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Zacchaeus

Facts:

Zacchaeus was a tax collector from Jericho who climbed a tree in order to be able to see Jesus who was surrounded by a large crowd of people.

- Zacchaeus was completely changed when he believed in Jesus.
- He repented of his sin of cheating people and promised to give half his possessions to the poor.
- He also promised that he would pay people back four times the amount that he had overcharged them for their taxes.

(Translation suggestions: How to Translate Names)

(See also: believe, promise, repent, sin, tax, tax collector)

Bible References:

- [Luke 19:2](#)
- [Luke 19:6](#)

Word Data:

- Strong's: G21950

Zadok

Facts:

Zadok was the name of an important high priest in Israel during the reign of King David.

- When Absalom rebelled against King David, Zadok supported David and helped bring the ark of the covenant back into Jerusalem.
- Years later, he also took part in the ceremony to anoint David's son Solomon as king.
- Two different men by the name of Zadok helped rebuild the walls of Jerusalem during Nehemiah's time.
- Zadok was also the name of King Jotham's grandfather.

(Translation suggestions: How to Translate Names)

(See also: ark of the covenant, David, Jotham, Nehemiah, reign, Solomon)

Bible References:

- [1 Chronicles 24:1-3](#)
- [1 Kings 1:26-27](#)
- [2 Samuel 15:24-26](#)
- [Matthew 1:12-14](#)

Word Data:

- Strong's: H6659, G45240

Zealous

Definition:

The terms "zeal" and "zealous" refer to being strongly devoted to supporting a person or idea.

- Zeal includes having strong desire and actions that promote a good cause. It is often used to describe someone who faithfully obeys God and teaches others to do that too.
- Being zealous includes putting intense effort into doing something and continuing to persevere in that effort.
- The “zeal of the Lord” or the “zeal of Yahweh” refers to God’s strong, persistent actions to bless his people or to see justice done.

Translation Suggestions:

- To “be zealous” could also be translated by, “be strongly diligent” or “make an intense effort.”
- The term “zeal” could also be translated as “energetic devotion” or “eager determination” or “righteous enthusiasm.”
- The phrase, “zeal for your house” could be translated, “strongly honoring your temple” or “fervent desire to take care of your house.”

Bible References:

- [1 Corinthians 12:31](#)
- [1 Kings 19:9-10](#)
- [Acts 22:3](#)
- [Galatians 4:17](#)
- [Isaiah 63:15](#)
- [John 2:17-19](#)
- [Philippians 3:6](#)
- [Romans 10:1-3](#)

Word Data:

- Strong’s: H7065, H7068, G22050, G22060, G22070, G60410

Zebedee

Facts:

Zebedee was a fisherman from Galilee who is known because of his sons, James and John, who were Jesus’ disciples. They are often identified in the New Testament as the “sons of Zebedee.”

- Zebedee’s sons were also fishermen and worked with him to catch fish.
- James and John quit their fishing work with their father Zebedee and left to go follow Jesus.

(Translation suggestions: How to Translate Names)

(See also: disciple, fishermen, James (son of Zebedee), John (the apostle))

Bible References:

- [John 21:1-3](#)
- [Luke 5:8-11](#)
- [Mark 1:19-20](#)
- [Matthew 4:21-22](#)
- [Matthew 20:20](#)
- [Matthew 26:36-38](#)

Word Data:

- Strong’s: G21990

Zebulun

Facts:

Zebulun was Jacob’s tenth son. He was Leah’s sixth son. His descendants became one of the tribes of Israel.

- The tribe descended from him was known as the “tribe of Zebulun” or “Zebulun.”
- The meaning of the name Zebulun is unknown, but it is similar to a Hebrew word probably meaning “to honor” or “to dwell.”
- The tribe of Zebulun settled in northwest Canaan, bordered by the lands of Naphtali, Issachar, Manasseh, and Asher.

(Translation suggestions: How to Translate Names)

(See also: twelve tribes of Israel, Jacob, Leah)

Bible References:

- [Exodus 1:1–5](#)
- [Genesis 30:20](#)
- [Isaiah 9:1](#)
- [Judges 4:10](#)
- [Matthew 4:13](#)
- [Matthew 4:16](#)

Word Data:

- Strong’s: H2074, H2075, G21940

Zechariah NT

Facts:

In the New Testament, Zechariah was a Jewish priest who became the father of John the Baptist.

- Zechariah loved God and obeyed him.
- For many years Zechariah and his wife, Elizabeth, prayed earnestly to have a child, but did not have one. Then when they were very old, God answered their prayers and gave them a son.
- Zechariah prophesied that his son John would be the prophet who would announce and prepare the way for the Messiah.

(Translation suggestions: How to Translate Names)

(See also: Christ, Elizabeth, prophet)

Bible References:

- [Luke 1:5–7](#)
- [Luke 1:21–23](#)
- [Luke 1:39–41](#)
- [Luke 3:1–2](#)

Examples from the Bible stories:

- **22:1** Suddenly an angel came with a message from God to an old priest named **Zechariah**. **Zechariah** and his wife, Elizabeth, were godly people, but she had not been able to have any children.
- **22:2** The angel said to **Zechariah**, “Your wife will have a son. You will name him John.”
- **22:3** Immediately, **Zechariah** was unable to speak.
- **22:7** Then God allowed **Zechariah** to speak again.

Word Data:

- Strong’s: G21970

Zechariah OT

Facts:

Zechariah was a prophet who prophesied during the reign of King Darius I of Persia. The Old Testament book of Zechariah contains his prophecies, which urged the returning exiles to rebuild the temple.

