower springs. **Variants:** *Acsa, Acsah.*

[Joshua 15:16] መጽሐፈ ኢያሱ ወልደ ነዌ ምዕራፍ 15።16፤

**Asenath** *azzi-nath* (female)

አስናት Asenat / Assenat

*Hebrew: Devotee of Neith* (Egyptian equivalent of Athena, the pagan Greek goddess of wisdom). This is a very old name, known to have existed in Egypt

as long as four thousand years ago. Asenath was the daughter of Potiphera, a priest. Pharoah married her to Joseph, by whom she had two sons, Manasseh and Ephraim. [Genesis 41:45] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 41።45፤

**Ashbea** *ash-be-ar* (male)

አሽቤዓ Ashibea / Ashibae'a

*Hebrew: I appeal.* Head of a family in Judah. A descendant of Shelah.

[1 Chronicles 4:21] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።21፤

**Asher** *ash-ah* (male)

አሴር Asaer / Asser

*Hebrew: Happiness, luck.* Son of Jacob by the concubine Zilpah, Leah's maid. He had a brother Gad, half-sister Dinah, and half-brothers Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Dan and Naphtali. He is one of the founders of the Twelve Tribes of Israel; in this case, the Asherites. **Variants:** Aser, Asser. [Genesis 30:13] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 30።13፤

**Ashtoreth**<sup>3</sup> *ash-toe-reth* (female)

አስታሮት Astarot

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<sup>3</sup> **Asherah** *ash-ah-ra* (female) መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 16።33፤

*Hebrew: Straight, continuous.* A pagan goddess associated with the delusive worship of Baal.

**Variants:** Ashtaroth. [1 Kings 16:33]

*Hebrew: Star.* A pagan goddess associated with the blasphemous worship of Baal. She was chief goddess of the Phoenicians. Known as *Ishtar* to the Assyrians, and *Astarte* to the Greeks and Romans. [Judges 2:13] መጽሐፈ. መሣፍንት ምዕራፍ 2፡13፤

**Asiel** *az-ze-el* (modern male and female)  
ዓሢኤል Asiel / Asee'ael / Asee'El  
*Hebrew: Created by God.* A Simeonite. Forefather of Jehu. [1 Chronicles 4:35] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4፡35፤

**Asriel** *az-ri-el* (male)  
አሥሪኤል Asiriel / Asiree'El / Asiree'l  
*Hebrew: Help of God.* Son of Gilead and a descendant of Joseph through Manasseh. His brothers were Abiezer, Helek, Shechem, Hephher and Shemida. *Others with this name:* A son of Manasseh by his concubine. [Numbers 26:31] ኦሪት ዘኅ-ልቀ ምዕራፍ 26፡31፤

**Atarah** *at-tar-ra* (female)  
ዓጣራ ATara / Attara  
*Hebrew: Crown.* Mother of Onam. Her husband was Jerahmeel. [1 Chronicles 2:26] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2፡26፤

**Athaliah** *ar-thal-le-ar* (female)  
ጎቶልያ Gotoliya / Gotolya  
*Hebrew: Afflicted, punished by God.* A daughter of royalty. Her father was King Ahab and her grandfather was King Omri. She married King

Jehoram of Judah. Her mother was the wicked Jezebel. Like her, Athaliah was drawn to the blasphemous worship of Baal. After the death of Ahaziah, her son, she ruled for six years. To hold power she killed her own grandsons, preventing possible rival claims. But one of them, Joash, escaped. He was installed as king and Athaliah was slain by her own guards. *Others with this name:* (i) A son of Jeroham. (ii) Father of Jeshiah.

[2 Kings 8:26] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 8።26፤

**Augustus** *or-gust-tus* (male)

አውግስቶስ AwgisTos / Awigistos

*Latin: Venerable, majestic.* More a title than a name. Augustus Caesar was emperor of Rome when Jesus Christ was born in the province of Judea. His personal name was Caius Julius Caesar Octavianus, or Octavian for short. His grand-uncle was the famous Julius Caesar. The name (or title) appears just once in the Bible. [Luke 2:1] የሉቃስ ወንጌል ምዕራፍ 2።1፤

**Azaliah** *az-zar-lee-ar* (modern male and female)

አዜልያስ Azaelias / Azelyas / Azaliyas

*Hebrew: God has provided.* Other interpretations: *Near to God, God has made his goodness known.* Son of Meshullam. Father of Shaphan, a scribe under King Josiah. [2 Kings 22:3] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 22።3፤

**Azaniah** *az-zan-ni-ar* (male)

አዛንያ Azaniya / Azanya

*Hebrew: God has provided, set aside.* Other

interpretations: *God has heard*. Father of Jeshua, a Levite who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. [Nehemiah 10:9] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 10።9፤

**Azarael** *az-zar-rail* (modern male and female)

አዝርኤል Aziriel / Azri'El / Aezri'ael

*Hebrew: Whom God helps, God is my help.* A Levite musician in the procession at the dedication of Jerusalem's walls. **Variants:** *Azarel*.

[Nehemiah 12:36] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 12።36፤

**Azareel** *az-za-reel* (modern male and female)

አዝርኤል Azariel / Azarael / Azzarel

*Hebrew: Whom God helps, God is my help.* A warrior who joined forces with David at Ziklag. *Others with this name:* (i) A temple musician in David's time. (ii) A prince of the Danites who served under David as a captain of the army. (iii) A son of Bani who divorced his foreign wife. (iv) A priest who lived in Jerusalem. **Variants:** *Azarel*. [1 Chronicles 12:6] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 12።6፤

**Azaria** *az-zar-ree-ar* (modern male and female)

ዓዝርያስ Azariyas / Azaryas / Azzaryas

*Hebrew: God helps, whom God helps.* A very popular name in the Bible. The first was the son of Zadok, Solomon's high priest. *Others with this name:* (i) An officer at the court of King Solomon. Son of Nathan. (ii) Tenth king of Judah - see *Uzziah*. (iii) A son of Ethan the Wise. (iv) A son of Jehu with Egyptian ancestry. (v) The son of Jonanan. A high priest under Abijah and Asa. (vi) A high priest, the son of Hilkiah. (vii) An ancestor of Samuel. (viii) A

son of Obed who became a prophet in the reign of Asa. (ix) Two sons of King Jehoshaphat with the same name, one also called *Azariah*. (x) Ahaziah, who appears to have been known as Azariah also (just to confuse matters!) (xi) A son of Jehoram who helped overthrow the wicked queen Athaliah. (xii) A high priest under Uzziah who resisted his efforts to assume the holy functions of the priests. (xiii) Son of Johanan. A tribal prince. (xiv) Two obscure Levites. (xv) A chief priest under King Hezekiah. (xvi) A Levite assistant to Ezra. (xvii) Chief of a returned family. (xviii) Son of Maaseiah. He helped rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. (xix) A priest who, with Nehemiah signed the covenant. (xx) An opponent of Jeremiah. (xxi) A captive taken to Babylon. His name was changed later to Abednego. (xxii) A prince of Judah. **Variants:** *Azariah, Azariah, Azriel, Ozias, Uzziah*. [1 Kings 4:2] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።2፤

**Azaziah** *az-za-zee-ar* (modern male and female)  
 ዓዛዝያ Azazyā / Azaziya / Azzaziya  
*Hebrew: Whom God strengthens.* A Levite harp player under King David. *Others with this name:* (i) Father of Hoshea, a tribal prince. (ii) A Levite temple custodian under King Hezekiah. [1 Chronicles 15:21] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 15።21፤

**Azel** *az-zel* (modern male and female)  
 ኤሴል Asael / Asel / Assael  
*Hebrew: Distinguished, noble.* A descendant of Saul through his son Jonathan. [1 Chronicles 8:37] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።37፤

**Aziel** az-zeel (male)

ዓዝዒል Aziel / Aziael / Azzi'El

*Hebrew: God is my strength. Other interpretations: Whom God comforts. A Levite harp player.*

**Variants:** Jaaziel, Jehiel. [1 Chronicles 15:20] መጽሐፈ.

ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 15።20፤

**Azriel** az-ree-el (modern male and female)

ዓዝርኤል Aziriel / Azriael / Aziri'El

*Hebrew: God is my help, help of God. A chief of the Manasseh tribe. Others with this name: (i) A Naphtalite tribesman. (ii) The father of Seraiah.*

**Variants:** Azaria. [1 Chronicles 5:24] መጽሐፈ. ዜና

መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 5።24፤

**Azzan** az-zan (male)

ሐዛ Hoza / Hozza

*Hebrew: Very strong, most powerful. A chief among the Issachar in the time of Moses. His son was*

*Paltiel. [Numbers 34:26] ኦሪት ዘኩልቀ ምዕራፍ 34።26፤*

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**Barakel** *bara-kel* (male)

ባርክኤል Barikel / Barikael

*Hebrew: God blesses, blessed of God. The father of Elihu, a friend of Job. **Variants:** Barachel. [Job 32:2] መጽሐፈ. ኢ.ዮ.ብ። ምዕራፍ 32።2፤*

**Bariah** *bar-ri-ar* (male)

ባርያሕ Bariyah / Baryah

*Hebrew: Fugitive. One of the sons of Shemaiah. A descendant of David and Solomon. His brothers were Hattush, Neariah and Shaphat. [1 Chronicles 3:22] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።22፤*

**Barnabas** *barn-ar-bus* (male)

ቦርናባስ Barnabas

*Greek, from Aramaic: Son of comfort, son of persuasion. An early Christian convert from Cyprus who sold his property to assist the work of the church at Jerusalem. He is described as "a good man and full of the Holy Spirit and faith." Acts 14 calls him an apostle. Some say he wrote the New Testament's *Letter to the Hebrews*. He travelled with Paul, who regarded him as an exemplary Christian. **Variants:** Barnaba, Barnabe, Barnaby, Barney, Burnaby. [Acts 4:36] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 4።36፤*

**Bartholomew** *bar-thol-lo-mew* (male)

ቦርተሎሜዎስ Bertelomewos / Bertelomaewos

*Greek, from Aramaic: Son of Tolmai, son of Talmai. One of the twelve disciples of Jesus Christ. Very little is known of him. Bartholomew may have been the surname or alternative name of *Nathaneal*.*

Tradition says he preached the news of Christ in India and later in Armenia, where he was martyred.

**Variants:** *Bardo, Bart, Bartel, Bartleot, Bartholomaeus, Bartholomieu, Bartle, Bartlemay, Bartlett, Bartley, Bartold, Bartolome, Barton, Bate, Batly, Bertel, Mewes, Tolly, Tolomey.*

[Matthew 10:3] የጳውሎስ ወገን ስም 10።3፤

**Bartimaeus** *bart-tim-may-us* (male)

ቤርጤማዊስ BerTaemaewos / Bertemewos

*Greek: Son of Timaeus.* A blind man healed by Jesus Christ near Jericho. [Mark 10:46]

የጳውሎስ ወገን ስም 10።46፤

**Barush** *bar-roosh* (male)

ባርሁ Barok / Barrok

*Hebrew: Blessed.* Son of Zabbai and an assistant to Nehemiah in the reconstruction of Jerusalem. *Others with this name:* (i) A priest who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. (ii) Son of Colhozeh and a descendant of Perez. (iii) Son of Neriah. Friend and faithful secretary of the prophet Jeremiah. A controversial figure, admired and feared. The *Book of Baruch* and other works are attributed to him.

**Variants:** *Baruch.* [Nehemiah 3:20] መጽሐፈ ነህምያ። ስም 3።20፤

**Basemath** *baz-zee-math* (female)

ቤሴምት Baesaemot / Besemot

*Hebrew: Pleasing, fragrant.* Daughter of Elon the Hittite. A wife of Esau. She was also known as *Adah*. *Others with this name:* (i) Yet another wife of Esau. This one was the daughter of Ishmael and a sister to Nebaioth. (ii) A daughter of Solomon. Her

husband was the tax collector Ahimaaz. **Variants:** *Bashemath*. [Genesis 26:34] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ም.26።34፤

**Bathsheba**<sup>4</sup> *bath-she-ba* (as in *math*) (female)

ቤርሳቤ Baersabaeh / Bersabeh

*Hebrew: Daughter of Sheba.* Other interpretations: *Daughter of the oath, excess of pleasure, seventh daughter.* The origins of this name are much disputed. A daughter of Eliam who married Uriah the Hittite. While Uriah was away at war, David forced Bathsheba to sleep with him. Even more shameful, he had Uriah killed so he could marry her. Together they had four sons: Shammua, Shobab, Nathan, and Solomon, who succeeded to the throne. Bathsheba was famed for her beauty and intelligence. **Variants:** *Barsabe, Bathshua, Batsheva, Sheba, Sheva.*

[2 Samuel 11:3] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካል ምዕራፍ 11።3፤

**Bebai** *be-bay* (modern male and female)

ቤባይ Baebay / Bebay

*Hebrew: Fatherly.* Head of a family returned from captivity in Babylon. *Others with this name:* The father of Zechariah. [Ezra 2:11] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ።

ምዕራፍ 2።11፤

**Bedeiah** *be-di-ar* (male)

ቤድያ Baediya / Bediya / Bedyā

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<sup>4</sup> **Bathshua** *bath-shoo-ar* (as in *math*) (female)

ቤዋ Saewa / Sêwâ ቤርሳቤ Baersabaeh / Bersabeh

*Hebrew: Daughter of wealth.* Daughter of Shua and the wife of Judah. She bore three sons, Er, Onan and Shelah. **Variants:** *Bathsheba, Shua.*

[1 Chronicles 2:3] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ም.2።3፤

*Hebrew: Servant of God. A son of Bani.*  
[Ezra 10:35] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።35፤

**Beker** *bek-er* (male)

ቤኪር Baekaer / Beker

*Hebrew: First born.* Other interpretations: *Young camel.* Second son of Benjamin. His sons were Zemirah, Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth and Alemeth. *Others with this name:* A son of Ephraim. **Variants:** *Becher, Bered.*  
[Genesis 46:21] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።21፤

**Ben** *ben* (male)

ቤን Baen / Ben

*Hebrew: Son.* A Levite musician in the time of David. The word *ben* is also used to show family descent, e.g., Ben-Hur means *son of Hur*. [1 Chronicles 15:18] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 15።18፤

**Benaiah** *ben-nay-ar* (male)

ቤናያ Benaya / Bennaya

*Hebrew: God has raised, built up.* Other interpretations: *Son of the Lord.* A Levite musician in the time of David. *Others with this name:* (i) Son of Jehoiada. Captain of David's elite bodyguard. He also served Solomon as general of the army. (ii) One of David's mighty warriors. (iii) A Simeonite prince. (iv) Several obscure Levites and priests. (v) One of the temple overseers in the days of King Hezekiah. (vi) Father of Pelatiah. (vii) Four captives returned from Babylon. [1 Chronicles 27:5] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 27።5፤

**Benjamin** *ben-ja-min* (male)

ብንያም Binyam / Binyam / Benyam / Beniam / Biniam  
*Hebrew: Son of my right hand.* The meaning of the name suggests power and special blessings. The youngest son of Jacob and Rachel, and a grandson of Isaac. Rachel, who died during his delivery, named him Benoni, "*son of my sorrow*". This was later changed by Jacob to Benjamin. His brother was Joseph, who rose to high office in Egypt. His ten half-brothers were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Gad, Asher, Dan and Naphtali. He also had a half-sister, Dinah. Benjamin was one of the founders of the Twelve Tribes; in his case, the Benjamites. Members of this tribe included King Saul and Paul the apostle. *Others with this name:* (i) A great-grandson of the first Benjamin. (ii) One who married a foreign wife in the days of Ezra. **Variants:** *Bannerjee, Ben, Benji, Benmajee, Benny, Berihert.* [Genesis 35:18] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 35፡18፤

**Bera** *bear-ra* (male)

ባላ Bala  
*Hebrew: Gift?* King of Sodom, a city destroyed by God because of its wickedness. Some scholars say that the original meaning of the name was *son of evil*, which is a lot less jolly than *gift*. [Genesis 14:2] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 14፡2፤

**Beraiah** *bear-ray-ar* (modern male and female)

ብራያ Beraya / Berraya  
*Hebrew: Made by God.* A son of Shimei. His brothers were Jakim, Zichri, Zabdi, Elienai, Eliel, Zilethai, Adaiah and Shimrath. [1 Chronicles 8:21] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8፡21፤

**Berekiah** *bear-ree-ki-ar* (male)

በራክያ Berakiya / Berakya

*Hebrew: God blesses, blessed of God.* A son of Zerubbabel. His brothers were Hananiah, Meshullam, Hashubah, Ohel, Hasadiah and Jushabhesed; his sister was Shelomith. *Others with this name:* (i) Father of the musician Asaph. (ii) A Levite of Jerusalem. (iii) A door-keeper, or guardian, of the ark. (iv) A son of Meshillemoth. (v) Father of the architect Meshullam. (vi) Father of the prophet Zechariah. **Variants:** *Berakiah, Berechiah, Berachaiah.* [1 Chronicles 3:20] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።20፤

**Beri** *bear-ree* (modern male and female)

ቤሪ Baeree / Beree

*Hebrew: Wisdom.* Other interpretations: *Well.* An Asherite. [1 Chronicles 7:36] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።36፤

**Bernice** *bur-neice* (female)

በርኒቄ Berneekae / Bernike

*Greek: Bringing victory, victorious.* Eldest daughter of Herod Agrippa. She married her uncle and had an incestuous liaison with her brother Agrippa. Later she was briefly wed to Ptolemy of Sicily and also had affairs with the Roman emperors Vespasian and Titus. **Variants:** *Barrie, Bernelle, Berenice, Bernita, Bunni, Nicia, Nixie, Pherenice, Vernice.* [Acts 25:13] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 25።13

**Bethuel** *beth-u-el (modern male and female)*

ባቱኤል Batuel / Batuael / Batu'El

*Hebrew: Child of God. Other interpretations: Abode of God. A son of Nahor by Milcah. His brothers were Uz, Buz, Kemuel, Chesed, Hazo, Pildash and Jidlaph. His children were Rebekah, the wife of Isaac and mother of Jacob and Esau, and Laban, the father-in-law of Jacob. He also had three half-brothers, Tebah, Gaham and Tahash, and a half-sister, Maacah, the offspring of Nahor's concubine, Reumah. Variants: Bethul. [Genesis 22:22] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 22።22፤*

**Bezai** *bez-zay (male)*

ቤሳይ Baesay / Besay / Bessay

*Hebrew: Conqueror. The head of a family returned from captivity in Babylon. Others with this name: Another member of the same returned family, perhaps a century later.*

[Ezra 2:17] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።17፤

**Bilhah** *bil-ha (female)*

ባላ Bala

*Hebrew: Timid, modest. Other interpretations: Silly, weak. A maid given by Laban to his daughter Rachel, the second wife of Jacob. When Rachel remained childless, she gave Bilhah as a concubine to Jacob. She bore him two sons: Dan and Naphtali, both the founders of tribes. Variants: Baila.*

[Genesis 29:29] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 29።29፤

**Bilshan** *bil-shan (modern male and female)*

ቦላሻን Balasan

*Hebrew: Eloquent, well-spoken. A captive returned from Babylon.*

[Ezra 2:2] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።2፤

**Binea** *bin-nee-ar (modern male and female)*

ቢንኳ Beenia / Beeni'A / Binea

*Hebrew: Fountain, spring. A descendant of King*

*Saul. [1 Chronicles 8:37] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል*

*ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።37፤*

**Bithiah** *bi-thi-ya (female)*

ቢትያ Beetiya / Bitiya / Bitya *Hebrew: Daughter of*

*Yahweh. [1 Chronicles 4:18] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል*

*ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።18፤*

**Boaz** *bo-az (male)*

ቦኳዝ Bo'aez / Boaz

*Hebrew: Beautiful. Other interpretations: Quick, strong. A wealthy man of Bethlehem. He married the widowed Ruth.*

[Ruth 2:1] መጽሐፈ ኅት ምዕራፍ 2።1፤

**Bohan** *bo-han (male)*

ቦህን Bohan

*Hebrew: Thumb. A descendant of Reuben. His name was given to a stone that marked the tribal boundary of Judah and Benjamin. [Joshua 15:6]*

*መጽሐፈ ኢያሱ ወልደ ነዌ ምዕራፍ 15።6፤*

**Bukkiah** *buk-ki-ar (male)*

ቡቅያ Bukiya / Bkkiya / Buqiya

*Hebrew: Wasting. A son of Heman. He served under his father as a temple musician. His brothers were*

*Mattaniah, Uzziel, Shebuel, Jerimoth, Hananiah,  
Hanani, Eliathah, Giddalti, Romamtiezer,  
Joshbekashah, Mallothi, Hothir and Mahazioth.*

[1 Chronicles 25:4] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ጥዕራፍ 25።4፤

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**Caesar** see-sar (male)

ቁሣር Kaesar / Qaesar

*Latin: Hairy. Other interpretations: Elephant, dark, beautiful. Surname of the Roman general, Caius Julius Caesar and of the first emperor, Augustus Caesar. It was adopted by later rulers as an imperial title. [Matthew 22:17] የጣቴዎስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 22፡17፤*

**Cain** kane (male)

ቃየገ Kayen / Qayen

*Hebrew: Possession. Eldest son of Adam and Eve, the first human parents. Cain was a tiller of the earth. He became jealous of his brother Abel and killed him, the first murder in human history. When God asked Cain where Abel was, he answered with the infamous words, "am I my brother's keeper?" When his crime was discovered he fled to the Land of Nod. [Genesis 4:1] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 4፡1፤*

**Caleb** kay-leb (male)

ካሌብ Kalaeb / Kaleb

*Hebrew: Bold, brave. Other interpretations: Able, triumphant. Son of Jephunneh. One of the spies sent out by Moses to survey the land of Canaan. Only he and Joshua returned with reports favourable to settlement. He was given land near Hebron. His daughter was Acsah. Others with this name: A son of Hezron. His brothers were Jerahmeel and Ram. **Variants:** Cal, Cale, Chelubai. [Numbers 13:6] ኦሪት ዘጉሉልቶ ምዕራፍ 13፡6፤*

**Canaan** *kay-nun (male)*

ክነንን Kenean / Kene'An

*Hebrew: Lowland, plain. Other interpretations: Purple. Son of Ham and a grandson of Noah. He was cursed by Noah, upset because Ham had seen him lying drunk and naked in a tent (just what this offence had to do with the hapless Canaan is not clear). He founded the Canaanite nation. Their lands lay along the shore of the Mediterranean Sea. His sons were Sidon and Heth. Variants: Chanaan.*

[Genesis 9:18] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 9፡18፤

**Candace** *kan-dase (female)*

ህንደኬ Hindekae / Hendeke

*Greek: Queen of servants. A queen of Ethiopia. Candace may have been more a royal title than a name, such as the title Pharaoh. She is mentioned in the Acts of the Apostles because her treasurer, an unnamed eunuch, was an early Christian convert.*

**Variants:** Candance, Candase, Candida, Candide, Candis, Candra, Candy. [Acts 8:27] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 8፡27፤

**Carmi** *kar-my (modern male and female)*

ክርሜ Kermee / Kerimee / Kermi

*Hebrew: Vine dresser. Son of Reuben. Founder of the Carmites. His brothers were Hezron, Pallu and Hanoch. Others with this name: Father of Achan.*

*Great-grandson of Judah. [Genesis 46:9] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46፡9፤*

**Carshena** *kar-sheen-nar (modern male and female)*

አርቁስኖስ Arkaesiyos / Arkesiyos

*Hebrew: Distinguished. One of the seven wise princes of Persia and Media who advised King Ahasuerus. [Esther 1:14] መጽሐፈ ኦስቲር። ምዕራፍ 1።14፤*

**Cephas** *see-fus (male)*

ኬፋ. Kaefa / Kefa

*Greek, from Aramaic: Rock, stone. Name given to Peter by Jesus. [John 1:42] የዮሐንስ ወንጌል ምዕራፍ 1።43፤*

**Chloe** *klo-e (female)*

ቅሎዲ. Keloae / Kelo'ae [or, Qeloê]

*Greek: Green plants, growing. A Christian woman of Corinth. She advised Paul of disputes within the local church. Also the name of the pagan Greek goddess of budding plants and crops; hence the meaning of the name. [1 Corinthians 1:11] 1ኛ ወደ ቆሮንቶስ ሰዎች ምዕራፍ 1።11፤*

**Claudia** *clau-dee-ar (female)*

ቅላውዲያ. Kilawdeeya / Kilawdiya / Klawdeeya /

Klawdiya [or, Q'lawdiya – various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Latin: Lame, limping. A Christian woman of Rome who joined with Paul in sending greetings to Timothy. The name is the female form of Claudius.*

**Variants:** *Claudella, Claudette, Claudina, Claudine, Clodia, Gladys. [2 Timothy 4:21] 2ኛ ወደ ጢሞቴዎስ ምዕራፍ 4።21፤*

**Claudius** *clau-dee-us (male)*

ቅላውዲዎስ. Kelawdaewis / Klawdaewos / Kelawdewos

[or better, Qelawdêwos– various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Latin: Lame, limping. Claudius Caesar, the fourth emperor of Rome. He reigned with unanticipated talent from A.D. 45 to 54. He was physically lame; hence his name. Others with this name: A captain of the Roman garrison in Jerusalem, Claudius Lysias, who rescued Paul from a mob of angry Jews.*

[Acts 18:2] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 18።2፤

**Clement** *clem-ment (modern male and female)*

ቀሌምንጦስ KelaeminTos / Klaemintos / Kelemintos [or better, Qelêmint'os – various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Latin: Mild, merciful, kind. A Christian who worked with Paul. Some believe that in A.D. 88 he was appointed as the fourth Bishop of Rome, or Pope. He is remembered by Catholics as St Clement I. Thirteen papal successors adopted his name. He may have written the Epistle to the Corinthians.*

**Variants:** Clem, Clemens, Clemon. Female forms include Clemence, Clementia, Clementine.

[Philippians 4:3] ወደ ፊልጵስዮስ ሰዎች ምዕራፍ 4።3፤

**Cleopas** *klee-o-pas (male)* ቀለዮጳ KeleyoPa / KleyoPa [or better, Qeloyop'a]

*Greek: Distinguished, renowned father. One of two disciples to whom the resurrected Jesus Christ appeared on the road between the towns of Jerusalem and Emmaus. Nothing more is known of him. [Luke 24:18] የሉቃስ ወንጌል ምዕራፍ 24።18፤*

**Conaniah** *con-nan-ni-ar (male)*

ኮናንያ Konanya

*Hebrew: God has founded, made by God. A Levite temple official under Hezekiah. Others with this name: A Levite in Josiah's time. [2 Chronicles 35:9]*

መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 35።9፤

**Cornelius** *cor-neel-le-us (modern male and female)*

ቆርኔሌዎስ Kerinaelaewos / Kernelewos [or better, Qornêlêwos – various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Greek: Of a horn. A Roman centurion of Caesarea who, with his household, became the first Christian converts among the Gentiles. Variants: Cornell, Cory, Neil. Female forms include Cornela, Cornelia,*

*Nell, Nellie. [Acts 10:1] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 10።1፤*

**Cosam** *coz-zam (male)*

ቆሳም Kosam / Kossam [or better, Qosam]

*Hebrew: Diviner, seer. An ancestor of Jesus Christ.*

*[Luke 3:28] የሉቃስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 3።28፤*

**Cush** *kush (as in bush) (male)*

ኩሽ Kush

*Hebrew: Black. Son of Ham and grandson of Noah. Cush had six sons: Seba, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah, Sabteca and Nimrod. His brothers were Egypt, Put and Canaan. Cush was also the name for the country of Ham's descendants, identified in some Bibles as Ethiopia. [Genesis 10:6]*

*ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።6፤*

**Cushi** *kush-shy (as in bushy) (modern male and female)* ኩሱ, Kwusee / Kweese / Kwesi  
*Hebrew: Ethiopian. A messenger sent by Joab to tell David that the rebel Absalom was defeated. Others with this name: (i) An ancestor of Jehudi. (ii) Father of Zephaniah the prophet. [2 Samuel 18:21] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካል ምዕራፍ 18፡21፤*

**Cyrenius** *sigh-ren-nee-us (male)*  
ቄራኔዎስ Kaeraenaewos / Kerenewos [or better, Qêrênêwos – *various transliterations may apply to this name.*]  
*Greek: Of Cyrene. Roman governor of Syria when Jesus Christ was born. **Variants:** Quirinius. [Luke 2:2] የሉቃስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 2፡2፤*

**Cyrus** *sigh-rus (male)*  
ቄሮስ Keeros / Kiros [or better, Qiros – *various transliterations may apply to this name.*]  
*Hebrew: Sun. Other interpretations: Throne. Son of Cambyses. Called Cyrus the Great, he founded the Persian Empire. In 539 B.C. he captured Babylon and liberated the captive Jews, encouraging them to return to their own land. The prophet Daniel was one of his advisers. **Variants:** Cy. [2 Chronicles 36:22] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 36፡22፤*

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**Dalphon** *dal-fon (modern male and female)*

ደልፎን Delfon

*Hebrew: Swift. One of the ten sons of Haman the Agagite killed by the Jews. His brothers were Parshandatha, Aspatha, Poratha, Adalia, Aridatha, Parmashta, Aridai, Arisai and Vaizatha.*

[Esther 9:8] መጽሐፈ. አሰቴር። ምዕራፍ. 9።8፤

**Dan** *dan (male)*

ዳን Dan

*Hebrew: He judges. Son of Jacob by the concubine Bilhah, Rachel's maid. Rachel chose this name because, "God has judged me, and has also heard my voice and given me a son." Dan had a brother Naphtali, a half-sister, Dinah, and half-brothers, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Gad and Asher. He was one of the founders of the Twelve Tribes of Israel; namely, the Danites. Their territory was called Dan.*

[Genesis 30:6] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 30።6፤

**Daniel** *dan-yel (modern male and female)*

ዳንኤል Danael / Dan'El / Daniel

*Hebrew: Judge, judgment of God, God is my judge. The second son of King David. Others with this name: (i) A priest who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. Son of Ithamar. (ii) Fourth of the Bible's great prophets. Taken captive to Babylon by King Nebuchadnezzar, Daniel was given the pagan name of Belteshazzar. He rose to high office in Babylon, but never abandoned the faith of Israel. Even when cast into a pit of lions, his resolute trust in God*

preserved him. He made important prophecies, some of which impressively resembled later historical events. Daniel may have written the Old Testament book that bears his name, but many scholars have dated the work at much later than his lifetime. He died in his eighties. **Variants:** Dan, Dani, Daniel, Danil, Danson, Danny, Dannel. Female forms include Dana, Danella, Danelle, Danice, Danielle, Danya. [1 Chronicles 3:1] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።1፤

**Dara** dar-ra (modern male and female)

ደራል Deral / Derral

Hebrew: Pearl of wisdom. Descendant of Mahol and a son of Zerah. Famed as a wise man. His brothers were Zimri, Ethan, Heman and Calcol. **Variants:** Darda. [1 Kings 4:31] መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።31፤

**Darius** dar-ee-us (male)

ዳርዮስ Dariyos / Dareyos

Persian: King. The name or title of several Persian rulers. Three are mentioned in the Bible: (i) The greatest of the Persian kings, Darius Hytaspes. He allowed the Jews to rebuild Jerusalem and its temple. (ii) The last king of the Persian Empire, Darius the Persian. Defeated by Alexander the Great in 330 B.C. (iii) Darius the Mede. Took Babylon from Nebuchadnezzar. May be the same person as Cyrus. [Ezra 4:5] መጽሐፈ. ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 4።5፤

**Dathan** day-thun (male)

ዳታን Datan

Hebrew: Of a spring. Son of Eliab the Reubenite.

*With his brothers Korah and Abiram, he conspired against Moses, for which the earth swallowed him up. [Numbers 16:1] አረት ዘኑልቱ ምዕራፍ 16፡1፤*

**David** *day-vid (male)*

ዳዊት Daweet / Dawit

*Hebrew: Beloved of God. Other interpretations: Chief, ruler. Youngest son of Jesse and a great-grandson of Boaz. He was a glorious warrior and Israel's greatest king. As a mere boy armed with a slingshot, he killed the terrible giant Goliath. He was also a musician and poet, and wrote many beautiful Psalms. The prophet Samuel predicted his rise to the kingship. He overcame various opponents, including the insanely jealous King Saul, the hostile Philistine nation, and the rebellious Absalom, his third son. David welded the tribes of Israel into a single kingdom and ruled it for thirty-three years. Solomon, a son, succeeded him on the throne. The Davidic dynasty endured for over four centuries. Other sons of David were Amnon, Daniel, Adonijah, Shephatiah, Ithream, Shimea, Shobab, Nathan, Ibhaz, Elishama, Eliphelet, Nogah, Nepheg, Japhia, Elishama (a second), Eliada, Eliphelet (a second). A daughter, Tamar, is named also. His wives were Ahinoam, Abigail, Maacah, Haggith, Abital, Eglah and Bathsheba. David is named in the New Testament as an ancestor of Jesus Christ. **Variants:** Dab, Dabney, Dafyd, Dai, Dakin, Daud, Dave, Davi, Davin, Davis, Davyd, Dawe, Dawes, Dawood, Dawson, Deakin, Devi, Devlin, Dewer, Dewey, Dow, Tab, Taffy. [1 Samuel 16:13] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 16፡13፤*

**Deborah** *deb-bor-ra (female)*

ዲቦራ Deebora / Dibora

*Hebrew: Bee. Other interpretations: To speak well. The beloved wet nurse of Rebekah. She was buried under a tree called the "oak of weeping". Others with this name: The great prophetess and judge of Israel. Her husband was Lapidoth. She was widely admired for her wisdom. With Barak, she planned the divinely-assisted defeat of the Canaanites at Mount Tabor. She and Barak sang a victory song, preserved as the Song of Deborah in the Book of Judges. She has been called the greatest of Israel's judges and Gideon's peer. **Variants:** Deb, Debbie, Debera, Debi, Debir, Debora, Debra, Deva, Devera, Devora, Devra, Dvora, Dvera. [Genesis 35:8] ስራት ዘፍጥረት 35፡8፤*

**Dedan** *dee-dan (modern male and female)*

ድዳን Didan / Dedan

*Hebrew: Low. Son of Raamah, grandson of Cush and great-great-grandson of Noah through Ham. Dedan's brother was Sheba, and his uncle was the mighty Nimrod. The descendants of Dedan, known as the Dedanites, became an important Arabian nation. Others with this name: Son of Jokshan and grandson of Abraham. [Genesis 10:7] ስራት ዘፍጥረት 10፡7፤*

**Delilah** *del-lie-lar (female)* ደሊላ Deleela / Delila

*Hebrew: Dainty, delicate. Other interpretations: Desire, leader, poor, hair. The origins of this name are very uncertain. She was a Philistine from Sorek who had a love affair with Samson, discovered the secret of his supernatural strength, and conspired in*

his downfall. The name has become associated with feminine treachery, especially in matters of the heart. **Variants:** Delila, Lila. [Judges 16:4] መጽሐፈ መሳፍንት ምዕራፍ 16።4፤

**Demetrius** dem-meet-re-us (male)  
ድሜጥሮስ DimaeTiros / Demaetros / Demetros  
Greek: Belonging to Demeter (pagan Greek goddess of agriculture, called Ceres by the Romans). A disciple of the early Christians, praised by the Apostle John. Others with this name: An Ephesian silversmith who incited a mob against Paul because the local trade in silver images of the pagan Greek goddess Artemis had fallen off due to his evangelism. [Acts 19:24] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 19።24፤

**Dibri** dib-bri (modern male and female)  
ደብራይ Debray  
Hebrew: Speaker. A Danite whose grandson was stoned for blasphemy. [Leviticus 24:11] ኦሪት ዘሌዋውያን ምዕራፍ 24።11፤

**Dinah** di-nar (female)  
ዲና Deena / Dina  
Hebrew: Judged, vindicated. Eldest daughter of Jacob and Leah. Her brothers were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. She also had six half-brothers: Joseph, Benjamin, Dan, Naphtali, Gad and Asher. Dinah fell afoul of the lustful Shechem, who abducted her for his devious purposes. She was rescued by Simeon and Levi.

