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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: Caiaphas Language: Chaldean Pronunciation: kah-ee-af'-as

Name Type: Person

Meaning: The name 'Caiaphus' means 'Depression.' It is most likely derived from a Chaldean word meaning 'dell', or 'small wooded valley', a word typically used to denote 'depression'. Valleys are quite often used to signify the feeling of depression in one's life, especially when used in conjunction with a proper name. In some cases, it can even signify 'judgment', a word that can also create a sense of depression. Cognate languages, especially Aramaic, suggest an alternative meaning denoting 'a person with a comely appearance', a very fitting name for someone with a high social status.