

# BIBLE DICTIONARY FOR SECOND QUARTER, 1910

[For additional information in regard to certain of the places, see Geography Lessons.]

**Al-phæ'-us.** 1. The father of James the Less. 2. The father of Matthew. Some identify these two persons, thus making James and Matthew brothers.

**An'-drew.** An apostle, brother of Peter.

**Bar-thol'-o-mew.** One of the twelve apostles, Matt. 10 : 3 ; Mark 3 : 18 ; Luke 6 : 14. Bartholomew was probably the surname of Nathanael, who was led to Jesus by Philip, John 1 : 45, 46.

**Be-el'-ze-bub.** "The Lord of Flies", a god worshiped in the Philistine city of Ekron (2 Kgs. 1 : 2). In the New Testament, the name is used of the prince of devils.

**Beth-sa'-i-da.** A town on the east bank of the Jordan just above its fall into the Lake of Galilee.

**Ca'-na-an.** The name means lowland, and was at first given to the low-lying coast line of Palestine, but afterwards to all the lands west of the Jordan.

**Ca-per'-na-um.** A town on the north-western shore of the Lake of Galilee.

**Cho-ra'-zin.** A town probably near the Lake of Galilee. Along with Bethsaida and Capernaum, it was condemned for not turning its privileges to account.

**Christ.** The Anointed One, a title corresponding to the Hebrew name Messiah. It is our Lord's official title, as Jesus is His personal name.

**Da'-vid.** The youngest son of Jesse, a Bethlehemite, and the second king of Israel.

**Gal'-i-lee.** The most northerly of the three provinces into which the Romans divided Palestine. The fresh water sea, so famous in our Lord's ministry, took its name from the province.

**Gen-nes'-a-ret.** A name in common use for the Lake of Galilee. It was also called the Sea of Tiberias, John 6 : 1.

**Gen'-tiles.** All nations of the world other than the Jews.

**Go-mor'-rah.** One of the "cities of the plain" (Gen. 13 : 12) destroyed in the days of Abraham, Gen. 19 : 24, 25.

**Her'-od.** Herod Antipas, son of Herod the Great, who reigned at the time of our Lord's birth. The son ruled over Galilee and Perea with the title of tetrarch.

**He-ro'-di-as.** The wife of Herod Philip. She forsook her husband, and married Herod Antipas, his brother.

**Is'-ra-el.** A name given to Jacob and his descendants (see Gen. 32 : 28).

**James.** Called "James the Less", Mark 15 : 40. He was one of the twelve apostles.

**James and John.** Two brothers, sons of Zebedee, who were called, along with Peter

and Andrew, to be followers of Jesus, and who also became apostles.

**Je'-sus.** The name given to our Lord by direction of the angel to Joseph (Matt. 1 : 21) and to Mary, Luke 1 : 31. It means "Saviour", and expressed His special office.

**John the Bap'-tist.** Son of Zacharias and Elisabeth; the immediate forerunner of Jesus. Having rebuked Herod for marrying his brother's wife, he was put to death through a plot laid by Herodias.

**Jo'-nas.** The prophet Jonah, whose book is the fifth in order of the minor prophets in the Old Testament.

**Ju'-das Is-car'-i-ot.** The disciple who betrayed his Lord.

**Leb-bæ'-us.** Also called Judas, one of the twelve apostles, carefully distinguished from Judas Iscariot, John 14 : 22.

**Mag'-da-la.** A village at the southeast corner of the Plain of Gennesaret, on the western coast or the Sea of Galilee.

**Matth'-ew.** One of the twelve apostles and the author of the First Gospel.

**Nin'-e-veh.** The capital of Assyria, on the eastern bank of the river Tigris.

**Phar'-i-sees.** One of the three chief Jewish sects, the other two being the Sadducees and Essenes.

**Phil'-ip.** One of the twelve apostles, a native of Bethsaida. He belonged to the group of our Lord's earliest disciples.

**Phil'-ip.** A son of Herod the Great, and the first husband of Herodias and brother or half-brother of Herod Antipas.

**Sa-mar'-i-tans.** The inhabitants of the district of Samaria, in central Palestine.

**Sa'-tan.** "The adversary", so called because he is hostile to all goodness and the chief opponent of God and man.

**Si'-don.** An ancient city of the Canaanites on the sea coast, about 25 miles north of Tyre.

**Si'-mon the Ca'-na-an-ite.** One of the twelve apostles.

**Si'-mon Pe'-ter.** The well known leader amongst the twelve apostles.

**Sod'-om.** One of the "cities of the plain" destroyed in the days of Abraham.

**Sol'-o-mon.** The son of David and third king of Israel. He reigned forty years. He was famed for his wisdom and the splendor of his court.

**Thad-dæ'-us.** The surname of Lebbaeus or Judas, one of the twelve apostles.

**Thom'-as.** One of the twelve apostles. He was also called Didymus, a Greek name meaning, like the Hebrew Thomas, "A Twin".

**Tyre.** An important commercial seaport of Phœnicia. It is a place of great antiquity. In the region of Tyre and Sidon our Lord healed the daughter of the Syrophenician woman (see Lesson X.).

**Zeb'-e-dee.** The father of the apostles James and John.