**Variants:** Deanna, Deanne, Dena, Dina.

[Genesis 30:21] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 30።21፤

**Dorcias** dor-kas (female)

ዶርቃ DorKa / Dorqa

*Hebrew: Gazelle* **Variants:** Gk. *Tabitha*

[Acts 9:36] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 9።36፤

**Drusilla** drew-sill-ar (female)

ድሩሲላ Diruseela / Druseela / Drusila

*Greek: Watered by dew. Other interpretations: Soft-eyed. Youngest daughter of Herod Agrippa. Her sister was Bernice. Originally married to King Azizus of Emesa, she later married Felix, the Roman governor of Judea. She was reputedly very beautiful.*

**Variants:** Dru, Drucie, Drucilla, Drusa.

[Acts 24:24] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 24።24፤

**Dumah** dew-ma (male)

ዱማ Duma

*Hebrew: Silence. Sixth son of Ishmael and a grandson of Abraham. He was one of the twelve Arabian princes. His brothers were Nebaioth, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Massa, Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. His sister was Mahalath, a wife of Esau. [Genesis 25:14] ኦሪት*

*ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 25።15፤*

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**Ebenezer** *eb-ben-nee-z-a (male)*

አቤገኤዘር Abaenaezer / Abenezer

*Hebrew: Stone of help. Although not the name of any person in the Bible, it has become accepted as a male name over time. Ebenezer was a town in which the Ark of God was at one time kept by the Israelites. It was also the name of a stone set up by the prophet Samuel to memorialise God's help in defeating the Philistines. Variants: Eb, Eban, Eben.*

[1 Samuel 4:1] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 4፡1፤

**Eber** *e-bur (male)*

ዔቦር Aebor / Ebor

*Hebrew: Across, beyond. The son of Shelah and a great-great-grandson of Noah. Eber had two sons, Peleg and Joktan. Others with this name: (i) The chief of a Gadite clan. (ii) Son of Elpaal. (iii) Son of Shashak. (iv) A priest and head of one of the families returned from Babylon. Variants: Heber.*

[Genesis 10:24] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10፡24፤

**Eden** *e-den (modern male and female)*

ዔድገ Aedin / Eden / Edin

*Hebrew: Delight. A temple porter, the son of Joah, who lived in the time of King Hezekiah. This was also, of course, the name of the famous garden in which God placed the first created human beings, Adam and Eve. [2 Chron 29:12] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል*

*ካልዕ፡ ምዕራፍ 29፡12፤*

**Ela** *e-la (modern male and female)*

ኢላ Aela / Ela

*Hebrew: Oak, terebinth (a type of shady, aromatic tree, also known as the turpentine tree). Father of Shimej, one of King Solomon's supply officers.*

**Variants:** *Elah.* [1 Kings 4:18] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።18፤

**Elah** *e-lar (modern male and female)*

ኢላ Aela / Ela

*Hebrew: Oak, terebinth (see above). An Edomite chief. A descendant of Esau. Others with this name: (i) Son and royal successor of King Baasha of Israel. He was killed by Zimri. (ii) Father of Hoshea, the last king of Israel. (iii) Son of Caleb. (iv) A chief of the Benjamites, returned from captivity in Babylon.*

**Variants:** *Ela.* [Genesis 36:41] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።41፤

**Elam** *e-lam (male)*

ኢላም Aelam / Elam

*Hebrew: Age. A son of Shem and grandson of Noah. His brothers were Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud and Aram. The mountainous region called Elam was named after him. Others with this name: (i) Son of Shashak. (ii) Son of Meshelemiah. A doorkeeper of the temple in David's time. (iii) Three ancestors of captives who returned from Babylon. (iv) A clan chief who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. (v) A priest in the dedication ceremony at the wall of Jerusalem.*

[Genesis 10:22] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።22፤

**Elasah** *e-la-sar (modern male and female)*

ኤልዳሳ Aelasa / Elasa

*Hebrew: God has formed, whom God has made. A priest who married a foreign wife. Son of Pashhur. Others with this name: Son of Shaphan. He was a messenger for the great prophet Jeremiah.*

[Ezra 10:22] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።22፤

**Elberith** *el-ber-rith (modern male and female)*

ኤልብሪት Aelbireet / Elbireet / Aelbirit / Elbirit

*Hebrew: God of the covenant. A pagan god worshipped at Shechem, possibly the same as Baal-Berith. Variants: El-Berith.*

[Judges 9:46] መጽሐፈ መሣፍንት ምዕራፍ 9።46፤

**Eldaah** *el-dar (male)*

ኤልዳዳ Aeldaa / Aelda'A / Eldaa / Elda'A

*Hebrew: Called by God, God has called. The youngest son of Midian and a grandson of Abraham and Keturah. His brothers were Ephah, Ephraim, Hanoch and Abida. [Genesis 25:4] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት*

ምዕራፍ 25።4፤

**Eldad** *el-dad (male)*

ኤልዳድ Aeldad / Eldad

*Hebrew: God has loved, beloved of God. One of the seventy elders of Israel in the days of Moses. He had the gift of prophecy.*

[Numbers 11:26] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 11።26፤

**Elead** *el-le-ad (modern male and female)*

ኤልዳድ Aeliad / Eliad / Aeli'Ad / Eli'Ad

*Hebrew: God has spoken. Other interpretations: Praised of God. A cattle rustler who was killed by the men of Gath during a raid on their herds.*

[1 Chronicles 7:21] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።21፤

**Eleadah** *el-le-ar-dar (modern male and female)*

ኤልዓዳ Aelada / Elada

*Hebrew: God has adorned, God has blessed. A descendant of Ephraim. [1 Chronicles 7:20]* መጽሐፈ

ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።20፤

**Eleazar** *el-le-az-ar (male)*

ኤልዓዛር Alazar

*Hebrew: God has helped, help of God. A son of Aaron. He became the chief priest after the death of Aaron and assisted Moses and Joshua in important tasks such as the division of the land of Canaan. His only son was Phineas. Others with this name: (i) A son of Abinadab. He guarded the ark of the covenant. (ii) Son of Dodai. One of David's greatest captains and warriors. (iii) Son of Mahli. (iv) Son of Phineas. A custodian of the temple treasury. (v) A priest. (vi) An ancestor of Joseph, the husband of Mary. **Variants:** El, Elzaro, Elie, Ely, Lazar. [Exodus 6:23]* ኦሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 6።23፤

**Elhanan** *el-han-nan (male)*

ኤልዖናን Aelyanan / Elyanan

*Hebrew: Grace of God. Son of Jair. A great warrior who killed Lahmi, the brother of the Philistine giant Goliath. Others with this name: Son of Dodo. One of*

David's elite royal bodyguard. [2 Samuel 21:19]

መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ካል ምዕራፍ 21፡19፤

**Eli e-li (male)**

ዒሊ. Aelee / Elee / Aeli / Eli

*Hebrew: Ascending, going up, on high. A descendant of Aaron through Ithamar. A high priest and judge of Israel for forty years. He was a virtuous man who lived to the age of ninety. Unfortunately his sons Phinehas and Hophni, who succeeded him in office, were debauched and irresponsible. The ashamed father was unable to correct them.*

[1 Samuel 1:3] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 1፡3፤

**Eliab el-li-ab (male)**

ኤልያብ Aeliyab / Eliyab

*Hebrew: God is the father. Son of Helon. Chief of the Zebulun tribe at the time of the great census in the wilderness. Others with this name: (i) Son of Pallu. His sons were Nathan and Abiram. (ii) Son of Jesse and hence, a brother of David. His daughter Abihail was wed to King Rehoboam, David's grandson. (iii) A Levite musician in David's time. (iv) A Gadite chief who joined forces with David. (v) An ancestor of the prophet Samuel. **Variants:** Elihu, Eliel.*

[Numbers 1:9] ኦሪት ዘጉልቀ ምዕራፍ 1፡9፤

**Eliada el-li-ar-dar (male)**

ኤሊዳሂ Aeledahae / Eleedahae / Alidahe / Elidahe

*Hebrew: Known of God. A younger son of King David. Others with this name: (i) A celebrated Benjamite general who served under King Jehoshaphat. (ii) Father of Rezon. **Variants:***

*Beeliada, Eliadah.* [2 Samuel 5:16] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካል ምዕራፍ 5፡16፤

**Eliam** *el-li-am (male)*

ኤልያብ Aeliyab / Eliyab

*Hebrew: People of God. Father of Bathsheba. See Ammiel. Others with this name: Son of Ahithophel. A warrior under David.*

[2 Samuel 11:3] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካል ምዕራፍ 11፡3፤

**Elidad** *el-li-dad (male)*

ኤልዳድ Aelidad / Elidad

*Hebrew: Loved by God. A Benjamite chief. He assisted in the allocation of lands to the tribes of Israel.* [Numbers 34:21] ኦሪት ዘኲልቶ ምዕራፍ 34፡21፤

**Eliel** *el-li-el (modern male and female)*

ኤሊኤል Aeleeael / Aeliael / Eliel

*Hebrew: God, my God. Other interpretations: God is God. A chief of the Manasseh. Others with this name: (i) An ancestor of Samuel the prophet. (ii) Two chiefs of the Benjamites, a son of Shimei and a son of Shashak. (iii) Two of David's warriors. (iv) A Gadite who joined with David at Ziklag. (v) A Levite chief. (vi) A Levite official of the temple.*

[1 Chronicles 5:24] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 5፡24፤

**Eliezer** *el-li-ez-zer (modern male and female)*

ኤሊዳዘር Aeliaezer / Eliezer

*Hebrew: Help of God, God is help. The chief servant of Abraham. Abraham waited so long for the birth of*

a son that he feared Eliezer would become his heir by default. Others with this name: (i) A son of Beker and grandson of Benjamin. (ii) Son of Moses and his wife Zipporah. (iii) A priest who assisted in the return of the ark to Jerusalem. (iv) Son of Zicri. (v) Son of Dodavahu. He prophesied against King Jehoshaphat. (vi) One of Ezra's messengers to the Israelites. (vii) Three Jews who divorced their foreign wives. (viii) An ancestor of Jesus Christ.

[Genesis 15:2] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 15።2፤

**Elijah** *el-li-jar (male)*

ኢልያስ Aelias / Eliyas [Ēlyas]

Hebrew: God is God. One of the greatest prophets of the Old Testament. Elijah was born in Gilead and was miraculously fed bread and meat by wild ravens. He restored a widow's dead son to life and killed the false prophets of Baal, turning the people of Israel away from idolatrous worship. He opposed and prophesied against the wicked King Ahab and his wife Jezebel. Elijah did not die as others; instead, he was taken directly to heaven in a chariot of fire. He appears again in the New Testament in the guise of John the Baptist, but Jesus Christ perceives his true identity. Later Elijah is seen standing on the Mount of Transfiguration "in glory" with Moses and Jesus. Others with this name: (i) Two men who divorced their foreign wives. (ii) Son of Jeroham. **Variants:** El, Eli, Elias, Elio, Eliot, Elis, Elisio, Elison, Elliot, Ellis, Ellison, Elsen, Ely, Elyas, Elye, Elyot, Ilija, Ilya. [1 Kings 17:1] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 17።1፤

**Eliphaz el-lif-farz (male)**

ኤልፋዝ Aelifaz / Elifaz / Aelfaz / Elphaz

*Hebrew: God his strength. Other interpretations: God is gold, precious. A son of Esau by Adah, the daughter of Elon. A grandson of Isaac. He had six sons: Teman, Omar, Zepho, Gatam, Kenaz and (to his concubine Timna) Amalek. Others with this name: The leader among Job's three friends who sought to comfort him. He was later rebuked by God for saying the wrong things to Job.*

[Genesis 36:4] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።4፤

**Elisha el-lee-sha (modern male and female)**

ኤልሳሳ Aelsai / Elsai / Aelsa'i / Elsa'i

*Hebrew: God is generous, God is my help. Apprentice and successor of the prophet Elijah. He witnessed Elijah ascending on a chariot of fire to heaven. Elisha continued the work of Elijah for sixty years, especially resisting the blasphemous worship of Baal. He opposed King Jehoram, son of the depraved Ahab and Jezebel. He encouraged the rebel Jehu to usurp the throne of Ahab. He performed miracles, including the resurrection of the dead. He also performed a miracle akin to the later feeding of the five thousand by Jesus Christ, though only one hundred diners were accommodated. He prophesied during the reigns of Jehoram, Jehu, Jehoahaz and Joash. [1 Kings 19:16] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 19።16፤*

**Elishama el-lee-sha-ma (modern male and female)**

ኤሊሳማ Aelesama / Eleesama / Alisama / Elisama

*Hebrew: God has heard, whom God hears. Son of Ammihud and grandfather of Joshua. Others with*

*this name: (i) A name shared by two sons of King David. (ii) Son of Jekamiah. (iii) Father of Nethaniah and grandfather of Ishmael. (iv) A priest under Jehoshaphat. (v) A scribe under Jehoiakim.*

**Variants:** *Elishua.* [Numbers 1:10] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 1።10፤

**Elisheba** *el-lee-she-ba (female)*

ኤልሳቤጥ AelsabaeT / Elsabet / Elsabaet [Êlsabêt]

*Hebrew: God is her oath, promise of God. Daughter of Amminidab, a prince of Judah, and the sister of Nahshon. She married Aaron, the brother of Moses. Thus she linked the principal royal family and priestly family of the time.* [Exodus 6:23]

ኦሪት ዘእኦት ምዕራፍ 6።23፤

**Elizabeth** *el-liz-za-beth (female)*

ኤልሳቤጥ AelsabaeT / Elsabet / Elsabaet

*Hebrew: God is her oath, promise of God. Wife of Zechariah the priest. God told the elderly Zechariah that his equally elderly wife would have a son filled with the Holy Spirit, despite her former childlessness. The son she conceived and bore was John the Baptist. During the pregnancy, she spent three months with her also pregnant cousin Mary, the virgin mother of Jesus Christ. Elizabeth was a descendant of Aaron and, says the Bible, "righteous before God, walking in all the commandments and ordinances of the Lord blameless."* **Variants:** *Bab, Babette, Bess, Beth, Betsey, Bettina, Bette, Betty, Elese, Elisa, Elisabeth, Elise, Elisheba, Elisheva, Eliza, Elsa, Elsbet, Else, Elspet, Elspeth, Elsy, Helsa, Isabel, Libbie, Lilian, Lilla, Lisa, Lisbet, Liz, Liza, Elizabeth.* [Luke 1:5] የሉቃስ ወገንጌል ምዕራፍ 1።5፤

**Elizur** *el-lee-zur (male)*

ኢሊሱር Aelesur / Elisur / Aelisur [Élisur]

*Hebrew: God is his rock. A prince of the Reubenites who helped Moses in conducting the great tribal census. His father was Shedeur.*

[Numbers 1:5] ኦሪት ዘጉልቶ ምዕራፍ 1።5፤

**Elkanah** *el-kan-nar (male)*

ኪልቃና Hilikana / Hilkana / Helkana

*Hebrew: Provided of God. Other interpretations: God has possessed. A grandson of Korah, the rebel who conspired against Moses. His brothers were*

*Abiasaph and Assir. Others with this name: (i)*

*Father of the great prophet Samuel and husband of Hannah. (ii) Chief official of the court of King Ahaz.*

*(iii) A warrior who joined David at Ziklag. (iv) Several obscure Levites. All descendants of Kohath.*

**Variants:** *Elkonah.* [Exodus 6:24] ኦሪት ዘጸአት

ምዕራፍ 6።24፤

**Elnathan** *el-nay-thun (male)*

ኢልናታን Aelnatan / Elnatan

*Hebrew: Gift of God. Father of Nehushta and grandfather of King Jehoiachin of Judah. Others with*

*this name: (i) Son of Acbor. He became a servant of King Jehoiakim. He urged his master not to destroy*

*the prophecies of Jeremiah. (ii) Three members of a party sent on a mission by Ezra, all of whom shared*

*the name.* [2 Kings 24:8] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ።

ምዕራፍ 24።8፤

**Elon** e-lon (*modern male and female*)

ኤሎን Aelon / Elon

*Hebrew: Oak. Elon the Hittite. The father of Basemath, second wife of Esau. Others with this name: (i) Second son of Zebulun. His brothers were Sered and Jahleel. (ii) A judge of Israel.*

[Genesis 26:34] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 26።34፤

**Enoch** e-nock (*male*)

ኦኖስ Haenoh / Henoh

*Hebrew: Dedicated, sanctified, educated. Son of Cain and first grandson of Adam and Eve. The first city was named after him. His son was Irad. Others with this name: Son of Jared. He was a holy man who "walked with God." His son was Methuselah, who reached the overly ripe old age of nine hundred and sixty nine years and became the Bible's oldest man. Enoch himself lived to only three hundred and sixty five years, a short life by the sensational standards of Genesis. [Genesis 4:17]* ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት

ምዕራፍ 4።17፤

**Enosh** e-nosh (*male*)

ኦኖስ Haenos / Henos

*Hebrew: Mortal. Son of Seth. Second grandson of Adam and Eve. His older brother was Enoch and his son was Kenan. Enosh lived for nine hundred and five years. His name suggests fear of death, a consequence of the sin every human being inherited from his parents. **Variants:** Enos.*

[Genesis 4:26] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 4።26፤

**Ephraim** *ef-fram (male)*

ኤፍሬም Aefraem / Efrem / Ephraim

*Hebrew: Bountiful, very fruitful, double fruit.*

*Youngest son of Joseph and his Egyptian wife Asenath. He and his brother Manasseh were tribal founders. His descendants, called the Ephraimites, occupied the rich central uplands of Palestine, with Manasseh's lands to the north. Ephraim was adopted as a son and blessed by Jacob, his grandfather. His tribe became large and influential.*

**Variants:** *Efim, Efraim, Efrem, Efron.*

[Genesis 41:52] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 41።52፤

**Ephron** *ef-fron (male)*

ኤፍሮን Aefron / Efron

*Hebrew: Like a fawn. Son of Zohar, a Hittite. Ephron sold the grieving Abraham the field known as Machpelah, in which to bury his dead wife Sarah.*

[Genesis 23:8] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 23።8፤

**Eran** *er-ran (modern male and female)*

ዒደን Aedaen / Eden

*Hebrew: Watcher, vigilant, guardian. Son of Shuthelah and grandson of Ephraim. He was the forefather of the Eranites.*

[Numbers 26:36] ኦሪት ዘኅዳቅ ምዕራፍ 26።36፤

**Eri** *er-ri (modern male and female)*

ዒሪ Aeree / Eree / Eri

*Hebrew: My watcher, watching. A son of Gad. His brothers were Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Ezbon, Arodi and Areli. [Genesis 46:16]*

[Genesis 46:16] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።16፤

**Esau** e-saw (male)

ዲሳው Aesaw / Esaw

*Hebrew: Hairy. Eldest son of Isaac and Rebekah, a grandson of Abraham and the twin brother of Jacob. He was given the name Esau because at birth he "came forth red, all his body like a hairy mantle". He was an accomplished hunter. Isaac, who like eating the beasts he killed, was fond of him. For his part, Esau was fond of red pottage (a kind of thick broth). In fact, he sold his birthright to his brother Jacob in return for some pottage and bread. Thus the expression a mess of pottage, meaning a contemptible or worthless reward, has entered the language. His wives were Adah and Oholibamah, Basemath, daughter of Elon and Basemath, daughter of Ishmael. He had five sons: Eliphaz, Reuel, Jeush, Jalam and Korah. His descendants were the Edomites. **Variants:** Edom.*

[Genesis 25:25] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 25።25፤

**Eshban** esh-barn (modern male and female)

ኤሰባን Aesiban / Esiban / Aisban / Esban

*Hebrew: Pleasant. Son of Dishon and a great-grandson of Zibeon. His brothers were Hemdan, Ithran and Keran.*

[Genesis 36:26] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።26፤

**Eshton** esh-ton (modern male and female)

ኤሽቶን Aeshton / Eshton

*Hebrew: Effeminate. A descendant of Judah.*

[1 Chronicles 4:11] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።11፤

**Esli** *es-lie* (modern male and female)

ኢሲ.ሊ. Aeseelee / Esili / Eseelee

*Greek: Shy, reserved. Ancestor of Joseph, husband of Mary. [Luke 3:25] የሉቃስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 3።25፤*

**Esther** *es-ter* (female)

አስቲር Astaer / Aster

*Hebrew, from Akkadian: Venus, morning star. A Jewish orphan living in the city of Susa in Persia. Esther was her Persian name. Her Hebrew name was Hadassah, which means myrtle (a type of aromatic plant). She was adopted and raised by her cousin Mordecai, an official under King Ahasuerus. She married Ahasuerus and became his queen. But Mordecai offended the King by refusing to bow before Haman, the new prime minister. In revenge, Ahasuerus decided to butcher the captive Jews of Persia. Esther intervened, persuading him to spare the Jews and instead to destroy the scheming Haman. The seventeenth book of the Old Testament bears her name. **Variants:** Eister, Essa, Essie, Esta, Estee, Estella, Estrella, ETTY, Heddy, Heidi, Hester, Hettie, Trella. [Esther] መጽሐፈ. አስቲር።*

**Ethan** *e-thun* (male)

ኢታን Aetan / Etan

*Hebrew: Strong, powerful. Other interpretations: Enduring, guaranteed. A wise man in the time of Solomon. Others with this name: (i) Son of Zerah and grandson of Judah. His brothers were Zimri, Heman, Calcol and Dara. (ii) A descendant of Gershon. (iii) A Levite singer, a descendant of*

**Merari. Variants:** *Etan, Ethe.* [1 Kings 4:31]

መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።31፤

**Eunice** *u-niss (female)*

ኢውንቲ Aewinkae / Ewinke

*Greek: Good victory. Daughter of Lois and mother of Timothy, a leading assistant and beloved friend of the apostle Paul. Eunice was married to a pagan Greek. She was probably converted to Christianity by Paul. She lived at Lystra and taught Timothy as a child to understand the Old Testament scriptures.*

**Variants:** *Niki, Nikki, Unice.* [Acts 16:1] 2ኛ ወደ

ጢሞቴዎስ ምዕራፍ 1።5፤

**Euodia** *u-oh-de-ar (female)*

ኢዎድዮን Aewodiyan / Ewodiyan

*Greek: Prosperous journey. Other interpretations: Fragrant, sweet. A Christian woman of Philippi.*

**Variants:** *Euodias.*

[Philippians 4:2] ወደ ፊልጵስጥስ ሰዎች ምዕራፍ 4።2፤

**Eve** *eve (female)*

ሌዋን Haewan / Hewan

*Hebrew: Life, living, breath of life, mother of all life. The first woman and second human being created by God. Her husband was Adam, the first human being. Eve was made from the rib of Adam. Satan, in the guise of a serpent, tricked her into eating the fruit of the tree which God had forbidden. She gave Adam some of the fruit to eat also. For this sin, the parents of humanity were expelled from the paradise of Eden. Adam gave Eve her name. Variants: Eva,*

*Evaline, Evita, Evleen, Evonne.* [Genesis 3:20] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 4፡1፤

**Evi** *ev-vi (modern male and female)*

ኤዊ Aewee / Ewee / Aewi / Ewi

*Hebrew: Desire. One of five kings of Midian killed by the Israelites. His lands were taken by Reuben.*

[Numbers 31:8] ኦሪት ዘጉልቶ ምዕራፍ 31፡8፤

**Ezbai** *ez-bay (modern male and female)*

ኤዘባይ Aezibay / Ezibay / Aezbay / Ezbay

*Hebrew: Shining, radiant. Father of Naarai, one of David's great warriors.*

[1 Chronicles 11:37] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 11፡37፤

**Ezekiel** *ez-zeek-ke-el (male)*

ኢዘቅኤል Hizokiael / Hizikiel / Hezekiel

*Hebrew: May God give strength, strength of God.*

*One of the great Hebrew prophets. As a young man he was taken captive to Babylon. After five years there he received his call to prophecy. Little is known of his personal life except that he was married and his wife died unexpectedly. Ezekiel warned the Jews against the blasphemous worship of false idols. He said that ungodly practices would bring disaster upon the nation. But he also prophesied that Israel would be divinely restored to glory and spiritual wholeness. These events were perceived in rich visions which, according to Ezekiel, he saw when the Spirit lifted him up. The twenty-sixth book of the Old Testament bears his name.*

**Variants:** Ezechial, Ezell, Haskel, Hehezkel, Zeke.  
[Ezekiel] ትገቢተ ሕዝቅኤል።

**Ezra ez-ra (male)**

ዕዝራ Izira / Izra / Ezra / Ezira

*Hebrew: Help. The priest and scribe who came from Babylon to reform the religious and social life of Jerusalem. Temple rituals had been forgotten, immorality was rife, and the priesthood had intermarried with pagans. Learning of this, Ezra tore out his hair in anguish. He persuaded Jerusalem's people to return to the law of Moses. He instituted a mass divorce court where many pagan wives were "put away". Ezra also worked with Nehemiah, acting as his chief priest and aide. The fifteenth book of the Old Testament, which he may have wrote, is named after him. Tradition asserts that he was also wrote 1 Chronicles and 2 Chronicles and possibly the Nehemiah as well. He was a descendant of Aaron. Others with this name: Another priest who returned from Babylon. **Variants:** Azariah, Esdras, Esra, Ezar, Ezer, Ezri. [Ezra] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ።*

**Ezrah ez-ra (male)**

ዕዝራ Izira / Izra / Ezra / Ezira

*Hebrew: Help. A man of the tribe of Judah. His sons were Jether, Mered, Epher and Jalon. **Variants:** Ezra. [1 Chronicles 4:17] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።17፤*

**Ezri ez-ri (male)**

ዒዝሪ Aeziree / Aizree / Ezree / Ezri

*Hebrew: My help. An agricultural overseer who*

*served under David. Son of Kelub. [1 Chronicles  
27:26] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 27።26፤*

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**Felix** *fe-licks (male)*

ፊልክስ Feeliks / Feliks

*Greek: Happy. Originally a Greek slave with the name Antonius. He was granted his freedom by the Emperor Claudius, who renamed him Felix. He became the Roman governor of Judea and held Paul captive for two years, hoping the apostle would offer bribery to get out. Four popes and many saints were called Felix. It may be the male form of Felicia, the Roman goddess of luck and happiness.*

[Acts 23:26] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 23፡26፤

**Festus** *fes-tus (male)*

ፊስቶስ FeesTos / Festos

*Greek, from Latin?: Joyful, happy. Festus Porcius, successor of Felix as the Roman governor of Judea. An able and fair administrator. He sent the imprisoned Paul to Rome to appeal before Caesar. On the way Paul escaped from custody.*

[Acts 24:27] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 24፡27፤

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**Gabriel** *gab-ree-el (modern male and female)*

ገብርኤል Gebirael / Gebri'El / Gebriel

*Hebrew: Man of God, strong man of God. A messenger angel who appears in the Book of Daniel and the Book of Luke. Announcing the birth of John the Baptist to Zechariah, he said, "I am Gabriel. I stand in the presence of God and I was sent to speak to you and to tell you this good news." He also announced the destined birth of Jesus Christ to the Virgin Mary. Variants: Gabe, Gabryel. Female forms include Gabby, Gabriela, Gabrielle. [Daniel 8:16] [Luke 1:19] ትገቢተ ዳገኤል ምዕራፍ 8።16፤*

**Gaddiel** *gad-dee-el (modern male and female)*

ገዲኤል Gudeeael / Gudi'El / Gudiel

*Hebrew: Fortune of God. Son of Sodi. One of the twelve spies sent out to inspect and report upon the land of Canaan.*

[Numbers 13:10] ኦሪት ዘጉልቶ ምዕራፍ 13።10፤

**Gaius** *guy-us (male)*

ጎይዮስ Gayiyos / Gayyos

*Greek: Lord, master. A Macedonian friend of Paul who travelled with him to Ephesus and was trapped there by an angry mob. Others with this name: (i) A Christian from Derbe who travelled with Paul from Macedonia to Asia. (ii) A Christian of Corinth who gave food and shelter to other Christians and who was baptised by Paul. (iii) A Christian friend of John to whom his third letter was addressed. Variants:*

*Caius. [Acts 19:29] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 19።29፤*

**Gamaliel** *gam-ma-li-el (male)*

ገጣልኤል Gemaliael / Gemalael / Gemalel

*Hebrew: Recompense, reward of God, my reward is God. Son of Pedahzur. A prince of the Manasseh. He helped organise the great tribal census in the wilderness. Others with this name: An eminent rabbi or teacher. One of his pupils was Paul, then called Saul. When angry Jews wanted to kill the early Christians, Gamaliel called for restraint. Variants: Gamliel. [Numbers 1:10] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 1፡10፤*

**Gedaliah** *jed-da-li-ar (male)*

ገደልያ Godoliya / Godolya

*Hebrew: God is great, God is my greatness. Son of Shaphan. Secretary to King Josiah. Appointed governor of Judea. He became a friend and protector of the prophet Jeremiah. He was murdered by Ishmael, son of Nethaniah. His death is commemorated by the Jews even today. Others with this name: (i) A Levite harpist, one of the sons of Jeduthun. (ii) A priest who married a foreign wife. (iii) A prince, the son of Passhur, who had Jeremiah imprisoned. (iv) Grandfather of the prophet Zephaniah. Variants: Gedalia, Gedelio. [2 Kings 25:22] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 25፡22፤*

**Gehazi** *ja-haz-zi (male)*

ገዳዝ Giyaz / Geyaz

*Hebrew: Valley of vision. Servant and messenger of the great prophet Elisha. Despite his admirable loyalty to the prophet, he lusted for worldly riches. It earned him the curse of leprosy. [2 Kings 4:12] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 4፡12፤*

**Gemalli** *jem-mal-lee (modern male and female)*

ገጫሊ. Gemalee / Gemali

*Hebrew: Camel owner, rider, driver. Father of Ammiel one of the spies sent out by Moses to inspect and report upon the land of Canaan.*

[Numbers 13:12] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 13።12፤

**Gemariah** *jem-ma-ri-ar (male)*

ገጫርያ Gemarya

*Hebrew: Perfected by God. Other interpretations: Achievement of the Lord, God has done it. The son of Shaphan the scribe. With Elnathan and Delaiah, he urged King Johoiakim not to burn the scrolls of Jeremiah. Others with this name: Son of Hilkiah. He served King Hezekiah as an ambassador to*

*Babylon. [Jeremiah 36:10] ትገቢተ ኤርምያስ ምዕራፍ 36።10፤*

**Gershom** *gur-shom (male)*

ጌርሳም Gaersam / Gersam

*Hebrew: Exile, to cast out, stranger. Eldest son of Moses by his wife Zipporah, born in Midian. Others with this name: (i) A descendant of Phinehas. (ii) The father of Jonathan, who became the priest of the idolatrous Danites. **Variants:** Gershon.*

[Exodus 2:22] ኦሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 2።22፤

**Gershon** *gur-shon (male)*

ጌድሶገ Gaedson / Gedson

*Hebrew: Exile, to cast out, stranger. Eldest son of Levi. Forefather of the Gershonite clan. His brothers were Kohath and Merari. **Variants:** Gershom.*

[Genesis 46:11] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።11፤

**Geshem** *jes-shem (male)*

ጌሳም Gaesam / Gesam

*Hebrew: Rain. An Arab who, with Sanballat and Tobiah, scoffed at the idea of rebuilding Jerusalem's walls. Variants: Gashmu.*

[Nehemiah 2:19] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 2።19፤

**Gideon** *gid-de-an (male)*

ጌደዎን Gaedaewon / Gedewon

*Hebrew: One who cuts down, destroyer, mighty warrior. Other interpretations: Maimed. Son of Joash. One of the greatest warriors in the history of Israel. His army numbered only three hundred men, yet defeated far larger forces. In the dead of night, Gideon used psychological tactics to rout the sleeping enemy. He also destroyed the temples of the pagan god Baal. Gideon was as a judge of Israel for forty years. He fathered a total of seventy-one sons. Despite this colossal issue, only two survived: Jotham and Abimelech (who murdered the rest). Also known by his surnames, Jerub-Baal and Jerub-Besheth. Variants: Gidi. [Judges 6:11] መጽሐፈ መሳፍንት ምዕራፍ 6።11፤*

**Gideoni** *gid-de-an-nee (male)*

ጌደዎን Gadaeyon / Gadeyon

*Hebrew: One who cuts down, destroyer, mighty warrior. Other interpretations: Maimed. A chief or prince of the Benjamites. [Numbers 7:60] ኦሪት*

*ዘኅጉልቶ ምዕራፍ 7።60፤*

**Goliath** *go-lie-ath (male)*

ጎሊያድ Goliyad / Golyad

*Hebrew: Splendour, magnificence. Other interpretations: Foreigner, exile. The gigantic warrior of the Philistine army. For forty days, Goliath, who stood at least three meters tall, declared that he would fight any man of Saul's opposing Israelite forces. Only the young David, a shepherd boy, accepted. He killed Goliath with a single stone from a slingshot and then cut off the giant's head. The Philistines were so astounded they fell immediately to a panicky retreat. Goliath was a native of Gath, a city famous for its giant soldiery. [1 Samuel 17:4]*  
መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 17።4፤

**Gomer** *go-mer (traditionally male and female)*  
ጎሜር Gomaer / Gomer  
*Hebrew: Complete, finished, God accomplishes it. First son of Japheth and a grandson of Noah. He had three sons: Ashkenaz, Riphath and Togarmah. His brothers were Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras. Forefather of the Cimmerians. Others with this name: A daughter of Diblaim. She married the prophet Hosea. Mother of Jezreel, Lo-Ruhamah and Lo-Ammi. [Genesis 10:2] ትገቢተ ሆሴዕ ምዕራፍ 1።3፤*

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### **Hadad** *ha-dad* (male)

ኩዳን Kudan

*Hebrew: Fierce, brave. Eighth son of Ishmael and a grandson of Abraham. He was one of the twelve Arabian princes promised by God. His brothers were Nebaioth, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. His sister was Mahalath, one of Esau's wives. Others with this name: (i) Two of the early Edomite kings. (ii) An Edomite prince who fled from David to the Pharaoh of Egypt. He later opposed King Solomon. His son was Genubath. (iii) A pagan god of Syria, Ben-Hadad. [Genesis 25:15] አሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 25።15፤*

### **Hadoram** *had-dor-ram* (male)

ሀደራም Hadoram

*Hebrew: Strength, power. Son of Joktan. A descendant of Noah through Shem. His brothers were Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah and Jobab. Others with this name: (i) Overseer of the forced labourers in the time of David and Solomon. (ii) A son of King Hamath who was sent as an ambassador to David. **Variants:** Adoniram, Joram. [Genesis 10:27] አሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።27፤*

### **Hagar** *hay-gar* (female)

አጋር Agar

*Hebrew: Emigration, flight. The Egyptian maid of Sarah. When Sarah had been childless many years, she offered Hagar to her husband Abraham as a*

way to get an heir. Thus Hagar became the mother of Ishmael, forefather of the Arab nations. After Sarah unexpectedly conceived and bore Isaac, a son of her own, she resented the presence of Hagar and Ishmael in the house of Abraham. She complained to Abraham, who banished the concubine and her son to the wilderness.

[Genesis 16:1] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 16።1-16፤

**Haggi** *ha-guy (male)*

ሐጊ Hagee / Hagi

*Hebrew: Festive, happy. Son of Gad and grandson of Jacob. His descendants were the Arelites. His brothers were Ziphion, Ezbon, Shuni, Areli, Eri and Arodi.* [Genesis 46:16] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።16፤

**Haggiah** *ha-guy-ar (male)*

ሐጊያ Hagiya / Hagya

*Hebrew: Festival of God. Other interpretations: The Lord's feast. Son of Shimea the Levite. He fathered Asaiah.* [1 Chronicles 6:30] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 6።30፤

**Ham** *ham (male)*

ካም Kam

*Hebrew: Hot. Other interpretations: Swarthy. Youngest son of Noah. His brothers were Shem and Japheth. From these sons, says the Bible, "the whole world was peopled." Ham displeased Noah because he saw him lying drunk and naked and told his brothers about it. He had four sons: Cush, Mizraim, Put and Canaan, all founders of nations.*

[Genesis 6:10] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 6።10፤

**Haman** *ha-man (male)*

ሐማን Haman

*Hebrew: Renowned, famed. Haman the Agagite. Son of Hammedatha. King Ahasuerus of Persia appointed him prime minister. He plotted to destroy the Jews because Mordecai, a Jewish official, refused to bow to him. Esther, the Jewish wife of Ahasuerus, foiled the plot. Haman died on the gallows he had raised for Mordecai.*

[Esther 3:1] መጽሐፈ. አስቴር። ምዕራፍ 3።1፤

**Hamutal** *ham-mu-tal (female)*

አሚጣል AmeeTal / AmiTal

*Hebrew: Like the dew. The daughter of Jeremiah of Libnah. She married King Josiah of Judah and was the mother of two later kings, Jehoahaz and*

*Zedekiah. [2 Kings 23:31] መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ካልዕ።*

*ምዕራፍ 23።31፤*

**Hanameel** *ha-nam-me-el (modern male and female)*

አናምኤል Anamiaeel / Anamel

*Hebrew: Gift of God. A cousin of Jeremiah who sold the prophet a field. **Variants:** Hanamel.*

[Jeremiah 32:7] ትገቢተ ኤርምያስ ምዕራፍ 32።7፤

**Hanan** *ha-nan (male)*

ሐናን Hanan

*Hebrew: Gracious. A son of Shashak. His brothers were Ishpan, Eber, Eliel, Abdon, Zichri, Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah, Iphdeiah and Penuel. Others with this name: (i) A son of Azel. (ii) Son of Maacah. One of the mighty warriors under David. (iii) A temple*

servant returned from the Babylonian captivity. (iv) A Levite teacher of the Law under Nehemiah. (v) Three persons who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. (vi) Son of Zaccur. A tithe-keeper. (vii) Son of Igdaliah. Apparently wealthy and a "man of God". [1 Chronicles 8:22] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።22፤

**Hananiah** *han-nan-ni-ar* (male)

ሐናንያ Hananiya / Hananya

*Hebrew: God is gracious. A son of Zerubbabel. His brothers were Meshullam, Hashubah, Ohel, Berekiah, Hasadiah and Jushabhesed. His sister was Shelomith. He had two sons, Pelatiah and Jeshaiiah. Others with this name: (i) A son of Shashak. (ii) A temple musician, the son of Heman. (iii) A commander of the army under Uzziah. (iv) The father of Zedekiah, a prince under Jehoiakim. (v) Grandfather of Irijah, the sentry who arrested Jeremiah. (vi) The original Hebrew name of Shadrach, a friend of the prophet Daniel. He survived the fiery furnace. (vii) A priest with a foreign wife. (viii) Two men who helped to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. (ix) An official of Jerusalem who was "faithful and God-fearing". (x) One who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. (xi) A priestly official under Joiakim. (xii) A false prophet of Gibeon who opposed Jeremiah. [1 Chronicles 3:19] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።19፤*

**Haniel** *han-ne-el* (male)

አኒኤል Aneael / Anee'El / Ani'el

*Hebrew: Grace of God, favour of God. Son of Ephod. A prince of the Manasseh. He helped Moses*

with the division of Canaan among the tribes. Others with this name: Son of Ulla, a descendant of Asher.

