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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: **Canaan**

Language: **Hebrew**

Pronunciation: **ken-ah'-an**

Name Type: **Person & Place**

Meaning: The name 'Canaan' means 'Servant'. It is derived from the Hebrew root word 'Kana' meaning 'to be humbled', 'to be subdued' or 'to be brought low' (often used to depict a defeated king kneeling before a superior during an act of submission). Heavy emphasis is placed on the state of humility as the defeated king prostrates himself before the victor on bended knee as a sign of servitude. It is also worthy to note that 'Canaan' took on an additional meaning in Israel's latter history. Not only does the name mean 'Servant', but it would also come to mean 'Merchant' or 'Trader' (in this sense that trade was rendered a last resource for those who were not fortunate enough to own land for themselves. Merchants and traders would then have to resort to selling other people's goods for survival).