

Disciple's names

Bible Research Tools and Name Meanings

A Guide for Effective Study and Contextual Understanding

Research Tools Overview

- Biblestudycompany.com Background Button: Utilize Dr. Thomas Constable's commentary for in-depth background information.
- Additional Tool: <https://www.abarim-publications.com/Dictionary/index.html>. Note: We do not endorse all philosophical statements found on this website.
- Ric Joyner Research: Supplementary research and insights.

The Importance of Names in the Bible

Names in the Bible often carry significant meanings. To properly interpret the biblical text and its context, it is essential to understand the meaning of each name and apply that meaning within the narrative.

Example: Simon Peter (Cephas), Son of Barjona

- Jonah was a prophet; Peter, too, was called to deliver God's message.
- Both experienced moments of doubt—Jonah fled from God, and Peter denied Jesus and faltered in faith.
- Jonah's story represents a rebellious Israel reluctant to share God's message with the nations; similarly, Peter initially struggled with sharing the gospel with Gentiles until God intervened.
- Both figures ultimately repented and fulfilled their callings.

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Names in the Bible have meanings, and to properly understand the text and its context, we need to determine the meaning of the names and apply that meaning to the context in which they were spoken.

Name	Research	Meaning
Simon Peter, Cephas, son of Barjona	<p>Simon is short for the wonderful word "Shema," which means "listen." This word emphasizes active listening and trusting in God's word, as expressed in Deuteronomy 6: Hear, O Israel. Peter means a small pebble. The meaning is a tiny stone that can be thrown away or cast aside. Indeed, Peter was the leader of the disciples because, in his declaration that Jesus is the Christ, Jesus said He would build His church on this belief, and that faith in Jesus as the Son of God will save us. An interesting note: Petra is the female version and means high rock or large rock. Bar Jonah means son of Jonah, who was Peter's father. Peter has a similar parallel to Jonah. Jonah was a prophet, and in a way, Peter walked on water and slipped beneath the waves, and Jonah drowned according to Judaism's view. Jonah ran from the Lord, and so did Peter. Both repented. Jonah symbolizes a rebellious Israel that did not share God's good news with the nations. Peter also struggled to go to the Gentiles until God compelled him.</p> <p>Cephas is an Aramaic word meaning "rubbed smooth stone." Roman roads were built with stones carefully laid in place and then smoothed by constant travel, a process that reflects Peter's later life. This could be prophetic of his life on the road, marked by persecution.</p>	<p>Considering all these meanings, it becomes clear that Peter was a complex and troubled individual. But he was a servant of the word, the best he knew how, until Jesus came.</p> <p>The church was built on his statement.</p> <p>He was the first to go to the Gentiles, which broke Jewish man-made tradition.</p> <p>He listened to the Lord. Simon acted on His word, which demonstrates faith.</p> <p>He was a pebble of a rock, worn smooth from the use of the word of God in the real world.</p>
Andrew	Aner is man. The rest of the name is vows.	A man of vows. Since he adhered closely to Christ and was the first to reveal to Simon that Jesus was the Christ, he was undoubtedly a servant of the word.

James	This is the Greek word for Hebrew Jacob.	Jacobs means deceitful by not fully exposing your motives. Another meaning is “poker face”—one who hides his intentions. Also, because he followed Esau in the birth canal by grabbing his heel, he was a follower.
John	Hebrew: Johanan. He was beloved of the Lord. John had theologically rich letters.	Yah=the Lord, Hanan is gracious, thus the meaning is the Lord is gracious. He died of old age.
Phillip	One who loves horses	Or one who has brotherly love and the strength of horses.
Bartholomew	Talam is plow	Son of the plowman. Which is a wonderful metaphor for the parable of the soil which needs to be plowed with the word of God and repentance.
Judas Iscariot	Judas is short for Judah, which is “one who praises God” or throws praises to God. Iscariot means several things. https://www.abarim-publications.com/Meaning/Iscariot.html The problem here is that it has various sources, but Dagger-Man is good for us to settle on.	Judas was a false believer. And I can use the Lord or people for my benefit. Thus, stabbing Jesus in the back. And this is what happens to the people of Israel who betrayed their messiah, so it is no accident that Judas represents the nation of Israel that denied Christ and

		thus betrayed Him. Jesus knew Judas was a thief and allowed him to keep the money. Judas benefited himself all the while Jesus gave him time to repent. Our God is slow to act and patient, but He does act.
Thomas aka Didymus	Thomas means twin. A reflection as we are to be with Jesus. Didymus, as John calls him, means double.	Thomas doubted, however, when presented with evidence, Thomas made nearly the same declaration as Peter by calling Jesus God. Faith is placing our full trust in the word of God and acting on it in our lives.
Matthew aka Levi	Matthew's gift of Yah. Levi means Joiner. Attached, jointed or united. One who joins and offers his life and career to the Lord when called, as we should do.	Matthew is a man who is a gift of Yah and is a bond servant by joining to the Lord.
Thadeus	Warm hearted	Not much is known about Thadeus; if he was really that kind of person, I bet many people would have wanted to hear the Gospel from him.
Son of Alphaeus	Traverse or exchange	
Son of Zebedee	Gift of the Lord	
Death of the Apostles	https://www.compellingtruth.org/apostles-die.html	
Do we have the same authority as the Apostles?	No. They were given the Holy Spirit to start the church and were able to write sacred Scripture like Moses and like Moses to do	

	signs and wonders for the Jewish nation like Christ did. We are to be disciples of the word of God based on what Jesus gave the disciples to teach us. Acts 2:42 We can pray for healing and other miracles but God works through the prayers of His people in the church.	
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