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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: **Bakbukiah**

Language: **Hebrew**

Pronunciation: **bak-book-yaw'**

Meaning: The name 'Bakbukiah' means 'Whom Jehovah Wasted.' It is derived from two Hebrew root words. The first is 'Baqaq' meaning 'to pour out', 'to empty out', 'to depopulate', 'to make void' or 'to lay waste' (in the sense of destruction). The second root word is 'Jah', short for 'Jehovah', the name used to denote the 'Covenant God of Israel.'

Alternative meanings include: 'Wasted by Jehovah' or 'Emptied by Jehovah.'

Please note: The word 'Bakbuk' provides us with an interesting word study. Its literal meaning is 'bottle' (from the gurgling sound produced by the emptying out of a bottle). How does this work?

Using your mouth... please speak the word 'Bakbuk' three-times, and listen to how it sounds. Did you notice how strikingly similar it sounds to the gurgling noise produced by the emptying out of a bottle? This is a prime example of the extraordinary beauty underlining the Hebrew language as a whole.

On another note... the word 'Bakbuk' in this particular instance has direct reference to the verb 'empty-out' (in the sense of destruction). This makes perfect sense when speaking of the Nethinim.

*** The Nethinim served as Temple servants, and were directly related to the Canaanites. ***

The Lord was directly responsible for depopulating the Canaanites from the Promised Land. He instructed the Israelites (under Joshua) to destroy them with the sword, but the Israelites failed to obey this command. Instead, the Canaanites (or Nethinim) were made Temple servants (or slaves).

*** Hence... it might help to think of the Nethinim (or Bakbukiah) as prisoners of war. ***

Please note: The letters 'iah' in the name 'Bakbukiah' are used as an abbreviation for 'Jah' or 'Jehovah.'