

## BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE

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### Apostle

"One sent forth." The word refers variously to the twelve, to Mathias and Paul, and to certain others. While usually *apostle* refers to a member of the twelve, it also has the wider application to include various ones who were sent forth on a special commission. Of the twelve apostle, Matt. 10:2); Paul an apostle, I Cor. 1:1; the apostle Barnabas, Acts 14:4.<sup>1</sup>

### Disciple

Literally a learner, one who follows one's teaching. Jesus required of his disciples that they continue in his word (John 8:31). From the disciples Jesus selected the twelve apostles for special service. Members of the New Testament church are called disciples in the Acts. disciples not above master, Matt. 10:24; cross, cannot be my disciple, Luke 14:27; disciple called Christian, Acts 11:26; first day of week disciple, Acts 20:7.<sup>2</sup>

**Andrew:** Brother of Peter

**Bartholomew** (Nathanael) -

**James** (son of Zebedee) - Brother of John. James suffered martyrdom under the Herod Agrippa (Acts 12:2)

**James** (son of Alphaeus and Mary, the sister of Mary the mother of the Lord - Matt. 27:56)<sup>3</sup>

**Judas Iscariot** - A betrayer of Jesus. His surname evidently means "man of Kerioth." It may be the same as the modern Karjetan, south of Hebron, or Kuriut, on the northeastern border of Judea. He was made steward of the disciples, and must have been trusted. The betrayal of Jesus and the subsequent suicide of Judas are narrated (Matt. 26:14-16, 47-56; 27:3-8; Acts 1:16-19).<sup>4</sup>

**Matthew:** An apostle and evangelist; he was the same as Levi the son of Alphaeus. He call to be an apostle is found in Matt. 9:9; Mark 2:14; and Luke 5:27. He was a tax-collector. He wrote the Gospel which bears his name.<sup>5</sup>

**Peter, the surname of Simon.** Jesus gave him the name of Cephas. He was a fisherman from Bethsaida. His father was Jona and his brother was Andrew, the one who brought him to Jesus. He was noted for impulsive actions (Matt. 16:22; 26:33). After his denial of Christ he became a great stalwart in the Christ's Church (John 21:15, 17; Acts 2-11). It was he who preached the great sermon on the day of Pentecost (Acts 2) and he who converted the first Gentile (Acts 10). (Ref: matt. 4:18; 8:14; 16:16; 16:22; 26:58; 26:75).<sup>6</sup>

**Phillip** - A native of Bethsaida, he was responsible for bringing Nathaniel to Jesus (John 1:43-48).<sup>7</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 38.

<sup>2</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 134.

<sup>3</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 246.

<sup>4</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 262.

<sup>5</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 289.

<sup>6</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 327.

<sup>7</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 329.

**Thomas** - a native of Galilee. He was slow to believe, but he was ardently close to his Master. He was one of the seven who saw Jesus at the Sea of Galilee. Tradition says that he preached in Parthia, was a martyr, and was buried in Edessa. (Matt. 10:3; John 11:16; 20:25; 20:28).<sup>8</sup>

**Judas** - He was called Lebbaeus and Thaddaeus (Matt. 10:3; Mark 3:18). He was the son or brother of James (Luke 6:16)<sup>9</sup>

**James, the brother of the Lord:** He was not one of the original apostle, though later he was called an apostle (Gal.1:19), and at first did not even believe in Jesus (John 7:5). He later became an important figure in the church of Jerusalem (Acts 15:13, Gal. 2:9). Author of the Epistle of James, a writing to predominantly Jewish Christians. Most important, to "be doers of the word" (1:21-27). James stresses that inactive faith is like a dead corpse (2:17, 24). He speaks of faith working in life (Gal. 5:6; Eph. 2:10)<sup>10</sup>

## **Jerusalem**

was the most important city of Palestine and one important both in Old and New Testament.

Its location made it ideal as the capital of the United Kingdom of Israel in time of David and Solomon and as the capital of Judah later. Jerusalem is over 4,000 years old.<sup>11</sup>

## **Samaria**

**The capital city of the Northern kingdom of Israel.**

**It was the "crown and pride" of Israel (Is. 28:1).**

**During the reign of Ahab and Jezebel, a temple to Baal was erected there. The prophets tried to destroy this idolatry. Later prophets brought divine judgment upon the city and the nation.**

**Samaria fell to Assyrians, and foreigners settled in the land (II Kin. 17:3-6; 24).**

**[Jews despised Samaritans as unclean people]**

**In the time of Jesus it was filled with pagan temples.**

**The whole northern Kingdom is sometimes called by this name (i King. 21:1; II King 17:24; Jer. 31:5).**

**The district of Samaria (Neh. 4:2): In time of Christ it was joined along with Idumea to make up the province of Judah.<sup>12</sup>**

**Judah: After the death of Solomon, the kingdom was divided into two separate kingdoms, the northern one called Israel, and the southern Judah.<sup>13</sup>**

## **Judea**

**The name given to the southern division of the country of Palestine in the time of Romans.**

**The northern boundary was Samaria and the southern the desert.<sup>14</sup>**

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<sup>8</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 418.

<sup>9</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 262.

<sup>10</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 246.

<sup>11</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 252.

<sup>12</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 367.

<sup>13</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 262.

<sup>14</sup> Charles F. Pfeiffer. *THE COMBINED BIBLE DICTIONARY AND CONCORDANCE* (Grand Rapids, MI: Baker Book House, 1976), 263.