

## Meaning of names of Israel's children in Genesis 46

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רֵאוּבֵן **Reuben**: "behold a son"

חֲנוּךְ **Khanoch, Hanoch**: "dedicated"

פִּלּוּא **Phallu, Pallu**: "distinguished"

חֶצְרוֹן **Khetsron, Hezron**: "surrounded by a wall", "courtyard"

כַּרְמִי **Kharmi, Carmi**: "my vineyard"

שִׁמְעוֹן **Shim'on, Simeon**: "heard"

יְמוּאֵל **Yemuel, Jemuel**: "day/time of Elohim"

יָמִין **Yamin, Jamin**: "right hand"

אֹהֶד **Ohad**: "united"

יָכִין **Yakhin, Jachin**: "He will establish"

צֹחַר **Zokhar, Zohar**: "tawny"; "whiteness as wool"; "color of port wine"

שָׂאוּל **Shaul, Saul**: "desired"

לֵוִי **Levi**: "joined to"

גֵּרְשׁוֹן **Geyrshon, Gershon**: "exile"; "to drive out"

קַהַת **Kehat, Kohath**: "assembly"

מֵרָרִי **Merari**: "bitter"

יְהוּדָה **Yehudah, Judah**: "praised" ("to use the hand," that is, hold out the hand); (to know Elohim by using His hand; "Elohim makes known"; by use of the hand being held out by Elohim)

עֵר **Er**: "awake"

אֹנָן **Onan**: "strong"

שֵׁלֵה **Shelah**: "a petition"

פָּרֵז **Pharez**: "breach"

זֶרַח **Zerakh, Zerah**: "rising"

תְּצַרְוֹן **Khezron, Hezron**: "surrounded by a wall" (son of Ruben)

חַמּוּל **Khamul, Hamul**: "spared"; "to have compassion on"

יִשָּׂכָר **Issakhar, Issachar**: "there is recompense"; "to pay for a loss"

תּוֹלַע **Tola**: "worm"

פּוּחָה **Phuvah**: "splendid" "to cleave in pieces, break into pieces"

יּוֹב **Yob, Job**: "persecuted"; "a desert" to cry, cry shrilly

שִׁמְרוֹן **Shimron**: "watch-height"

זְבוּלוֹן **Zebulun**: "exalted"

סֶרֶד **Sered:** "fear"; "to tremble"

אֵילֹן **Elon:** "terebinth, mighty"; "mighty tree"

יַחֲלֵאֵל **Yakhl'eyl, Jahleel:** "Elohim waits"; "to wait, hope, expect"

דִּינָה **Dinah:** "judgment", "to judge, contend, plead"

גָּדַד **Gad:** "troop" "a troop come"

צִפְיוֹן **Tsiphion, Ziphion:** "lookout"; "to look out or about, spy, keep watch"

חַגִּי **Khaggi, Haggi:** "festive"; "to hold a feast, hold a festival, dance"

שֹׁנִי **Shuni:** "fortunate"; "meaning to rest"; "to quiet"

אֶצְבֵּן **Etsbon, Ezbon:** "hasting to discern: I will be enlargement" (unknown)

עֵרִי **Eri:** "watchful"; "to rouse oneself, awake, awaken"

אֶרֹדִי **Arodi:** "I shall subdue: I shall roam"; "I shall break loose"

אֶרְאֵלִי **Areli** "lion of Elohim"

אָשֶׁר **Asher:** "happy"; (Leah: to be called blessed; be straight; go forward, be honest, prosper)" to go straight, goes on, advance, makes progress; to set right, to be upright"

יַמִּינָה **Yimnah:** "right hand"

יִשׁוּאֵה **Ishuah:** "he will resemble" (1) "to agree with, be or become like, to make level, resemble" (2) "to set, to place; to set together"

יְשׁוּי **Isui:** “he resembles me” (same verb as above)

בְּרִיעָה **Beriah:** “with a friend” (unknown)

שָׂרַח **Serach:** “the prince breathed” (excess, overhanging) “to go free, be unrestrained, be overrun, exceed, overhang, grow luxuriously”

חֶבֶר **Khever, Chever:** “comrade”; “fellowship”; (verb) “to unite, join, bind together, be joined, be coupled, be in league, heap up, have fellowship with, be compact, be a charmer”

מַלְכִּי־אֵל **Malkhi’el, Malchiel:** “my king is Elohim”

יוֹסֵף **Yosef, Joseph:** (let Him add) “Yahua has added”; to add, increase, do again

מְנַשֶּׁה **Manasseh:** “Elohim causing to forget”

אֶפְרַיִם **Ephraim:** “double ash-heap: I shall be doubly fruitful” “to bear fruit, be fruitful, branch off”

בְּנֵי־יָמִין **Ben-Yamin, Benjamin:** “son of the right hand”

בְּלַעַל **Belah:** “destruction”; “to swallow down, swallow up, engulf, eat up”

בְּכֹר **Bekher, Becher:** “young camel” (verb; to be born first)

אֲשָׁבֵל **Ashbel:** “a man of Elohim: I will make a path” (to flow; like a train of a robe)

גֵּרָא **Gera:** “a grain” (relates to weight)

נְעֻמָּן **Naaman:** “pleasantness” verb: “to be pleasant, to be beautiful, to be sweet, to be delightful, to be lovely”

אָחִי **Ekhi, Echi:** "my brother"

רֹאשׁ **Rosh:** "head"; "top, summit, upper part, chief, total, sum, height, front, beginning" (verb: to shake)

מִּפְּיָם **Muppim :** "serpents?" verb: "to move to and fro, wave, besprinkle"

חֻפּוֹתַי **Khuppim, Huppim:** "protected" "coverings"

אָרְדָּה **Ard:** "I shall subdue" (verb: to wander)

דָּן **Dan:** "a judge"

חֻשְׁתֵּי **Khushim, Chushim:** "whose who makes haste"

נַפְתָּלִי **Naphtali:** "wrestling"; "my strife"

יַחְזֵעַל **Yakhts'el, Jahzeel:** "Elohim divides" "whom Elohim allots" "to divide, cut in two, cut short"

גִּוְנִי **Guni:** "my defender" "to defend, cover, surround"

יֵצֵר **Yeytser, Jezer:** "he forms" "form, framing, purpose, framework"

שָׁלֵם **Shilleym, Shillem:** "repaid" "recompense, requital" verb: "to be in a covenant of peace, be at peace"