- The prophet Zechariah lived during the same time period as Ezra, Nehemiah, Zerubbabel and Haggai. He was also mentioned by Jesus as the last of the prophets who were murdered during Old Testament times.
- Another man named Zechariah was a gatekeeper at the tent of meeting during the time of David.
- One of King Jehoshaphat's sons who was named Zechariah was murdered by his brother Jehoram.
- Zechariah was the name of a priest who was stoned by the people of Israel when he rebuked them for their idol worship.
- King Zechariah was the son of Jeroboam and he reigned over Israel for only six months before being murdered.

(Translation Suggestions: Translate Names)

(See also: Darius, Ezra, Jehoshaphat, Jeroboam, Nehemiah, Zerubbabel)

Bible References:

- [Ezra 5:1-2](#)
- [Matthew 23:34-36](#)
- [Zechariah 1:1-3](#)

Word Data:

- Strong's: H2148

Zedekiah

Facts:

Zedekiah, son of Josiah, was the last king of Judah (597–587 B.C.). There are also several other men named Zedekiah in the Old Testament.

- King Nebuchadnezzar made Zedekiah king of Judah after capturing King Jehoiachin and taking him away to Babylon. Zedekiah later rebelled and as a result Nebuchadnezzar captured him and destroyed all of Jerusalem.
- Zedekiah, son of Kenaanah, was a false prophet during the time of King Ahab of Israel.
- A man named Zedekiah was one of those who signed an agreement to the Lord during the time of Nehemiah.

(Translation suggestions: Translate Names)

(See also: Ahab, Babylon, Ezekiel, kingdom of Israel, Jehoiachin, Jeremiah, Josiah, Judah, Nebuchadnezzar, Nehemiah)

Bible References:

- [1 Chronicles 3:15-16](#)
- [Jeremiah 37:1-2](#)
- [Jeremiah 39:2](#)

Word Data:

- Strong's: H6667

Zephaniah

Facts:

Zephaniah, son of Cushi, was a prophet who lived in Jerusalem and prophesied during the reign of King Josiah. He lived during the same time period as Jeremiah.

- He rebuked the people of Judah for worshipping false gods. His prophecies are written in the book of Zephaniah in the Old Testament.
- There were several other men in the Old Testament named Zephaniah, most of whom were priests.

(Translation suggestions: Translate Names)

(See also: Jeremiah, Josiah, priest)

Bible References:

- [2 Kings 25:18](#)
- [Jeremiah 52:24-25](#)
- [Zechariah 6:9-11](#)
- [Zephaniah 1:3](#)

Word Data:

- Strong's: H6846

Zerubbabel

Facts:

Zerubbabel was the name of two Israelite men in the Old Testament.

- One of these was a descendant of Jehoiakim and Zedekiah.
- A different Zerubbabel, son of Shealtiel, was the head of the tribe of Judah during the time of Ezra and Nehemiah, when Cyrus king of Persia released the Israelites from their captivity in Babylon.
- Zerubbabel and the high priest Joshua were among those who helped rebuild the temple and altar of God.

(Translation suggestions: How to Translate Names)

(See also: Babylon, captive, Cyrus, Ezra, high priest, Jehoiakim, Joshua, Judah, Nehemiah, Persia, Zedekiah)

Bible References:

- [1 Chronicles 3:19-21](#)
- [Ezra 2:1-2](#)
- [Ezra 3:8-9](#)
- [Luke 3:27-29](#)
- [Matthew 1:12](#)

Word Data:

- Strong's: H2216, H2217, G22160

Zilpah

Facts:

Zilpah was one of Jacob's wives. She was the mother of Jacob's two sons Gad and Asher.

- Laban gave Zilpah to Leah as a servant when Leah married Jacob.
- When Leah stopped having children, she gave Zilpah to Jacob as a wife to bear more children for her.

(Translation suggestions: How to Translate Names)

(See also: Jacob, Leah, Gad, Asher)

Bible References:

- [Genesis 29:23](#)
- [Genesis 30:9](#)

Word Data:

- Strong's: H2153

Zion

Definition:

Originally, the term "Zion" or "Mount Zion" referred to a stronghold or fortress that King David captured from the Jebusites. Both these terms became other ways of referring to Jerusalem.

- Mount Zion and Mount Moriah were two of the hills that the city of Jerusalem was located on. Later, “Zion” and “Mount Zion” became used as general terms to refer to both of these mountains and to the city of Jerusalem. Sometimes they also referred to the temple that was located in Jerusalem. (See: metonymy)
- David named Zion, or Jerusalem, the “City of David.” This is different from David’s hometown, Bethlehem, which was also called the City of David.
- The term “Zion” is used in other figurative ways, to refer to Israel or to God’s spiritual kingdom or to the new, heavenly Jerusalem that God will create.

(See also: Abraham, David, Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Jebusites)

Bible References:

- [1 Chronicles 11:5](#)
- [Amos 1:2](#)
- [Jeremiah 51:35](#)
- [Psalm 76:1-3](#)
- [Romans 11:26](#)

Word Data:

- Strong’s: H6726

Zoar

Facts:

Zoar was a small city where Lot fled when God destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah.

- It was formerly known as “Bela” but was renamed “Zoar” when Lot asked God to spare this “small” city.
- Zoar is thought to have been located in the plain of the Jordan River or at the southern end of the Dead Sea.

(Translation suggestions: How to Translate Names)

(See also: Lot, Sodom, Gomorrah)

Bible References:

- [Deuteronomy 34:1-3](#)
- [Genesis 13:10-11](#)
- [Genesis 14:1-2](#)
- [Genesis 19:22](#)
- [Genesis 19:23](#)

Word Data:

- Strong’s: H6820