**Variants:** Hanniel. [Numbers 34:23] ኦሪት ዘኑልቶ ምዕራፍ 34።23፤

**Hannah** *han-nar (female)*

ሐና Hana / Hanna

*Hebrew: God has favoured, God has blessed. One of the two wives of Elkanah. She remained childless while Peninnah, Elkanah's other wife, had children. Peninnah resented the fact that Elkanah still loved Hannah despite her barrenness. She taunted Hannah cruelly. But Hannah did not lose her faith. She prayed for a son and God answered, blessing her with three sons and two daughters. One was Samuel, the glorious warrior and judge of Israel.*

**Variants:** Chanah, Chani, Hanita, Hanna, Hanny, Nan, Nana. [Samuel 1:2] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 1።2፤

**Hanoch** *han-nock (male)*

ኔኖኅ Haenoh / Henoh

*Hebrew: Initiation. Other interpretations: Dedicated. Son of Midian and a grandson of Abraham and Keturah. His brothers were Ephah, Epher, Abida and Eldaah. Others with this name: Eldest son of Reuben. His brothers were Pallu, Hezron and Carmi.*

**Variants:** Henoah. [Genesis 25:4] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 25።4፤

**Hanun** *han-non (male)*

ሐኖን Hanon / Hannon

*Hebrew: Gracious. A king of Ammon. Son of*

*Nahash. He mistreated the servants of David, thinking them spies. David destroyed him in battle. Others with this name: (i) The architect of the Valley Gate in the wall of Jerusalem. (ii) One who helped rebuild the wall of Jerusalem. [2 Samuel 10.1]*

መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ካል ምዕራፍ 10።1፤

**Haran** *har-ran (male)*

ሐራግ Haran

*Hebrew: Rugged, mountainous, mountain climber. Son of Terah and a descendant of Noah through Shem. His brothers were Abraham and Nahor. His son Lot survived the destruction of Sodom. Milcah and Iscah were his daughters. Others with this name: (i) A son of Caleb by the concubine Ephah. His son was Gazez. (ii) A son of Shimei.*

[Genesis 11:27] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 11።27፤

**Havilah** *hav-vil-lar (male)*

ኤውላጥ AewilaT / EwlaT

*Hebrew: Circle. Other interpretations: Sandy ground. Son of Cush and a great-grandson of Noah through Ham. His brothers were Nimrod, Seba, Sabtah, Raamah and Sabteca. Others with this name: A son of Joktan. [Genesis 10:7]*

[Genesis 10:7] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።7፤

**Hazaiah** *haz-zay-ar (male)*

ጎዛያ Azaya / Aazaya

*Hebrew: Whom God sees, God sees. Son of Adaiah. A descendant of Judah.*

[Nehemiah 11:5] መጽሐፈ. ነህምያ። ምዕራፍ 23።9፤

**Haziel** *haz-zee-el (modern male and female)*

ሐዝኤል Haziael / Haziel / Hazel

*Hebrew: God sees, vision. A Levite in the time of David. [1 Chronicles 23:9] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 23።9፤*

**Helah** *hel-lar (female)*

ሌላ Haela / Hela

*Hebrew: Rust. One of the two wives of Asshur, the other being Naarah. She had three sons: Zereth, Izhar and Ethnan. [1 Chronicles 4:5] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።5፤*

**Heldai** *hel-day (male)*

ሌልዳይ Haelday / Helday

*Hebrew: Worldly. One of David's mighty warriors. Others with this name: A noble Jew who returned from the Babylonian captivity with precious metals for the crown of Joshua. **Variants:** Heled, Heleb, Helem. [1 Chronicles 27:15] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 27።15፤*

**Helez** *hel-lez (male)*

ኬሌስ Kaelaes / Keles

*Hebrew: Strong. Son of Azariah. Father of Eleasah. Others with this name: One of David's mighty warriors. **Variants:** Palti, Paltite. [1 Chronicles 2:39] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።39፤*

**Helkai** *hel-kay (modern male and female)*

ሌልቃይ Haelkay / Helkay

*Hebrew: Portion, share. A priest under Joiakim.*  
[Nehemiah 12:15] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 12።15፤

**Helon** *hel-lon (modern male and female)*

ኬሎን Kaelon / Kelon

*Hebrew: Brave, strong. Father of Eliab.*

[Numbers 1:9] ኦሪት ዘኅሉልቶ ምዕራፍ 1።9፤

**Henadad** *hen-na-dad (male)*

ኤንሐዳድ Aenhadad / Enhadad

*Hebrew: Favour of Hadad. Head of a family who returned from captivity in Babylon. His descendants helped to rebuild the walls of Jerusalem.*

[Ezra 3:9] መጽሐፈ ዕዘራ። ምዕራፍ 3።9፤

**Heresh** *her-resch (male)*

ኤራስ Aeres / Eres

*Hebrew: Carpenter. Other interpretations: Silent, mute. The meaning of this name is uncertain. One of the captives returned from Babylon. [1 Chronicles*

*9:15] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 9።15፤*

**Hermes** *herm-eeze (male)*

ዥርሜን Haermaen / Hermen

*Greek: Stone, rock, boundary marker. Pagan Greek god of messages, commerce and travel, known as Mercury to the Romans. The name was shared by two Christian friends of Paul mentioned in the New Testament's Letter to the Romans. One was known as Hermas, the other, Hermes. Paul was mistaken for the pagan god Hermes by a crowd in Lystra.*

*Doubtless he was unimpressed by their acclaim.*

**Variants:** *Hermas, Mercurius.* [Acts 14:12] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 14።12፤

**Herod** *hair-rod (male)*

ሄሮድ: Haerod / Herod

*Greek: Heroic, brave. Other interpretations: Guardian, protector. Herod the Great, Roman tetrarch (administrator) of the province Judea who later became its puppet king. A cruel and insane ruler. He had the male infants of Bethlehem killed because he feared the prophesied birth of a king, that is, Jesus Christ. Others with this name: (i) Herod Antipas, son of the former. He had John the Baptist executed to fulfil the wishes of his grand-daughter Salome. His wife was Herodias and his half-brother was Herod Philip. (ii) Herod Philip, son of Herod the Great. The first husband of Herodias. Variants: Agrippa.* [Matthew 2:1] የማቴዎስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 2።1፤

**Herodias** *hair-rod-di-es (female)*

ሄሮድያዳ: Haerodiyada / Herodyada

*Greek: Heroic, brave (feminine form of Herod). Scheming and spiteful grand-daughter of Herod the Great. She married her uncle Herod Philip and later, his half-brother, Herod Antipas. John the Baptist rebuked her for these marriages. She resented John and plotted his death. She induced her daughter Salome to ask Herod, who had rashly promised the fulfilment of any wish, "Give me the head of John the Baptist on a platter."* [Matthew 14:3] የማቴዎስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 14።3፤

**Heth** *heth (modern male and female)*

ኬጢ. KaeTee / KeTee / Keti

*Hebrew: Fear, awe. Second son of Canaan and a great-grandson of Noah through Ham. He founded the great Hittite nation.*

[Genesis 10:15] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።15፤

**Hezekiah** *hez-zee-ki-ar (male)*

ኢዘቅያስ Hizikiyas / Hezekiyas

*Hebrew: God has strengthened, strength of God. Twelfth king of Judah who ruled for twenty-nine years. He struggled against idolatry and restored the temple of Jerusalem. Yet his faith, put to test, proved weak. Instead of trusting God to save Judah from Assyrian aggression, he sought to protect it by his own devices. As a result of his meddling, Judah lost its independence and was forced to pay heavy tribute to Assyria. Others with this name: One who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. Son of Neariah. **Variants:** Hesketh, Hezeki.*

[2 Kings 18:1] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 18።1፤

**Hezion** *hez-zee-on (male)*

አዚን Azeen / Azin

*Hebrew: Sight, vision. Father of Tabrimmon and grandfather of Ben-Hadad, a king of Syria. He may be the same person as Rezon. [1 Kings 15:18]*

መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 15።18፤

**Hezrai** *hez-ray (modern male and female)*

አጽሮ Hatziro / Hazro

*Hebrew: Enclosure. One of David's mighty warriors.*

**Variants:** Hezro.

[2 Samuel 23:35] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ካልዕ ምዕራፍ 23።35፤

**Hezron** *hez-ron (male)*

አስሮግ Asron / Asiron

*Hebrew: Surrounded. A son of Reuben. His brothers were Hanoch, Pallu and Carmi. Others with this name: Son of Perez and a grandson of Judah.*

[Genesis 46:9] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።9፤

**Hilkiah** *hil-ki-ar (modern male and female)*

ኪልቅያስ Kaelkiyas / Kelkyas

*Hebrew: God my portion, the portion of God. Father of Eliakim, the head steward of King Hezekiah. Others with this name: (i) Four fairly obscure Levites. (ii) A high priest under King Josiah. (iii) Father of the great prophet Jeremiah. [2 Kings 18:18] መጽሐፈ.*

ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 18።18፤

**Hirah** *hi-ra (male)*

ኢራስ Aeras / Eras

*Hebrew: Noble. A friend of Judah from Adullam.*

[Genesis 38:1] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 38።1፤

**Hiram** *hi-ram (male)*

ኪራም Keeram / Kiram

*Hebrew: Noble. A king of Tyre. Son of Abibaal. A friend of both David and Solomon. He was a capable ruler. His daughter married Solomon. Others with this name: A skilled artisan or architect who helped Solomon in the construction of the temple. **Variants:***

*Huram*. [2 Samuel 5:11] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ  
ምዕራፍ 5።11፤

**Hizki** *hiz-ki (modern male and female)*

አዝቂ Hizikee / Hizkee / Hizki

*Hebrew: Strong. An obscure Benjamite. Variants:*

*Hezeki*. [1 Chronicles 8:17] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል  
ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።17፤

**Hizkiah** *hiz-ki-ar (male)*

አዝቅያስ Hizikiyas / Hezekeyas

*Hebrew: Strength. Son of Neariah and a descendant of Solomon. His brothers were Elioenai and Azrikam. Others with this name: (i) An ancestor of the prophet Zephaniah. (ii) One who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. Variants: Hezekiah, Hizkijah.*

[1 Chronicles 3:23] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ  
3።23፤

**Hodaviah** *ho-da-vi-ar (male)*

ሆዳይዋ Hodaywa

*Hebrew: Give praise. Son of Elioenai, a descendant of Solomon. His brothers were Eliashib, Pelaiiah, Akkub, Johanan, Delaiah and Anani. Others with this name: (i) A chief of the Manasseh. (ii) Son of Hassenuah. (iii) A Levite. Variants: Hodevah.*

[1 Chronicles 3:24] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 3።24፤

**Hodesh** *ho-desh (female)*

ሐደሽ Hodaesh / Hodesh [Hodêsh]

*Hebrew: New moon. A wife of Shahraraim. Her sons*

were Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam, Jeuz, Sachia and Mirmah. [1 Chronicles 8:9] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።9፤

**Hodiah** *ho-di-ar (traditionally male and female)*

ዎዲያ Hodeeya / Hodiya

*Hebrew: Splendour of God, magnificence of God.*

*The identity (and the sex) of Hodiah is not clear. She or he was either the sister or brother-in-law of*

*Naham. Some biblical scholars say she was the wife of Ezra. **Variants:** Hodijah, Hodiya. [1 Chronicles*

*4:19] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።19፤*

**Hodijah** *ho-di-jar (male)*

ዎዲያ Hodeeya / Hodiya

*Hebrew: Splendour, magnificence. The name of three Levites, including a tribal chief, in the time of Ezra and Nehemiah. **Variants:** Hodiah, Hodiya.*

*[Nehemiah 8:7] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 8።7፤*

**Hoglah** *ho-glah (female)*

ዒግላ Aegila / Egla

*Hebrew: Quail. A name unlikely to catch on in*

*English-speaking countries. Daughter of*

*Zelophehad. Her sisters were Mahlah, Noah, Milcah and Tirzah. As Zelophehad had no sons, a law was*

*devised enabling his daughters to be his heirs.*

*[Numbers 26:33] ኦሪት ዘኵልቀ ምዕራፍ 26።33፤*

**Hosah** *ho-sar (male)*

ሐሳ Hosa

*Hebrew: Refuge. A Levite temple porter in the days*

of David. [1 Chronicles 16:38] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል  
ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 16።38፤

**Hosea** *ho-zi-ah (male)*

ሆሴዕ Hosaei / Hosei / Hosae'i

*Hebrew: Help, salvation. Son of Beerī. He was a prophet who warned Israel to abandon the blasphemous religious practices of Baal and return to the true faith of Moses. The twenty-eighth book of the Old Testament bears his name. His wife was the unfaithful Gomer. His sons were Jezreel and Lo-Ammi; his daughter was Lo-Ruhamah. Variants: Hoshal, Osee, Osia, Osias. [Hosea] ትገቢተ ሆሴዕ።*

**Hoshama** *ho-shar-ma (modern male and female)*

ሆሻማ Hosham

*Hebrew: Whom God hears. A son of Jeconiah of Judah, the captive king. His brothers were Shealtiel, Malchiram, Pedaiāh, Shenazzar, Jekamiah and Nedabiah. [1 Chronicles 3:18] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል  
ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።18፤*

**Hothan** *ho-thun (male)*

ኮታም Kotam

*Hebrew: Seal. The father of Shama and Jeiel, both of whom became mighty warriors under David. [1 Chronicles 11:44] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 11።44፤*

**Hur** *hur (male)*

ሐር Hor

*Hebrew: White, chalky. Other interpretations: Hole.*

*A warrior who helped the weary Moses hold his hands aloft during the battle between Joshua and Amalek. This gesture enabled the Israelites to win. Others with this name: (i) Grandfather of Bezalel. Jewish tradition says this person was the husband of Miriam. (ii) One of the five kings of Midian who perished with Balaam. (iii) Father of one of King Solomon's supply officers. The son was known as Ben-Hur, which means son of Hur. (iv) Father of Rephaiah, who helped Nehemiah re-build the ruined walls of Jerusalem. [Exodus 17:10] አሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 17።10፤*

**Hushai** *hu-shay (modern male and female)*

ኩሲ, Kusee / Kusi

*Hebrew: Haste, bustle. One of David's most prominent generals. Also his friend and trusted adviser. [2 Samuel 15:32] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካለዕ ምዕራፍ 15።32፤*

**Hushim** *hu-shim (traditionally male and female)*

ሉሻም Husheem / Hushim

*Hebrew: Haste, bustle. Either a son or descendant of Dan. Others with this name: One of the wives of Shahraraim. She had two sons by him, Abitub and Elpaal. **Variants:** Shuham. [Genesis 46:23] አሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።23፤*



**Ibri** *ib-bri* (modern male and female)

ዒብሪ Aebree / Ebree / Ebri

*Hebrew: A Hebrew. A Levite, the son of Jaaziah.*

[1 Chronicles 24:27] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 24።27፤

**Ibzan** *ib-zan* (modern male and female)

ኢብዳን Eebtzan / Ibtzan

*Hebrew: Famous. A judge of Israel for seven years.*

*He fathered thirty sons and thirty daughters.*

[Judges 12:8] መጽሐፈ. መሣፍንት ምዕራፍ 12።8፤

**Imlah** *im-lar* (modern male and female)

ይምላ Yimla

*Hebrew: Full, fullness. Father of the minor prophet*

*Micaiah. [1 Kings 22:8] መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ።*

ምዕራፍ 22።8፤

**Immanuel** *im-man-nu-el* (male)

አማኑኤል Amanuael / Amanuel

*Hebrew: God is with us. The name of Jesus Christ in prophecy. Isaiah prophesied that a child of this*

*name would be born to a young virgin of the house*

*of David. Matthew's gospel says that the foretold*

*child was Jesus, born to the Virgin Mary, a*

*descendant of David. **Variants:** Emanuela,*

*Emmanuel, Imanuel, Mani, Manny, Mano, Manuel,*

*Manuela. [Isaiah 7:14] ትገቢተ ኢሳይያስ ምዕራፍ 7።14፤*

**Imna** *im-na* (modern male and female)

ይምና Yimna

*Hebrew: Lagging, lax. Other interpretations: God protects, defends. Head of an Asherite clan.*

[1 Chronicles 7:35] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 7።35፤

**Imri** *im-ri* (modern male and female)

አምሪ Amiree / Amree / Amri

*Hebrew: Talkative, God speaks. Other interpretations: Tall. A son of Bani of the tribe of Judah. Others with this name: Father of Zacchur, who helped rebuild the fallen walls of Jerusalem.*

**Variants:** *Imric, Imrie.* [1 Chronicles 9:4] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 9።4፤

**Ira** *i-ra* (male)

ዒራስ Eeras / Iras

*Hebrew: Watchful. Other interpretations: Stallion. A senior court official in the time of David. Others with this name: Two of David's mighty warriors, one being the son of Ikkesh.* [2 Samuel 20:26] መጽሐፈ

ሳሙኤል ካል ምዕራፍ 20።26፤

**Irad** *i-rad* (male)

ጋይዳድ Gaydad

*Hebrew: Fast, fleet. Son of Enoch and grandson of Cain. Father of Mehujael.*

[Genesis 4:18] ኦጊት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 4።18፤

**Iram** *i-ram* (male)

ዒራም Eeram / Iram

*Hebrew: Citizen. An Edomite tribal chief.*

[Genesis 36:43] አሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።43፤

**Irijah** *i-ri-jar (modern male and female)*

የረያ Yereeya / Yeriya

*Hebrew: God sees, seen by God. The guardian of the gate who arrested the prophet Jeremiah as he sought to leave Jerusalem.*

[Jeremiah 37:13] ትገቢተ ኤርምያስ ምዕራፍ 37።13፤

**Isaac** *i-zak (male)*

ይስሐቅ Yisihak / Yesehak

*Hebrew: Laughter, he who laughs. So named because it was thought amusing that his elderly parents, Abraham and Sarah, should produce a child. At his birth Sarah said, "God has made laughter for me; everyone who hears will laugh over me." Isaac was greatly loved by his father. As a test of faith, Abraham was told by God to sacrifice his son. At the last moment an angel intervened and saved the boy's life. Isaac's wife was Rebekah, by whom he had twin sons, Esau and Jacob. His half-brothers were Ishmael, Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah. He became Abraham's sole heir, although he was not the eldest. He lived for one hundred and eighty years. **Variants:** Ike, Isaacus, Isaak, Isac, Isacco, Isak, Itzik, Izaak, Izak, Yotzchak, Zak. [Genesis 17:19] አሪት ዘፍጥረት*

*ምዕራፍ 17።19፤*

**Isaiah** *i-zi-ar (male)*

ኢሳይያስ Eesaiyas / Esaiyas / Esayas / Isaiyas / Isayas

*Hebrew: Salvation of God. Son of Amoz. First of the major prophets, often called the prince of the prophets. The 23rd book of the Old Testament, which bears his name, contains his admonitions and prophecies. At sixty-six chapters, it is one of the longest books in the Bible. He prophesied during the reigns of four kings of Judah: Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz and Hezekiah. Isaiah denounces both the Jewish people and other nations for their sins against God. He warns nations not to oppose the chosen people of God and not to defy the will of God. He urges the Jews to turn away from sin and seek the mercy of God. He also speaks of the coming of the Christ, a saviour who will purify the faith. Little is known of the prophet's personal life. **Variants:** Ikaia, Isa, Isaias, Issa, Yeshaya. [Isaiah] ትገቢተ ኢሳይያስ።*

**Iscah** *is-car (female)*

ዮሰካ Yosika / Yoska

*Hebrew: Who looks. Daughter of Haran and sister of Lot. Her sister was Milcah, wife of Nahor. Her uncle was Abraham.*

[Genesis 11:29] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 11።29፤

**Ishbah** *ish-bar (modern male and female)*

ይሽባ Yishiba / Yishba

*Hebrew: Praise. A clan chief, the father of Eshtemoa. Son of Mered and Bithiah, an Egyptian princess. [1 Chronicles 4:17] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል*

ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።17፤

**Ishbak** *ish-bak (modern male and female)*

የሰቦቅ Yesibok / Yesbok

*Hebrew: Leaving. Son of Abraham by Keturah. His brothers were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian and Shuah. His half-brothers were Isaac and Ishmael.*

[Genesis 25:2] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 25።2፤

**Ishbi-Benob** *ish-be-be-nob (modern male / female)*

ይሽቢ-ቡኖ-ብ Yishbeebbinob / Yishbibinob

*Hebrew: Who lives, dweller. A giant warrior who attacked David. He was killed by Abishai. His full name was Ishbi-Benob, dweller at Nob.*

[2 Samuel 21:16] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካል ምዕራፍ 21።16፤

**Ishi** *ish-hi (male)*

ይሽዒ Yishiee / Yish'ee / Yishi

*Hebrew: Saving, restorative, healthy. Son of Appaim. Father of Sheshan. Others with this name: (i) Father of Zoheth and Ben-Zoheth. (ii) A descendant of Simeon. (iii) A clan chief of the*

*Manasseh. [1 Chronicles 2:31] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል*

*ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።31፤*

**Ishiah** *ish-hi-ar (male)*

ይሽያ Yisheeya / Yishiya / Yishya

*Hebrew: Loaned. Other interpretations: God exists.*

*A son of Izrahiah and a chief of the Issachar. His brothers were Michael, Obadiah and Joel. **Variants:***

*Isshiah. [1 Chronicles 7:3] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል*

*ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።3፤*

**Ishijah** *ish-hi-jar (male)*

ይሽያ Yisheeya / Yishiya / Yishya

*Hebrew: Loaned. Son of Harim, he divorced his*

foreign wife in the days of Ezra.

[Ezra 10:31] መጽሐፈ ዕብራ። ምዕራፍ 10።31፤

**Ishmael** *ish-my-el (male)*

እስማኤል Ismael / Isma'ael

*Hebrew: God hears, whom God hears. Eldest son of Abraham. His mother was Hagar, the Egyptian maid of Sarah, whom Abraham took as a concubine when Sarah had been childless for many years. His half-brothers were Isaac, Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah. God said of Ishmael, "I will bless him and make him fruitful and multiply him exceedingly; he shall be the father of twelve princes, and I will make him a great nation." His sons became tribal princes of Arabia. They were Nebaioth, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah, collectively known as the Ishmaelites. Arab Muslims claim descent from Ishmael. He died at the age of one hundred and thirty seven years. Others with this name: (i) A descendant of Saul and Jonathan. (ii) Father of Zebadiah. (iii) Son of Jehohanan. (iv) Son of Nethaniah. (v) Son of Azel.*

[Genesis 16:11] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 16።11፤

**Ishmaiah** *ish-may-ar (modern male and female)*

የሸማዓ Yeshimaa / Yeshma'a

*Hebrew: God hears. A man of Gibeon who joined forces with David at Ziklag. Others with this name: A chief of the Zebulunites. **Variants:** Ismaiah.*

[1 Chronicles 12:4] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 12።3፤

**Ishmerai** *ish-mer-ray (modern male and female)*

ይሽሚራይ Yishmiray

*Hebrew: God keeps, protects. One of the sons of Elpaal. His brothers included Zebadiah, Meshullam, Hizki, Heber, Izliah and Jobab.*

[1 Chronicles 8:18] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 8።18፤

**Ishod** *ish-od (male)*

ኢሱድ Eesud / Isud

*Hebrew: Man of majesty, eminent, famous man. Son of Hammoleketh, a woman of the Manasseh tribe.*

**Variants:** *Ishhod.*

[1 Chronicles 7:18] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 7።18፤

**Ishpah** *ish-pa (male)*

ይሽጶ YishPa

*Hebrew: Firm, steady. Other interpretations: Bald. A son of Beriah. His brothers were Zebadiah, Arad, Eder, Michael and Joha. Variants: Ispah.*

[1 Chronicles 8:16] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 8።16፤

**Ishpan** *ish-pan (male)*

ይሽጶን YishPan

*Hebrew: He will hide. Other interpretations: Bald. A son of Shashak. His brothers were Eber, Eliel, Abdon, Zichri, Hanan, Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah, Iphdeiah and Penuel.*

[1 Chronicles 8:22] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 8።22፤

**Ishvah** *ish-va (male)*

የሱዋ Yesuwa

*Hebrew: He will level. Second son of Asher. His brothers were Beriah, Imnah and Ishvi. His sister was Serah. Variants: Ishuah, Ishui, Ishuai.*

[Genesis 46:17] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።17፤

**Ishvi** *ish-vi (male)*

የሱዋ Yesuwee / Yesuwi

*Hebrew: Level. Third son of Asher. His brothers were Beriah, Imnah and Ishvah. His sister was Sarah. Others with this name: (i) A son of Saul.*

**Variants:** *Ishui, Ishuai, Isui, Jesui.*

[Genesis 46:17] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።17፤

**Ismakiah** *ish-ma-ki-ar (male)*

ሰማካያ Semakeeya / Semakiya

*Hebrew: God sustains, supported by God. A temple overseer in the time of Hezekiah. Variants:*

*Ismachiah. [2 Chronicles 31:13] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 31።13፤*

**Israel** - see *Jacob*

**Ithai** *ith-thay (modern male and female)*

ኢታይ Aetay / Etay

*Hebrew: With God. One of David's mighty warriors. Son of Ribai. Variants: Ittai.*

[1 Chronicles 11:31] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 11።31፤

**Ithamar** *ith-ar-mar* (modern male and female)

ኢ.ታ.ጦር Eetamir / Itamir

*Hebrew: Land of palms, palm grove. Youngest son of Aaron. His brothers were Eleazar, Nadab and Abihu. He founded the priestly line to which Eli belonged. Variants: Itamar, Ittamar.*

[Exodus 6:23] ኦሪት ዘጸአት። ምዕራፍ 6።23፤

**Ithiel** *ith-he-el* (male)

ኢ.ተ.ኤል Eeteeael / Eetiel / Itiel

*Hebrew: God is, God is with me. A friend of Agur. Some of the sayings in the Book of Proverbs are addressed to him. Others with this name: Son of Jeshaiiah, a descendant of Benjamin. Variants: Itiel.*

[Proverbs 30:1] መጽሐፈ. ምሳሌ። ምዕራፍ 30።1፤

**Ithmah** *ith-ma* (modern male and female)

ይትማ Yitma

*Hebrew: Purity. Other interpretations: Orphan. One of David's mighty warriors.*

[1 Chronicles 11:46] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 11።46፤

**Ithran** *ith-ran* (male)

ይትራን Yitiram / Yitram

*Hebrew: Excellent. Son of Dishon and a great-grandson of Zibeon. His brothers were Hemdan, Eshban and Keran. Others with this name: Son of Zophah. [Genesis 36:26] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።26፤*

**Ithream** *ith-re-am* (male)

ይትረጋም Yitreham

*Hebrew: Populous. A son of King David. His mother was Eglah.*

[2 Samuel 3:5] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ ምዕራፍ 3።5፤

**Izhar** *iz-zar (modern male and female)*

ይሰዓር Yisiar / Yisi'Ar

*Hebrew: The shining one. Other interpretations: Oil. Son of Kohath. He was an uncle of Moses. Others with this name: Son of Asshur by Helah. His brothers were Ethnan and Zereth. Variants: Zohar, Jezoar.*

[Exodus 6:18] ኦሪት ዘጸኣት ምዕራፍ 6።18፤

**Izrahiah** *iz-ra-hi-ar (modern male and female)*

ይዝረኤያ Yizrehiya

*Hebrew: God arises, God shines, sparkles. A clan chief descended from Issachar.*

[1 Chronicles 7:3] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።3፤

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**Jaalah** *jar-lar* (male)

የዕላ Yeila / Ye'illa

*Hebrew: Wild goat. A servant of King Solomon whose descendants returned from captivity in Babylon. Variants: Jaala.*

[Ezra 2:56] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።56፤

**Jaasu** *jar-zu* (male)

የዕሁ Yeisu / Ye'isu

*Hebrew: Created. A Jew who, at the insistence of Ezra, divorced his foreign wife. Variants: Jaasau.*

[Ezra 10:37] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።38፤

**Jaazaniah** *jar-za-ni-ar* (male)

ያእዛንያ Yeizaniya / Ye'izanya

*Hebrew: Heard by God, God hears. A captain who served Gedaliah but later conspired in his murder.*

*Others with this name: (i) A man who refused to drink wine with the prophet Jeremiah. (ii) A worshipper of idols, the son of Shaphan. (iii) One of twenty-five wicked men, the son of Azzur. Variants: Jezaniah.*

[2 Kings 25:23] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ።

ምዕራፍ 25።23፤

**Jaaziah** *jar-zi-ar* (modern male and female)

ያዝያ Yaziya / Yazya

*Hebrew: Comforted, reassured. Other interpretations: God strengthens. A musician in the temple.*

[1 Chronicles 24:26] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል

ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 24።26፤

**Jabal jar-bal (male)**

ያባል Yabal

*Hebrew: Brook, stream. First son of Lamech and Adah. He became the father of the tent dwellers and the cattle keepers. His brother was Jubal; his half-brother was Tubal-Cain and his half-sister was Naamah.*

[Genesis 4:20] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 4።20፤

**Jabesh jar-besh (male)**

ኢያቤስ Eeyabaes / Eyabes

*Hebrew: Arid, dry. Father of Shallum, the assassin and usurper of King Zechariah.*

[2 Kings 15:10] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 15።10፤

**Jabez jar-bez (male)**

ያቤጽ Yabaetz / Yabetz

*Hebrew: Sorrowful, to grieve. A family chief whose sons were scribes and who was specially blessed by God. Also a place name.*

[1 Chronicles 4:9] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።9፤

**Jabin jar-bin (male)**

ኢያቤስ Eeyabees / Eyabis

*Hebrew: Observed, able to observe, discern. A king of Hazor, defeated and killed by Joshua. Others with this name: Another king of Hazor, this one defeated by Barak.*

[Joshua 11:1] መጽሐፈ ኢያሱ ወልደ ነዌ ምዕራፍ 11።1፤

**Jacob jay-cob (male)**

ያዕቆብ Yaikob / Yakob / Ya'ikob

*Hebrew: He takes by the heel. Other interpretations: To succeed, to replace. Second son of Isaac and Rebekah. He was born grasping the heel of his momentarily older twin brother Esau. Jacob persuaded Esau to sell his birthright to him for some bread and pottage. Jacob was specially blessed by God, who said to him: "Your descendants shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and by you and your descendants shall all the families of the earth bless themselves." He had two wives, the sisters Leah and Rachel, and two concubines, Zilpah and Bilhah. By Leah, he fathered Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun, and the daughter, Dinah.; by Zilpah, Gad and Asher; by Bilhah, Dan and Naphtali; and by Rachel, Joseph and Benjamin. Jacob was later re-named Israel, which means the face of God. His twelve sons were the founders of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. **Variants:** Akevy, Akiva, Cob, Cobby, Como, Diego, Giacomo, Hamish, Iago, Jacinto, Jack, Jackson, Jacobus, Jacoby, Jacques, Jago, Jake, Jakob, Jakov, James, Jaquot, Jasha, Jeb, Jock, Joco, Kivi, Santiago, Yaakov, Yago. [Genesis 25:26] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 25።26፤*

**Jada jar-da (male)**

ያዳ Yada

*Hebrew: Wise, knowing. Son of Onam and grandson of Jerahmeel. [1 Chronicles 2:28] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።28፤*

**Jadon jar-don (male)**

ያዶን Yadon

*Hebrew: He will plead. Other interpretations: Judge. One who assisted Nehemiah in the re-building of Jerusalem's wall. [Nehemiah 3:7] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 3።7፤*

**Jael jar-el (female)**

ኢያላል Eeyael / Eya'El / Eeya'ael

*Hebrew: Wild goat. Wife of Heber. She killed Sisera with a tent peg after he took refuge in the tent of her husband following his defeat by Barak. She was praised highly by the prophetess Deborah for this deed. [Judges 4:17] መጽሐፈ መሃናንት ምዕራፍ 4።17፤*

**Jahath jar-hath (male)**

ላሃድ Lahad

*Hebrew: United. Other interpretations: God will take up. Son of Reaiah and a great-grandson of Judah. His sons were Ahumai and Lahad. Others with this name: (i) Son of Libni. (ii) Two Levites, one a Gershonite chief. (iii) A temple builder under King Josiah. **Variants:** Jeheth. [1 Chronicles 4:2] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።2፤*

**Jahaziah jar-haz-zi-ar (male)**

የሕዝያ Yehiziya / Yehizya

*Hebrew: Seen of God, God sees. A priest who opposed Ezra's call for the divorce of all foreign wives. **Variants:** Jahzeiah. [Ezra 10:15] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።15፤*

**Jahaziel jar-haz-zi-el (male)**

የሕዚኢል Yehizeeael / Yehiziel

*Hebrew: Seen of God, God sees. One of the exceptional warriors who joined forces with David at Ziklag. Others with this name: (i) A musical priest. (ii) A son of Zechariah. He encouraged the Israelites to victory with these famous words: "... the battle is not your's, but God's..." (iii) A builder of the temple, the son of Hebron. (iv) An ancestor of captives returned from Babylon. [1 Chronicles 12:4] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 12።4፤*

**Jahdai** *jar-day (traditionally male and female)*

ያህዳይ Yahiday / Yahday

*Hebrew: Directed. Either a son or a concubine of Caleb; the biblical record is not clear. In either case, his or her sons were Regem, Jotham, Geshan, Pelet, Ephah and Shaaph. [1 Chronicles 2:47] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።47፤*

**Jahdiel** *jar-de-el (modern male and female)*

ኢየድኤል Eeyediael / Eyediel

*Hebrew: God gives joy. A mighty warrior and clan chief who worshipped false idols. [1 Chronicles 5:24] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 5።24፤*

**Jahleel** *jar-lee-el (modern male and female)*

ያሕልኤል Yahiliael / Yahliel

*Hebrew: Hoping, hopeful. Son of Zebulun and clan head. [Genesis 46:14] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።14፤*

**Jahmai** *jar-may (modern male and female)*

የሕማይ Yehimay / Yehmay

*Hebrew: Guarded, protected. Son of Tola. A clan*

chief and mighty warrior. His brothers were Uzzi, Rephaiah, Jeriel, Ibsam and Shemuel. [1 Chronicles 7:2] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።2፤

**Jahziel** jar-zi-el (male)

ያሕጽኤል Yahitziael / Yahtziel

Hebrew: Given, allotted. A son of Naphtali. His brothers were Guni, Jezer and Shillem.

[Genesis 46:24] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።24፤

**Jair** jair (male)

ኢያዕር Eeyair / Eeya'ir / Eyair

Hebrew: Enlightened, he enlightens. Other interpretations: Forest. A mighty warrior in the days of Moses. Others with this name: (i) A judge of Israel. He served for twenty years. (ii) Father of Elhanan, the warrior who killed Goliath's giant brother. (iii) Father of Mordecai, the Jewish official at the court of King Ahasuerus. **Variants:** Jaare, Jair-Oregim.

[Numbers 32:41] ኦሪት ዘኅሉልቱ ምዕራፍ 32።41፤

**Jakim** jak-keem (male)

ያቂም Yakeem / Yakim

Hebrew: God raises. Other interpretations: Confirmed. A son of Shimei. His brothers were Zichri, Zabdi, Elienai, Zilethai, Eliel, Adaiah, Beraiah and Shimrath. Others with this name: A priestly official. [1 Chronicles 8:19] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል

ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።19፤

**Jakin** *jak-keen (male)*

ያክ.ገ Yakeen / Yakin

*Hebrew: Established, God will provide. Fourth son of Simeon and a grandson of Jacob. His brothers were Jamin, Jemuel, Ohad, Zohar and Shaul. Others with this name: Two priestly officials. Variants: Jachin, Jarib. [Genesis 46:10] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።10፤*

**Jalam** *jal-lam (male)*

የዕላም Yeilam / Ye'ilam

*Hebrew: Hidden. A son of Esau by Oholibamah. An Edomite chief. Variants: Jaalam.*

*[Genesis 36:5] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።5፤*

**Jalon** *jal-lon (male)*

ያሎገ Yalon / Yallon

*Hebrew: Pausing, resting. A son of Ezra. His brothers were Jether, Mered and Epher.*

*[1 Chronicles 4:17] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።17፤*

**James** *james (male)*

ያዕቆብ Yaikob / Ya'ikob / Yakob

*Greek, from Hebrew: Jacob. A son of Zebedee by Salome. A disciple of Jesus Christ. His brother was John, also a disciple. He may have been a cousin of Jesus, though this is not certain. He was executed by Herod Agrippa, the first of the twelve disciples martyred. Others with this name: There is a lot of uncertainty about the identity of various persons named James; some may be the same. (i) Son of Alphaeus. Little is known of him. He may have been a brother of Matthew. (ii) James the Younger, also*

called James the Less. A son of Mary (not the Virgin). He may be identical with the son of Alphaeus. (iii) James, either the brother or cousin, of Jesus. His brothers were Joses, Simon and Judas. He may have been the author of the New Testament's Letter of James. Tradition says he was the first bishop of Jerusalem. Paul called him a pillar of the church. (iv) A kinsmen of Judas Thaddaeus. **Variants:** Diego, Hamish, Iago, Jaime, Jamie, Jan, Jay, Jayme, Jas, Jem, Jim, Jimmy, Seamus, Shamus. [Matthew 4:21] የግቴዎስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 4፡21፤

**Janna** *jarn-na* (modern male and female)  
ዮና Yona

Hebrew: God-given. An ancestor of Jesus. **Variants:** Jannai. [Luke 3:24] የሉቃስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 3፡24፤

**Japheth** *jar-peth* (male)

ያፌት Yafaet / Yafet / Yaphet

Hebrew: God will enlarge, bless. Other interpretations: Beauty, youthfulness. The youngest son of Noah. Noah asked God to "enlarge Japheth, and let him dwell in the tents of Shem; and let Canaan be his slave". His brothers were Ham and Shem. From these three, "the whole world was peopled." Japheth had seven sons: Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Tubal, Meshech and Tiras. He was the forefather of the Indo-European and Caucasian races. [Genesis 6:10] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 6፡10፤

**Japhia** *jar-fee-ar* (modern male and female)

ያፌዳ Yafeea / Yafia / Yapheea / Yaphia

Hebrew: Splendour. Other interpretations: May God

*illumine. A king of Lachish who joined the military alliance against Joshua. He was defeated in battle, trapped in a cave, and executed. Others with this name: A son of King David. [Joshua 10:3]*

መጽሐፈ. ኢ.ያሱ ወልደ ነዌ ምዕራፍ 10።3፤

**Jarah** *jar-ra (modern male and female)*

የዕራ- Yeira / Ye'ira

*Hebrew: Honey, honeycomb. Son of Micah. A descendant of Saul. **Variants:** Jadah, Jehoaddah.*

[1 Chronicles 9:42] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 9።42፤

**Jared** *jar-red (male)*

ያራድ- Yaraed / Yared

*Hebrew: Descent. Son of Mahalalel. His son was Enoch. Jared lived for nine hundred and sixty two years, the second longest life span in the Bible.*

[Genesis 5:15] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 5።15፤

**Jaresiah** *jar-ez-zi-ar (modern male and female)*

ያራሽያ- Yaraeshiya / Yareshiya / Yareshya

*Hebrew: Nourished. A Benjamite, the son of Jerohan. **Variants:** Jareshiah.*

[1 Chronicles 8:27] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 8።27፤

**Jarha** *jar-ha (male)*

ኢ.ዮሄል- Eeyohael / Eyohel

*Hebrew: Meaning unknown. An Egyptian slave of Sheshan, freed to marry one of his daughters,*

possibly Ahlai. [1 Chronicles 2:34] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።34፤

**Jarib** *jar-rib (male)*

ያራብ Yareeb / Yarib

*Hebrew: He strives. Other interpretations: Enemy. A leader among the returning captives from Babylon.*

*Others with this name: A priest who married a foreign wife. **Variants:** Jakin, Jareb.*

[Ezra 8:16] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 8።16፤

**Jaroah** *jar-ro-ar (male)*

ኢዳዩ Eeday / Eday

*Hebrew: Moon. A chief of the Danites.*

[1 Chronicles 5:14] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 5።14፤

**Jashen** *jar-shen (modern male and female)*

አሳን Asan / Assan

*Hebrew: Sleeping. The father of an unspecified number of David's mighty warriors. **Variants:***

*Hashem. [2 Samuel 23:32] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካል።*

ምዕራፍ 23።33፤

**Jasiel** *jar-ze-el (modern male and female)*

ዕሢኤል Iseeael / Isiel / I'see'el

*Hebrew: Created. A son of Abner. One of David's famed warriors. **Variants:** Jaasiel.*

[1 Chronicles 27:21] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 27።21፤

**Jason** *jay-son (male)*

ኢ.ያሶን Eeyason / Eyason

*Greek: To heal, healer. An early Christian who gave shelter to Paul and Silas in Thessalonica, and sent a greeting to the Christians of Rome. The name is related to the traditional Hebrew name Joshua.*

[Acts 17:5] የሐዋርያት ሥራ። ምዕራፍ 17።5፤

**Jathniel** *jath-nee-el (male)*

ይዲኤል Yideeael / Yidiel

*Hebrew: God-given. Son of Meshelemiah. A temple gatekeeper in the time of David. His brothers were Jehohanan, Zechariah, Jediael, Zebadiah, Elam and Eliehoenai. [1 Chronicles 26:2] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል*

ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 26።2፤

**Javan** *jar-van (male)*

ያዋን Yawan

*Hebrew: Clay. Other interpretations: Ionia (an ancient region of Asia Minor; also the Hebrew name for Greece). Fourth son of Japheth and a grandson of Noah. His sons were Elishah and Tarshish; other descendants included the tribes of the Kittim and the Dodanim. His brothers were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Meshech, Tubal and Tiras. [Genesis 10:2] ኦሪት*

ዘፍጥረት። ምዕራፍ 10።2፤

**Jaziz** *jar-zeez (modern male and female)*

ያዚዝ Yazeez / Yaziz

*Hebrew: Moved. The chief herdsmen under King David. [1 Chronicles 27:30] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል*

ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 27።31፤

**Jecoliah** *jek-ko-li-ar (female)*

ይኮሊያ Yikoliya

*Hebrew: Capable, enabled. Jecoliah of Jerusalem. Wife or concubine of King Amaziah of Judah. Mother of Uzziah, tenth king of Judah. Variants: Jecholiah.*

[2 Kings 15:2] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 15።2፤

**Jeconiah** *jek-ko-ni-ar (male)*

ዮኣክ.ገ Yoakeen / Yoakin

*Hebrew: God establishes, founds. Son of Jehoiakim and a grandson of the great Josiah. He reigned as king of Judah for just one hundred days before King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon imprisoned him.*

**Variants:** Coniah, Koniah, Jehoiachin, Jechonias.

[2 Kings 24:6] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 24።6፤

**Jedaiah** *jed-day-ar (male)*

የይዳያ Yeyiday / Yeyday

*Hebrew: God knows. Other interpretations: Praise God. Son of Shimri and the father of Allon. A descendant of Simeon. Others with this name: (i) A priest who helped in the reconstruction of Jerusalem's wall. (ii) A priestly official. Variants:*

*Jed, Yehiel. [1 Chronicles 4:37] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።37፤*

**Jedidah** *jed-di-dar (female)*

ይዲዳ Yideeda / Yidida

*Hebrew: Beloved. The mother of the illustrious King Josiah. Her son assumed the throne of Jerusalem at the age of eight years and reigned for thirty-one years. She was the daughter of Adaiah of Bozkath.*

[2 Kings 22:1] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 22።1፤

**Jedidiah** *jed-did-di-ar (male)*

ይዲዲያ Yideediya / Yididya

*Hebrew: Beloved of God. A name given to Solomon by the prophet Nathan because, as it suggests, Solomon was loved dearly by God.*

[2 Samuel 12:25] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ካል። ምዕራፍ 12።25፤

**Jehiel** *je-hi-el (male)*

ያዝኤል Yaziael / Yaziel

*Hebrew: God lives. A temple musician in David's time. Others with this name: (i) A son of King Jehoshaphat of Judah. (ii) A son of Hacmoni the Wise. (iii) A temple treasurer, the son of Ladan. (iv) Two temple overseers. (v) Father of Obadiah, returned from captivity in Babylon. (vi) Father of Shecaniah, who married a foreign a wife. (vii) A priest who married a foreign wife. (viii) A descendant of Heman. **Variants:** Aziel, Jeiel. [1 Chronicles 15:18] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 15።18፤*

**Jehieli** *je-hile-lee (modern male and female)*

ይሐኤሊ Yiheaelee / Yihieli

*Hebrew: God lives. A Levite in David's days. His sons were Zetham and Joel, officials of the temple treasury.[1 Chronicles 26:21] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 26።21፤*

**Jehoaddin** *jeho-ad-din (female)*

ዮዳዳን Yoadan

*Hebrew: Adorned. Jehoaddin of Jerusalem. Wife of King Joash of Judah and mother of Amaziah. Her son was a king of Judah. **Variants:** Jehoaddan.*

[2 Chronicles 25:1] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 25።1፤

**Jehoshaphat** *jeho-sha-fat (male)*

ኢዮሳፍጥ EeyosafiT / Eyosafit / Eyosaphet

*Hebrew: Judged of God, God is the judge. Son of Ahilud. A scribe in the reigns of David and Solomon. Others with this name: (i) Son and successor of King Asa on the throne of Judah. His mother was Azubah, daughter of Shilhi. He ruled well for twenty years. The sole blot on his record was his association with the treacherous Ahab of Israel. His son and successor was Joram. (ii) A priest in David's time. (iii) One of Solomon's supply officers, the son of Paruah. (iv) Father of Jehu, the rebel warrior who destroyed Ahab and became the tenth king of Israel.*

**Variants:** *Joshaphat. [2 Samuel 8:16] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 8።16፤*

**Jehosheba** *jeho-she-ba (female)*

ዮሳቤት Yosabaet / Yosabet

*Hebrew: God is an oath, the oath of God. The daughter of King Joram of Israel and his unpleasant wife Athaliah. She married the high priest Jehoiada. Her brother was Ahaziah. She saved the infant Joash, rightful future king of Israel, from the murderous purges of Athaliah.* **Variants:**

*Jehoshabeath. [2 Kings 11:2] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 11።2፤*

**Jehovah** *jeho-var (male)*

ያህዌ Yahwê / ያህዌህ Yahwêh

*Hebrew: He that is (ያለና የሚኖር). Other varied*



(vi) A son of Asaph. (vii) A Jew who had a foreign wife in the time of Ezra. **Variants:** Jehiel.

