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<i>LXX.</i> <i>The Septuagint: A (Codex Alexandrinus), B (Cod. Sinaiticus), V (Cod. Venetus).</i>
<i>Syr.</i> <i>The Syriac Version.</i>
<i>Vulg.</i> <i>The Vulgate.</i>
<i>N.</i> (in map) <i>Nahr</i> , a perennial stream.
<i>W.</i> (in map) <i>Wady</i> , watercourse, especially of a non-perennial stream.

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