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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: **Baca**

Language: **Hebrew**

Pronunciation: **baw-kaw'**

Meaning: The name 'Baca' means 'Weeping.' It is derived from the Hebrew root word 'Bakah' meaning 'to weep', 'to bewail', 'to bemoan', 'to shed tears' or 'to make lamentation'

Alternative meanings include: 'Weeping-Tree' or 'Balsam-Tree.'

Please note: The word 'Bakah' literally means 'to weep by reason of joy or sorrow, the latter including lament, complaint, remorse, repentance or distress.' Generally speaking... weeping is associated with the eyes by the shedding of tears. This was not true regarding the Semitic people of ancient Palestine. They typically associated weeping with the voice. To them... proper weeping incorporated loud crying.

*** They would even hire professional mourners to cry aloud at funerals. ***

On another note... the word 'Bakah' can also have reference to a balsam tree. This use of the word most likely applies to the Valley of Baca (in the sense of a balsam-vale).

*** Hence... the name 'Baca' means 'The Valley of Balsam Trees.' ***

*** Please note: The ancient Israelites commonly referred to the balsam tree as the weeping tree. ***