[1 Chronicles 5:7] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 5።7፤

**Jekamiah** *jek-ka-mi-ar (male)*

ይቃምያ Yikamiya

*Hebrew: Assembled, gathered. Other interpretations: May God establish. The son of Shallum of Judah. Others with this name: Son of Jeconiah of Judah, the captive king. Variants:*

*Jecamiah. [1 Chronicles 3:18] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።18፤*

**Jemima** *jem-mi-ma (female)*

ይሚማ Yimeema / Yimima

*Hebrew: Dove. Eldest of Job's three daughters, reputedly the most beautiful women of the land. Her sisters were Keziah and Keren-Happuch. Variants:*

*Jem, Jemimah, Jemma, Jona, Jonati, Jonina, Mima, Yemima. [Job 42:14] መጽሐፈ ኢዮብ። ምዕራፍ 42።14፤*

**Jemuel** *jem-mu-el (modern male and female)*

ይሙኤል Yimuael / Yimuel / Yimu'el

*Hebrew: Day of God. The eldest son of Simeon and grandson of Jacob. His brothers were Jamin, Ohad, Jakin, Zohar and Shaul. Variants: Nemuel.*

[Genesis 46:10] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት። ምዕራፍ 46።10፤

**Jerah** *jer-ra (modern male and female)*

ደራሕ Yarah

*Hebrew: Moon. Son of Joktan and a descendant of*

Noah through Shem. His brothers were Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Obal, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah and Jobab. Also the name of a tribe. [Genesis 10:26] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት። ምዕራፍ 10።27፤

**Jerahmeel** *jer-ra-meel (male)*

ይረሕምኤል Yirehmiel / Yirehmiel

*Hebrew: God's mercy, may God have compassion.*

*Eldest son of Hezron. His brothers were Ram and Chelubai. His sons were Ram, Bunah, Onam, Oren, Ozam and Ahijah. His wife was Atarah. Others with this name: (i) Son of Kish. (ii) A prince under Jehoiakim who went with Seraiah and Shelemiah to arrest the prophet Jeremiah.[1 Chronicles 2:9]*

መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።9፤

**Jered** *jer-red (male)*

ዩራድ Yaeraed / Yered

*Hebrew: Descent. A son of Mered by his Jewish wife. Forefather of the inhabitants of Gedor.*

**Variants:** Jared. [1 Chronicles 4:18] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።18፤

**Jeremiah** *jer-ra-mi-ar (male)*

ኤርምያስ Aermiyas / Erimiyas / Ermiyas / Ermias

*Hebrew: God has established. Other interpretations: God is exalted, glorified. Father of Hamutal, mother of King Jehoahaz of Judah. Others with this name: (i) Three warriors who joined forces with David at Ziklag. (ii) A son of Hilkiah of the priestly family of Anathoth. Second of the great prophets. He prophesied during the reigns of Josiah, Jehoahaz,*

*Jehoiakim, Jehoiachin, Zedekiah - a turbulent period which ended with the destruction of Jerusalem. The twenty-fourth book of the Old Testament bears his name and records his life and words. According to tradition, he is also the author of the twenty-fifth book, Lamentations. Jeremiah taught that the individual is responsible for his personal relationship with God. He died in Egypt. (iii) Son of Habazziniah.*  
**Variants:** *Jeremias, Jeremy.* [2 Kings 23:31]

መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 23።31፤

**Jeriah** *jer-ri-ar (modern male and female)*

ይረያ Yireeya / Yiriya

*Hebrew: God sees. Other interpretations: Established, founded. Chief of the house of Hebron.*

[1 Chronicles 23:19] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 23።19፤

**Jeribai** *jer-ree-bay (modern male and female)*

ይረባይ Yireebay / Yiribay

*Hebrew: God pleads. Other interpretations: Defended. One of David's mighty warriors, the son of Elnaam. [1 Chronicles 11:46]* መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል

ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 11።46፤

**Jeriel** *jer-ree-el (modern male and female)*

ይረኢል Yireeael / Yiriel

*Hebrew: Founded. Son of Tola. A clan chief and mighty warrior. His brothers were Jahmai, Uzzi, Rephaiah, Ibsam and Shemuel. [1 Chronicles 7:2]*

መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።2፤

**Jerioth** *jer-ree-oth (female)*

ይሪየት Yireeat / Yiriat

*Hebrew: Tent curtains, curtains. A wife of Caleb. She bore him Jeshur, Shobab and Ardon.*

[1 Chronicles 2:18] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 2።18፤

**Jerusha** *jer-roo-sha (female)*

ኢየሩሳ Eeyerusa / Eyerusa

*Hebrew: Married, possessed (in the sense of marriage). Wife of King Uzziah of Judah. She was the daughter of Zadok. Her son Jotham succeeded to the throne at the age of twenty-five. Variants:*

*Jerushah.* [2 Kings 15:33] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ።  
ምዕራፍ 15።33፤

**Jeshaiah** *jesh-shay-ar (modern male and female)*

የሻያ Yeshaya

*Hebrew: God saves, spared. Son of Hananiah and a grandson of Zerubbabel. His brother was Pelatiah.*

*His son was Rephaiah. Others with this name: (i) One of the musical sons of Jeduthun. His brothers were Gedaliah, Zeri, Shimei, Hashabiah and Mattithiah. (ii) Two captives who returned from Babylon. (iii) Father of Ithiel. Variants: Jesaiah.*

[1 Chronicles 3:21] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 3።21፤

**Jeshua** *jesh-u-ar (modern male and female)*

ኢያሱ Eeyasu / Eyasu

*Hebrew: God is my salvation. A variation of the name Joshua. A priestly official. Others with this name: (i) One of the high priests who returned from*

*the Babylonian captivity with Zerubbabel, and the name of family who did likewise. (ii) A Levite official in the time of Hezekiah. (iii) Levite leader and teacher of Nehemiah's time. Variants: Joshua.*

[1 Chronicles 24:11] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 24።11፤

**Jesiah** *jes-si-ar (modern male and female)*

ይሺያ Yisheeya / Yishiya

*Hebrew: God exists. Other interpretations: Loaned. A warrior who joined forces with David at Ziklag.*

**Variants:** Jeshaiiah, Isshiah, Izziah.

[1 Chronicles 12:6] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 12።6፤

**Jesimiel** *jes-si-mee-el (male)*

ዩሲምኤል Yuseemiael / Yuseemiel / Yusimiel

*Hebrew: Established, God has provided, founded. A prince of the Simeonites.*

[1 Chronicles 4:36] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 4።36፤

**Jesse** *jes-see (modern male and female)*

እሴይ Issaey / Issey / I'sey

*Hebrew: Strong. Other interpretations: Wealthy, riches, a gift. The son of Obed and a grandson of Boaz and Ruth. Father of David, the famous warrior and king who welded the twelve tribes into a single kingdom. His other sons were Eliab, Abinadab, Shimea, Nethanel, Raddai and Ozem. His daughters were Abigail and Zeruihah. Jesse lived in Bethlehem and was probably a clan chief. Variants: Jess.*

*Female forms include Jessie, Jessica.*

[Ruth 4:22] መጽሐፈ ኢትዮጵያ ግድግዳ 4፡22፤

**Jesus** *jee-zuz (male)*

**ኢየሱስ** Eeyesus / Eyesus [Iyesus]

*Greek: Saviour. Other interpretations: God is my salvation. Greek form of the Hebrew name*

*Yehoshua or Jehoshua, more commonly known as*

*Joshua. The title Christ, often affixed, is from the*

*Greek Christos and means anointed. Jesus the*

*Christ was the Saviour and King promised in the*

*Hebrew scriptures. He was the only human child*

*directly begotten by God. His mother was the Virgin*

*Mary; His earthly stepfather was a carpenter known*

*as Joseph. Both parents were descendants of King*

*David. Jesus was born in Bethlehem around 5 B.C.*

*He grew up in the village of Nazareth. Besides the*

*circumstances of His birth, little is known of His life*

*until the age of thirty. Jesus then commenced His*

*mission of teaching, which lasted for three years and*

*climaxed in His crucifixion by the Romans in A.D. 30.*

*The gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John*

*record His story and spiritual message. Western*

*propriety tends to inhibit the use of the name Jesus*

*as a personal name. In view of this squeamishness,*

*it is ironic that Joshua is quite acceptable - and even*

*popular - as a personal name. Others with this*

*name: A friend of Paul, mentioned by him in his*

*letter to the Colossians. This man was also known*

*as Justus. [Matthew 1:1. Joshua is more ancient,*

*dating to the Book of Exodus.] የግድግዳ ወገንገል።*

**ግድግዳ 1:1**

**Jether** *jeth-thur* (male)

ጽጌር Yaetaer / Yeter

*Hebrew: Who excels, shining forth. Other interpretations: Abundance, excellence. Eldest son of the celebrated warrior Gideon. He was ordered by his father to kill the captives Zebah and Zalmunna, kings of Midian. Because of his youth he was apparently unwilling to do so. Perhaps he wasn't prepared to slaughter defenceless captives. Others with this name: (i) Father of Amasa, the military commander of the rebel Absalom. (ii) A son of Jada. His brother was Jonathan. (iii) A son of Ezra. (iv) Father of Jephunneh, Pispah and Ara. Variants:*

*Jethro. [Judges 8:20] መጽሐፈ መሣፍንት። ምዕራፍ 8።20፤*

**Jethro** *jeth-ro* (male)

ዮቶር Yotor

*Hebrew: Excellence. Other interpretations: Riches, plenty. A priest of Midian and father-in-law of Moses. Jethro was more a title than a name. His personal name was probably Reuel, which means friend of God. Moses drove off shepherds who tried to stop the seven daughters of Jethro from watering their flocks; for this Moses was welcomed in the house of Jethro. He employed Moses for forty years as a shepherd and gave him his daughter Zipporah in marriage. Variants: Jeth, Jether, Jett.*

*[Exodus 3:1] ኦሪት ዘጸአት። ምዕራፍ 3።1፤*

**Jezebel** *jez-za-bel* (female)

ኢልሳቤል Aelzabael / Elzabel [Êlزابêl]

*Hebrew: Unexalted. Other interpretations: Chaste, unmarried. The daughter of King Ethbaal of Sidon. Her husband was the greedy King Ahab of Israel.*

*She worshipped the pagan god Baal and tried to impose this religion on the people of Israel. Jezebel killed every prophet of God she could find. Her archenemies were Elijah, who was equally murderous in his dealings with the false prophets of Baal, and Jehu, the rebel warrior who destroyed the royal house of Ahab and usurped the throne. She met an unsavoury end: she was defenestrated by her eunuchs, run over by Jehu in his chariot, and then eaten by dogs. Others with this name: An obscure prophetess mentioned in the Book of Revelation. [1 Kings 16:31] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 16።31፤*

**Jezebel** jez-zi-ar (modern male and female)  
ይዥያ Yiziya / Yizya  
*Hebrew: God unites. Other interpretations: Sprinkled. One who was persuaded by Ezra to divorce his foreign wife. Variants: Jesiah, Izziah. [Ezra 10:25] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።25፤*

**Jeziel** jez-zi-el (modern male and female)  
ይዥኤል Yiziael / Yiziel / Yizi'el [Yiz'Êl]  
*Hebrew: Assembly of God. Other interpretations: Sprinkled. A warrior, the son of Azmaveth, who joined with David's forces at Ziklag. [1 Chronicles 12:3] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 12።3፤*

**Jezreel** jez-ree-el (modern male and female)  
ኢይዥራኤል Eeyizirael / Eyizrael / Eyizra'el [IlyzraÊl]  
*Hebrew: God has planted, seed of God. A son of Etam. His brothers were Ishma and Idbash. His*

sister was Hazzelelponi. Others with this name: The son of the prophet Hosea by the unfaithful Gomer.

[1 Chronicles 4:3] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 4።3፤

**Joab jo-ab (male)**

ኢዮኦብ Eeyoab / Eyoab [Iyo'Ab]

Hebrew: God is the father. A warrior and commander who served under David. He was the son of Zeruah, David's half-sister. He was an ambitious and often contradictory character. At times he seemed a thoroughly dedicated servant of David, yet he was also capable of bloodthirsty opportunism. He killed both Abner and Amasa, in less than honourable circumstances, for which David on his deathbed belatedly ordered his arrest. Finally Solomon, David's successor, had him executed.

[2 Samuel 2:13] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካል። ምዕራፍ 2።13፤

**Joah jo-ar (male)**

ዮኦስ Yoas / Yo'as

Hebrew: God is his brother. Son of Asaph. The official court recorder of King Hezekiah. He was one of three envoys sent by Hezekiah on a mission to the Assyrians. Others with this name: (i) Son of Zimmah. (ii) Son of Obed-Edom. (iii) Son of Joahaz, and also a court recorder, in this case, under King Josiah.

[2 Kings 18:18] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ።

ምዕራፍ 18።18፤

**Joanna jo-ann-na (female)**

ዮሐና Yohana / Yohanna

Greek: God-given. The wife of Cuza, a steward

under Herod. She was one of the leaders of a group of women, including Mary Magdalene, who were healed by Jesus Christ. This group supported, spiritually and materially, the ministry of Jesus. She was present at the tomb of Jesus when it was discovered that His body was missing. With others, she told the good news of Christ's resurrection to the disciples, who disbelieved it. **Variants:** Giovanna, Hanne, Ivanna, Jane, Janis, Janna, Jean, Joanan, Joanne, Johan, Johanna, Joni, Jovanna, Juanita, Nita, Zaneta. [Luke 8:3] የሉቃስ ወገኔል። ምዕራፍ 8።3፤

**Joash** jo-ash (male)

ኢዮአስ Eeyoas / Eyoas / Eyo'as [lyo'As]

Hebrew: Given by God, God provides. A popular name among the royalty of Judah and Israel. The first was a son of King Ahab of Israel, ordered by his father to imprison the prophet Micaiah and feed him "with scant fare of bread and water". Others with this name: (i) Son of King Ahaziah and successor to the throne of Judah. He reigned for forty years with mixed results. His mother was Zibiah; his son, Amaziah. (ii) Son of Beker and a grandson of Benjamin. (iii) Son of Shelah in the line of Judah. (iv) Father of Gideon, the great warrior. (v) The overseer of David's oil stores. (vi) One of David's mighty warriors. (vii) A son of King Jehoahaz who also assumed the throne of Israel. He reigned for sixteen years. His son was Jeroboam II. **Variants:** Jehoash. [1 Kings 22:26] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 22።26፤

**Job** jobe (as in robe) (male)

ኢዮብ Eeyob / Eyob [lyob]

Hebrew: Persecuted, oppressed. The foremost

*character, and disputed author, of the poetic eighteenth book of the Old Testament, the Book of Job. He is described as a wealthy man from the land of Uz, "blameless and upright... who feared God and turned away from evil." Many calamities befell Job, but he did not abandon his trust in God. Eventually his good fortune was restored and his faith justified - so we have the expression, the patience of Job.*

**Variants:** *Jashub, Iob.* [Job 1:1] መጽሐፈ ኢዮብ። ምዕራፍ 1።1፤

**Joda** *jo-da (male)*

ዮዳ Yoda

*Hebrew: Praise. An ancestor of Jesus Christ.*

**Variants:** *Juda, Judah.* [Luke 3:26] የሉቃስ ወገኔል። ምዕራፍ 3።26፤

**Joed** *jo-ed (male)*

ዮእድ Yoid / Yoed / Yo'id

*Hebrew: God is witness, God knows. Son of Pedaiiah, a descendant of Benjamin through Jeshaiiah. [Nehemiah 11:7] መጽሐፈ ነህምያ።*

ምዕራፍ 11።7፤

**Joel** *jole (as in hole) (modern male and female)*

ኢዮኤል Eeyoael / Eyoel / Eyo'el [Iyo'Él]

*Hebrew: The Lord is his God. Eldest son of Samuel, the prophet and judge of Israel. Samuel appointed Joel and his brother Abijah as judges, but they proved unworthy of high office. Thus Saul was anointed to the kingship by Samuel. (1 Chronicles says that Samuel's eldest son was Vashni. The matter is unresolved.) Others with this name: (i) A*

minor prophet, the son of Pethuel. Author of the twenty-ninth book of the Old Testament, which bears his name. Nothing is known of his personal life. (ii) A prince of the Simeonites. (iii) Four tribal chiefs or leaders. (iv) An ancestor of Samuel. (v) One of David's elite warriors. (vi) An official under David. (vii) Two obscure Levites. (viii) A Jew with a foreign wife in the days of Ezra. **Variants:** Female forms include Joella, Joelle. [1 Samuel 8:2] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።2፤

**Joelah** *jole-lar* (as in hole) (male)

የኤላ Yeaela / Ye'ela [Ye'Éla]

Hebrew: Let him help, God helped. One who joined forces with David at Ziklag. He was the son of Jeroham of Gedor. [1 Chronicles 12:7] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 12።7፤

**Johanan** *jo-hay-nan* (male)

ዮሐናን Yohanan

Hebrew: God has been gracious, mercy of God. A captain of Judah. Son of Kareah. Against the advice of Jeremiah, he led an escape into Egypt, fleeing the overlordship of Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. Others with this name: (i) Eldest son of King Josiah. (ii) Son of Elioenai, a descendant of Solomon. (iii) Father of Azariah, a priest under Solomon. (iv) Two warriors who joined with David at Ziklag. (v) Sons of Hakkatan, Tobiah and Eliashib. (vi) An Ephraimite chief. (vii) A high priest, the grandson of Eliashib.

**Variants:** Jehohanan. See also John.

[2 Kings 25:23] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 25።23፤

## **John jon (male)**

יְהוֹנָתָן Yohanis / Yohannis / Yohannes

*Hebrew: God has been gracious, kind, merciful.*

*Other interpretations: Gift of God. A form of*

*Johanan, itself a contracted form of Jehohanan.*

*John the Baptist, son of the elderly couple Zachariah and Elizabeth, and older cousin of Jesus Christ. It*

*was divinely promised that John would be the herald of the Messiah. He preached in the wilderness and*

*baptised people in the Jordan River. He is*

*compellingly depicted in the Bible as a strange and*

*passionate character. His was "The voice of one crying in the wilderness". John wore a rough coat of*

*camel skin, bound up with a broad leather belt, and*

*ate locusts and wild honey. He baptised Jesus, at*

*which point the active ministry of the Christ began.*

*John was imprisoned because he denounced the*

*incestuous union of Herod and Herodias. Driven by spite, Herodias sought and obtained his death.*

*Others with this name: (i) John the Evangelist, an*

*apostle, son of Zebedee and brother of James. His*

*mother may have been Salome, in which case this*

*John was also a cousin of Jesus. John and James*

*were disciples of John the Baptist, but became*

*disciples of Jesus after the Baptist called him "the*

*Lamb of God." He became noted for the strength of*

*his faith and his closeness to Jesus. John is*

*traditionally credited as the author of the fourth*

*Gospel, the Revelation, and three letters. (ii) The*

*father of Simon Peter. (iii) A kinsman of Annas the*

*high priest. **Variants:** Evan, Ewan, Geno, Gian,*

*Giovanni, Haines, Hanan, Hans, Ian, Ian, Ivan, Jack,*

*Jakon, Jan, Janes, Janos, Jean, Jenkin, Jenner,*

*Jens, Joannes, Jock, Johan, Johannes, Jon, Jonas,*

*Jone, Juan, Owen, Sean, Shaun, Shawn, Yan,*

Yancy, Yanni, Yohanan, Yves, Zan, Zane.  
[Matthew 3:1] የማቴዎስ ወገንጌል። ምዕራፍ 3።1፤

**John Mark** - see *Mark*

**Joiada** joy-ar-da (*modern male and female*)

ዮዳሄ Yodahae / Yodahe [Yodahê]

*Hebrew: God knows, understands. Other interpretations: Favoured. One who assisted in rebuilding the ruined wall of Jerusalem. The son of Paseah. Others with this name: A son of Eliashib. He was expelled from the priesthood. Variants:*

*Jehoiada [Nehemiah 3:6] መጽሐፈ ነህምያ።*

*ምዕራፍ 3።6፤*

**Jonah** jo-nar (*male*)

ዮናስ Yonas

*Hebrew: Dove. Son of Amittai. Author of the brief thirty-second book of the Old Testament, which bears his name. Jonah was a reluctant prophet to whom godliness did not come easily. He was thrown from a ship into the sea and swallowed by a great fish (not necessarily a whale). He prayed in its belly for three days and nights and was regurgitated unharmed. The name is sometimes associated with bad luck, especially by sailors. Variants: Jonas, Yona, Yonah. [2 Kings 14:25] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ።*

*ምዕራፍ 14።25፤*

**Jonam** jo-nam (*male*)

ዮናን Yonan

*Greek from Hebrew: God is gracious, merciful. Son*

of Eliakim, an ancestor of Jesus Christ. **Variants:**  
Jonan. [Luke 3:30] የሉቃስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 3።30፤

**Jonas** jo-nas (male)

ዮናስ Yonas

*Greek from Hebrew: Dove. Greek form of the name Jonah. The father of Simon Peter. **Variants:** Jona,*

*Jonah. [Matthew 12:40] የማቴዎስ ወገኔል*

*ምዕራፍ 12።40፤*

**Jonathan** jon-nath-thun (male)

ዮናታን Yonatan

*Hebrew: God has given. A descendant of Moses through Gershom. He became a priest of the Ephraimites, and later, of the Danites. Others with this name: (i) One of the most noble of all Old Testament characters, the eldest son of King Saul. He was a great army commander and won an important victory over the Ammonites. He was unflinchingly loyal to his often treacherous father, yet remained a faithful friend to David, and would not join in Saul's persecution of him. Nor was he anxious that David might inherit the throne in his place. He was eventually killed in battle against the Philistines. (ii) Son of Abiathar, the high priest. He aided David during the rebellion of Absalom. (iii) Two scribes, one an uncle of David; the other, a son of Kareah. (iv) Son of Shimeah and a nephew of David. (v) One of David's mighty warriors. (vi) One of David's treasurers, the son of Uzziah. (vii) Son of Jada. (viii) Father of Ebed. (ix) Two priests, one the son of Joiada. (x) A Levite descended from Asaph. (xi) One who challenged Ezra, a son of Asahel. **Variants:***

*Jon, Yonatan.* [Judges 18:30] መጽሐፈ. መሣፍንት  
ምዕራፍ 18።30፤

**Jorai** *jo-ray (modern male and female)*

ዮራይ Yoray

*Hebrew: God teaches. A Gadite chief.*

[1 Chronicles 5:13] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 5።13፤

**Joram** *jo-rum (male)*

አደራም Adoram

*Hebrew: God is exalted, glorified, God-exalted. Son of King Tou of Hamath, sent by his father to greet and congratulate David on the defeat of their mutual enemy, Hadadezer. Others with this name: (i) Second son of the villainous Ahab and Jezebel, he succeeded his brother Ahaziah on the throne of Israel and reigned for twelve years. While not as corrupt as his parents, he did permit false idolatry. He was killed and succeeded by the rebel usurper, Jehu. (ii) Son of King Jehoshaphat. He succeeded to the throne of Judah and ruled for eight disastrous years. He murdered his own brothers. His wife was the wicked Athaliah, daughter of Ahab and Jezebel. He worshipped false idols and died horribly, "smote in the bowels with an incurable disease." (iii) A priest in the time of King Jehoshaphat. **Variants:** Jehoram, Hadoram. [2 Samuel 8:10] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ካልዕ  
ምዕራፍ 8።10፤*

**Jorim** *jo-rim (male)*

ዮራም Yoram

*Greek, from Hebrew: Exalted, glorified or perhaps*

God-exalted. The son of Matthat, an ancestor of Jesus Christ. [Luke 3:29] የሉቃስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 3፡29፤

**Jose** *jo-say, ho-say (modern male and female)*

ዮሴዕ Yosaei / Yosei / Yose'i [Yosêi]

*Greek, from Hebrew: Meaning unknown. Son of Eliezer, an ancestor of Jesus Christ. In some translations it is given as Joshua. [Luke 3:29] የሉቃስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 3፡29፤*

**Joseph** *jo-seff (male)*

ዮሴፍ Yosaef / Yosef [Yosêf]

*Hebrew: Increase, may God multiply. First son of Jacob by Rachel (but the eleventh of Jacob), and a grandson of Isaac. Rachel said at his birth, "May God add to me another son"; thus the meaning of his name. His brother was Benjamin. His ten half-brothers were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Gad, Asher, Dan and Naphtali. His half-sister was Dinah. He was one of the founders of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Jacob gave him a coat of many colours as a mark of favour. Stung by jealousy, his brothers sold him to slavers. He was taken to Egypt where he rose to high office under the Pharaoh. Joseph married an Egyptian and had two sons by her, Manasseh and Ephraim - also tribal forefathers. He forgave his brothers for their crime against him, and with Jacob, they settled in Egypt. Joseph emerges as one of the Old Testament's most attractive characters: generous, wise, forgiving and faithful. Others with this name: (i) Father of Igal, one of the twelve spies sent to survey the land of Canaan. (ii) A musician in David's time, a son of Asaph. (iii) A Jew who had a foreign wife in*

the time of Ezra, a son of Bani. (iv) Three ancestors of Jesus Christ. (v) A priest under Joiakim. (vi) Husband of Mary, mother of Jesus, and stepfather to the divine child. A carpenter of Nazareth and a descendant of David. He was either the son of Heli or Jacob; the Gospels disagree. (vii) A brother of Jesus. (viii) Joseph of the town called Arimathea. A wealthy Jew and a secret disciple of Jesus. He sought permission to remove the body of Christ from the cross and laid it in his own tomb. (ix) Son of Sabas. An early Christian disciple, he was later considered as a potential apostolic replacement for the traitorous Judas Iscariot. (x) First name of Barnabas, an early Christian. **Variants:** Beppo, Che, Guiseppe, Iosep, Iosif, Jaska, Jo, Joce, Jody, Joe, Joey, Jose, Josephus, Joses, Jozef, Pepe, Yosef, Yosel, Yoseph, Yosi, Yussuf. [Genesis 30:24] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 30።24፤

**Joshah** *josh-sha* (male)  
 ኢዮሰያ Eeyosiya / Eyosiya [lyosya]  
*Hebrew: Gift of God. Other interpretations: Dwelling, home. A clan chief descended from Simeon.*  
 [1 Chronicles 4:34] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
 ምዕራፍ 4።34፤

**Joshaviah** *josh-sha-vi-ar* (male)  
 ዮሻዊያ Yoshaweeya / Yoshawiya  
*Hebrew: Dwelling. One of the David's warriors, the son of Elnaam.* [1 Chronicles 11:46] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 11።46፤

**Joshibiah** *josh-shy-bi-ar* (male)

ዮሻ-ብያ Yosheebiya / Yoshihya

*Hebrew: Dwelling. A chief among the Simeonites.*

*His son was Jehu; his father was Seraiah. **Variants:***

*Josibiah. [1 Chronicles 4:35] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል*

*ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።35፤*

**Joshua** *josh-u-ar* (male)

ኢያሱ Eeyasu / Eyasu [lyasu]

*Hebrew: Saviour, salvation, God is my salvation. A son of Nun. He was a great military commander and a prominent assistant of Moses, whom he succeeded as leader of the Israelites. Joshua was a*

*divinely-inspired warrior: the walls of Jericho fell down at the blast of his trumpets. At Beth Horan, the*

*sun stood still in its course, permitting him enough daylight to win an important battle. He divided the*

*Promised Land among the Twelve Tribes and persuaded them to reject the ungodly worship of*

*idols. The Bible says that, "he left nothing undone of all that the LORD commanded Moses". He died at*

*the age of one hundred and ten years. The Book of Joshua, sixth of the Old Testament, tells his story.*

*Others with this name: (i) A governor of Jerusalem.*

*(ii) Joshua of Beth-Shemesh, in whose field the Ark of God rested a short while. **Variants:** Hosea,*

*Hoshayah, Hoshea, Jehoshua, Jesus, Josh, Josua, Josue, Mosha, Oshea, Yehoshua. [Exodus 17:9]*

*ኦሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 17።9፤*

**Josiah** *jo-si-ar, ho-si-ar* (male)

ኢዮስያሱ Eeyosiyas / Eyosyas [lyosyas]

*Hebrew: God-healed. Other interpretations: God supports him, God protects. Son of King Amon of*

*Judah and his wife Jedidah. A grandson of Hezekiah. He inherited the throne at the age of eight years and matured into a capable, godly and righteous ruler. He stamped out idolatry and restored the temple in Jerusalem. During this restoration the lost Book of the Law, "given through Moses", was rediscovered. He vigorously reasserted its cardinal role in Jewish life. Josiah died at the battle of Esdraelon, aged only thirty-nine. All Judah mourned. Others with this name: The son of Zephaniah. **Variants:** Josh, Josias. [2 Kings 21:26] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 21።26፤*

**Josphiah** *jos-sif-fire (male)*

ዮሲፍያ Yoseefiya / Yosifya

*Hebrew: God will increase. Father of Shelomith and common ancestor of one hundred and sixty Jews returned from the Babylonian captivity.*

[Ezra 8:10] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 8።10፤

**Jotham** *joth-tham (male)*

ኢዮኦታም Eeyoatam / Eyoatam [Iyo'Atam]

*Hebrew: God is perfect, God is upright. Youngest son of the extravagantly fertile Gideon. His brother was the psychopathic Abimelech, who sought to retain the throne of Judah by murdering seventy of his brothers. The only survivor of this purge was Jotham. Later he told the first biblical parable, recorded in the Book of Judges, of the bramble and the trees. Others with this name: (i) Son and successor of King Uzziah on the throne of Judah. A contemporary of the great prophet Isaiah. He was an effective and righteous ruler. (ii) Son of Jahdai, a*

descendant of Caleb. [Judges 9:5] መጽሐፈ. መሣፍንት  
ምዕራፍ 9፡5፤

**Jozacar** *joz-za-car* (male)

ዮዝካር Yozakar [Yozekar]

*Hebrew: Remembered. Son of Shimeath. He participated in the murder of his master, the wicked King Joash, and was later killed by Joash's son and successor, Amaziah. Variants: Jozachar, Zabad.*

[2 Kings 12:21] መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 12፡21፤

**Jubal** *jew-bal* (male)

ዩባል Yubal

*Hebrew: Music. Second son of Lamech by his wife Adah. He was the world's first musician. He became the father of all those who play the lyre (a small harp) and the pipe, instruments of his invention. His brother was Jabel. [Genesis 4:21] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት*

ምዕራፍ 4፡21፤

**Judah** *jew-dar* (male)

ዩሁዳ Yihuda [Yhuda]

*Hebrew: Praised. Fourth son of Jacob and Leah, and a grandson of Isaac. His brothers were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Issachar and Zebulun. His sister was Dinah. He also had half-brothers: Joseph, Benjamin, Gad, Asher, Dan and Naphtali. He persuaded his jealous brothers to sell Joseph into slavery rather than kill him. Judah was one of the founders of the Twelve Tribes of Israel: in fact the tribe of Judah became the largest. He was an ancestor of Jesus Christ. Others with this name: (i) Five relatively obscure Jews mentioned in Ezra and Nehemiah*

*share the name - one of them may have been a tribal prince. (ii) Son of Joseph and father of Simeon in the family line of Jesus. [Genesis 29:35] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 29፡35፤*

**Judas** *jew-das (male)*

ይሁዳ Yihuda [Yhuda]

*Greek, from Hebrew: Praised. The Greek form of the very respectable Hebrew name Judah. Because of its disreputable bearer, Judas Iscariot, the name has acquired an indelible taint. To call someone Judas is a grave insult, the equivalent of traitor. Judas Iscariot was the disciple who betrayed Jesus Christ into the hands of the vengeful Jews for thirty pieces of silver. Consumed with remorse (which may suggest he had some redeeming virtue), Judas committed suicide. Others with this name: (i) A brother of Jesus. He was also known as Jude, author of the biblical Letter which bears his name. (ii) Another of the disciples of Jesus Christ, known as Judas the son (or brother) of James. (iii) An apostate from Galilee who perished. (iv) A guest-house owner with whom Paul stayed in Damascus. (v) An early Christian leader, his surname was Barsabbas. Acts 15 calls Judas and Silas "prophets". **Variants:** Juda, Judah, Judd, Jude, Judson, Yehudah. [Matthew 10:4] የማቴዎስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 10፡4፤*

**Judith** *jew-dith (female)*

ዮዲት Yodeet / Yodit

*Hebrew: Praise. Other interpretations: Judean, Jew. Feminine form of Judah. The first wife of Esau. Judith was the daughter of Beerli the Hittite. Others*

with this name: In the Apocrypha, there is the Book of Judith. It tells the story of Judith, a women who saves Bethulia by killing the enemy general, Holofernes. **Variants:** Jodette, Jodi, Jody, Jude, Judi, Judy. [Genesis 26:34] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 26።34፤

**Julia** jewl-lee-ar (female)

ዩሊያ Yuliya [Yulya]

*Greek: Soft-haired. The feminine form of the name Julius. Julia was an early Christian in Rome.*

*Philologus may have been her husband. **Variants:** Gill, Gillian, Jill, Juliana, Julie, Julienne, Juliet.*

[Romans 16:15] ወደ ሮሜ ሰዎች ምዕራፍ 16።15፤

**Julius** jewl-lee-us (male)

ዩሊዮስ Yuliyos / Yulyos

*Greek: Soft-haired. A centurion of the Augustan Cohort (imperial unit) in whose charge Paul was placed for the journey to Rome. Later he saved Paul's life and made his escape from custody possible. [Acts 27:1] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 27።1፤*

**Jupiter** jew-pit-ter (male)

ድያ Diya

*Latin: Father of heaven, heaven father. King of the pagan gods in Roman and Hellenic mythology, known to the Greeks as Zeus. Paul's companion, Barnabas, was mistaken for Jupiter by the people of Lystra. **Variants:** Jove. [Acts 14:12] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 14።12፤*

**Justus** *just-tus* (male)

ኢ.ዮስጦስ EeyosTos / Eyostos [lyost'os]

*Greek: Just. A name or surname of Joseph Barsabbas, an early Christian who was considered as a replacement for Judas Iscariot, the dead traitor. Others with this name: (i) A friend of Paul. See Titius. (ii) Another early Christian, this one of Rome, whose first name was Jesus. Variants: Justinian, Justino, Justis, Jute. [Acts 1:23] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 1።23፤*

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**Kadmiel** *kad-mee-el (modern male and female)*  
ቀድምኤል Kedimiaeel / Kedmiel [or better, Qedemêl – various transliterations may apply to this name]  
*Hebrew: God is in front. Other interpretations: Before God, God is ancient. The head of a family returned from the Babylonian captivity. He assisted in rebuilding the temple and was among those who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant.*  
[Ezra 2:40] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።40፤

**Kallai** *kal-lay (modern male and female)*  
ቃላይ Kalay [or better, Qalay – various transliterations may apply to this name]  
*Hebrew: Runner, swift. A high priest under Joiakim.*  
[Nehemiah 12:20] መጽሐፈ ነህምያ። ምዕራፍ 12።20፤

**Kareah** *kar-ree-ar (modern male and female)*  
ቃሬያ Kareaya / Kareya [or better, Qarêya – various transliterations may apply to this name]  
*Hebrew: Bald. Father of Jonathan and Johanan.*  
**Variants:** Careah.  
[2 Kings 25:23] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 25።23፤

**Kedar** *key-dar (male)*  
ቁዳር Kaedar / Kedar [or better, Qêdar – various transliterations may apply to this name]  
*Hebrew: Dark. Other interpretations: Mighty. Second son of Ishmael and a grandson of Abraham. His mother was Hagar. He was one of twelve Arabian princes promised by God. His brothers were Nebaioth, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa,*

*Hadad, Tema, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. His sister was Mahalath, a wife of Esau. [Genesis 25:13]*  
ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 25።14፤

**Kedemah** *key-dee-mar (male)*

ቄድማ Kaedima / Kedima [or better, Qêdma; Qêdima – various transliterations may apply to this name]  
*Hebrew: To the East. Youngest son of Ishmael and a grandson of Abraham. He was one of twelve Arabian princes promised by God. His brothers were Nebaioth, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Tema, Jetur and Naphish. His sister was Mahalath, a wife of Esau. [Genesis 25:15]* ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 25።15፤

**Keilah** *key-i-lar (modern male and female)*

ቅዲላ Kieela / Ki'eela / Keila [or better, Qilla; Q'lila – various transliterations may apply to this name]  
*Hebrew: Citadel, stronghold. Son of Jephunneh, a descendant of Caleb. [1 Chronicles 4:19]* መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።19፤

**Kelita** *kel-lee-tar (modern male and female)*

ቆሊጣስ KoleeTas / Kolitas [or better, QoliTas; Qolitas – various transliterations may apply to this name]  
*Hebrew: Small, petite. An assistant of the great priest, Ezra. **Variants:** Kelaiah. [Ezra 10:23]* መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።23፤

**Kemuel** *kem-u-el (male)*

ቆሙኤል Kemuael / Kemuel [or better, QemuEl; Qemuêl – various transliterations may apply to this

name]

*Hebrew: Helper. Son of Nahor by his wife Milcah. His brothers were Uz, Buz, Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph and Bethuel. His son was Aram. He also had three half-brothers, Tebah, Gaham and Tahash, a half-sister, Maacah. He was uncle to Laban and Rebekah. Others with this name: (i) A chief of the Ephraimites who assisted Moses in the division of Canaan. (ii) Father of Hashabiah. [Genesis 22:21]*

ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 22፡21፤

**Kenan** *key-nan (male)*

ቃድናን Kayinan / Kaynan [or better, Qaynan – various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Hebrew: Possessor, owner. Eldest son of Enosh and a great-grandson of Adam. Father of Mahalalel. He lived to the age of nine hundred and ten years. Others with this name: The son of Arphaxad.*

**Variants:** Cainan. [Genesis 5:9] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 5፡9፤

**Kenani** *key-nan-ni (male)*

ክናኒ Kinanee / Kinani / Kenani [Knani]

*Hebrew: Made by God. A Levite leader and teacher who "cried with a loud voice to the LORD". **Variants:** Chenani. [Nehemiah 9:4] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ፡ ምዕራፍ 9፡4፤*

**Kenaniah** *key-nan-ni-ar (male)*

ክናንያ Kinanya / Kenanya [Knanya]

*Hebrew: Made by God. A leading Levite official under King David. Others with this name: Another official who served David; perhaps the same person*

as above. **Variants:** *Chenaniah*. [1 Chronicles 15:22] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 15።22፤

**Kenaz** *key-naz (male)*

ቁኔዝ Kaenaez / Kenez [or better, Qênêz – various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Hebrew: Hunting. An Edomite chief. Son of Eliphaz and grandson of Esau. His brothers were Teman, Omar, Zepho and Gatam; his half-brother was Amalek. Others with this name: (i) Father of Othniel. (ii) Son of Elah and grandson of Caleb.* [Genesis 36:11] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።11፤

**Keran** *ker-ran (modern male and female)*

ክራን Kiran / Keran [Kran]

*Hebrew: Excellent. Other interpretations: Harp, lyre. Son of Dishon and a great-grandson of Zibeon the Horite. His brothers were Hemdan, Eshban and Ithran.* **Variants:** *Cheran*. [Genesis 36:26] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።26፤

**Keren** *ker-ren (female)*

ቁራስ Keeras / Kiras [or better, Qiras – various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Hebrew: Horn of beauty, beautifier. Third of the three daughters of Job, reputedly the most beautiful women of the land. Her sisters were Jemima and Keziah.* **Variants:** *Keren-Happuch* [Job 42:14] መጽሐፈ. ኢዮብ። ምዕራፍ 42።14፤

**Keros** *ker-ros (male)*

ኬራስ Kaeras / Keras [or better, Qêras; Qairas –

*various transliterations may apply to this name]*  
*Hebrew: Bending, winding. A temple servant whose descendants returned from captivity in Babylon.*

[Ezra 2:44] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።44፤

**Keturah** *ket-tor-ra (female)*

ኪጦራ KaeTura / Ketura [Kêt'ra; KaiTura]

*Hebrew: Incense. Second wife of Abraham, married to him after the death of Sarah. She is also described as Abraham's concubine. Her sons were Zimran, Jokshan, Medan, Midian, Ishbak and Shuah, all founders of Arabian tribes. [Genesis 25:1]*

ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 25።1፤

**Keziah** *kez-zi-ar (female)*

ቃስያ Kasiya / Kasya [or better, Qasiya; Qasya – *various transliterations may apply to this name]*

*Hebrew: Cassia (a type of tree with an aromatic bark related to cinnamon). Second of the three daughters of Job, reputedly the most beautiful women of the land. Her sisters were Jemima and Keren-Happuch.*

**Variants:** Kezia. [Job 42:14] መጽሐፈ ኢዮብ።

ምዕራፍ 42።14፤

**Kish** *kish (modern male and female)*

ቁስ Kees / Kis [or better, Qis; Qees – *various transliterations may apply to this name]*

*Hebrew: Bow. Other interpretations: Strength. Father of Saul, the first king of Israel. Son of Abiel. Others with this name: (i) Third son of Jeiel and his wife Maacah. His brothers were Abdon, Zur, Baal, Nadab, Gedor, Ahio, Zecher and Mikloth. (ii) A son of Mahli. (iii) A temple official under Hezekiah. (iv)*

Great-grandfather of Mordecai. **Variants:** Cis.

