

Bible Dictionary for Fourth Quarter, 1901

Aa'-ron A son of Amram and Jochebed and elder brother of Moses.

A'-bra-ham A descendant of Shem and Father of the Hebrew nation.

Am-or-ites "Highlanders"; one of the strongest tribes of Canaan.

As'-e-nath Wife of Joseph, daughter of Poti-pherah, priest of On.

Ash'-er Son of Jacob and Zilpah.

Ben'-jam-in Son of Jacob and Rachel, Joseph's full brother and Jacob's youngest son.

Ca'-naan-ites Inhabitants of Canaan.

Dan Son of Jacob and Bilhah.

Do'-than A town not far from Shechem and near the caravan route to Egypt.

E'-gypt The country watered by the Nile from the first cataract to the sea.

E'-phra-im Second son of Joseph, but received the blessing of the firstborn, Gen. 48: 17-19.

Gad Son of Jacob and Zilpah.

Go'-shen The part of Egypt where Jacob and his descendants dwelt.

He'-bron Twenty miles south of Jerusalem. Near by was Abraham's burial place, the cave of Machpelah.

Ho'-reb The mountain range in Arabia, of which Sinai was a peak.

Hit-tites Descendants of Seth, a son of Canaan, who occupied the region extending from Northern Palestine to Euphrates.

Hi'-vites One of the races of Canaan before the conquest.

Ish'-ma-el-ites Descendants of Ishmael, Isaac's eldest son, who dwelt in settlements and moveable camps in Northern Arabia.

Is'-ra-el The name given to Jacob and afterwards to his posterity.

Is'-sa-char Son of Jacob and Leah.

Ja'-cob Younger of the two sons of Isaac and Rebekah.

Jeb'-u-sites Mountain tribes of Canaan dwelling near Jebus, i.e., Jerusalem.

Jeth'-ro The title of Moses' father-in-law.

Ju'-dah Son of Jacob and Leah.

Jo'-seph Elder son of Jacob and Rachel.

Le'-vi Son of Jacob and Leah.

Ma-nas'-seh Joseph's first-born son.

Ma'-chir Son of above.

Mid'-i-an-ites Inhabitants of the Arabian desert near the Ælantic Gulf.

Mo'-ses Younger son of Amram and Jochebed.

Naph'-ta-li Son of Jacob and Bilhah.

Per'-izz-ites An important section of the Canaanites.

Pha'-raoh Title of the kings of Egypt.

Pi'-thom One of the store cities built by the Israelites in bondage.

Pot'-i-phar Captain of Pharaoh's guard.

Pot'-i-pher'-ah Priest of On, the sun-god, and father-in-law of Joseph.

Ra-am'-ses See "Pithom."

Reu'-ben Eldest son of Jacob.

She'-chem A town of Canaan among the hills of Ephraim, now called Nablons.

Sim'-e-on Son of Jacob and Leah.

Zaph'-nath-pa'-a-ne'-ah Joseph's Egyptian name, meaning "a revealer of secrets."

Zeb'-u-lun Son of Jacob and Leah.

The Bible as Literature

As a prose masterpiece the Bible falls into its place alongside of Shakespeare's and Spenser's poetry, and becomes the inspiration of Milton's mighty music and Bunyan's melodious prose. When placed beside Bacon's prose, so nearly contemporary with it, it is no dispraise of that great master of our mother tongue to say that, for richness, variety and simplicity, the Bible surpasses the best he ever wrote.

None of the classics have so rich a gallery of portraits as the Bible. How does Lear pale before Abraham, and Hamlet before Saul! Can any of Shakespeare's kings be placed beside Moses or David? Are any of the Canterbury pilgrims so real to us as the long line of characters whom we meet in the books of Judges and Samuel? What creation of Spenser's genius moves us as does Job? Where shall we look for men so human yet so God-like as Joseph and Moses, as Paul and John? To have lived in this world and not to have known the men and women of the Bible, is indeed to have lived in vain.—President E. D. Warfield.