

Ir

The name Ir (MT ^ʿIr) is only attested in the Benjaminite genealogy of 1 Chr 7:6–12 as the father of Shuppim and Huppim (1 Chr 7:12; on suggested emendations see Klein: 222–23). The meaning is probably derived from ^ʿayir, “donkey foal” (Noth: 230), rather than “city.” LXX 1 Chr 7:12 reads Παωμ instead of Ir, and the following Hushim. The similar name ^ʿIrū in 1 Chr 4:15 has been suggested to be read ^ʿIr (1 Chr 4:15; Klein: 135; compare also ^ʿIrī 1 Chr 7:7).

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