[1 Samuel 10:21] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ  
ምዕራፍ 10።21፤

**Kishi** kish-shy (modern male and female)

ቁሳ Keesa / Kisa [or better, Qisa; Qeesa – various transliterations may apply to this name]

Hebrew: Bow. Other interpretations: Strength. Son of Abdi and father of Ethan. **Variants:** Kushaiah.

[1 Chronicles 6:44] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 6።44፤

**Kislon** kiz-lon (modern male and female)

ኪሰሎን Keesilon / Keeslon / Kisilon / Kislon

Hebrew: Hope. Father of Elidad, who became a prince of the Benjamites in the days of Moses.

**Variants:** Chislon. [Numbers 34:21] ኦሪት ዘጉልቶ  
ምዕራፍ 34።21፤

**Kolaiah** kol-lay-ar (modern male and female)

ቆላያ Kolaya [or better, Qolaya; Qolaia – various transliterations may apply to this name]

Hebrew: Voice of God. Son of Maaseiah and father of Pedaiah, descendants of Benjamin. Others with this name: Father of the false prophet Ahab.

[Nehemiah 11:7] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 11።7፤

**Korah** kor-ra (male)

ቆራ Korae / Kore [or better, Qorê; Qorai – various transliterations may apply to this name]

Hebrew: Bald. A son of Esau and Oholibamah. He became an Edomite chief. Others with this name: (i)

*A grandson of Esau. (ii) A son of Izhar. With Dathan and Abiram, he rebelled against Moses, for which the earth swallowed him and his fellow dissidents. His descendants were the Korahites, musicians and doorkeepers of the temple. (iii) A descendant of Caleb. [Genesis 36:5] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።5፤*

**Kore** kor-ree (*modern male and female*)

ቆራ Korae / Kore [or better, Qorê; Qorai – various transliterations may apply to this name]  
*Hebrew: Quail, small bird. Son of Ebiasaph and grandson of Korah the rebel. His son Shallum was a chief gatekeeper of the temple. Others with this name: Son of Imnah. He served as an official under King Hezekiah. [1 Chronicles 9:19] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 9።19፤*

**Koz** koz (*male*)

ቆጽ Kotz [or better, Qos; Qots' – various transliterations may apply to this name]  
*Hebrew: Nimble, agile. Other interpretations: Thorn. Father of Anub, Zobebah "and the families of Aharhel the son of Harum", descendants of Judah. Others with this name: (i) A priestly descendant of Aaron who returned from captivity in Babylon. (ii) A number of returned captives mentioned in Ezra and Nehemiah. Variants: Coz, Hakkoz. [1 Chronicles 4:8] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።8፤*

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**Laban** *la-ban (male)*

ለባ Laba

*Hebrew: White. Son of Bethuel and grandson of Nahor and Milcah. His sister was Rebekah, the wife of Isaac. His daughters Leah and Rachel married Jacob. The somewhat manipulative Laban deceived, or sought to deceive, Jacob more than once.*

[Genesis 24:29] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 24።29፤

**Lael** *lay-el (modern male and female)*

ዳኤል Daael / Da'el [Da'Él]

*Hebrew: Of God, belonging to God. The father of Eliasaph, a clan chief and descendant of Gershon.*

[Numbers 3:24] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 3።24፤

**Lahmi** *lar-mi (male)\**

ለኤሚ Lehimee / Lehimmi / Lehmi

*Hebrew: Warrior. A brother of the giant Goliath. He was killed by Elhanan.*

[1 Chronicles 20:5] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 20።5፤

**Laish** *lay-ish (modern male and female)*

ለሌሳ Lelaesa / Lelesa [Lelêsa; Leleisa; Lelaisa]

*Hebrew: Lion. Father of Phalti.*

[1 Samuel 25:44] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 25።44፤

**Lamech** *la-meck (male)*

ለሜክ Lamaeh / Lameh [Lamêh]

*Hebrew: Powerful, strong. Son of Methushael. His wives were Adah and Zillah. His sons were Jabel, father of those who lived in tents and kept cattle, Jubal, father of music, and Tubal-Cain, a forger of bronze and iron instruments. His daughter was Naamah. Others with this name: Son of Methuselah and a descendant of Seth. Father of Noah. Lamech said of his son, "Out of the ground which the LORD has cursed this one shall bring us relief from our work and from the toil of our hands". Lamech lived for seven hundred and seventy-seven years.*

[Genesis 4:18] አሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 4፡18፤

**Lazarus** *laz-zar-rus (male)*

አልግዛር Aliazar / Alazar [or better, Al'Azar – various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Greek, from Hebrew: God has helped, help of God. Other interpretations: Pauper, leper. Greek form of the Hebrew name Eleazar. He was the hungry, sickly beggar who lay at the gates of a wealthy man who was indifferent to his distress. Lazarus "was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom." Others with this name: Lazarus of Bethany, the brother of Mary and Martha. He had been dead four days when Jesus resurrected him. In a striking demonstration of divine authority, Jesus commanded at the tomb: "Lazarus, come out!"*

**Variants:** Lazar, Lazaro, Lazer, Lazlo.

[Luke 16:20] የሉቃስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 16፡20፤

**Leah** *lear (female)*

ልያ Liya

*Hebrew: Weary (this meaning is uncertain) Eldest daughter of Laban and first wife of Jacob, though*

*Jacob was tricked into this marriage. Jacob's true romantic interest lay with her older sister Rachel, who became his second wife. Rachel resented Leah. Because of this God blessed Leah with seven children but kept Rachel childless for a long time. Leah's sons by Jacob were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. She also had a daughter Dinah. When she could no longer bear children herself, she gave her maid Zilpah as a concubine to Jacob; by this means two more sons, Gad and Asher, were born. **Variants:** Lea, Lee, Leigh. [Genesis 29:16] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 29፡16፤*

**Lemuel** *lem-mu-el (male)*

ለሙኤል Limuael / Limuel / Lemuel [L'muÉl]  
*Hebrew: Dedicated to God. A mysterious king described in Proverbs who was taught wisdom by his mother. It is possible this was an alternative name of Solomon. **Variants:** Lem, Lemmy. [Proverbs 31:1] መጽሐፈ ምሳሌ ምዕራፍ 31፡1፤*

**Levi** *lee-vi (male)*

ሌዊ Laewee / Lewee / Lewi [Lêwi]  
*Hebrew: United. Third son of Jacob and Leah, and a grandson of Isaac. Leah hoped that because she had three sons by Jacob, they would be indivisible as a couple, for Jacob had been tricked into the marriage. Thus the meaning of Levi's name. His brothers were Reuben, Simeon, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. His sister was Dinah. He also had half-brothers: Joseph, Benjamin, Gad, Asher, Dan and Naphtali. One of the founders of the Twelve Tribes of Israel; in this case, the Levites. Others with this name: (i) Two ancestors of Jesus Christ. (ii) The*

original name of Matthew, the tax collector who became a disciple of Christ. **Variants:** Lavey, Leavitt, Lev, Levic, Lever, Lewi. [Genesis 29:34] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 29።34፤

**Likhi** lee-ki (male)

ሊቅሐ. LeeKihee / Leeqhee / Liqhi [Liq'hi]

*Hebrew: Learned. Third son of Shemida and a grandson of Gilead. His brothers were Shechem, Ahian and Aniam. [1 Chronicles 7:19] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።19፤*

**Linus** li-nus (male)

ሊኖስ Leenos / Linos

*Latin: Flax, net. An early Christian of Rome and a friend of Paul. According to some sources, he succeeded the apostle Peter as bishop of Rome, the ecclesiastical office that evolved into the papacy. Thus he is regarded as the second Pope.*

[2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 4:21] 2ኛ ወደ ጢሞቴዎስ ምዕራፍ 4።21፤

**Lois** lo-iss (as in miss) (female)

ሎይድ Loyid / Loyd

*Greek: Pleasing, good, worthy. Grandmother of Timothy, the young man who became the friend and devoted spiritual companion of Paul. Lois was praised by Paul for her earnest faith, which she had transmitted to both Timothy and his mother Eunice.*

[2 Timothy 1:5] 2ኛ ወደ ጢሞቴዎስ ምዕራፍ 1።5፤

## Lot lot (male)

ሎጥ LoT

*Hebrew: Veil, covering. Son of Haran and a nephew of Abraham. Lot lived at first with Abraham but moved later to the wicked city of Sodom. Abraham learned of God's plan to destroy Sodom and pleaded for Lot's life. Because Lot was righteous, God sent angels to warn him of the coming holocaust. He fled with his wife and two daughters. His wife was turned into a pillar of salt during the destruction. He later lived in a cave with his daughters who, according to Genesis 19, got him drunk and raped him twice, by which act he unwittingly fathered Moab and Ben-Ammi. Variant: Lotan. [Genesis 11:27] አሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 11።27፤*

## Lotan lo-tan (male)

ሎጣን LoTan

*Hebrew: Hidden, wrapped up, enfolded. A son of Seir and a chief of the Horites. He had two sons: Hori and Heman. His brothers were Shobal, Zibeon, Ezer and Dishan. His sister was Timna, who became Eliphaz's concubine. **Variants:** Lot. [Genesis 36:20] አሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።20፤*

## Lucifer<sup>6</sup> lew-sif-fer (male)

*A Latin interpolation of the Hebraic symbolic name for the king of Babylon, or more generally, oppressors and evildoers. In popular misuse, it has become one of the names given to*

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<sup>6</sup> In the Amharic, አጥቢ ኮከብ ATBEEYA KOKEB / ATBIYA KOKEB related to the Hebrew – Helal Ben-Shachar or “Son of the morning” in reference to the Giver of light, star of the day, morning star. Christ IYESUS is the True Morning Star, begotton before the so-called ‘Lucifer’ the “Helal ben shachar,” according to Psalm 110:3 and Rev. 2:28; 22:16.

*Satan and the Devil. Please do not call your baby or child this name!* [Isaiah 14:12] ትገቢተ ኢሳይያስ ምዕራፍ 14።12፤

**Lucius** *lew-shus (male)*

ሉክዮስ Lukiyos / Lukyos

*Greek: Born of the morning, of the dawn, illumined. An early Christian convert from Cyrene who worked with the church at Antioch. Others with this name: A relative of Paul. He was with Paul at Corinth when the apostle penned his lengthy epistle to the Romans. Variants: Lu, Luc, Lucais, Lucas, Luce, Lucian, Luciano, Lucien, Luka, Lukas, Luke.*

[Acts 13:1] የሉቃስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 13።1፤

**Luke** *luke (as in duke) (male)*

ሉቃስ LuKas / Lukas [or better, Luqas – various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Greek: Born of the morning, of the dawn, illumined. The anglicised form of Lucius. An early Christian convert, physician and evangelist. Author of the third Gospel, which bears his name, and of the Acts of the Apostles. Luke may have been a Macedonian or a Syrian. It is clear that he was well-educated and cultured. He was a friend of Paul, and was able to consult eyewitnesses to the ministry and person of Jesus Christ. He is described by Paul as "beloved". Tradition says he was martyred in Greece. [Luke]*

የሉቃስ ወገኔል።

**Lydia** *lyd-dee-ar (female)*

ልድያ Lidiya / Lidya

*Greek: Lydus land. Other interpretations: Woman from Lydia. First Christian convert in Europe. Paul met her at Philippi, where she lived and worked as a prosperous trader in purple fabrics from her native*

city of Thyatira. She opened her home to Paul and his converts. [Acts 16:14] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 16።14፤

**Lysias** *li-see-us (modern male and female)*

ሉሰዮስ Lusiyos / Lusyos

*Greek: Dissolving, thawing. Tribune Claudius Lysias of Jerusalem, leader of the Roman patrol that rescued Paul from an angry Jewish mob.*

[Acts 23:26] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 23።26፤

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**Maasai** *mar-say (modern male and female)*

መሳሳይ Meisay / Me'lsay [or better, *Melshay*; *Melshai* – various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Hebrew: Work of God. The name of a priestly family that returned from the Babylonian captivity.*

[1 Chronicles 9:12] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 9።12፤

**Maaziah** *mar-zi-ar (male)*

መዳዝያ Meaziya / Meazyā / Me'Azya

*Hebrew: Comfort of God, consolation. A priestly official, son of Eleazar and Ithamar. Others with this name: A priest who, with Nehemiah, sealed the covenant.* [1 Chronicles 24:18]

መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 24።18፤

**Magdalene** - see *Mary*

**Mahalia** *mar-harl-lee-ar (female)*

ማሀሌህ Mahilehi / Mahleh

*Hebrew: Praise. Other interpretations: Fever. Eldest daughter of Zelophehad. With her four sisters, Hoglah, Tirzah, Noah and Milcah, she received permission to inherit their father's estate, provided they married within their own tribe. Others with this name: Daughter of Hammoleketh and sister of Makir. **Variants:** Mahalah, Mahala, Mehalia.*

[Numbers 26:33] ኦሪት ዘጉልቶ ምዕራፍ 26።33፤

**Mahalath** *mar-hala-ath (female)*

ማዕሌት Mailaet / Ma'ilaet / Maillet

*Hebrew: Harp. Daughter of Ishmael and grand-daughter of Abraham. She became the third wife of Esau. Others with this name: (i) Grand-daughter of David. She married Rehoboam, son and successor of King Solomon. [Genesis 28:9] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት*

*ጥዕራፍ 28።9፤*

**Mahli** *mar-li (modern male and female)*

ሞሐሊ Moholee / Moholi

*Hebrew: Fever. Son of Merari and grandson of Levi. His brother was Mushi. Others with this name: A son of Mushi. [Exodus 6:19] ኦሪት ዘጸአት ጥዕራፍ 6።19፤*

**Mahlon** *mar-lon (male)*

መሐሎን Mehalon

*Hebrew: Fever. Son of Elimelech. Husband of Ruth. [Ruth 1:2] መጽሐፈ ፋት ጥዕራፍ 1።2፤*

**Maki** *mak-ki (male)*

ማክ Makee / Maki

*Hebrew: Decrease. Father of Geuel, one of the spies sent out to survey the Promised Land.*

**Variants:** *Machi. [Numbers 13:15] ኦሪት ዘጉልቀጥ ጥዕራፍ 13።15፤*

**Malachi** *mal-ak-ki (male)*

ሚልክያ Meelikiya / Meelikya / Melikya / Milikya

*Hebrew: Messenger of God, my messenger. Presumably the name (or perhaps the title) of the individual whose prophecies make up the thirty-ninth*

and last book of the standard Old Testament.  
Nothing is known of his personal life. [Malachi] ትገቢተ  
ጢልክያ።

**Malcam** *mal-cam (male)*

ጢልካም Malkam

Hebrew: Meaning unknown<sup>7</sup>. A son of Shaharaim by Hodesh. His brothers were Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Jeuz, Sachia and Mirmah. [1 Chronicles 8:9] መጽሐፈ  
ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።10፤

**Malchiah** *mal-ki-ar (modern male and female)*

መልክያ Melikiya / Melikya [Melkya]

Hebrew: King, God is my king. Son of Baaseiah and father of Ethni in the family lineage of Asaph, a temple singer in the days of David. Others with this name: (i) Great-grandfather of Adaijah, a returned priest. (ii) Two priests, one of David's time and one who, with Nehemiah, sealed the covenant. (iii) Three Jews who had foreign wives. (iv) Three men of Jerusalem, including a goldsmith, who assisted in the reconstruction of the city's ruined wall. (v) One who helped Ezra in the teaching of the Law. (vi) Father of Passhur, the jailer of Jeremiah. (vii) A son of King Zedekiah. **Variants:** Malchijah, Malkijah, Melchiah. [1 Chronicles 6:40] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 6።41፤

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<sup>7</sup> In the Hebrew, Malcom means “*their King; their ruler; their counseling.*” Malcom, historically vis-à-vis the bible relates to the idol Molech. As a name, it is neutral. In the Amharic, መልካም *melkam* means “good” in the sense of Hebrew TOB.

**Malchus** *mal-kus (male)*

ጣልኮስ Melikos / Melkos

*Greek: Ruler, kingdom. The servant of the high priest who lost his ear to Peter's sword during the arrest of Jesus Christ at Gethsemane. [John 18:10]*

የዮሐንስ ወንጌል ምዕራፍ 18።10፤

**Malkishua** *mal-ki-shoo-ar (male)*

ጤልክሳ Maelikeesa / Melikeesa / Melkisa

*Hebrew: King of help. Third son of King Saul. His brothers were Jonathan and Ishvi, and sisters, Merab and Michal. Variants: Malchishua. [1 Samuel*

*14:49] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 14።49፤*

**Malkiel** *mal-kee-el (modern male and female)*

መልክኤል Melikeeael / Melikiel / Melikee'el

*Hebrew: God is my king, God's king. Son of Beriah, a descendant of Asher. Variants: Malchiel.*

*[Genesis 46:17] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።17፤*

**Manoah** *man-no-ar (male)*

ጣኑሄ Manuhae / Manuhe

*Hebrew: Rest. Father of Samson, the great warrior and strongman. [Judges 13:2] መጽሐፈ መሳፍንት*

*ምዕራፍ 13።2፤*

**Mara** *mar-ra (female)*

ጣራ Mara / Marra

*Hebrew: Bitter. Widow of Elimelech. Naomi chose this name for herself because she believed that God had dealt harshly or bitterly with her. Her original name means the opposite; that is, pleasant.*

**Variants:** *Marah. [Ruth 1:20] መጽሐፈ ሩት*

*ምዕራፍ 1።20፤*

**Mareshah** *mar-resh-ar (modern male and female)*

መሪሳ Mereesa / Merisa

*Hebrew: Hill-top. Other interpretations: Possession. Son of Caleb and father of Hebron. Others with this name: A grandson of Judah. Variants: Mesha.*

[1 Chronicles 2:42] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 2።42፤

**Mark** *mark (male)*

ማርቆስ MarKos / Marqos / Markos

*Latin: Large hammer. Other interpretations: To shine, of Mars (the pagan Roman god of agriculture and war). Author of the second Gospel. His complete name was John Mark: the former was his Jewish name, the latter his Roman. He was an early convert of Peter who, say some sources, was his father. He was a cousin of Barnabas. His Gospel, putatively written in Rome, is believed to summarise the teachings of Peter. Tradition records that after the death of Peter, Mark went to Alexandria and founded the church there. Variants: Marc, Marceau, Marcel, Mart, Mercello, Marco, Marcos, Marcus, Marcy, Marek, Mari, Mario, Marion, Marius, Markos, Mars, Marsh, Martin, Marx, Mertin. [Mark] የማርቆስ ወገኔል።*

**Marsena** *mar-seen-na (modern male and female)*

ማሌሴዳር Malaesaeear / Malesear / Malêsê'Ar

*Hebrew: Worthy. One of the seven wise princes of Persia and Media who advised King Ahasuerus, the others being Shethar, Admatha, Carshena, Tarshish, Meres and Memucan. [Esther 1:14] መጽሐፈ*

አስቴር። ምዕራፍ 1።14፤

**Martha** *mar-tha* (female)

ጣርታ Marta

*Aramaic: Royal lady, mistress. With her sister Mary and brother Lazarus, she was a trusted friend of Jesus Christ. As hostess to Jesus, she complained that her sister sat listening to His teaching rather than helping in the work of the house. To this Jesus offered the famous reply, "Mary has chosen the good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Martha may have been the widow of Simon the leper. **Variants:** Mardi, Marta, Martelle, Marti, Matty, Merta. [Luke 10:38] የሉቃስ ወንጌል ምዕራፍ 10፡38-42፤*

**Mary** *mair-ree* (female)

ጣርያም Mariyam / Maryam

*Greek, from Hebrew: Rebellion, overthrow. Other interpretations: Child of our desires, sea of bitterness. The meaning of this name is disputed. The first and the most famous of its bearers was the Virgin Mary, mother of Jesus Christ and wife-to-be of Joseph the carpenter. Little is known of her personal origins. She was reputedly a descendant of King David. Elizabeth, the mother of John the Baptist, was a relative. Mary and Joseph lived quietly and humbly in Nazareth. Mary gave birth to Jesus in a stable at Bethlehem. Of her fate as the mother of Christ, she said, "My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour, for he has regarded the low estate of his handmaiden." She apparently had other sons and daughters as well, including James the brother of Jesus. Others with this name: (i) Mary of Bethany, sister to Lazarus and Martha. She poured a costly ointment on the head of Jesus, to the misguided indignation of the disciples.*

*She was criticised by Martha for not attending to her domestic chores, but Jesus famously defended her distracted contemplation of Him. (ii) Mother of James and Joses. Wife of Cleophas. She witnessed the Crucifixion and burial of Jesus and was later told by an angel that He had risen. (iii) Mary Magdalene, out of whom Jesus cast seven demons. There is no real evidence to prove that she was a prostitute, as popular myth insists. She became a devoted follower of Jesus. She was the first human being to learn of the Resurrection of Christ. (iv) Mother of Mark, the author of the fourth Gospel. She gave refuge to Peter in her home. Some claim that the Last Supper was also held there. (v) Mary of Rome, an early Christian convert. **Variants:** Mae, Mair, Mairin, Mamie, Manon, Many, Mara, Maree, Mari, Maria, Mariam, Marian, Marice, Marie, Mariel, Mariesa, Marietta, Marika, Marion, Mariquita, Marita, Maureen, Maura, May, Mim, Mimi, Minnie, Mira, Miri, Miriam, Mitzi, Moira, Molly, Moya. [Matthew 1:18]*

የጣቲያስ ወንጌል ምዕራፍ 1፡18፤

**Mattaniah** *mat-tan-ni-ar (male)*

ጣታንያ Mataniya / Matanya

*Hebrew: Gift of God. An uncle of King Jehoiachin. Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon put him on the throne of Judah in place of Jehoiachin, and changed his name to Zedekiah. Others with this name: (i) A son of Heman, an official musician of King David. He served under his father as a temple musician. (ii) Two descendants of Asaph. One was a chief singer in the temple, the other helped Hezekiah to bring about badly needed religious reforms. (iii) An ancestor of Jehaziel, an ally of King Jehoshaphat. (iv) Four Jews who divorced their foreign wives at*

*the urging of Ezra. (v) Grandfather of Hanan, an assistant of Nehemiah.*

[2 Kings 24:17] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካለዕ። ምዕራፍ 24።17፤

**Mattathias** *mat-ta-thigh-us (male)*

ማታትዩ Matatiyu / Matatyu

*Greek, from Hebrew: Gift of God. Two of the ancestors of Jesus Christ, one the son of Amos, the other, of Semein.*

[Luke 3:25] ዮሴፉስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 3።25፤

**Matthew** *math-thew (male)*

ማቲዎስ Mataewos / Matêwos

*Greek: Gift of God. A shortened form of the Greek Matthias. Son of Alphaeus. He was at first a tax collector (publican) for the Roman government, known by the name Levi. At the single command from Jesus, "Follow me", Matthew abandoned his job at once and became a disciple. Such willingness suggests great humility and faith. As a former civil official, Matthew may have served as scribe to the disciples. His notes on the life and teachings of Jesus formed the basis for the influential Gospel of Matthew. His brother was James the Less, also a disciple. Later Matthew went on preaching missions to Syria - and possibly journeyed as far as Ethiopia and Persia. His ultimate fate is uncertain. **Variants:** Mack, Mat, Mateo, Mathern, Mathias, Mati, Matiah, Matias, Matt, Matteus, Matthias, Matti, Matty, Mayo.*  
[Matthew] ዮማቲዎስ ወገኔል።

**Matthias** *mat-thigh-us (male)*

ማትያስ Matiyas / Matyas

*Greek: Gift of God. An early Christian chosen by lot to take over the "ministry and apostleship" of the dead traitor Judas Iscariot. His rival for the job was Justus. After his appointment, very little is known of him. Catholic tradition says that he is buried in Rome under the altar of the Basilica.*

[Acts 1:23] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 1።23፤

**Melatih** *mel-la-ti-ar (modern male and female)*

መልጥያ Meliጥ'ya / Melitya

*Hebrew: Saved. One who helped in the rebuilding of Jerusalem's walls.*

[Nehemiah 3:7] መጽሐፈ ነፃምያ። ምዕራፍ 3።7፤

**Melchiah** *mel-ki-ar (modern male and female)*

መልክያ Melikiya / Melikya [Melkya]

*Hebrew: Royal. A priest. Father of Passhur, a servant of Zedekiah who participated in the arrest of Jeremiah. **Variants:** Malchiah, Malkijah.*

[Jeremiah 21:1] ትገቢተ ኤርምያስ ምዕራፍ 21።1፤

**Melech** *mel-lek (male)*

ሜሌክ Maelaek / Melek [Mêlêk]

*Hebrew: King. Son of Micah and a great-grandson of Jonathan. His brothers were Pithon, Tarea and*

*Ahaz. [1 Chronicles 8:35] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።*

*ምዕራፍ 8።35፤*

**Melki** *mel-ki (male)*

ሜሊክ Meelkee / Miliki / Milki

*Greek, from Hebrew: Ruler, king. Two ancestors of Jesus Christ, one the son of Jannai, the other, of*

**Addi. Variants: Melchi.** [Luke 3:24] የሉቃስ ወገኔል  
ምዕራፍ 3።24፤

**Merab** *mer-ab (female)*

ሜሮብ Maerob / Merob [Mêrob]

*Hebrew: Increase. Elder daughter of King Saul. Her sister was Michal. She composed a song of praise for the young warrior David after he killed Goliath. This inflamed the jealousy of Saul, who became David's implacable enemy and tried to destroy him. Merab was betrothed to David, but Saul married her to Adriel instead. Her five sons by Adriel met an unfortunate end when David shamefully delivered them into the hands of the Gibeonites for symbolic execution.* [1 Samuel 14:49] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ  
ምዕራፍ 14።49፤

**Meraiah** *mer-ray-ar (modern male and female)*

ምራያ Miraya / Meraya

*Hebrew: Mutiny, bitterness. A priest under the high priest Joiakim.* [Nehemiah 12:12] መጽሐፈ ነህምያ።  
ምዕራፍ 12።12፤

**Meres** *mer-rez (male)*

ሜራስ Maeraes / Meres [Mêrês]

*Hebrew: Worthy, lofty. One of the seven wise princes of Persia and Media who advised King Ahasuerus.* [Esther 1:14] መጽሐፈ ኢስቴር።  
ምዕራፍ 1።14፤

**Mesha** *mee-sha (modern male and female)*

ሞሳ Mosa / Mossa

*Hebrew: Liberated, free. Other interpretations: Retreat, welfare. A king of Moab who paid a heavy annual tribute in sheep and wool to Israel. He eventually rebelled and was defeated in battle by the alliance of Jehoram and Jehoshaphat. Others with this name: Son of Shaharaim and Hodesh. His brothers were Jobab, Zibia, Malcam, Jeuz, Sachia and Mirmah. Variants: Mareshah. [2 Kings 3:4]*  
መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 3።4፤

**Meshullam** mee-shul-lam (modern male / female)  
ሜሶላም Maesolam / Mesolam [Mêsolam]  
*Hebrew: Content, reconciled, friend. Grandfather of Shaphan, a scribe who served under King Josiah. Others with this name: Meshullam was a popular name among the people of the Bible. At least twenty persons have it. (i) A son of Zerubbabel. (ii) A chief of the Gadites. (iii) A chief of the Benjamites, and two obscure Benjamites of Jerusalem. (iv) Father of Sallu. (v) At least six priests, including two who, with Nehemiah, were signers of the covenant. (vi) Three builders who worked on repairs to the temple and the wall of Jerusalem. (vii) Three companions of Ezra. (viii) A Jew with a foreign wife. (ix) A Levite gatekeeper. [2 Kings 22:3]* መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 22።3፤

**Methuselah** meth-thoose-sel-lar (male)  
ሜቱሳላ Matusala / Matoosala  
*Hebrew: Messenger. Other interpretations: Man of the javelin. Son of Enoch and a grandson of Jared. At one hundred and eighty-seven years of age, he fathered Lamech. Methuselah lived the longest of any person in the Bible, surviving for nine hundred*

and sixty-nine years. Today his name is associated with longevity. His grandson was Noah.

[Genesis 5:21] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 5፡21፤

**Mica** *mi-ka* (modern male and female)

ሚካ Meeka / Mika

*Hebrew: Like God, who is like God? A contraction of Micaiah. A grandson of Jonathan. Others with this name: Three Levites, including one who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant, and one who was the son of Zichri. [2 Samuel 9:12] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 9፡12፤*

**Micah** *mi-kar* (modern male and female)

ሚካ Meeka / Mika

*Hebrew: Like God, who is like God? Again, like Mica, a shortened form of Micaiah. Micah of the Ephraimites built an idolatrous shrine, attended by the Levite priest called Jonathan. Later the idol and the priest were appropriated by the Danite army. Others with this name: (i) The minor prophet whose prophecies make up the thirty-third book of the Old Testament. Nothing else is known of him. (ii) Son of Shimej, a descendant of Joel. (iii) A grandson of Jonathan. (iv) A son of Uzziel. (v) Father of Abdon. [Judges 17:1] መጽሐፈ መሣፍንት ምዕራፍ 17፡1፤*

**Micaiah** *mi-kay-ar* (traditionally male and female)

ሚካያስ Meekiyas / Mikiyas / Mikyas

*Hebrew: Like God, who is like God? Son of Imlah. He was the only true prophet of God in Israel during the reign of the wicked King Ahab. Ahab despised him because he had predicted the King's ruin.*

*Micaiah was cast into prison - but to no avail, for the prophet had correctly foreseen Ahab's demise at the hands of the Syrians. Others with this name: (i) Father of Acbor, a messenger under King Josiah. (ii) Daughter of Uriel. She was the wife of King Rehoboam and the mother of Abijah. (iii) A prince under King Jehoshaphat. (iv) An ancestor of one of Nehemiah's priestly assistants. (v) A priest under Nehemiah. (vi) Grandson of Shaphan the scribe.*

**Variants:** Maacah, Michaiah.

[1 Kings 22:8] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 22።8፤

**Michael** *mi-kal (male)*

ሚካኤል Meekaael . Meeka'el / Mikaël

*Hebrew: Like God, who is like God? Father of Sethur, one of the spies sent out by Moses to survey the land of Canaan. Others with this name: (i) Two Gadites, one the son of Jeshishai. (ii) Son of Baaseiah, an ancestor of Asaph the singer. (iii) Son of Uzzi of the Issachar. (iv) An obscure Benjamite. (v) A prominent warrior who joined forces with David at Ziklag. (vi) Father of Omri, a mighty warrior under David. (vii) Princely son of King Jehoshaphat of Judah. His brother was King Jehoram. (viii) Father of Zebadiah. (ix) The prince of the heavenly host, or the chief archangel, who fights Satan and presides at the Last Judgment of souls. **Variants:** Maguel, Micah, Micha, Michal, Michele, Michon, Mick, Micky, Miguel, Mihal, Mikas, Mike, Mikhail, Misha, Miska, Mitch, Mitchell, Mychal.*

[Numbers 13:13] ኦሪት ዘኅሉልቶ ምዕራፍ 13።13፤

**Michal** *mi-kall (female)*

ሚልኮል Maelikol / Melikol / Melkol [Mêlkol]

*Hebrew: Like God, who is like God? Feminine form of Michael. Younger daughter of King Saul. Her sister was Merab. She loved the young warrior David, the object of her father's bitter jealousy. Hoping that David would die in the attempt, Saul promised Michal to him in marriage if he killed one hundred enemy soldiers of the Philistine nation. David killed two hundred and married Michal. On one occasion she helped David escape the murderous rage of her father. But for all her love, she could not understand David's faith in God. She scoffed at his beliefs and for this, never bore a child.*  
**Variants:** Mia, Mica, Michele, Michelina, Michelle, Miguella. [1 Samuel 14:49] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 14።49፤

**Mijamin** *mi-jar-min (modern male and female)*  
 ሚያሚን Meeyameen / Miyamin  
*Hebrew: Right hand. A prominent priest in the days of King David. Others with this name: (i) Two priests, one a covenanter with Nehemiah, and the other, a captive returned from Babylon. (ii) A Jew who divorced his foreign wife at the urging of Ezra.*  
 [1 Chronicles 24:9] መጽሐፈ ኬና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 24።10፤

**Milcah** *mil-car (female)*  
 ሚልካ Meelika / Milika / Milka  
*Hebrew: Queen. Other interpretations: Counsel. Daughter of Haran, wife of Nahor, and niece and sister-in-law to Abraham. She had eight sons: Uz, Buz, Kemuel, Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph and Bethuel. Her brother was Lot; her sister was Iscah. Others with this name: A daughter of Zelophehad.*

*Her sisters were Hoglah, Mahlah, Noah and Tirzah.*  
[Genesis 11:29] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 11፡29፤

**Miriam** *meer-ree-am (female)*

ማሪያም Mareeyam / Mariyam

*Greek, from Hebrew: Rebellion, overthrow. Other interpretations: Child of our desires, sea of bitterness. Original Hebrew form of the name Mary. The daughter of Amram and Jochebed. Sister to Moses and Aaron. She is one of the strongest female characters in the Bible. She was an important leader of the Israelites, especially the women, during the Exodus from Egypt. She was also a prophetess. Her position was such that she felt qualified to challenge even the decisions of Moses, although she was punished later by God for her unprecedented boldness. Miriam watched from a distance as the infant Moses was plucked from the Nile by the daughter of Pharaoh. She died at Kadesh. Others with this name: Daughter of Mered and Bithiah. [Exodus 15:20] ኦሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 15፡20፤*

**Mishael** *mish-shay-el (modern male and female)*

ሚሻኤል Meesaael / Meesa'el / Misael [Misa'el]

*Hebrew: What God is, who is what God is? Son of Uzziel. He was either a cousin or an uncle of Moses, Aaron and Miriam. Others with this name: (i) An assistant to Ezra. (ii) A prince of Judah and friend of Daniel, taken captive to Babylon. [Exodus 6:22] ኦሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 6፡22፤*

**Misham** *mish-sham* (male)

ሚሻም Meesham / Misham

*Hebrew: Quick, fleet. A builder of cities, the son of*

*Elpaal. [1 Chronicles 8:12] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል*

*ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።12፤*

**Mizpah** *miz-pa* (male)

መሴፋር Mesaefar / Meseфар [Mesêfar]

*Hebrew: Number. A captive returned from Babylon.*

**Variants:** *Mispah, Mispereth.*

[Ezra 2:2] መጽሐፈ. ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።2፤

**Mizraim** *miz-raim* (male)

ምጽራይም Mitzirayim / Mitzrayim

*Hebrew: Red soil. Second son of Ham and a grandson of Noah. His sons, or tribal descendants, were Ludim, Ananim, Lehabim, Naphtuhim, Pathrusim, Casluhim and Caphtorim. The Hebrew name for Egypt was Mizraim. [Genesis 10:6] ኦሪት*

*ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።6፤*

**Mordecai** *mord-dek-ki* (male)

መርዶክዮስ Merdokiyos / Merdokyos

*Hebrew: Merodach (a pagan god of Babylon), death? One of the Jewish leaders who returned from the Babylonian captivity with Zerubbabel. Others with this name: The son of Jair. A great Jewish hero, celebrated in the Book of Esther. He served in the court of King Ahasuerus of Persia. The chief minister of the court was Haman, before whom Mordecai refused to bow. In revenge, Haman plotted to destroy the Jews. But Mordecai, in league with his cousin Esther, a wife of Ahasuerus, outwitted him.*

*Ultimately Haman swung from the gallows he had raised for Mordecai. His position as the chief minister was assumed by Mordecai. **Variants:** *Marduk, Mord, Mordkhe, Mort, Morty.**

[Esther 2:5] መጽሐፈ. አስቲር። ምዕራፍ 2።5፤

**Moriah** *more-ri-ar (female)*

ሞሪያ Moreeya / Moriya

*Hebrew: God is the teacher. A biblical place rather than a character, but like Sharon, it has gained acceptance as a personal name. Moriah was the place where Abraham was told to sacrifice his son Isaac. There is also a place in the Bible called Mount Moriah, where God appeared to David and where Solomon built his temple. **Variants:** *Mariah, Moria.**

[Genesis 22.2] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 22።2፤

**Moses** *moe-zez (male)*

ሙሴ Musae / Muse [Musê]

*Hebrew: Drawn out from the water. Perhaps the greatest of all Hebrew leaders, secular or spiritual. His father was Amram, a Levite, as was his mother, Jochebed. His brother was Aaron and his sister was Miriam. At the time of his birth, the Israelites were captives of the Egyptians. To avoid the Egyptian order that all baby boys of Israel be killed, Moses was hidden in bulrushes by the Nile River. There he was found and adopted by an Egyptian princess. She called him Moses and raised him in the royal household. Later he fled from Egypt and lived with Jethro of the Midianites. One day God told him to return to Egypt and lead the Israelites out of bondage. But Pharaoh refused to permit it. Then God inflicted ten plagues on the Egyptians, forcing*

Pharoah to yield. Still the proud Pharoah changed his mind and pursued the fleeing Israelites. Moses miraculously parted the waters of the Red Sea, through which the Israelites escaped. He then climbed Mount Sinai, where God gave him the Ten Commandments, and other rules for living and worship. Moses is traditionally credited as the author of the first five books of the Bible, Genesis to Deuteronomy. He built the Tabernacle and founded the priesthood under Aaron. He led the Israelites in their first battles to possess the land of Canaan, which God had promised to them. Finally Moses climbed Mount Nebo, from which he viewed the Promised Land and died, aged one hundred and twenty years. **Variants:** Moe, Moke, Moshe, Moss, Moy, Moyes, Mozes. [Exodus 2:10] ኦሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 2።10፤

**Moza** moz-za (male)

ሞዳን Modan

Hebrew: Sunrise. Other interpretations: Leaving. A son of Caleb by his concubine. His brothers were Haran and Gazez. Others with this name: Son of Zimri, a descendant of Jonathan.

