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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: Abel Beth Maachah Language: Hebrew Pronunciation: aw-bale' bayth ma-a-kaw'

Meaning: The name 'Abel Beth Maachah' means 'Meadow of the House of Oppression.' It is derived from three Hebrew root words. The first is 'Abel' meaning 'grassy meadow' or 'grassy plain.' The second root word is 'Beth' meaning 'house', 'family' or 'enclosure.' The third root word is 'Maakah' meaning 'oppression' or 'depression.' It is important to note that 'Maakah' comes from the Hebrew root word 'Maak' meaning 'to be pressed down under pressure.' 'Abel Beth Maachah' was a city located in northern Palestine belonging to either the tribe of Manasseh or the tribe of Naphtali.

Alternative meanings include: 'Meadow of the House of Depression', 'Meadow belonging to the Oppressed Family' or 'Meadow belonging to the Depressed Family.' It most likely refers to a meadow in the midst of a flood plain. This is especially true when we compare with 'Abel Maim.'

Please note: 'Abel Beth Maachah' is synonymous with the name 'Abel Maim.'