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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: **Assyria**

Language: **Hebrew**

Pronunciation: **ash-shoor'**

Meaning: The name 'Assyria' means 'Prosperous.' It is derived from the Hebrew word 'Ashar' meaning 'to be straight', 'to be right', 'to be just', 'to be level', 'to be blessed', 'to be happy' or 'to be prosperous.'

Alternative meanings include: 'Successful', 'Walking-Straight' or 'Level-Plain.'

Please note: 'Assyria' is synonymous with the name 'Asshur.' In fact... the region of Assyria was originally named after its first capital, the ancient city of 'Assur' (named after its chief deity, 'Assur').

'Assur' or 'Ashur' was the head of the Assyrian pantheon of gods. This particular solar deity was worshipped as the Assyrian sun-god. He was primarily a warrior (or conqueror) whose religious symbol consisted of an archer surrounded by a winged disk projecting sun-rays (called horns).

This Assyrian deity most likely originated with (or as) 'Nimrod', the mighty hunter, who apparently conquered the northern half of Mesopotamia in Genesis 10:11.

*** Assyria may also derive from the non-Semitic word 'A-usar' meaning 'Well-Watered Region.' ***
This would have reference to the land situated between the Tigris and Euphrates Rivers.