[1 Chronicles 2:46] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 2።46፤

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**Naama** *naa-mar (female)*

ናዕማ Naima / Na'ima

*Hebrew: Pleasing. Daughter of Lamech and Zillah. Sister of Tubal-Cain and half-sister of Jubal and Jabal. Others with this name: A wife of King Solomon. She was the mother of Rehoboam, heir to the throne of King David. Variants: Naamana, Naamah, Naava, Nama, Nava. [Genesis 4:22] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 4።22፤*

**Naarah** *naa-rah (female)*

ነዕራ Neira / Ne'ira

*Hebrew: Girl, virgin, youth. A wife of Asshur. Her sons were Ahuzzam, Hopher, Temeni and Hashashtari. [1 Chronicles 4:5] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።5፤*

**Nabal** *na-bal (male)*

ናባል Nabal

*Hebrew: Fool. A rich shepherd and drunkard. When David's army sought food from Nabal, they were refused: a grave insult against the mighty David. But Abigail, Nabal's wise and beautiful wife, extended the hospitality that decency and duty required. Her fast thinking saved her husband's head. When Nabal sobered up and learned of his churlishness towards David, "his heart died within him, and he became as stone." He died ten days later. [1 Samuel 25:3] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 25።3፤*

**Nahamani** *naha-man-nee (modern male / female)*

ነሐማኒ Nehamane / Nehamani

*Hebrew: Compassionate. One of the leading Jews who returned from the Babylonian captivity with Zerubbabel. [Nehemiah 7:7]*

መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 7።7፤

**Nahash** *na-hash (traditionally male and female)*

ናዖስ Naos / Na'Os

*Hebrew: Serpent. Other interpretations: Oracle. A fearsome Ammonite king. His son was Hanun, a friend of David. Nahash's forces were defeated in battle by the Israelites under Saul. Others with this name: The father - or perhaps the mother - of Abigail and Zeruah. The gender is unclear.*

[1 Samuel 11:1] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 11።1፤

**Nahbi** *nar-bi (modern male and female)*

ናቢ Nabee / Nabi

*Hebrew: Secret. One of the spies sent out by Moses to survey the land of Canaan.*

[Numbers 13:14] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 13።14፤

**Nahshon** *na-shon (male)*

ነኦሶን Neason / Ne'Ason

*Hebrew: Enchanter. Son of Amminadab. A prince of Judah and an ancestor of David and Jesus Christ. He was connected to the family of Moses by the marriage of his sister Elisheba to Aaron. **Variants:***

*Naashon, Naasson, Nashon. [Exodus 6:23]*

ኦሪት ምዕራፍ 6።23፤

**Nahum** *na-hum (male)*

ናሆም Nahom

*Hebrew: Compassionate, comforter. Shortened form of Nehemiah. A minor prophet whose poetic prophecies make up the thirty-fourth book of the Old Testament. His work concerns the glory of God and the predicted downfall of Nineveh, the capital of Assyria. He was from Elkosh in Galilee. Nothing else is known about him. Others with this name: Son of Esli, an ancestor of Jesus Christ. Variants: Naum, Nehemiah, Nemiah, Nemo. [Nahum] ትገቢተ ናሆም።*

**Naomi** *nay-oh-mee (female)*

ኑሻሚ Nuamee / Nuhami [Nukhami]

*Hebrew: Pleasantness, delight, charm. Wife of Elimelech. The mother of Mahlon and Chilon, whose wives were Orpah and Ruth. Her husband and two sons died, and one of her daughters-in-law, Orpah, left her. Of her fate, she said, "Do not call me Naomi (pleasantness), call me Mara (bitterness), for the Almighty has brought calamity upon me." She helped Ruth, who remained with her, to marry a wealthy kinsman called Boaz. Naomi nursed Obed, the child of this union, who in time became the father of Jesse, the father of King David. Variants: Naome, Noemi, Nomi. [Ruth 1:2] መጽሐፈ ኢት ምዕራፍ 1።2፤*

**Naphtali** *naf-tar-lee (modern male and female)*

ንፍታሌ Nifitalae / Niftale [Nftalê]

*Hebrew: Struggle. A son of Jacob by the concubine Bilhah, the maid of Rachel. The meaning of his name reflects the jealous struggle between Rachel and her sister Leah for the divided affections of Jacob, husband to both. He had a brother Dan, a*

half-sister, Dinah, and half-brothers, Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar, Zebulun, Joseph, Benjamin, Gad and Asher. He was one of the founders of the Twelve Tribes. **Variants:** Nephtali, Nephthalim, Nephthalim.

[Genesis 30:8] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 30።8፤

**Narcissus** *nar-sis-sus* (male)

ገርቀሱ Nirkesu / Nirquesu [Nrquesu]

*Greek: Narcotic. The head of a Roman household to which greetings were sent by Paul. Some have suggested that this person may have been the prominent official of the same name who served the Emperor Claudius. [Romans 16:11] ወደ ሮሜ ሰዎች ምዕራፍ 16።11፤*

**Nathan** *nay-thun* (male)

ናታን Natan

*Hebrew: Given, God has given. A prophet and adviser to King David. David consulted him about plans for the temple and was told not to proceed with its construction. Nathan fearlessly chided David for marrying Bathsheba, widow of the slain warrior Uriah. But later he helped Solomon, the son of this condemned union, secure the throne. He also wrote parts of Chronicles 1 and Chronicles 2. Others with this name: (i) One of the sons of King David and Bathsheba. He was the father of Mattatha and an ancestor of Jesus Christ. (ii) Father of Igal, one of the David's mighty warriors. (iii) Father of Azariah and Zabud, officials under King Solomon. These may be the children of Nathan the prophet. (iv) Two returned captives from Babylon. **Variants:** Nat,*

*Nathaniel, Nethanel.* [2 Samuel 7:2] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 7።2፤

**Nathaniel** *nay-than-nee-yel (male)*

ናትናኤል Natinaael / Natnael [Natna'el]

*Greek: Gift of God, God has given. A form of the popular Hebrew name Nethanel. One of the twelve disciples. He was introduced to Jesus Christ by Philip. Jesus was very impressed with his honesty. He said of him, "Behold, an Israelite indeed, in whom is no guile." His surname or alternative name was Bartholomew. Variants: Nat, Natal, Natale, Nataniel, Nathan, Nathanael, Nathaneal, Neal, Niel, Nethanel, Noel, Nowell.* [John 1:45] የዮሐንስ ወገኔል። ምዕራፍ 1።46፤

**Neariah** *nee-ar-ri-ar (modern male and female)*

ነዓርያ Neariya / Nearya

*Hebrew: Child of God. Son of Shemaiah, a descendant of Solomon. His brothers were Hattush, Igal, Bariah and Shaphat. Others with this name: A chief of the Simeonites.* [1 Chronicles 3:22] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።22፤

**Nebai** *nee-bay (modern male and female)*

ኖባይ Nobay [Nobai]

*Hebrew: Building. One who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. Variants: Nobai.* [Nehemiah 10:19] መጽሐፈ ነህምያ። ምዕራፍ 10።19፤

**Nebo** *nee-bo (male)*

ናባው Nabaw

*Hebrew: Prophet. Father of captives who returned from Babylon. Others with this name: Pagan Babylonian god of learning. [Ezra 2:29] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።29፤*

**Neco** *nee-ko (male) ኒካዑ Neekau / Nikau / Nika'u*  
*Hebrew: Meaning unknown. A pharaoh of Egypt. He defeated King Josiah of Judah at the battle of Meggiddo. He established Jehoiakim, son of Josiah, as the puppet ruler of Judah. Neco was defeated in battle by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon.*

**Variants:** *Necho, Nechoh. [2 Kings 23:29] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 23።29፤*

**Nedabiah** *ned-da-bi-ah (male)*

*ነዳብያ Nedabiya / Nedabya*

*Hebrew: Driven. A son of Jeconiah of Judah, the captive king. Variants: Nedabaiah. [1 Chronicles 3:18] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።18፤*

**Nehemiah** *nay-em-mi-ar (male)*

*ነህምያ Nehimiya / Nehimya*

*Hebrew: God has consoled, comforted. One of the prominent Jews who returned with Zerubbabel from captivity in Babylon. Others with this name: (i) Son of Hacaliah. A Jewish captive who rose to high office under King Artaxerxes of Persia. He gained the consent of Artaxerxes for the reconstruction of Jerusalem and was appointed governor over Judah. Nehemiah was an energetic administrator - under his direction the wall of Jerusalem was rebuilt in just fifty-two days. He introduced religious reforms and worked with Ezra in the teaching of the Law. Under*

*his leadership, Israel confirmed its commitment to the God of Moses in a new and solemn covenant. Nehemiah's story is recorded in the sixteenth book of the Old Testament, which bears his name. (ii) One of the repairers who worked on the wall of Jerusalem. Son of Azbuk. **Variants:** Nahum, Naum, Nemiah, Nemo. [Ezra 2:2] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።2፤*

**Nehusuhta** *nay-oosh-shu-ta (female)*

ኔሱታ Naesita / Nesta [Nêsta]

*Hebrew: Bold, brazen. Mother of King Jeconiah of Judah. With her son she was taken as a captive to Babylon. Her father was Elnathan. [2 Kings 24:8] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 24።8፤*

**Nekoda** *nek-ko-da (modern male and female)*

ኔቆዳ Naekoda / Nekoda / Neqoda [Nêqoda]

*Hebrew: Famous. The head of a family of temple servants returned from captivity in Babylon. [Ezra 2:48] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።48፤*

**Nemual** *nem-mu-al (modern male and female)*

ነሙኤል Nemuael / Nemuel [Nemuêl]

*Hebrew: God's day. Son of Eliab. With his brothers Dathan and Abiram, he rebelled against the authority of Moses. For this "the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up". **Variants:** Jemuel. [Numbers 26:9] ኦሪት ዘኅሉልቀ ምዕራፍ 26።9፤*

**Neri** *ner-ri (modern male and female)*

ኔሪ Naeree / Neree / Neri [Nêri]

*Greek, from Hebrew: Light of God. Son of Melchi, an*

ancestor of Jesus Christ. The name is a shortened form of Neariah. [Luke 3:27] የሉቃስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 3።27፤

**Neariah** *nee-ar-ri-ar* (male)

ኔርያ Naeriya / Neriya / Nerya [Nêrya]

*Hebrew: Light of God. Father of Baruch, the famous scribe of Jeremiah. His other son was Seraiah.*

**Variants:** Neri, Neriah.

[Jeremiah 32:12] ትገቢተ ኤርምያስ ምዕራፍ 32።12፤

**Nethaniah** *neth-an-ni-ar* (male)

ናታገያ Nataniya / Natanya

*Hebrew: Given by God, whom God has given.*

*Father of Ishmael, the killer of Gedaliah the governor. Others with this name: (i) A musical son of Asaph in the days of David. (ii) A Levite teacher. (iii) Father of Jehudi, a messenger. [2 Kings 25:23]*

መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 25።23፤

**Neziah** *nez-zi-ar* (modern male and female)

ንስያ Nisiya / Nisya

*Hebrew: Sincere. Other interpretations: Renowned, famous. An ancestor of captives returned from Babylon. [Ezra 2:54] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።54፤*

**Nicodemus** *nee-ko-dee-mus* (male)

ኒቆዲሞስ NeeKodeemos / Nikodimos [Niqodimos]

*Greek: People's victor. A member of the Sanhedrin, the supreme Jewish council and court. Nicodemus was the only member of that body to speak in support of the accused Jesus Christ, albeit too*

*timidly. After the death of Jesus - and perhaps from guilt or remorse - he donated a large quantity of costly herbs and spices for embalming the body.*

[John 3:1] የዮሐንስ ወገኔል። ምዕራፍ 3።1፤

**Nicolas** *nick-ko-las (male)*

ኒቆላዎስ NeeKolawos / Nikolawos / Niqolawos

*Greek: Conqueror of the people, victor, victory. An early church official at Jerusalem. He was a native of Antioch.*

**Variants:** Claus, Cole, Colin, Collis, Klaus, Nic, Niccolo, Nick, Nico, Nicolai, Nicholas, Nicholaus, Nicole, Niel, Nike, Niki, Nikita, Nikki, Nikolas.

[Acts 6:5] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 6።5፤

**Nimrod** *nim-rod (male)*

ናምሩድ Namirud / Namrud

*Hebrew: Brave. Son of Cush, grandson of Ham and great-grandson of Noah. The Bible calls him "a mighty hunter before the LORD." He was the first mighty man on earth, a builder of great cities. His empire included Babylon, Erech and Accad. Some claim that Nimrod was Gilgamesh, the legendary king of ancient Sumeria. Today the term Nimrod means any hunter, warrior or powerful ruler.*

[Genesis 10:8] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።8፤

**Nimshi** *nim-shy (modern male and female)*

ናሜሲ Namaesee / Namesi / Namêsi

*Hebrew: Rescued. Grandfather of Jehu, the rebel warrior who destroyed the royal house of the evil Ahab.*

[1 Kings 19:16] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 19።16፤

**Noadiah** *no-ar-di-ar (traditionally male and female)*

ኖኖድያ Noadiya / Noadya

*Hebrew: Met by God. A Levite in the time of Ezra.*

*Son of Binnui. Others with this name: A false prophetess who sought to sabotage the work of*

*Nehemiah. [Ezra 8:33] መጽሐፈ. ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 8።33፤*

**Noah** *no-ar (traditionally male and female)*

ኖኅ Noh [Nokh]

*Hebrew: Rest. Other interpretations: Lasting, long-lived. Son of Lamech and a grandson of*

*Methuselah. The tenth in descent from Adam*

*through Seth. At God's command, he built an ark of gopher wood, in which he, his family, and the*

*creatures of the earth survived the Great Flood sent to destroy all flesh. Thus the world gained a respite,*

*or rest, from the relentless curse of Eden: hence one of the suggested meanings of his name. He had*

*three sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth. After the Flood, Noah planted vineyards and made wine.*

*Noah got drunk on the wine and fell down naked in his tent. He died aged nine hundred and fifty years.*

*Others with this name: A daughter of Zelophehad.*

*Her sisters were Hoglah, Milcah, Tirzah and Mahlah.*

**Variants:** *Noach, Noak, Noe. [Genesis 5:29] ኦሪት*

*ዘፍጥረት። ምዕራፍ 5።29፤*

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**Obadiah** *ob-ba-di-ar* (male)

አብድዮ Abidiyu / Abdiyu

*Hebrew: Servant of God. Head steward of the royal household under the wicked King Ahab. He gave aid to the true prophets of God, doubtless at deadly risk. Others with this name: (i) Son of Arnan. (ii) A chief among the Issachar. (iii) A son of Azel. (iv) Two Levites, one a returned captive from Babylon; the other a temple repairer in the days of Josiah. (v) A Gadite warrior who joined David. (vi) Father of Ishmaiah, a prince. (vii) A prince under King Jehoshaphat. (viii) A leader of returning captives from Babylon. (ix) One who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. (x) A gatekeeper. (xi) A minor prophet, author of the thirty-first book the Old Testament, which bears his name. He prophesied the destruction of the Edomites, traditional enemies of Israel. Nothing is known of his personal life.*

**Variants:** Abda, Abdias, Obadiah, Oban, Obed, Obediah. [1 Chronicles 3:21] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።21፤

**Obal** *oh-bal* (male)

ዖባል Obal

*Hebrew: Naked. Son of Joktan and a descendant of Noah. His brothers were Almodad, Sheleph, Hazarmaveth, Jerah, Hadoram, Uzal, Diklah, Abimael, Sheba, Ophir, Havilah and Jobab.*

**Variants:** Ebal. [Genesis 10:28] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።28፤

**Oholah** *oh-ol-lar (female)*

ኦሎላ Oholah

*Hebrew: Tent-women. Other interpretations: My tent is in her. A symbolic woman who represented the city of Samaria and was condemned by God as a harlot. Her sister was Oholibah, who represented Jerusalem. Variants: Aholah.*

[Ezekiel 23:4] ትገቢተ ሕዝቅኤል። ምዕራፍ 23።4፤

**Oholibah** *oh-ol-li-bar (female)*

ኦሎሊባ Oholeeba / Oholiba

*Hebrew: Tent-women. Other interpretations: My tent is in her. A symbolic woman who represented the city of Jerusalem corrupted. With Ohalah, her sister, she was condemned as a harlot. Variants:*

*Aholibah. [Ezekiel 23:4] ትገቢተ ሕዝቅኤል።*

*ምዕራፍ 23።4፤*

**Olympas** *oh-lim-pas (modern male and female)*

ኦሊም ላኒኦ / ላኒኦ

*Greek: Heaven. A Christian of Rome and friend of Paul. [Romans 16:15] ወደ ሮሜ ሰዎች። ምዕራፍ 16።15፤*

**Omar** *oh-mar (male)*

ኦማር Omar

*Hebrew: Speaker. An Edomite chief. Son of Eliphaz and grandson of Esau. His brothers were Teman, Zepho, Gatam and Kenaz. His half-brother was Amalek. [Genesis 36:11] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።11፤*

**Omri** *om-ri (male)*

ዘገቦሪ Zenberee / Zenberi

*Hebrew: Learner, pupil. Sixth king of Israel. He seized the throne on King Elah's death. Omri was a powerful but corrupt ruler. He established the city of Samaria as his capital. His son and successor was the depraved Ahab. Others with this name: (i) Son of Beker and a grandson of Benjamin. (ii) Son of Imri and father of Ammihud. (iii) A chief of the Issachar in David's time. [1 Kings 16:16] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 16።16፤*

**Oprah** *oh-pra (modern male and female)*

ጎፍራ Ofira

*Hebrew: Fawn, doe. Son of Meonothai, a descendant of Judah. **Variants:** Ophrah.*

*[1 Chronicles 4:14] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።14፤*

**Oren** *ore-ren (male)*

ኦራን Oraen / Oren [Orên]

*Hebrew: Cedar, pine. A son of Jerahmeel. His brothers were Ram, Bunah, Ozam, Ahijah and a half brother, Onam. [1 Chronicles 2:25] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል*

*ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።25፤*

**Orpah** *orp-pah (female)*

ጎርፋ Orifa / Orfa

*Hebrew: Fawn, doe. Other interpretations: Neck, stubbornness. Wife of Kilion, the son of Elimelech and Naomi. After the death of Kilion, she chose to return to her family, and not to stay indefinitely with Naomi, as did Ruth. [Ruth 1:4] መጽሐፈ ኡት። ምዕራፍ 1።4፤*

**Othniel** *oth-nee-el (male)*

ጎቶጎያል Gotoniyal / Gotonyal

*Hebrew: Lion. First judge of Israel. Son of Kenaz, nephew of Caleb. Husband of Acsah. He freed Israel from foreign domination by Mesopotamia. His judgeship was successful and Israel lay at peace for forty years. [Joshua 15:17] መጽሐፈ. ኢ.ያሱ. ወልደ. ነዌ። ምዕራፍ. 15።17፤*

**Ozem** *oz-zem (male)*

ኦዲም Otzaem / Otzem [Os'êm]

*Hebrew: Strength. Sixth son of Jesse. His brothers were Eliab, Abinadab, Shimea, Nethanel, Raddai and David. His sisters were Zeruah and Abigail. Others with this name: A son of Jerahmeel. His brothers were Ram, Bunah, Oren, Ahijah and a half brother, Onam. [1 Chronicles 2:25] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ. 2።25፤*

**Ozni** *oz-ni (male)*

ኢስቦን Aesibon / Esbon [Êsbon]

*Hebrew: Hearing, ear. A son of Gad. His brothers were Ziphion, Haggi, Shuni, Areli, Eri and Arodi. Others with this name: Son of Bela and a grandson of Benjamin. Head of a family and a mighty warrior. Variants: Ezbon. [Genesis 46:16] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ. 46።16፤*

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**Paltiel** *pal-teel (modern male and female)*

ፈልጢ FeliTee / Feltee / Felti

*Hebrew: Deliverance, God delivers. A chief among the Issachar. Son of Azzan. Others with this name: Son of Laiah. Saul gave him David's wife, Michal.*

**Variants:** Palti, Phalti. [1 Samuel 25:44] መጽሐፈ

ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 25።44፤

**Paseah** *paz-zee-ar (modern male and female)*

ፋሴሐ Fasaeha / Faseha [Fasêha]

*Hebrew: Crippled, lame. A son of Eshton. His brothers were Bethrapha and Tehinnah. Others with this name: A chief of the temple servants. His son was Joiada. Variants: Phaseah. [1 Chronicles 4:12]*

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**Paul** *pall (male)*

ጳውሎስ Pawilos / Pawlos

*Greek, from Latin: Little. Originally known as Saul of Tarsus, a strict Jew and fervent enemy of the early Christians, he underwent a deep spiritual transformation during a trip to Damascus. Paul - the name he later preferred to use - became a passionate evangelist for Christ. His labours were so great that he became known as the Apostle to the Gentiles. He enjoyed the benefits of Roman citizenship, a fact that saved his life more than once. By profession he was a tentmaker. His Judaic education was orthodox under the celebrated rabbi, Gamaliel. After his conversion to Christianity, he travelled on three great evangelistic expeditions to Asia Minor, Greece and Ephesus. He wrote fourteen*

letters, or epistles, explaining and promoting the Christian faith; they form a major portion of the New Testament. His works are also described in the Acts of the Apostles. Paul was jailed repeatedly for his preaching. Eventually he was imprisoned in Rome and died a martyr's death during the first persecutions of the Emperor Nero. He is widely regarded as a saint. **Variants:** Pablo, Paley, Pall, Paolo, Paulinus, Paullus, Pauly, Pavel, Pawley, Pol, Powel, Powle. [Acts 13:9] የሐዋርያት ሥራ። ምዕራፍ 13።9፤

**Pedaiah** ped-day-ar (male)

ፈዳያ Fedaya

Hebrew: God saves, redeems. Father of Zebidah, the wife of King Josiah and mother of Jehoiakim. Others with this name: (i) Son of Jeconiah of Judah, the captive king. Father of Zerubbabel. (ii) Father of Joel in the days of David. (iii) A builder who helped repair the walls of Jerusalem. (iv) Son of Kolaiah. Father of Joed. (v) An official of the temple treasury in the time of Nehemiah. [2 Kings 23:36] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 23።36፤

**Pekah** pee-kar (modern male and female)

ፋቁሐ FaKuhæ / Fakuhe / Faquhê

Hebrew: To open, open-eyed. Son of Remaliah. He murdered Pekahiah and succeeded him as the eighteenth king of Israel. His twenty year reign was wicked and idolatrous. He plotted against King Jotham of Judah and was murdered by Hoshea, his successor. [2 Kings 15:25] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 15።25፤

**Pelatiah** *pel-la-ti-ar (modern male and female)*

ፈላጥያ FelaTiya / Felatya

*Hebrew: God has delivered, freed. Son of Hananiah and a grandson of Zerubbabel. Brother of Jeshaiiah.*

*Others with this name: (i) Son of Ishi. A Simeonite warrior chief in the days of Hezekiah. (ii) One who, with Nehemiah, sealed the covenant. (iii) Son of Benaiah. He defied the prophet Ezekiel and was struck dead. [1 Chronicles 3:21]*

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**Peleth** *pel-leth (modern male and female)*

ፋሌት Falaet / Falet

*Hebrew: Swiftmess. Other interpretations: Freedom.*

*Father of On, a rebel in the days of Moses. Others with this name: Son of Jonathan, a descendant of Jerahmeel. His brother was Zaza. [Numbers 16:1]*

ኦሪት ዘጉልቀ። ምዕራፍ 16።1፤

**Peninnah** *pen-nin-nar (female)*

ፍናና Finana / Fenana

*Hebrew: Pearl, coral. A wife of Elkanah. She taunted the childless Hannah, Elkanah's second wife.*

[1 Samuel 1:2] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 1።2-7፤

**Penuel** *pen-nu-el (modern male and female)*

ፋኑኤል Fanuael / Fanuel

*Hebrew: God's face. Son of Hur. Father of Gedor.*

*Others with this name: A son of Shashak.*

[1 Chronicles 4:4] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 4።4፤

**Perez** per-rez (male)

ፋራስ Faraes / Fares [Farês]

*Hebrew: Breach, opening. A twin son of Judah. His brother was Zerah. At his birth he seemed to push past Zerah in order to be the first-born. The midwife exclaimed when he emerged unexpectedly in first place, "What a breach you have made for yourself!"*

*Thus the meaning of the name. **Variants:** Peretz, Pharez, Pherez, Phares. [Genesis 38:29] አረት*

*ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 38፡29፤*

**Persis** per-sis (female)

ጦርሲያ Terseeda / Tersida [T'ersida]

*Greek: Persian. An early Christian woman of Rome and a friend of Paul, praised by him as an unfailing worker for God. [Romans 16:12] ወደ ሮሜ ስዎት*

*ምዕራፍ 16፡12፤*

**Peter** pe-ter (modern male and female)

ጴጥሮስ Paetiros / Petros [P'êTros]

*Greek, from Aramaic: Stone, rock. Son of Jonas. A leading disciple of Jesus Christ. Originally a fisherman of Galilee, known as Simon. He was given the extra name of kapha by Jesus, meaning stone or rock in the Aramaic language. This was translated to petros in the Greek scriptures, and peter in English. His brother was Andrew, another disciple of Jesus. Finding the two at work in their boats, Jesus said to them: "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men." Peter was the natural leader of the disciples. He was singled out by Jesus for special blessings: he walked on the water with Jesus; he stayed with Jesus during the passionate vigil at Gethsemane; he was given the keys of the kingdom by Jesus. Yet he*

was hardly a stainless exemplar of faith. By nature he was rash and inconsistent. His loyalty to Jesus was marred by doubt and fear. At the trial of Jesus, Peter denied that he even knew Him. In spite of these weaknesses, he became a great leader of the early Church. He was the first apostle to convert a non-Jew to Christianity. He travelled widely to spread the news of Christ, heedless of the risk of persecution. He also wrote two letters, or epistles, of the New Testament. According to tradition, Peter ultimately arrived in Rome and continued to evangelise. Catholics hold that he was the first Bishop of Rome, the office that evolved into the modern Papacy: thus do many consider him the first Pope. Tradition also claims that he suffered a martyr's death at the hands of the mad emperor, Nero. He is widely regarded as a saint. **Variants:** Farris, Ferris, Parnell, Parry, Pearce, Peder, Pedro, Perkin, Pernell, Perren, Perry, Pete, Petros, Petrus, Petur, Pier, Piers, Pieter, Piotr, Pettis. Female forms include Perri, Peta, Petra, Petrina, Petronia.

[Matthew 16:18] የማቴዎስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 16።18፤

**Pethuel** *peth-u-el* (male)

ባቲኤል Batuael / Batuel [BatuÊl]

Hebrew: Vision. Other interpretations: Opening by God. Father of Joel the prophet. [Joel 1:1] ትገቢተ ኢዮኤል ምዕራፍ 1።1፤

**Phaniel** *farn-nu-el* (modern male and female)

ፋኑኤል Fanuael / Fanuel [FanuÊl]

Greek, from Hebrew: Face of God. Father of Anna the prophetess. [Luke 2:36] የሉቃስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 2።36፤

**Philemon** *fil-le-mon* (modern male and female)

ፊልሞና Feelimona / Filimona / Filmona

*Greek: Loving, friendly. Other interpretations: Kiss. An early Christian of Colosse. His wife was Apphia, and his son, Archippus. The runaway Christian slave, Onesimus, belonged to him. Paul wrote his Letter to Philemon, which forms the eighteenth book of the New Testament, to persuade him to accept Onesimus back without punishment. Variants: Philo. [Philemon] ወደ ፊልሞና።*

**Philip** *fil-lip* (male)

ፊልጶስ FeeliPos / Filipos [Filp'os]

*Greek: Lover of horses. Originally a disciple of John the Baptist, he became a follower of Jesus Christ at Bethany. He introduced the disciple Nathaniel to Jesus, with whom Jesus was very pleased. Not much is known of Philip, except that he came from Bethsaida in Galilee. His faith was not consistent; he seems to have doubted the identity and mission of Jesus. Tradition says that he evangelised in Asia Minor and was buried at Hierapolis. Others with this name: (i) Philip the Evangelist. One of seven persons appointed as the first deacons of the church. He became an evangelist in Samaria and performed miracles and signs. He had four daughters, all prophetesses. (ii) Herod Philip. See Herod. Variants: Felip, Pepe, Phil, Philippe, Phip, Pip. Female forms include Filipa, Pelipa, Philippa, Philli, Philly. [Matthew 10:3] የግቴዎስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 10፡3፤*

**Phineas** *fin-nee-us* (male)

ፊንኩስ Feenihäs / Finihäs [Fin'has]

*Hebrew: Brazen mouth, mouth of brass. Other interpretations: Dark-skinned, negroid. Son of Eleazar and a grandson of Aaron. He was a high priest noted for the zealousness of his faith. He killed the recalcitrant Zimri and his foreign wife Cozbi. Others with this name: (i) Son of Eli and brother of Hophni. He proved grossly unworthy of inheriting the high priestly office of his father. (ii) Father of Eleazar, the priestly custodian of the treasury. **Variants:** Phinehas, Pincus, Pinkus, Pinky. [Exodus 6:25] አሪት ዘእኣት ምዕራፍ 6።25፤*

**Phoebe** *fee-be (female)*

ፌቤ Faebae / Febe [Fêbê]

*Greek: Shining, pure. An early Christian and a deaconess of the church at Cenchreae in Corinth. She may have been the first woman in Christian history to hold a church office. She was highly regarded by Paul and may have been the trusted messenger who delivered his Letter to the Romans to Rome. **Variants:** Phebe. [Romans 16:1] ወደ ሮሜ ስዎች ምዕራፍ 16።1፤*

**Pilate** *pi-lat (male)*

ጲሊጦስ PeelaTos / Pilatos [PilaT'os]

*Latin: Armed with a spear. Roman procurator or governor of Judea. After the Jews had found Jesus Christ guilty of blasphemy, they took Him before Pilate, who alone had the power to impose the death sentence. Pilate tried to avoid this, because in his opinion Jesus had committed no capital crime. But faced with a howling Jewish mob, Pilate proved morally weak. He gave in to their demands and, washing his hands before the mob, declaring, "I am*

*innocent of this man's blood". Little is known of his later fate. Tradition says that he killed himself. Pontius was his Roman surname. [Matthew 27:2] የጣቴዎስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 27።2፤*

**Priscilla** *pris-sill-ar (female)*

ጵርስቅላ Piriskila / Pirsqila [Prisq'la]

*Greek: Ancient. A form of the name Prisca. An early Christian, the wife of Aquila. The couple are always mentioned together. They apparently travelled widely preaching the message of Christ. They were highly praised by Paul for their works. **Variants:***

*Cilla, Pris. [Acts 18:2] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 18።2፤*

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**Quartus** *kor-tus (male)*

ቁአሰጥሮስ KuasiTiros / Kuastros / Quasitiros

[QwasT'ros]

*Greek: Fourth. An early Christian of Corinth and friend of Paul. [Romans 16:23]* ወደ ሮሜ ሰዎች

ምዕራፍ 16።23፤

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**Ramah** *raa-mar (male)*

ራዕማ Raima / Ra'ima [Ra'lma]

*Hebrew: Shaking. Son of Cush and a great-grandson of Noah. He had two sons: Sheba and Dedan. His brothers were Nimrod, Seba, Havilah, Sabtah and Sabteca. His descendants were traders in gold, spices and jewels. [Genesis 10:7]* ሉሪት

ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።7፤

**Raamiah** *raa-mi-ar (modern male and female)*

ረዓምያ Reamiya / Re'amiya [Re'Amya]

*Hebrew: Thunder of God. A clan chief who returned from captivity in Babylon. **Variants:** Reelaiah.*

[Nehemiah 7:7] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 7።7፤

**Rachel** *raytch-el (female)*

ራሐል Rahael / Rahel [RahÊl]

*Hebrew: Ewe. Younger daughter of Laban and a niece of Rebekah. She was a shepherd described as "beautiful and lovely". Her elder sister was Leah. Jacob loved Rachel so much that he worked in Laban's service for fourteen years to earn the right*

to marry her. But Jacob married Leah as well, and Rachel resented the fact. For this, God kept her childless while Leah bore six sons and a daughter. In the end Rachel gave her maid Bilhah to Jacob as a concubine. By her Jacob fathered Dan and Naphtali. Eventually Rachel was granted two sons: Joseph and Benjamin. She died during the birth of Benjamin. The prophet Jeremiah described Rachel as "weeping for her children", that is, crying for her descendants captive in Babylon. **Variants:** Lahela, Rachele, Rachelle, Rae, Rahel, Raquel, Raye, Rochell, Shelley. [Genesis 29:6] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 29።6፤

**Ramiah** *ra-mi-ar* (modern male and female)

ራምያ Ramiya / Ramya

Hebrew: God is exalted, God is set on high. A son of Parosh. At the urging of Ezra, he divorced his foreign wife. [Ezra 10:25] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ።

ምዕራፍ 10።25፤

**Rapha** *ra-far* (male)

ራፋ Rafa

Hebrew: Tall, high. The youngest son of Benjamin. His brothers were Bela, Ashbel, Aharah and Nohah. Others with this name: Son of Binea, a descendant of Saul. **Variants:** Raphah. [1 Chronicles 8:2] መጽሐፈ

ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።2፤

**Rebekah (Rebecca)** *re-beck-ka* (female)

ሮቢቃ Ribika / Ribka / Ribqa

Hebrew: Knotted cord, snare. Other interpretations: Faithfulness, loyalty. The wife of Isaac and the

*mother, after twenty years of childlessness, of Jacob and Esau. She was the beautiful daughter of Bethuel, one of the sons of Nahor and Milcah. She was a grand-niece and daughter-in-law of Abraham. Her favourite son was Jacob. Rebekah used trickery to help him get the special blessing of the elderly and blind Isaac. Her brother was Laban. Variants: Beck, Becky, Reba, Rebe, Rebeca, Rebeka, Reva, Rivka. [Genesis 24:15] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 24።15፤*

**Rei ray, ree-i** (*modern male and female*)

ሬሲ. Raesee / Resee / Resi [Rêsi]

*Hebrew: Friendly. A loyal friend of David who did not join the rebellious forces of Adonijah. [1 Kings 1:8]*

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**Remaliah** *rem-mal-li-ar* (*male*)

ሮሜልዩ Romaeliyu / Romeliyu / Romelyu

*Hebrew: God exalts, adorns. Father of King Pekah of Israel. [2 Kings 15:25] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ።*

ምዕራፍ 15።25፤

**Rephael** *ref-fay-el* (*modern male and female*)

ሬፋኤል Rafaael / Rafael / Rafa'Êl

*Hebrew: Healed by God, God heals. A gatekeeper, the son of Shamaiah. [1 Chronicles 26:7] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 26።7፤*

**Rephan** *ref-farn* (*modern male and female*)

ሬፋን Raefan / Refan [Rêfan]

*Hebrew: Meaning unknown. Name of pagan idol worshipped by the Israelites in the wilderness.*

**Variants:** Remphan, Chiun, Kaiwan. [Amos 5:26]  
ትገቢተ አሞጽ ምዕራፍ 5፡26፤

**Resheph** *re-shef (male)*

ሬሴፍ Raesaef / Resef [Rêsef]

*Hebrew: Flame, fire. Great-grandson of Ephraim.*

*Father of Telah. [1 Chronicles 7:25] መጽሐፈ ዜና*

*መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7፡25፤*

**Reuben** *rue-ben (modern male and female)*

ሮቤል Robael / Robel [Robêl]

*Hebrew: Behold a son! Eldest son of Jacob by Leah, and a grandson of Isaac. His brothers were Simeon, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. His sister was Dinah. He also had half-brothers: Joseph, Benjamin, Gad, Asher, Dan and Naphtali. He was one of the founders of the Twelve Tribes of Israel; in this case,*

*the Reubenites. **Variants:** Reuven, Rouvin, Rube, Ruban, Rubin, Ruvane. Female forms include*

*Reubena, Reuvena. [Genesis 29:32] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት*

*ምዕራፍ 29፡32፤*

**Reuel** *ree-u-el (modern male and female)*

ራጉኤል Raguael / Raguël [RaguÊl]

*Hebrew: God is a friend. Son of Esau and*

*Basemath, daughter of Ishmael. Reuel had four sons, all Edomite chiefs: Nahath, Zerah, Shammah and Mizzah. Others with this name: (i) A priest of Midian whose daughter, Zipporah, married Moses. (ii) Son of Ibnijah, a descendant of Benjamin.*

**Variants:** Deuel, Raguël, Ruel. [Genesis 36:4] ኦሪት

ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36፡4፤

**Reumah** *ree-u-mar (female)*

ሬሕማ Raehima / Rehima / Rehma [Rêhma]

*Hebrew: Lofly, inspired. A concubine of Nahor, Abraham's brother. Her sons were Tebah, Gaham, Tahash and Maacah. [Genesis 22:24] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 22።24፤*

**Rezia** *rez-zee-ar (modern male and female)*

ሬጽያ Reetziya / Ritziya / Ritzya [Ris'ya]

*Hebrew: Delight. A son of Ulla, an Asherite. His brothers were Arah and Hanniel. **Variants:** Rizia.*

*[1 Chronicles 7:39] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።39፤*

**Rezin** *rez-zeen (modern male and female)*

ሬክሶን Reason / Re'ason [Re'Ason]

*Hebrew: Firm. A king of Syria. To attack Judah, he allied himself with King Pekah of Israel. Others with this name: Head of a family of captives freed from Babylon. [2 Kings 15:37] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ።*

