

12 Names 12 Meanings

In order of their birth, here are the Children of Israel, the meaning of their names, which captivity they went in, the order of their encampment around the Tabernacle from E-N-W-S and the order they broke camp and marched out:

- **Reuben** – Behold a Son – Assyria – 12 - 4
- **Simeon** – Hear and Obey – Assyria/Babylon – 11 - 5
- **Levi** – Joined – Assyria/Babylon – Tabernacle – between Zebulun and Reuben and between Gad and Ephraim
- **Judah** – Praise YHWH – Babylon – 1 - 1
- **Zebulun** – Dwelling – Assyria – 3 - 3
- **Issachar** – Reward or Wages – Assyria – 2 - 2
- **Dan** – Judge – Assyria – 4 - 10
- **Gad** – Good Fortune, Troop – Assyria – 10 - 6
- **Asher** – Happiness – Assyria – 5 - 11
- **Naphtali** – Obtained by Wrestling – Assyria – 6 - 12
- **Joseph** – May God Add – Assyria – 8/9 – 7/8
- **Ephraim** – Doubly Fruitful – Assyria – 9 - 7
- **Manasseh** – Causing to Forget – Assyria – 8 - 8
- **Benjamin** – Son of my Right Hand – Assyria/Babylon – 7 – 9

The following is the list of Apostles, the meaning of their name, and their occupation prior to becoming a Talmidim (Disciple) of Yeshua:

- **Simon Peter** – Hearing Rock – Fisherman
- **Andrew** – Manliness – Fisherman

(Simon Peter and Andrew were brothers, nicknamed, “Sons of Thunder” Mark 3:17)

- **James son of Zebedee** – Heel Catcher – Fisherman
- **John son of Zebedee** – YHWH has been Gracious – Fisherman

(James and John were brothers. Peter, Andrew, James and John had a fishing company together Luke 5:10)

- **Phillip** – Warrior - ?
- **Bartholomew/Nathaniel** – Son of Tolmai – From Bethesda/Cana (John 21), “True Israelite”

(Phillip and Nathaniel may have been good friends or brothers)

- **Thomas Didymus** – Twin (may have been a twin or some say he may have looked like Yeshua) - ?
- **Matthew Levi son of Alpheus** – Gift of YHWH Joined – Tax Collector

(His Father may have been some sort of chief or communal leader no relation to James and Judas)

- **James son of Alpheus** – Heel Catcher son of a Chief - ?
- **Judas/Thaddeus/Lebbaeus son of Alpheus** – Praise God/Breast/Man of Heart son of a Chief - ?

(James and Judas were said to be twin brothers whose father may have been some sort of chief or leader of a clan or community)

- **Simeon the Zealot/Cannanite** – Zealous Hearer from Cana – Revolutionary. Rumored to be the husband at the wedding at Cana where Yeshua preformed his first miracle. Possibly being a Canaanite could also indicate that he was a Black Hebrew.
- **Judas Iscariot** – Praise God from Iscariot (Skaryora)- Revolutionary (committed suicide)
- **Matthias** – Gift of YHWH – (replaced Judas Iscariot)
- **Saul/Paul** - Demanded/Little – Tallit (prayer shawl/tent) Maker