

Ancient Near Eastern Deities

DEITY	COUNTRY	POSITION	REFERENCE	Palestinian Deities in Scripture
Baal	Canaan	Young storm god	I Kings 16:31; 18:18-46	
Ashtoreth (Astarte)	Canaan	Mother-goddess; love; fertility	Judg. 2:13; 10:6; I Sam. 12:10; I Kings 11:5	
Chemosh	Moab	National god of war	Num. 21:29; Judg. 11:24; I Kings 11:7, 33; Jer. 48:7	
Molech (Malcam, Milcom)	Ammon	National god	Zeph. 1:5; Jer. 49:1; I Kings 11:5, 7, 33	
Dagon	Philistia	National god of grain	Judg. 16:23; I Sam. 5:2-7	
Queen of Heaven	Canaan	Same as Ashtoreth (similar to Anat and Ishtar)	Jer. 7:18; 44:17-25	

DEITY	COUNTRY	POSITION	REFERENCE	Mesopotamian Deities in Scripture
Marduk	Babylon	Young storm god; chief god	Jer. 50:2	
Bel	Babylon	Another name for Marduk	Isa. 46:1; Jer. 50:2; 51:44	
Nebo (Nabu)	Babylon	Son of Marduk	Isa. 46:1	
Tammuz (Dumuzi)	Sumerian	Young storm god	Ezek. 8:14	

EGYPT	MESOPOTAMIA	CANAAN-SYRIA	Major Deities not in Scripture
Osiris —death Isis —life Horus —sun Hathor —mother goddess Re —sun Seth —evil; storm Ptah —artists; Memphite creator	Anu —head of pantheon Enlil —storm Ea-Enki —fresh water and subterranean water Sin (Nanna) —moon Ishtar —sex, fertility Ninurta —war Tiamat —salt water	El —head of Canaanite pantheon Anat —war Mot —death, sterility Adad —Syrian storm god Teshub —Hittite storm god Hannahanna —Hittite mother goddess Arinna —Hittite sun goddess	

Deities of these civilizations, particularly Egypt, vary as to attributes and rank, depending on the time period and the areas of the country. The ones listed are basic.