*ምዕራፍ 15።37፤*

**Rezon** *rez-zon (male)*

ሬዞን Raezon / Rezon [Rêzon; Raizon]

*Hebrew: Prince. Son of Eliada. A rebel who usurped the throne of Syria, taking the place of Hadadezer. He founded an important Syrian dynasty. **Variants:***

*Hezion. [1 Kings 11:23] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 11።23፤*

**Rhesa** *rez-zar (modern male and female)*

ሬስ Raes / Res [Rês; Rais]

*Greek: Head. Son of Zerubbabel in the genealogy of Jesus Christ. [Luke 3:27] የሉቃስ ወንጌል ምዕራፍ 3፡27፤*

**Rhoda** *ro-dar (female)*

ሮዲ Rodae / Rode [Rodê; Rodai]

*Hebrew: Rose. A maid in the house of Mary, mother of John Mark. She answered the door to Peter, who had just escaped from prison. **Variants:** Rhode, Rhona, Roda, Rona, Rose. [Acts 12:13] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 12፡13፤*

**Ribai** *ri-bay (modern male and female)*

ሪባይ Reebay / Ribay

*Hebrew: Who pleads, pleader. Father of Ittai, one of David's mighty warriors. [2 Samuel 23:29] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 23፡30፤*

**Rimmon** *rim-mon (male)*

ራሞን Raemon / Remon [Rêmon; Raimon]

*Hebrew: Pomegranate (a type of edible fruit). Father of Baanah and Recab, murderers of Ish-Bosheth. Others with this name: (i) A pagan god of the Syrians. [2 Samuel 4:2] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 4፡2፤*

**Rinnah** *rin-nar (modern male and female)*

ሪና Reena / Rina

*Hebrew: Song. A son of Shimon.*

[1 Chronicles 4:20] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4፡20፤

**Rizpah** riz-par (female)

ሪጽፋ Reetzifa / Reetzfa / Ritzfa [Ris'fa]

*Hebrew: Hot stone. Daughter of Aiah. She became a concubine of Saul and had sons by him: Armoni and Mephibosheth. Ish-Bosheth accused Abner of incest with Rizpah. Her sons were among those whom David shamefully delivered to the Gibeonites for ritual execution. [2 Samuel 3:7] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካለዕ። ምዕራፍ 3።7፤*

**Rosh** rosh (male)

ሮስ Ros / Ross

*Hebrew: Head. One of the sons of Benjamin. His brothers were Bela, Beker, Ashbel, Gera, Naaman, Ehi, Muppim, Huppim, and Ard. [Genesis 46:21] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።21፤*

**Rufus** roo-fus (male)

ሩፎስ Rufos

*Greek: Red. An early Christian, a friend of Paul and the son of Simon of Cyrene. His brother was Alexander. [Mark 15:21] የግርቅስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 15።21፤*

**Ruth** ruth (female)

ሩት Rut / Root

*Hebrew: Beauty, friendship. A Moabite woman who married Mahlon, one of the sons of Naomi. The husbands of both Ruth and Naomi died. Showing great loyalty, Ruth refused to abandon her bereaved mother-in-law. With Naomi's help, she married the wealthy Boaz, by whom she had a son, Obed. This son became the father of Jesse, the father of King*

*David. Thus Ruth was an ancestor of Jesus Christ. Her story is told in the eighth book of the Old Testament, the Book of Ruth.* [Ruth] መጽሐፈ ጹዕት ምዕራፍ 1።4፤

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**Sabteca** *sab-teka* (modern male and female)

ሱብታ Sebta [Sebta]

*Hebrew: Striking. Fifth son of Cush and great-grandson of Noah. His brothers were Nimrod, Seba, Havilah, Sabtah and Raamah. Variants: Sabtecha, Sabtechah.* [Genesis 10:7] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።7፤

**Sakia** *sa-ke-ar* (modern male and female)

ሻክያ Shakiya / Shakya

*Hebrew: Protected by God. A son of Shaharaim and Hodesh. His brothers were Jobab, Zibia, Mesha, Malcam, Jeuz and Mirmah. Variants: Sachia, Shachia.* [1 Chronicles 8:10] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።10፤

**Salah** *sa-lar* (modern male and female)

ሳላ Sala / Salla

*Hebrew: Sprout, bud. Other interpretations: Petition. Son of Arphaxad and a great-grandson of Noah. Father of Eber. Others with this name: Third son of Judah by the Canaanite woman, Bathshua.*

**Variants:** Sala, Shelah. [Genesis 10:24] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።24፤

**Salma** *sal-mar* (modern male and female)

ሰልሞ Selimo / Selmo

*Hebrew: Clothed. Other interpretations: Strength. A son of Caleb. Father of Bethlehem.* [1 Chronicles 2:51] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።51፤

**Salome** *sal-lo-me (female)*

ሰሎሜ Selomae / Selome [Selomê]

*Greek, from Hebrew: Peaceable, calm. Feminine form of Solomon. Wife of Zebedee and mother of the disciples James and John. She was with the women who discovered that the tomb of Jesus was empty.*

*Others with this name: The daughter of Herodias whose dancing pleased King Herod. At her mother's prompting, she asked Herod for the head of John the Baptist. Although she appears in the Bible, she is referred to only as the daughter of Herodias.*

*Other non-biblical sources name her as Salome.*

**Variants:** *Saloma, Salomi, Shuly.* [Mark 15:40]

የጣርቆስ ወገንጪ ምዕራፍ 15።40, 41፤

**Salu** *sar-lu (male)*

ሰሊ Selu / Seloo

*Hebrew: Weighed. A chief of the Simeonites. Father of Zimri.* [Numbers 25:14] ኦሪት ዘጉሉጥ ምዕራፍ

25።14፤

**Samlah** *sam-lar (male)*

ሠምላ Semila / Semla [or better, *Shemla*; *Šemila* – various transliterations may apply to this name]

*Hebrew: Garment, clothing. An early king of Edom.*

[Genesis 36:36] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።36፤

**Samson** *sam-son (male)*

ሶምሶን Somison / Somson

*Hebrew: Like the sun, child of the sun. Son of Manoah, a Danite. An angel told his mother that she would conceive a special child who would become a champion in the struggle of Israel against the*

*Philistines. The child was Samson, physically mighty but morally lacking. His particular weakness was disastrous love affairs with Philistine women. As a result of bitterness from the first of these, Samson killed a thousand Philistines with the jawbone of an ass. The second affair was with the bewitching Delilah, who discovered that the secret of his immense physical strength lay in his hair. She shaved his locks and gave him up to his enemies, who taunted, blinded and imprisoned him. Later, hair regrown and strength restored, Samson caused a great temple to collapse, destroying thousands of Philistines as well as himself. [Judges 13:24] መጽሐፈ መሣፍንት ምዕራፍ 13።24፤*

**Samuel** *sam-mu-el (male)*

**ሳሙኤል** Samuael / Samuel [SamuÉl]

*Hebrew: God hears. Other interpretations: His name is El (God). Son of Elkanah and Hannah. The childless Hannah had prayed earnestly for a son. When at last he was born to her, she called him Samuel because, she said, "I have asked him of the LORD." The child became a pupil of the judge and priest Eli, whom he succeeded. Samuel was the first of the major Hebrew prophets and the last of the judges. His own sons, Joel and Abijah, proved unworthy of inheriting high office. The people therefore demanded a king, as other nations had. At first Samuel refused, but later, obeying the express will of God, he anointed Saul as king of Israel and ceded all authority to him. But Samuel and Saul fell into conflict over questions of spiritual obedience. Samuel then anointed the young shepherd David as the next king. The prophet died at Ramah before David - who would become the greatest of Israel's*

*kings - attained the throne. Tradition says Samuel wrote four books of the Old Testament, namely 1 Samuel, 2 Samuel, Judges and Ruth. [1 Samuel]*  
መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ።

**Saph** *saff (modern male and female)*

ሳፍ Saf / Saff

*Hebrew: Giant. Other interpretations: Threshold. A Philistine giant killed by David's warrior Mebunnai.*

**Variants:** Sippai. [2 Samuel 21:18] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 21።18፤

**Sapphira** *saf-fi-ra (female)*

ሰጺራ SePeera / Sepira

*Hebrew: Beautiful. Wife of Ananias. She and her husband tried to cheat God and were struck dead for their foolish avarice. [Acts 5:1] የሐዋርያት ሥራ*

ምዕራፍ 5።1-10፤

**Sarah** *sar-ra (female)*

ሣራ Sara [or better – Shara; Šara]

*Hebrew: Princess. Wife and half-sister of Abraham. Her name was originally Sarai, changed later to Sarah. She was childless for so long that, in desperation, she gave her Egyptian maid Hagar to Abraham as a concubine. By this arrangement Ishmael was born, which only inflamed her jealousy and bitterness. Finally, at the age of ninety, God blessed her with a son, Isaac. God told Abraham of Sarah, "I will bless her, and she shall be a mother of nations." This came to pass through her grandson Jacob, whose twelve sons were the founders of the Twelve Tribes of Israel. Sarah's rivalry with Hagar*

led to the expulsion of Hagar and Ishmael from the house of Abraham. She lived one hundred and twenty-seven years. Abraham buried her in the cave of Machpelah. Others with this name: A daughter of Asher. Her brothers were Beriah, Imnah, Ishvah and Ishvi. **Variants:** Sada, Sadi, Sadie, Sal, Sally, Sara, Sarai, Sarena, Sarene, Sari, Sarice, Sarita, Serah, Shara, Shari, Sher, Zara, Zaria, Zora, Zoreen, Zorna. [Genesis 11:29] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 11።29፤

**Sarai** - see Sarah

ሦራ Sora [Šora; or Shora]

[Genesis 11:29] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 11።29፤

**Saraph** sar-raff (modern male and female)

ሣራፍ Saraf [Šaraf; or Sharaf]

Hebrew: Burning. Other interpretations: Noble. A descendant of Judah who became a king of Moab.

[1 Chronicles 4:22] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 4።22፤

**Sargon** sar-gon (male)

ሳርጎን Sargon / Sarigon

Hebrew: Sun-prince. Other interpretations:

Constituted king. A king of Assyria who conquered Samaria. [Isaiah 20:1] ትገቢተ ኢሳይያስ ምዕራፍ 20።1፤

**Satan** say-tan (male)

ሰይጣን SeyTan / Seytan [Sey'T'an]

Greek, from Hebrew: Adversary. Leader of the fallen spirits, primal enemy of God and man. Known variously as the evil one, the devil, the tempter, the

ancient serpent, the father of lies, Abaddon, Apollyon, Beelzebub and Belial. Satan was the deceiver of Adam and Eve and thereby the cause of humanity's separation from God. The Bible predicts that he will suffer ultimate destruction, together with the souls he has misled. In Hebrew the word satan means any adversary or enemy. It was not until Job, the eighteenth book of the Old Testament, that it was used as a personal name for the devil. Not a suggested baby name! [Job 1:6] መጽሐፈ ኢዮብ። ምዕራፍ 1።6፤

**Saul saul (male)**

ሳኦል Saol / Sa'ol [Sa'OI]

Hebrew: Asked of God, wished, yearned for. An early Edomite king from Rehoboth on the Euphrates River. Successor of Samlah. Others with this name: (i) Son of Simeon and grandson of Jacob. (ii) Son of Kish. First king of Israel, anointed by the prophet Samuel. Raised in humble circumstances as a donkey-herder, Saul rose to greatness as ruler and warrior. He showed courage, humility and generosity of spirit in his struggle to establish and defend the infant kingdom. Yet Saul was flawed by suspiciousness and insecurity. He became violently jealous of David, the shepherd boy who killed Goliath in solitary combat. Saul sought to destroy David and pursued him and his companions relentlessly. As Saul's anxiety increased, his abilities as king and commander declined. He was defeated and killed by the Philistines at the battle of Mount Gilboa. (iii) Son of Uziah, a descendant of Levi. (iv) Apostle of Jesus Christ; see Paul. **Variants:** Paul, Saulo, Shaul, Sol, Solly, Zolly. [Genesis 36:37] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።37፤

**Sceva** see-va (modern male and female)

አስቄዋ Askaewa / Askewa [Asqêwa]

*Greek: Fitted. Chief priest of the Jews at Ephesus.*

*His seven sons were unsuccessful exorcists. [Acts 19:14] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 19።14፤*

**Seba** see-ba (modern male and female)

ሳባ Saba / Sabba

*Hebrew: Promise. Son of Cush and great-grandson of Noah. His brothers were Nimrod, Havilah, Sabtah, Raamah and Sabteca. Variants: Sheba.*

*[Genesis 10:7] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።7፤*

**Semakiah** sem-ma-ki-ar (male)

ሰማክያ Semakiya / Semakya

*Hebrew: Sustained by God. A temple gatekeeper. Son of Shemaiah, a descendant of Obed-Edom.*

*Variants: Semachiah. [1 Chronicles 26:7] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 26።7፤*

**Semei** sem-may (modern male and female)

ሴሜይ Saemaey / Semey

*Hebrew: Distinguished. Son of Josech. An ancestor of Jesus Christ. Variants: Semein. [Luke 3:26]*

*የሉቃስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 3።26፤*

**Senaah** sen-naar (modern male and female)

ሴናኅ Saenaa / Senaa / Sena'a [Sêna'A]

*Hebrew: Brambly? An ancestor of the captives who returned with Zerubbabel from Babylon.*

*[Ezra 2:35] መጽሐፈ ዕዘራ። ምዕራፍ 2።35፤*

**Seraiah** ser-ray-ar (modern male and female)

ሠራያ Seray / Serray [Šeraya; Sharaya]

*Hebrew: Warrior of God. A scribe in the court of King David. Others with this name: (i) A son of Kenaz. His brother was Othniel. (ii) Son of Asiel, a Simeonite.*

*(iii) One of the officers sent to arrest Jeremiah. (iv) A high priest executed at the fall of Jerusalem by King Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. (v) Son of Neariah, a quartermaster taken captive to Babylon. (vi) An ancestor of Ezra. (vii) A captain who surrendered to Gedaliah. (viii) A priest, also known as Azariah, returned from the Babylonian captivity. **Variants:***

*Sheva, Shisha, Shavsha. [2 Samuel 8:17] መጽሐፈ.*

*ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 8።17፤*

**Sergius** sur-gee-us (male)

ሰርግዮስ Segiyos / Sergyos [Sergios?]

*Greek: Net? The Roman proconsul of Cyprus during Paul's visit, and the first Christian convert of his among the Gentiles. His full name was Sergius Paulus. [Acts 13:7] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 13።7፤*

**Seth** seth (modern male and female)

ሴት Saet / Seyt [Sêt]

*Hebrew: Substitute, compensation. Other interpretations: Appointed, destined. The third son of Adam and Eve, born when Adam was a spry one hundred and thirty year old. His brothers were Cain and Abel. Eve said of him, "God has given me another child instead of Abel, for Cain killed him."*

*Father of Enosh. He died at the age of nine hundred and twelve years. [Genesis 4:25] ኦጊት ዘፍጥረት*

*ምዕራፍ 4።25፤*

**Sethur** *seth-ur (male)*

ሰቲር Setur / Setoor

*Hebrew: Hidden. One of the spies sent out by Moses to survey the land of Canaan. Son of Michael of the Asherite tribe. [Numbers 13:13] አሪት ዘኑሉቶ ምዕራፍ 13።13፤*

**Shadrach** *shad-drack (male)*

ሲድራቅ SeediraK / Seedrak / Sidrak / Sidraq

*Hebrew, from Akkadian: Royal? The Babylonian name given to the captive Hananiah, a friend of Daniel. [Daniel 1:7] ትገቢተ ዳንኤል ምዕራፍ 1።7፤*

**Shallum** *shall-lum (male)*

ሰሎም Selom / Sellom

*Hebrew: Revenge, reward, recompense. The fifteenth king of Israel. Son of Jabesh. He usurped the throne by killing King Zechariah and reigned for only one month. He was killed and succeeded by Menahem. Others with this name: (i) Husband of Huldah the prophetess. (ii) Youngest son of Naphtali, see Shillem. (iii) Youngest son of King Josiah of Judah. He succeeded his father on the throne, see Jehoahaz. (iv) Son of Shaul, a Simeonite. (v) Son of Sismai, father of Jekamiah. (vi) Chief gatekeeper of the temple, a son of Kore. (vii) Son of Zadok, father of Hilkiah. (viii) A chief of the Ephraimites, the father of Jehizkiah. (ix) Jeremiah's uncle. (x) Father of Maaseiah. (xi) Two Jews who divorced their foreign wives at the urging of Ezra. (xii) Two district officials who helped in the reconstruction of the wall of Jerusalem. **Variants:** Shallun, Shillim. [2 Kings 15:10] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 15።10፤*

**Shalmi** *shal-may* (modern male and female)

ሰምላይ Semilay / Semlay

Hebrew: Thanks. An ancestor of a family of returned Babylonian captives. **Variants:** Salmi, Shamlai.

[Ezra 2:46] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።46፤

**Shalman** *shal-man* (male)

ሰልምናሶር Silminasor / Silimnasor [Silm-nasor]

Hebrew: Lenient. Other interpretations: God is the chief. Most likely a shortened form of Shalmaneser. An Assyrian king who twice defeated the forces of King Hoshea of Israel and captured his capital city of Samaria. [2 Kings 17:3]

መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 17።3፤

**Shama** *sha-mar* (modern male and female)

ሻማ Shama [Šama]

Hebrew: God has heard. Other interpretations: Loyal, dutiful. One of David's elite warriors, the son of Hotham. [1 Chronicles 11:44]

መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 11።44፤

**Shamariah** *sham-mar-ri-ar* (modern male / female)

ሰማራያ Semaray [Semarai]

Hebrew: Kept by God. Son of King Rehoboam and Mahalath, and grandson of Solomon. **Variants:**

Shemariah. [2 Chronicles 11:19] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 11።19፤

**Shamir** *sham-meer* (modern male and female)

ሻሚር Shameer / Shamir [Šamir]

Hebrew: Thorn. Other interpretations: Diamond. A

*temple servant, the son of Micah.* [1 Chronicles 24:24] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 24።25፤

**Shamma** *sham-ma (modern male and female)*

ሳማ Sama / Samma

*Hebrew: Desolation. Other interpretations: Astonishment. A chief of the Asherites, son of Zophah.* [1 Chronicles 7:37] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።37፤

**Shammai** *sham-may (modern male and female)*

ሸማይ Shimay / Shimmay [Šimay; Šmai]

*Hebrew: God hears. Other interpretations: Desolated. Son of Onan. Father of Nadab and Abishur. Others with this name: (i) Son of Rekem. Father of Maon. (ii) Son of Mered and Bithiah, daughter of Pharoah.* [1 Chronicles 2:28] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።28፤

**Shammua** *sham-mew-ar (modern male and female)*

ሰሙኤል Semuael / Samuel [SemuÊl]

*Hebrew: Heard, renowned. One of the spies sent out by Moses to survey the land of Canaan. Son of Zaccur. Others with this name: (i) A son of David by his wife Bathsheba. The brother of Solomon. (ii) Father of Obadiah. (iii) A priest who served under Joiakim. Variants: Shimea, Shemaiah.* [Numbers 13:4] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 13።4፤

**Shapham** *sha-farm (modern male and female)*

ሳፋም Safam / Saffam

*Hebrew: Bare. A Gadite of Bashan, second-in-*

*command under Joel. [1 Chronicles 5:12] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 5።12፤*

**Shaphan** *sha-farn (modern male and female)*

ሳፋን Safan / Saffan

*Hebrew: Rabbit. Son of Azaliah. A faithful scribe and secretary of King Josiah. His sons were Ahikam, Gemariah, Elasa and Jaazaniah. [2 Kings 22:3]*

*መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 22።3፤*

**Sharai** *shar-ray (modern male and female)*

ሻራይ Shiray / Shirray [Š'ray; Š'rai]

*Hebrew: Liberated, free. A son of Bani who divorced his foreign wife at the urging of Ezra. [Ezra 10:40]*

*መጽሐፈ. ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።41፤*

**Sharezer** *shar-rezer (modern male and female)*

ሳራሳር Sarasar

*Hebrew, from Assyrian: Prince. Other interpretations: Save the king. A son of King Sennacherib of Assyria. With his brother Adrammelech, he killed his father. Others with this name: A representative of the people of Bethel sent to Jerusalem to gain the favour of God. **Variants:***

*Sherezer. [2 Kings 19:37] መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ካልዕ።*

*ምዕራፍ 19።37፤*

**Sharon** *shar-ron (modern male and female)*

ሳሮን Saron

*Hebrew: Plain, flat pasture. The biblical name of a place rather than a person. It has become popular as a personal name, especially for girls. The plain of*

*Sharon lay between the Mediterranean Sea and Mount Carmel. It was renowned for its fertility and pastoral beauty. The name suggests natural peace and abundance. Variants: Shara, Sharai, Shareen, Shari, Sharma, Sharona. [1 Chronicles 27:29] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 27።29፤*

**Shashai** *sha-shay (modern male and female)*  
ሴሴይ Saesaey / Sesey [Sêsêy; Sesei]  
*Hebrew: Noble. A son of Bani who divorced his foreign wife. [Ezra 10:40] መጽሐፈ. ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።41፤*

**Shashak** *sha-shak (male)*  
ሻሻቅ ShashaK / Shashaq [Šašaq]  
*Hebrew: Eager. Son of Beriah. He had eleven sons: Ishpan, Eber, Eliel, Abdon, Zichri, Hanan, Hananiah, Elam, Anthothijah, Iphdeiah, and Penuel. [1 Chronicles 8:14] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።14፤*

**Sheal** *she-al (modern male and female)*  
ሻዓል Sheal / Shi'al [Šial]  
*Hebrew: Asking. A son of Bani who divorced his foreign wife. [Ezra 10:29] መጽሐፈ. ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።29፤*

**Shealtiel** *she-al-te-el (modern male and female)*  
ሰላትያል Selatiyal / Selatyal  
*Hebrew: Asked of God. Either the son of King Jeconiah of Judah, or the son of Neri. The biblical record is uncertain. Father of Zerubbabel. An*

ancestor of Jesus Christ. **Variants:** Salathiel.

[1 Chronicles 3:17] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 3።17፤

**Sheariah** *sheer-ri-ar (modern male and female)*

ሸዓርያ Shiriya / Sh'arya / Shi'arya [Š'Arya]

*Hebrew: Valued by God. A returned captive from Babylon. One of the six sons of Azel. His brothers were Bokeru, Azrikam, Ishmael, Obadiah and Hanan. [1 Chronicles 8:38] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።38፤*

**Sheba** *she-ba (modern male and female)*

ሳባ Saba / Sabba

*Hebrew: Promise, oath. Son of Raamah and great-great-grandson of Noah. His brother was Dedan, and his uncle, the mighty warrior-king Nimrod.*

*Others with this name: (i) A son of Joktan. (ii) A son of Jokshan and a grandson of Abraham. (iii) A rebel during the reign of David. Son of Bicri. (iv) A Gadite chief. [Genesis 10:7] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።7፤*

**Shebaniah** *she-ban-ni-ar (modern male and female)*

ሰባንያ Sebeniya / Sebenya

*Hebrew: Grown by God. A musical priest, a trumpet blower. Others with this name: (i) Three co-covenanters of Nehemiah. (ii) Chief of a priestly family. [1 Chronicles 15:24] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 15።24፤*

**Sheber** *she-ber (modern male and female)*

ሸቤር Shibaer / Sheber [Šibêr; Šibeyr]

*Hebrew: Breaking. Son of Caleb and his concubine Maacah. [1 Chronicles 2:48] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።48፤*

**Shebna** *sheb-na (male)*

ሳምና Samina [Samna]

*Hebrew: Strength. A scribe or secretary of King Hezekiah. With others, he went out from Jerusalem to face the Assyrian army. Others with this name: High court official under King Hezekiah. Variants: Shebna. [2 Kings 18:18] መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 18።18፤*

**Shecaniah** *shack-kan-ni-ar (male)*

ሴኬንያ Saekaeniya / Sekenya [Sêkênnya]

*Hebrew: Dweller with God. Son of Obadiah, a descendant of Solomon. Others with this name: (i) Four priests, one each under David, Hezekiah and Joiakim, and one who returned from the Babylonian captivity. (ii) Two other captives who returned from Babylon, one the son of Jehaziel. (iii) A gatekeeper under Nehemiah. Father of Shemaiah. (iv) Father-in-law of Tobiah, the adversary of Nehemiah. (v) Son of Jehiel. He proposed the idea to Ezra that foreign wives should be divorced. Variants: Shechaniah. [1 Chronicles 3:21] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።21፤*

**Shechem** *shek-kem (male)*

ሴኬም Saekaem / Sekem [Sêkêm]

*Hebrew: Shoulder. Son of Hamor. Shechem was smitten with Dinah, the daughter of Jacob and Leah. He abducted her and held her captive in his house.*

Along with his father and various unlucky kin, he was killed for this offence by Dinah's brothers, Simeon and Levi. Others with this name: (i) Son of Gilead. (ii) Son of Shemida and nephew of the previous. **Variants:** Sichem, Sychem.

[Genesis 33:19] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 33።19፤

**Sheerah** *sheer-ra* (female)

ሲ.አራ Seera / See'arra / Siara

Hebrew: Relation, kin. Either a daughter of granddaughter of Ephraim. A most extraordinary woman for her time and culture. She built three fortified towns, Lower Bethhoran, Upper Bethhoran and Uzzen-sheerah. **Variants:** Sherah.

[1 Chronicles 7:24] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 7።24፤

**Shelemiah** *shel-lem-mi-ar* (modern male / female)

ሰሊ.ምያ Selaemiya / Selemya [Selêmya]

Hebrew: Rewarded by God. Other interpretations: Friend of God. A leading gatekeeper of the temple.

His sons were Zechariah, Jediahel, Zebadiah, Jathniel, Elam, Jehohanan and Eliehoenai. Others with this name: (i) Two sons of Bani who had foreign wives. (ii) Father of Hananiah, a wall repairer. (iii) A priestly treasurer in the time of Nehemiah. (iv) Father of Irijah, who arrested Jeremiah as he tried to leave Jerusalem. (v) Father of Jehucal, a messenger sent to the prophet Jeremiah. (vi) Grandfather of Jehudi, a messenger sent to Baruch. (vii) Son of Abdeel, one of those sent to arrest Jeremiah and Baruch.

**Variants:** Meshelemiah. [1 Chronicles 26:14] መጽሐፈ

ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 26።14፤

**Shelomi** *shel-lo-me (modern male and female)*  
ሴሌሜ. Saelaemee / Selemee / Selemi [Sêlêmi]  
*Hebrew: At rest, peaceful, peace. Father of Ahihud,  
an Asherite chief. [Numbers 34:27] ኦሪት ዘኅሉልቶ  
ምዕራፍ 34።27፤*

**Shelumiel** *shel-lum-me-el (modern male / female)*  
ሰለሜኤል Selemeeael / Selemiel / Selemee'el  
*Hebrew: The peace of God. A chief of the  
Simeonites in the days of Moses. He assisted in the  
great census of the tribes. [Numbers 1:6] ኦሪት  
ዘኅሉልቶ ምዕራፍ 1።6፤*

**Shem** *shem (male)*  
ሴም Saem / Sem [Sêm]  
*Hebrew: Name, renown, fame. Eldest and specially  
blessed son of Noah. His brothers were Japheth and  
Ham. From these three, the Bible says, "the whole  
world was peopled." He had five sons: Elam,  
Asshur, Arphaxad, Lud and Aram. His descendants  
include the Hebrews, Arabs, Assyrians, Persians  
and Arameans. The languages of these races are  
still called semitic or shemitic. He died at the age of  
six hundred years. [Genesis 6:10] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት  
ምዕራፍ 6።10፤*

**Shema** *she-ma (modern male and female)*  
ሸሜሳ Shimai / Sh'ma'i [Šima'i; Šmai]  
*Hebrew: Hearing, hears. Other interpretations:  
Renown, reputation. Father of Raham. A  
descendant of Caleb. Others with this name: (i) Son  
of Joel and father of Azaz. (ii) A Benjamite chief. (iii)*

*An assistant to Ezra. [1 Chronicles 2:44] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።44፤*

**Shemaah** *shem-mar (modern male and female)*

ሸማግ Shimaa / Sh'ma'a [Šima'A; Šmaa]

*Hebrew: God hears. Other interpretations: Fame, renown. Father of two warriors who joined forces with David at Ziklag. [1 Chronicles 12:3] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 12።3፤*

**Shemaiah** *shem-may-ar (modern male and female)*

ሰማያ Samaya

*Hebrew: God hears, God has heard. One of the most popular ancient Hebrew names. More than two score Old Testament persons have it. The earliest was a prophet of God during the reign of King Rehoboam of Judah. He warned Rehoboam not to attack the northern kingdom of Israel. Others with this name: (i) Ten Levites of various distinction, three with the status of clan chiefs or princes. (ii) Four priests, including one who was a co-covenanter with Nehemiah. (iii) Son of Delaiah. He tried in vain to frighten Nehemiah. (iv) Two men who had married foreign wives. (v) A prince of the Simeonites. (vi) A son of Joel, descendant of Reuben. (vii) Eldest son of Obed-Edom. (viii) The sons of two different men, both named Shecaniah. (ix) Father of the prophet Uriah. (x) A false teacher who opposed the great prophet Jeremiah. (xi) Father of Delaiah, a prince in the days of Jeremiah. **Variants:** Shammua.*

*[1 Kings 12:22] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ።*

*ምዕራፍ 12።22፤*

**Shemariah** *shem-mar-ri-ar* (modern male / female)

ሰማራያ Semaraya

*Hebrew: God preserves, keeps. One of the mighty warriors who joined forces with David at Ziklag.*

*Others with this name: (i) A son of King Rehoboam of Judah by Mahalath. (ii) Two men who had foreign wives in the time of Ezra. [1 Chronicles 12:5]* መጽሐፈ

ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 12።5፤

**Shemeber** *shem-me-ber* (modern male and female)

ሰሜበር Semaeber / Semeber [Semêber]

*Hebrew: To fly high, soar. King of Zeboiim, a city near the Dead Sea. [Genesis 14:2]* ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት

ምዕራፍ 14።2፤

**Shemida** *shem-mi-da* (modern male and female)

ሸሚዳ Shimeeda / Shmida [Šimida; Šmida]

*Hebrew: Wise. Son of Gilead, a descendant of Joseph. His sons were Ahian, Shechem, Likhi and Aniam. His brothers were Abiezer, Helek, Shechem, Hephher and Asriel. **Variants:** Shemidah.*

[Numbers 26:32] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 26።32፤

**Shemuel** *shem-mu-el* (modern male and female)

ሰላሚኤል Selameeael / Selamiel / Selamee'el [or, better rendered – SelamiÉl]

*Hebrew: Heard of God. Other interpretations: Name of God. The original Hebrew form of the name Samuel. A Simeonite chief present at the division of the land of Canaan by Joshua. Others with this name: (i) An official in charge of music in the temple. (ii) A chief of the Issachar. **Variants:** Samuel.*

[Numbers 34:20] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 34።20፤

**Shenazar** *shen-naz-zar* (modern male and female)

ሺናጻር Shaenatzar / Shenatzar [ŠênaS'or]

*Hebrew: Ivory keeper. A son of Jeconiah of Judah, the captive king. His brothers were Hoshama, Shealtiel, Malchiram, Pedaiiah, Jekamiah and Nedabiah. Variants: Shenazzar. [1 Chronicles 3:18]*

መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።18፤

**Shephi** *shef-fi* (modern male / female)

ሰፍ Sifo / Siffo [S'fo]

*Hebrew: Barren. Son of Shobal and grandson of Seir the Horite. His brothers were Alvan, Manahath, Ebal and Onam. Variants: Shepho. [Genesis 36:23]*

ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።23፤

**Sherebiah** *sher-re-bi-ah* (modern male / female)

ሰራብያ Serabiya / Serabya

*Hebrew: Warmth of God. A leading priest who assisted Ezra and served as a custodian of the treasures of the temple. Others with this name: (i) One who, with Nehemiah, signed the covenant. (ii) A Levite who returned from the Babylonian captivity. (iii) A chief Levite in the days of Eliashib.*

[Nehemiah 9:4] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 9።4፤

**Sheshai** *shee-shay* (modern male and female)

ሴሲ Saesee / Sesee / Sesi [Sêsi]

*Hebrew: Princely. One of the giants who were feared by the Israelites in the days before their conquest of Canaan. Son of Anak.*

[Numbers 13:22] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 13።22፤

**Sheva** *she-va* (modern male and female)

ሱሳ Susa / Soosa

*Hebrew: Warrior of God. A corrupted form of Seraiah. Hence the scribe in the court of King David known as Sheva is almost certainly the same person as the scribe called Seraiah. Others with this name: (i) A son of Caleb by his concubine Maacah. Father of Machbenah. (ii) Father of the scribes Elihoreph and Ahijah, both of whom served King Solomon.*

**Variants:** *Seraiah, Shisha, Shavsha.*

[2 Samuel 20:25] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 20።25፤

**Shiloh** *shy-lo* (modern male and female)

ሴሎ Saelo / Selo [Sêlo]

*Hebrew: Peace. Possibly a symbolic name for the Messiah, Jesus Christ. Also the name of a town in Palestine. [Joshua 18:1] መጽሐፈ ኢያሱ ወልደ ነዌ*

*ምዕራፍ 18።1፤*

**Shiloni** *shil-lo-ni* (modern male and female)

ሴሎና Saelona / Selona [Sêlona]

*Hebrew: From Shiloh. A descendant of Shelah. Father of Zechariah. Sometimes called the Shilonite.*

[Nehemiah 11:5] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 11።5፤

**Shimea** *shim-may* (modern male and female)

ሳሙስ Samus / Samoos

*Hebrew: Hearing. A son of King David. Others with this name: Two Levites, one the grandfather of Asaph. Variants: Shammua. [1 Chronicles 3:5]*

መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 3።5፤

**Shimeah** *shim-me-ar (modern male and female)*

ሳምዓ Samia / Sami'a / Samea

*Hebrew: Hearing. A brother of David. His son Jonathan killed one of the giants of Gath. Others with this name: Son of Mikloth, a descendant of Jehiel. **Variants:** Shammah, Shimea, Shimeam, Shimei, Shimma. [2 Samuel 13:3] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 13።3፤*

**Shimeath** *shim-me-ath (female)*

ሳምዓት Semiat / Semi'at [Sem'At]

*Hebrew: Hearing. Other interpretations: Fame. The mother of Jozacar, also known as Zabad, one of the assassins of King Joash of Judah. [2 Kings 12:21] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 12።21፤*

**Shimei** *shim-mi (modern male and female)*

ሰሜኢ Semaee-ee / Semaee'ee / Semei [Semêi]

*Hebrew: Famous, renowned. A popular Old Testament name. The first to bear it was a son of Gershon. His brother was Libni. Others with this name: (i) Son of Gera. He cursed David during the ill-fated rebellion of Absalom. (ii) An official under King Solomon. (iii) One of David's mighty warriors. (iv) Four prominent Levites, including one from the time of Moses and a treasurer of the temple. (v) A grandson of Jeconiah. (vi) Son of Gog and father of Micah. (vii) A descendant of Misha. He had sixteen sons and six daughters. (viii) Head of a Benjamite family, father of eight sons. (ix) A son of Pedaiiah. His brother was Zerubbabel. (x) A viticulturist in the days of David. (xi) Son of Kish and grandfather of Mordecai. (xii) A son of Heman. His brother was*

*Jehuel. (xiii) Three Jews who had foreign wives in the time of Ezra. (xiv) An inhabitant of Jerusalem whose family mourned for Israel. Variants: Shimi, Shimhi. [Exodus 6:17] ኦሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 6።17፤*

**Shimeon** *shim-me-on (modern male and female)*  
ሸማያ Shemaya [Šimaya; Šmaya]  
*Hebrew: Hearing. A Jew who had a foreign wife in the time of Ezra. [Ezra 10:31] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።31፤*

**Shimri** *shim-ree (modern male and female)*  
ሺምሪ Sheemiree / Sheemree / Shimri  
*Hebrew: Alert, vigilant. Son of Shemaiah and father of Jediah. Others with this name: (i) Father of two of David's mighty warriors, Jediael and Joha. (ii) A clan chief, the son of Hosah. (iii) A ritual purifier of the temple. Variants: Simri. [1 Chronicles 4:37] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።37፤*

**Shimrith** *shim-re-ith (female)*  
ሰምዳት Semi'at / Semi'at / Semat  
*Hebrew: Alert, vigilant. Mother of Jehozabad, one of the assassins of King Joash of Judah. She is known in other parts of the Bible as Shomer. [2 Chronicles 24:26] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 24።26፤*

**Shimron** *shim-ron (modern male and female)*  
ሺምሮን Sheemiron / Sheemron / Shimron  
*Hebrew: Guard. Other interpretations: Watch-place. Fourth son of Issachar and a grandson of Jacob.*

**Variants:** *Shimrom*. [Genesis 46:13] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት  
ምዕራፍ 46፡13፤

**Shiphrah** *shy-fra (female)*

ሲፓራ Seepara / Sipara

*Hebrew: Beautiful, loveliness. A courageous Hebrew midwife who defied the order of Pharaoh to kill all newborn Hebrew boys. [Exodus 1:15] ኦሪት ዘጸአት*

ምዕራፍ 1፡15፤

**Shobai** *sho-bay (modern male and female)*

ሶባይ Sobay [Sobai]

*Hebrew: Captive. Ancestor of a family of temple gatekeepers who returned from the Babylonian captivity. [Ezra 2:42] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ፡፡ ምዕራፍ 2፡42፤*

**Shobal** *sho-bal (modern male and female)*

ሦባል Sobal [Šobal; Shobal]

*Hebrew: Current. A chief of the Horites, the second son of Seir. His sons were Alvan, Manahath, Ebal, Shepho and Onam. His brothers were Lotan, Zibeon, Ezer and Dishan, and his sister was Timna, a concubine of Esau. Others with this name: (i) A son of Hur, descendant of Caleb. (ii) A son of Judah. Father of Reaiah. [Genesis 36:20] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት*

ምዕራፍ 36፡20፤

**Shobi** *sho-bi (modern male and female)*

ኡኤሲቤ Uaesibee / Uesbee / Uesbi [Uaisbi]

*Hebrew: Captive. Son of Nahash. He gave assistance to David during the rebellion of Absalom.*

[2 Samuel 17:27] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ።  
ምዕራፍ 17።27፤

**Shomer** *sho-mer* (traditionally male and female)  
ሾሜር Shomaer / Shomer [Šomêr; Shomair]  
*Hebrew: Guardian, keeper, watcher. Either the mother or father of Jehozabad, one of the assassins of King Joash of Judah. The gender is uncertain. If a woman, then she was also known as Shimrith. Others with this name: Son of Heber and great-grandson of Asher. Variants: Shamer, Shemer, Shomar, Shimrith.* [2 Kings 12:21] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 12።22፤

**Shua** *shoo-ar* (traditionally male and female)  
ሴዋ Saewa / Sewa [Sêwa]  
*Hebrew: Wealth, prosperity. Father-in-law of Judah. Others with this name: Daughter of Heber. Variants: Shuah, Bathshua.* [Genesis 38:2] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት። ምዕራፍ 38።2፤

**Shual** *shoo-al* (modern male and female)  
ሱዋ Suwa / Soowa  
*Hebrew: Fox. A son of Zophah. His brothers were Suah, Harnepher, Beri, Imrah, Bezer, Hod, Shamma, Shilshah, Ithran and Beera.* [1 Chronicles 7:36] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።36፤

