

Greek rendering Ierfal with “El has sent” (*Nom. hebr.* 28.12) and relates it to Benjamin (*Sit.* 109.26).

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### Irpeel

Irpeel (MT *Yirpē'ēl* “God heals”; LXX<sup>A</sup> Ιερψαηλ) is a town in the tribal territory of Benjamin (Josh 18:27) listed with other towns north and west of Jerusalem. Irpeel might be another name for Raphah (1 Chr 8:37) or Rephaiyah (1 Chr 9:43), place names related to the offspring of Saul. The name Irpeel is probably preserved in the Arabic name of Rāfāt (1684.1420), a place where settlement started in the Hellenistic period. Iron Age Irpeel could be found at a nameless site nearby (1683.1437). According to some scholars Irpeel is mentioned on a city list of Ramses III (*jrp*). Jerome translates the