**Shuni** *shoo-ni* (modern male and female)  
ሹኒ Shunee / Shuni [Šuni]  
*Hebrew: Resting. A son of Gad. His descendants*

were the Shunites. His brothers were Ziphion, Ezbon, Haggi, Areli, Eri and Arodi. [Genesis 46:16]  
ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 46።16፤

**Sia** see-ar (modern male and female)

ሲ.ዓ Seea / See'a / Sia

*Hebrew: Assembly. An ancestor of captives returned from Babylon. **Variants:** Siaha.*

[Nehemiah 7:47] መጽሐፈ ነሀምያ። ምዕራፍ 7።47፤

**Silas** si-las (male)

ሲ.ላስ Seelas / Silas

*Greek, from Aramaic?: Woody. Other interpretations: Asked, to borrow, snub-nosed. A name with obscure and confused origins. Silas was a prominent Christian of the early church. He taught at Jerusalem and later accompanied Paul on missionary trips. He was imprisoned with the apostle at Philippi. Tradition says he became the bishop of Corinth. **Variants:***

*Silo, Silus, Silvanus, Siluanos. [Acts 15:22]*

ዩሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 15።22፤

**Simeon** sim-me-on (modern male and female)

ሰምያግ Simion / Simi'on [Sim'on; Smon]

*Hebrew: He who hears. Son of Jacob and Leah, and a grandson of Isaac. His brothers were Reuben, Levi, Judah, Issachar and Zebulun. His sister was Dinah. He also had half-brothers: Joseph, Benjamin, Gad, Asher, Dan and Naphtali. One of the founders of the Twelve Tribes of Israel; in this case, the Simeonites. With Levi, he avenged the assault on Dinah by killing the lustful Shechem and his unfortunate kinsmen. Others with this name: (i) Son*

of Judah, an ancestor of Jesus Christ. (ii) A devout Jew who blessed the infant Jesus at the temple. (iii) Simon Peter - see Peter. (iv) Simeon Niger, an early Christian from Antioch. **Variants:** Imon, Cimon, Shimone, Si, Sim, Simi, Simon, Simone, Simpson, Sims, Sy, Ximenes. [Genesis 29:33] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 29።33፤

**Simon** *si-mon* (male)

ሰምያግ Simion / Simi'on [Sim'on; Smon]  
Greek, from Hebrew: Simeon, he who hears. Simon Peter - see Peter. Others with this name: (i) Simon the Canaanite, also known as Simon Zelotes (that is, Simon the Zealot). A disciple of Jesus Christ. (ii) A leper of Bethany. (iii) Simon the brother of Jesus Christ. (iv) Simon of Cyrene, who was chosen to help bear the cross of Jesus. (v) A Pharisee in whose house a woman anointed the feet of Jesus Christ. (vi) Simon Magus, a sorcerer of Samaria and insincere convert who wanted to acquire the "powers" of the apostles. (vii) A tanner of the town of Joppa who sheltered Peter. (viii) Simon Iscariot, father of the traitorous Judas. **Variants:** Simeon. [Matthew 4:18] የማቴዎስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 4።18፤

**Simon Peter** - see Peter

**Solomon** *sol-lo-mon* (male)

ሰሎሞን Selomon  
Hebrew: Peaceful, serene. Son of King David. Last monarch to hold the throne of Israel united. His mother was Bathsheba. An adept ruler, he retained the kingship for forty years and raised the nation to

*its acme of prosperity and power. As a child he was called Jedidiah by the prophet Nathan, meaning beloved of God. Solomon was famous for his wisdom and learning, granted directly by God. He wrote thousands of proverbs and songs. Three Old Testament books are attributed to him: Proverbs, Ecclesiastes and The Song of Solomon. He was also an accomplished botanist and zoologist. The Bible says he had "largeness of mind like the sand on the seashore". Solomon's harem was huge: seven hundred wives and three hundred concubines. Most of these unions were political rather than romantic. Solomon's great weakness was compromise. To appease his foreign wives he permitted the erection of pagan alters. This drew the displeasure of God and the fortunes of the great king waned. Under his son and successor Rehoboam, the kingdom split into the separate states of Israel and Judah. **Variants:** Salamon, Salmen, Salmon, Salo, Saloman, Salome, Selman, Shlomo, Sol, Solly, Solmon, Zalman, Zalmon, Zelman, Zolly.*

[2 Samuel 12:24] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካለዕ።  
 ምዕራፍ 12።24፤

**Stephanas** *stef-farn-nas (male)*

እስጢፋኖስ IsTeefanos / Istifanos / Estifanos  
 Greek: Crown. An early Christian convert of Paul at Corinth. [1 Corinthians 1:16] 1ኛ ወደ ቆሮንቶስ ሰዎች  
 ምዕራፍ 1።16፤

**Stephen** *stee-ven (modern male and female)*

እስጢፋኖስ IsTeefanos / Istifanos / Estifanos  
 Greek: Crown. An early leader of the Church and first of the Christian martyrs. He was a Greek

*convert with outstanding faith and brilliant power as a preacher. The Bible says he performed wonders and signs before the people. His teachings angered the Sanhedrin, the governing Jewish council. In a fit of religious outrage, they dragged him from the city and stoned him to death. Saul, later known as the apostle Paul, was present. These events are thought to have occurred in A.D. 37. **Variants:** Esteban, Estes, Estvan, Stefan, Stefano, Stepan, Stephan, Stephanus, Stepka, Stevan, Steve, Steven. Female forms include Stefana, Stefania, Stefanie, Steffie, Stephenie, Stevena. [Acts 6:5] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 6።5፤*

**Susanna** *su-zan-na (female)*

ሶስና Sosina / Sosena [Sos'na]

*Greek: Lily. One of the women who travelled with Jesus Christ and the disciples. She and other "women who had been healed of evil spirits and infirmities" helped to support the mission of Christ materially and spiritually. **Variants:** Shoshana, Shushan, Shushana, Sosanna, Sue, Sukey, Suki, Susan, Susannah, Susi, Suzanne, Suzette, Suzy, Zsa Zsa. [Luke 8:3] የሉቃስ ወገንል ምዕራፍ 8።3፤*

**Susi** *su-zi (modern male and female)*

ሱሱ. Susee / Susi

*Hebrew: Horseman. One of the twelve spies sent out by Moses to survey the land of Canaan. [Numbers 13:11] ኦሪት ዘጉልቀኑ ምዕራፍ 13።11፤*

**Syntyche** *sin-tie-chee (female)*

ሲንጤኪ. SeeniTaekee / Seentekee / Seenteki /

Sinteki [SinTêki]

*Greek: Fate, fortune, luck. A Christian woman of the early church at Philippi. She was apparently in dispute with another woman of the church, Euodia. Paul entreated them to "agree in the Lord".*

[Philippians 4:2] ወደ ፊልጵስጵስ ሰዎች ምዕራፍ 4።2፤

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**Tabaliah** *tab-ba-li-ar (modern male and female)*

ጥበልያ Tibeliya / Tibelya

*Hebrew: Purged. Third son of Hosah. A temple gatekeeper in the days of David. Variants: Tebaliah.*

[1 Chronicles 26:11] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 26።11፤

**Tabeal** *tab-be-al (modern male and female)*

ጣብኤል Tabiael / Tabi'ael / Tabiel / Tabi'Êl

*Hebrew: God is good, good God. Father of the man whom Rezin and Pekah conspired to make a king of Judah. Variants: Tabeel.*

[Isaiah 7:6] ትንቢተ ኢሳይያስ ምዕራፍ 7።6፤

**Tabitha** *tab-bith-tha (female)*

ጣቢታ Tabeeta / Tabita

*Aramaic, from Greek (Dorcas): Gazelle, doe, small deer. An early Christian woman of Joppa whom Peter raised from the dead. The Bible says of her, "She was full of good works and acts of charity."*

**Variants:** Tabbi, Tabby. [Acts 9:36] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 9።36፤

**Tahash** *tar-hash (male)*

ተሐሽ Tehashe / Tehash

*Hebrew: Badger. Son of Nahor by his concubine Reumah. His brothers were Tebah, Gaham, and Maacah. He also had eight half-brothers: Uz, Buz, Kemuel, Chesed, Hazo, Pildash, Jidlaph and Bethuel. Variants: Thahash.*

[Genesis 22:24] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 22።24፤

**Tahpenes** *ta-pen-nez (female)*

ቲቂጽኖናስ TaeKaeminas / Tekeminas / Têqêmnas  
*Hebrew: Meaning unknown. An Egyptian queen in the time of David and Solomon. Her sister married King Hadad of Edom, the enemy of Israel. She was aunt and nurse to Genubath, the infant son of Hadad.* [1 Kings 11:19] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 11።19፤

**Talmi** *tal-may (modern male and female)*

ተላሚ Telamee / Telami  
*Hebrew: Brave. A son of Anak. Others with this name: A king of Geshur. His daughter Maacah became David's wife and the mother of the rebel Absalom.* [Numbers 13:22] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 13።22፤

**Talmon** *tal-mon (male)*

ጤልሞን Taelimon / Têlimon / Têlmon  
*Hebrew: Captive. A temple porter and the head of a family of captives returned from Babylon.* [1 Chronicles 9:17] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 9።17፤

**Tamah** *tar-mar (modern male and female)*

ቲማ Taema / Tema [Têmma]  
*Hebrew: Happiness. An ancestor of a family of temple servants returned from captivity in Babylon.*  
**Variants:** Temah, Thamah. [Ezra 2:53] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 2።54፤

**Tamar** *tay-mar* (female)

ትዕጣር Ti'imar / Tiemar / Timar [T'Imar]

*Hebrew: Palm tree. Widow of both Er and Onan, sons of Judah. By her father-in-law Judah, who mistook her for a harlot, she became the mother of the twins Perez and Zerah. She is recorded by Matthew in the family lineage of Jesus Christ. Others with this name: (i) Daughter of David and sister of Absalom. She was raped by her half-brother Amnon. (ii) Daughter of Absalom, wife of Uriel and mother-in-law of King Abijah through her daughter Maacah.*

**Variants:** Tamah, Tamara, Tamir, Thamar, Timi,

Timora, Timur. [Genesis 38:11] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት

ምዕራፍ 38።11፤

**Tarea** *tay-re-ar* (modern male and female)

ታራዳ Taraea / Tarea [Tarêa]

*Hebrew: Cunning. A son of Micah and a descendant of Jonathan and Saul. His brothers were Pithon, Melech and Ahaz. Variants: Tahrea.*

[1 Chronicles 8:35] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 8።35፤

**Tarshish** *tar-sheesh* (modern male and female)

ተርሴስ Terisaes / Terses [Tersês; Tersais]

*Hebrew: Solid rock, rocky. Son of Javan and great-grandson of Noah. His descendants were traders on the Mediterranean Sea and Red Sea. Others with this name: (i) One of the seven wise princes of Persia and Media who advised King Ahasuerus. (ii) A great-grandson of Benjamin. Variants: Tharshish.*

[Genesis 10:4] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።4፤

**Telah** *tay-lar* (modern male and female)

ቲላ Taela / Tela [Têla]

*Hebrew: Strength. Other interpretations: Fracture.*

*Two very different interpretations of meaning! Son of Resheph and father of Tahan.*

[1 Chronicles 7:25] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ፆዕራፍ 7።25፤

**Tema** *tay-ma* (modern male and female)

ቲማ Taema / Tema [Têmma]

*Hebrew: Desert. Ninth son of Ishmael and a grandson of Abraham. He was one of the twelve Arabian princes promised by God. His brothers were Nebaioth, Kedar, Adbeel, Mibsam, Mishma, Dumah, Massa, Hadad, Jetur, Naphish and Kedemah. His sister was Mahalath, a wife of Esau.*

[Genesis 25:15] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ፆዕራፍ 25።15፤

**Teman** *tay-man*

ቲማን Taeman / Teman [Têman]

*Hebrew: Desert. Other interpretations: To the south, the right side. First son of Eliphaz and grandson of Esau. His brothers were Omar, Zepho, Gatam and Kenaz; his half-brother was Amalek. Forefather of the Temanites of Edom. Others with this name:*

*Another chief of Edom, possibly the same as the former. Variant: Temani. [Genesis 36:11] ኦሪት*

*ዘፍጥረት ፆዕራፍ 36።11፤*

**Temeni** *tay-men-ni* (modern male and female)

ቲምኒ Taeminee / Temni [Têmni]

*Hebrew: Meaning unknown. A son of Ashur and his wife Naarah. His brothers were Hephher, Ahuzzam*

*and Haahashtari.* [1 Chronicles 4:6] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።6፤

**Teresh** *tay-resch (modern male and female)*

ታራ Tara

*Hebrew: Strict. A eunuch of the court of King Ahasuerus of Persia. He conspired to murder Ahasuerus but was foiled by the loyal Mordecai.*

[Esther 2:21] መጽሐፈ ኣስቴር። ምዕራፍ 2።21፤

**Thaddeus** *thad-dee-us (male)*

ታደዎስ Tadaewos / Tadowos [Tadêwos]

*Greek: Wise. Surname of the apostle Jude.*

**Variants:** *Thaddaeus.* [Matthew 10:3] የማቴዎስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 10።3፤

**Theophilus** *theo-fi-lus (male)*

ቲዎፍሎስ Taewofilos / Tewoflos [Têwoflos]

*Greek: Lover of God. The unknown Christian to whom Luke dedicated both his gospel and Acts of the Apostles.* [Luke 1:3] የሉቃስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 1።3፤

**Thomas** *tom-mas (male)*

ቶማስ Tomas

*Greek, from Aramaic: Twin. The cautious and disbelieving apostle of Jesus Christ, from whom the expression, doubting Thomas was derived. When told by the other apostles that Jesus had risen from the dead, he refused to believe. Eight days later, Jesus appeared to the apostles again, Thomas included. Jesus invited him to inspect His wounds, at which Thomas exclaimed, "My Lord and my God!"*

*Tradition asserts that he later preached as far afield as Persia and India. In 1945, a Gospel of Thomas was unearthed in Egypt. Its authenticity is uncertain.*

**Variants:** Tam, Tamas, Tamlane, Tamsen, Tamson, Thoma, Thompson, Tip, Tom, Tomaso, Tommy.

[Matthew 10:3] የጳውሎስ ጠቅላይ ጾታዎች 10።3፤

**Tilon** *ti-lon* (male)

ቲሎን Teelon / Tilon

*Hebrew: Gift. The youngest son of Shimon, a descendant of Judah. His brothers were Amnon, Rinnah and Benhanan.*

[1 Chronicles 4:20] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 4።20፤

**Timon** *tim-mon* (modern male and female)

ጢሞና Teemona / Timona

*Greek: Honourable. One of the first seven deacons of the early Christian church in Jerusalem.*

[Acts 6:5] የሐዋርያት ሥራ ምዕራፍ 6።5፤

**Timothy** *tim-moth-ee* (male)

ጢሞቴዎስ Teemotaewos / Timotewos [Timotêwos]

*Greek: Honouring God. A close friend of Paul, much loved by the apostle for his faith, commitment and deeply spiritual nature. He was the son of Eunice, a devout Jewess, by a pagan father. Paul called him "my true child in the faith". He became a valuable assistant to the apostle and accompanied him on his international evangelising missions to spread the new faith of Christianity. The fifteenth and sixteenth books of the New Testament, 1 Timothy and 2 Timothy, were addressed to him by Paul. **Variants:***

*Timothy, Timofei, Timotheus, Tymon.* [2 Timothy 1:5]  
2ኛ ወደ ጢሞቴዎስ ምዕራፍ 1።5፤

**Tiras** *ti-ras (male)*

ቲራስ Taeras / Teras [Têras]

*Hebrew: Yearning. Youngest son of Japheth and a grandson of Noah. His brothers were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Meshech and Tubal. His descendants were pirates on the Aegean Sea.*

[Genesis 10:2] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10።2፤

**Tirzah** *ti-zar (modern male and female)*

ቲርዳ Teertza / Tirtza [Tirs'a]

*Hebrew: Pleasing, enchanting. Other interpretations: Cypress tree, desired. Youngest daughter of Zelophehad. Her sisters were Mahlah, Noah, Hoglah and Milcah. Variants: Tirza, Thyrsa.*

[Numbers 26:33] ኦሪት ዘኵልቶ ምዕራፍ 26።33፤

**Titus** *ti-tus (male)*

ቲቶ Teeto / Tito

*Greek: Pleasant. Other interpretations: Sun, daylight. A Greek convert to Christianity who became a trusted friend and assistant to Paul. He travelled with the apostle. The seventeenth book of the New Testament, Letter to Titus, was addressed to him by Paul. Variants: Titan, Toto.*

[2 Corinthians 8:6] 2ኛ ወደ ቆሮንቶስ ሰዎች ምዕራፍ 8።6፤

**Tobiah** *to-bi-ar (male)*

ቶቢያ Tobiya / Tobya [Tob'ya]

*Hebrew: God is good, the goodness of God. A clan*

*chief whose descendants returned from the Babylonian captivity with Zerubbabel. Others with this name: A servant who, with Geshem the Arab and Sanballat the Horonite, scoffed at Nehemiah's plan to rebuild Jerusalem's ruined wall. Variants: Tavi, Tivon, Tobe, Tobias, Tobin, Tobit, Toby. [Nehemiah 2:19] መጽሐፈ ነህምያ። ምዕራፍ 2።19፤*

**Tobijah** *tob-be-jar (male)*

ጡብያ Tobiya / Toby

*Hebrew: God is good, goodness of God. A teacher of the law under King Jehoshaphat. Others with this name: A captive returned to Jerusalem from Babylon. He brought gold and silver with him, from which the crown of the high priest Joshua was made. Variants: Tobias, Tobiah. [2 Chronicles 17:8] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 17።8፤*

**Tryphena** *tri-fee-na (female)*

ፕሮፊሞና Perofeemona / Perofimona

*Greek: Delicate. Other interpretations: Shining, luminous. A Christian woman of Rome to whom Paul sent greetings. She was apparently close kin of Tryphosa. [Romans 16:12] ወደ ሮሜ ሰዎች ምዕራፍ 16።12፤*

**Tryphosa** *tri-fo-sa (female)*

ጢሮፊሞሳ Teerofeemosa / Tirofimos

*Greek: Delicate. Other interpretations: Shining, luminous. A Christian woman of Rome to whom Paul sent greetings. She was apparently close kin of Tryphena. [Romans 16:12] ወደ ሮሜ ሰዎች ምዕራፍ 16።12፤*

**Tubal** *tu-bal* (male)

ቶቤል Tobael / Tobel [TobÊl]

*Hebrew: Tumult, commotion. Fifth son of Japheth and grandson of Noah. His brothers were Gomer, Magog, Madai, Javan, Meshech and Tiras. His descendants were traders on the Caspian Sea.*

[Genesis 10:2] ሐረት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 10፡2፤

~ U ~

**Uri** *u-ree (male)*

ኡሪ Uree / Uri / Ooree / Oori

*Hebrew: Fire. Father of Bezalel, the divinely inspired architect. Others*

*with this name: (i) Father of Geber, one of King Solomon's supply officers. (ii) A Jew who divorced his foreign wife in the time of Ezra.*

[Exodus 31:2] ኦሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 31።2፤

**Uriah** *u-ri-ar (male)*

ኦርዮ Oriyo [Oryo]

*Hebrew: Light, God is light. One of David's military commanders, a loyal and brave soldier. His wife was the beautiful Bathsheba, lustfully coveted by King David. To obtain her, David disgracefully arranged that Uriah be deliberately exposed to mortal danger in battle. When Uriah was dead, David married his widow. Others with this name: (i) A high priest under King Ahaz. (ii) A priestly official and aide to Ezra. (iii) A prophet, the son of Shemaiah, killed by King Jehoiakim of Judah. **Variants:** Urias, Urijah.*

[2 Samuel 11:3] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 11።3፤

**Uriel** *u-ree-el (modern male and female)*

ኡሪኤል Uruael / Uruel [UruÊl]

*Hebrew: Light, God is light. Other interpretations: Fire of God. Son of Tahath and father of Uzziah.*

*Descendants of Kohath. Others with this name: (i) A chief of the Kohathites in the time of David. (ii)*

*Father of Maacah, wife of King Rehoboam and mother of Abijah. [1 Chronicles 6:24] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 6።24፤*

**Uzzi** *uz-zi (male)*

ኦዚ. Ozee / Ozi

*Hebrew: Mighty, strong. Son of Bukki and father of Zerariah. Descendant of Aaron. Others with this name: (i) A son of Tola. A clan chief and mighty warrior. (ii) Son of Bela and a grandson of Benjamin. Head of a family and a mighty warrior. (iii) A clan chief, the father of Elah. (iv) A leading Levite of Jerusalem, a son of Bani. (v) A priest in the time of Joiakim.*

[1 Chronicles 6:5] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 6።5፤

**Uzziah** *uz-zi-ar (male)*

ዓዛርያስ Azariyas / Azaryas [Azar'yas]

*Hebrew: Strength of God. Tenth king of Judah, the son and successor of Amaziah. He reigned for fifty-two years. Under the guidance of the prophet Zechariah, Uzziah ruled well in his early years. He enjoyed military conquests, raised new cities and strengthened the kingdom. Later he grew extremely arrogant and tried to usurp the ritual privileges of the priesthood. For this God afflicted him with leprosy. Others with this name: (i) Son of Uriel, an ancestor of Samuel. (ii) Father of Jehonathan, an official under King David. (iii) A priestly son of Harim who divorced his foreign wife at the urging of Ezra. (iv) Father of Athaiah, a descendant of Judah. **Variants:** Azaria, Azariah, Ozias.*

[2 Kings 14:21] መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 14።21፤

**Uzziel** *uz-zi-el (modern male and female)*

ዑዝኤል Uziael / Uziel [Uz'Êl]

*Hebrew: God is strength. Youngest son of Kohath*

and a grandson of Levi. His brothers were Amram, Izhar and Hebron. Others with this name: (i) Son of Bela and a grandson of Benjamin. A clan chief and mighty warrior. (ii) A temple musician, the son of Heman. (iii) A soldier under King Hezekiah. Son of Ishi. (iv) A son of Jeduthun who took part in the purification of the temple under Hezekiah. (v) Son of Harhaiah. He helped in the repair of Jerusalem's wall. [Exodus 6:18] ኦሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 6፡18፤

~ V ~

**Vaniah** van-in-ar (modern male and female)

ወንያ Weniya / Wenya

Hebrew: Praise of God. A son of Bani who divorced his foreign wife at the urging of Ezra.

[Ezra 10:36] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10፡36፤

**Vashni** vash-nee (modern male and female)

ኢዮኤል Eeyoael / Eyoel [IyoÊl]

Hebrew: Second. Other interpretations: Weak.

Eldest son of Samuel the prophet. Other parts of the Bible claim that Joel was Samuel's eldest son; the confusion has never been resolved. [1 Chronicles

6:28] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 6፡28፤

**Vashti** vash-tee (female)

አስጢ AsiTee / Astee / Asti

Hebrew: Beautiful woman. The lovely wife of King Ahasuerus of Persia. He divorced her for disobedience and took Esther in her place.

[Esther 1:11] መጽሐፈ አስቴር። ምዕራፍ 1፡11፤

## ~ W, X ~

**Xerxes** zerk-zees (male)

አርጤክስ AriTaekis / Artekis / Artekes [ArTêk's]

Greek, from Hebrew: Meaning uncertain. This name is originally Persian, where it takes the form Khshayarsha. The Hebrew form is Ahasuerus.

Xerxes was the great King of Persia who ruled from 486 to 465BC. His wife was Vashti. Later he married Esther. Others with this name: The father of Darius the Mede. [Ezra 4:6] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 4።6፤

## ~ Y ~

**Yahweh** - see *Jehovah*<sup>8</sup>

## ~ Z ~

**Zabbai** zab-bay (modern male and female)

ዘባይ Zebay

Hebrew: Cloudless, crystal-clear. A son of Bebai. He divorced his foreign wife at the urging of Ezra.

Others with this name: Father of Baruch, one of the repairers of the ruined walls of Jerusalem.

[Ezra 10:28] መጽሐፈ ዕዝራ። ምዕራፍ 10።28፤

**Zabdi** zab-di (male)

ዘንበረ Zeniberee / Zenberi

Hebrew: God has given, gift of God. Son of Zerah, a descendant of Judah. His grandson was Achan.

Others with this name: (i) A son of Shimei. His

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<sup>8</sup> See entry on page 134 for more.

brothers were Jakim, Zichri, Elienai, Zilethai, Eliel, Adaiah, Beraiah and Shimrath. (ii) Master of the wine cellars of King David. (iii) A son of Asaph, also known as Zicri. [Joshua 7:1] መጽሐፈ ኢያሱ ወልደ ነዌ ምዕራፍ 7።1፤

**Zabdiel** *zab-dee-el (male)*

ዘብድኤል Zebidial / Zebdiel [Zebd'Êl]

Hebrew: *Gift of God. Father of Jashobeam, a commander of David's guard. Others with this name: A priestly overseer, the son of Haggadolim.*

[1 Chronicles 27:2] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።

ምዕራፍ 27።2፤

**Zachariah** *zak-ka-ri-ar (male)*

ዘካርያስ Zekariyas / Zekaryas

Hebrew: *God remembers, the memory of God. Fourteenth king of Israel, son and successor of Jeroboam II. He reigned only six months before being killed by his successor Shallum. Others with this name: Father of Abi, the mother of King Hezekiah of Judah. Variants: Zacaria, Zach, Zacharias, Zacharie, Zachary, Zack, Zak, Zakarias, Zechariah, Zecharias, Zeke. [2 Kings 15:8]*

መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 15።8፤

**Zalmon**<sup>9</sup> *zal-mon (male)*

ሰልሞን Selimon / Selmon<sup>10</sup>

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<sup>9</sup> Also called “አቢዒዜር Abeeaezaer / Abiezer” in [2 Samuel 23:28] መጽሐፈ ሳሙኤል ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 23።28፤

<sup>10</sup> Related etymologically to the Ethiopic [GE'EZ] the keyword is ጸለመ Tzelme; ጸለመ Tseleme meaning “to grow dark, be black; of eyes: to grow

*Hebrew: Shade, dark. Zalmon the Ahohite. One of David's mighty warriors; the name of a place in Palestine and of an Israelite. Variants: Ilai.*

[Judges 9:48] መጽሐፈ. መሣፍገት 9።48፤ [Psalms 68:14] መዝሙረ ዳዊት 68።14፤

**Zavan** zar-van (male)

ዛዕዋገ Zaiwan / Za'iwan

*Hebrew: Disturbed, restless. Son of Ezer. His brothers were Bilhan and Akan. Variants: Zaavan.*

[Genesis 36:27] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36።27፤

**Zaza** za-za (modern male and female)

ዛዛ Zaza

*Hebrew: For all. Son of Jonathan and a descendant of Judah. His brother was Peleth.*

[1 Chronicles 2:33] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 2።33፤

**Zebadiah** zeb-ba-di-ar (male)

ዝባድያ Zibadiya / Zibadya [Z'badya]

*Hebrew: Gift of God, God has bestowed. A son of Beriah. His brothers were Arad, Eder, Michael, Ishpah, and Joha. Others with this name: (i) A son of Elpaal. (ii) A warrior who joined forces with David at Ziklag. He was ambidextrous. (iii) A temple doorkeeper of David's time. Son of Meshelemiah. (iv) A soldier under David. The son of Asahel and a nephew of Joab. (v) A teacher of the Jewish law*

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blind; shadow;” in Hebrew, H6756 Tsalmown tsal-mone' from the H6754; shady; Tsalmon, the name of a place in Palestine and of an Israelite:--Zalmon. In Amharic, the ጸልመ Tselme; ጸለመ Tzeleme is ጨልመ Chelme or ጨለመ Chelleme with meaning essentially the same.

*under Jehoshaphat. (vi) A son of Ishmael and head of the house of Judah in the days of King Jehoshaphat. (vii) Two who returned from the Babylonian captivity, the son of Immer and the son of Michael. [1 Chronicles 8:15] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 8።15፤*

**Zebah** zee-bar (male)

**ዛብሄል** Zabihael / Zabihel / Zabhel [Zabhêl]  
*Hebrew: Sacrifice. A king of Midian who, with Zalmunna, was defeated and killed by the famous warrior Gideon. [Judges 8:5] መጽሐፈ. መሣፍንት ምዕራፍ 8።5፤*

**Zebedee** zeb-bed-dee (male)

**ዘብደዎስ** Zebidaewos / Zebdewos [Zebdêwos]  
*Greek: God's share. Other interpretations: My gift. Father of the James and John, disciples of Jesus Christ. Husband of Salome. He was a prosperous fishermen on the Sea of Galilee. **Variants:** Zabdi. [Mark 1:19] የማርቆስ ወገኔል ምዕራፍ 1።19፤*

**Zebidah** zeb-bi-dar (female)

**ዘቢዳ** Zebeeda / Zebida  
*Hebrew: Given, a gift. Daughter of Pedaiah. She became the wife of King Josiah and the mother of King Jehoiakim. **Variants:** Zebudah. [2 Kings 23:36] መጽሐፈ. ነገሥት ካልዕ። ምዕራፍ 23።36፤*

**Zebina** zeb-bi-na (modern male and female)

**ዘቢና** Zebeena / Zebina  
*Hebrew: Buying, purchased. A son of Nebo who*

*divorced his foreign wife at the urging of Ezra.*

[Ezra 10:43] መጽሐፈ ዕብራ፡፡ ምዕራፍ 10፡፡43፤

**Zebulon** zeb-bu-lon (male)

ዛብሎን Zabilon / Zabelon [Zablon]

*Hebrew: Home, dwelling. Youngest son of Jacob and Leah, and a grandson of Isaac. He was the father of Sered, Elon and Jahleel. His brothers were Reuben, Simeon, Levi, Judah and Issachar. His sister was Dinah. He also had half-brothers, Joseph, Benjamin, Gad, Asher, Dan and Naphtali. He was one of the founders of the Twelve Tribes of Israel.*

**Variants:** Zebulun. [Genesis 30:20] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 30፡፡20፤

**Zechariah** zeck-ka-ri-ar (male)

ዘካርያስ Zekariyas / Zekaryas

*Hebrew: God remembers, memory of God. The most common Old Testament name. Some thirty persons bear it, or slightly varied forms like Zachariah. The first person called Zechariah was a clan chief descended from Reuben. Others with this name: (i) A son of Meshelemiah, described as "a shrewd counsellor". (ii) Son of Jihiel and brother of Kish. (iii) A musical doorkeeper in the time of David. (iv) Three priests, two with trumpets and one, the son of Iddo, the likely author of the thirty-eighth book of the Old Testament, called the Book of Zechariah. (v) The sons of various biblical characters, some obscure and some not. They include a son of King Jehoshaphat, killed by Jehoram, a son of the high priest Jehoiada, and a son of the singer Asaph. More obscurely, there are the sons of Isshiah, Hosah, Bebai, Elam, Amariah, Passhur, Jeberekiah,*

*Shelah and Berakiah. (vi) A chief of the Manasseh, the father of Iddo. (vii) A teacher of the Jewish law under King Jehoshaphat. (viii) Son of Benaiah and father of Jahaziel who prophesied defeat for the enemies of Jehoshaphat. (ix) Another prophet, this one in the service of King Uzziah. Under his guidance, Uzziah ruled well. (x) Father of Abijah. (xi) A temple repairer. (xii) A temple official in the time of Josiah. (xiii) A captive returned from Babylon. (xiv) An assistant and adviser to Ezra. (xv) The eleventh of the twelve minor prophets. Son of Berakiah, grandson of Iddo, born a captive of Babylon. His prophecies of the glory of God and the coming of the Messiah are recorded in the Old Testament's penultimate Book of Zechariah. (xvi) The priestly father of John the Baptist and husband of Elizabeth.*

**Variants:** *Zachariah, Zacharias, Zachary.*

[1 Chronicles 5:7] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ተዳግዮቹ። ምዕራፍ 5።8፤

**Zedekiah** *zed-dee-ki-ar (male)*

ሴደቶኃሳ SaedaeKiyas / Sedekiyas [Sêdêqyas]

*Hebrew: Justice of God, God is righteous, goodness of God. Chief of the false prophets in the reign of the wicked King Ahab. Son of Kenaanah. Others with this name: (i) Son of King Josiah. Installed on the throne by the mighty Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon, his name was changed to Zedekiah from its original Mattaniah. After nine years he revolted against the Babylonian overlordship, but was defeated, blinded and taken captive. He was the last king of Judah. (ii) Second son of Jehoiakim. (iii) Another false prophet, the son of Maaseiah. He was denounced by Jeremiah. (iv) A prince of Israel in the time of Jehoiakim. The son of Hananiah. (v) One who, with*

*Nehemiah, signed the covenant. Variants: Zed.*  
[1 Kings 22:11] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 22።11፤

**Zemira** zem-mi-ra (*modern male and female*)  
ዝሚራ Zimeera / Zimira / Zemira  
*Hebrew: Song. Son of Beker and grandson of Benjamin. His brothers were Joash, Eliezer, Elioenai, Omri, Jeremoth, Abijah, Anathoth and Alemeth. Variants: Zemirah.*  
[1 Chronicles 7:8] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።8፤

**Zenas** zee-nas (*modern male and female*)  
ዜማስ Zaemas / Zemas [Zêmas]  
*Greek: Meaning unknown. A Christian lawyer of Crete whom Paul wished to see.*  
[Titus 3:13] ወደ ቲቶ ምዕራፍ 3።13፤

**Zephaniah** zef-farn-ni-ar (*modern male and female*)  
ሶፎንያስ Sofoniyas / Sofonyas  
*Hebrew: Hidden by God, the secret of the Lord. Other interpretations: Precious to God. Son of Tahath and father of Azariah. An ancestor of Samuel. Others with this name: (i) Ninth of the twelve minor prophets. Son of Cush and a descendant of Hezekiah. He lived during the time of King Josiah. His prophecies make up the thirty-sixth book of the Old Testament, which bears his name. (ii) A priest under King Zedekiah. He was executed by Nebuchadnezzar of Babylon. (iii) Father of Josiah in the days of the prophet Zechariah. Variants: Zevadia. [1 Chronicles 6:36] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 6።36፤*

**Zerah** zer-ra (modern male and female)

ዛራ Zara / Zarra

*Hebrew: Rising sun, dawn. Other interpretations: Eastern. Second son of Reuel and a grandson of Esau. An Edomite chief. His brothers were Nahath, Shammah and Mizzah. Others with this name: (i) A son of Judah by Tamar, an ancestor in the family lineage of Jesus Christ. (ii) Son of Simeon. A cousin of the former. (iii) A son of Iddo and a son of Ethni, both descendants of Gershom. (iv) Father of King Jobab of Edom. (v) A king of Cush, or Ethiopia, defeated by King Asa of Judah. Variants: Zara, Zohar. [Genesis 36:17] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 36፡17፤*

**Zerahiah** zer-ra-hi-ar (modern male and female)

ዘራኦዖ Zeraiya / Zera'iya / Zeraya

*Hebrew: Rising of God, God has risen. A priest, the son of Uzzi. Others with this name: Father of Eliehoenai, who led two hundred returning captives from Babylon. [1 Chronicles 6:6] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 6፡6፤*

**Zeresh** zer-resh (female)

ዘሳራ Zosara

*Hebrew: Golden. The wife of Haman and a co-conspirator against Mordecai and the Jews. She told her husband to build the gallows for Mordecai on which Haman, and not the intended victim, was ultimately hung. [Esther 5:10] መጽሐፈ ኦስቴር። ምዕራፍ 5፡10፤*

**Zeri zer-ri** (*modern male and female*)

ጸጊ Tziree / Tziri [S'iri; Siri]

*Hebrew: Created, the creator. One of the musical sons of Jeduthun. His brothers were Jeshaiiah, Gedaliah, Shimei, Hashabiah and Mattithiah.*

**Variants:** Izri. [1 Chronicles 25:3] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 25።3፤

**Zeruiah zer-ru-i-ar** (*female*)

ጸፋጽ Tziruya / Tzruya [S'ruya; Siruya]

*Hebrew: Bruised. Sister of King David and mother of the three greatest warriors under his command, namely Joab, Abishai and Asahel. It is unsure if she was a full or half sister to David. Her father was either Jesse or Nahash. Her sister was Abigail.*

[1 Samuel 26:6] መጽሐፈ. ሳሙኤል ቀዳማዊ ምዕራፍ 26።6፤

**Zethan zee-than** (*male*)

ዜታገ Zaetan / Zetan [Zêtan; Zeitan; Zaitan]

*Hebrew: Olive tree. Son of Bilhan and a great-grandson of Benjamin. His brothers were Jeush, Benjamin, Ehud, Chenaanah, Tarshish and Ahishahar. A family head and mighty warrior.*

[1 Chronicles 7:10] መጽሐፈ. ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 7።10፤

**Zeus** - see *Jupiter*

**Zia zee-ar** (*modern male and female*)

ዜኤ Zuae / Zue [Zu'Ê; Zuai]

*Hebrew: Moving. An early Gadite chief.*

[1 Chronicles 5:13] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።  
ምዕራፍ 5።13፤

**Zibia** *zib-bee-a (modern male and female)*  
ዲብያ Deebiya / Dibiya / Deebya / Dibya  
*Hebrew: Deer, gazelle. A son of Shaharaim by Hodesh. His brothers were Jobab, Mesha, Malcam, Jeuz, Sachia and Mirmah. [1 Chronicles 8:9] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ።* ምዕራፍ 8።10፤

**Zibiah** *zib-bee-ar (female)*  
ሳብያ Sabiya / Sabya  
*Hebrew: Deer, gazelle. Wife of King Ahaziah and mother of King Joash of Judah. She was from Beersheba. [2 Kings 12:1] መጽሐፈ ነገሥት ካልዕ።* ምዕራፍ 12።2፤

**Zillah** *zil-lar (female)*  
ሌላ Saela / Sela / Sella [Sêla]  
*Hebrew: Shadow. Wife of Lamech, who had two wives, the other being Adah. She is the third woman named in the Bible, after Eve and Adah. Her son was Tubal-Cain and her daughter, Naamah.*  
**Variants:** Zila, Zilli. [Genesis 4:19] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 4።19-23፤

**Zilpah** *zil-par (female)*  
ዘለፋ Zelefa / Zellefa  
*Hebrew: Dropping, sprinkling. A maid given to Leah by Laban. As a concubine of Jacob, she became the mother of Gad and Asher. [Genesis 29:24] ኦሪት ዘፍጥረት ምዕራፍ 29።24፤*

**Zina** zee-na (*modern male and female*)

ዚዛ Zeeza / Ziza

*Hebrew: Fruitful, abundant. Second son of Shimei. His brothers were Jahath, Jeush and Beriah.*

**Variants:** Ziza. [1 Chronicles 23:10] መጽሐፈ ዜና መዋዕል ቀዳማዊ። ምዕራፍ 23።10፤

**Zippora** zee-por-ra (*female*)

ሲፓራ Seepara / Sipara / Sippara

*Hebrew: Little bird. Feminine form of Zippor. First wife of Moses. She was the daughter of either Jethro or Reuel, a priest of Midian. Her sons included Gershom and Eliezer. Variants: Cipora, Zipporah.*

[Exodus 2:21] ኦሪት ዘጸአት ምዕራፍ 2።21፤

**Zuriel** zur-ree-el (*modern male and female*)

ሱሪኤል Suriael / Surel / SuriÉl

*Hebrew: My rock is God, God my rock. A clan chief, the son of Abihail. [Numbers 3:35] ኦሪት ዘጉልቶ*

ምዕራፍ 3።35፤

**Zurishaddai** zur-ree-shad-dai (*male*)

ሱሪሰዳይ Suriseday / Surisedai

*Hebrew: My rock is the Almighty, the Almighty is my rock. Father of Shelumiel, of the tribe of Simeon.*

[Numbers 1:6] ኦሪት ዘጉልቶ ምዕራፍ 1።6፤

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