

Allah and Baal

There are many scholars who claim that **Allah** is the ancient Biblical god, **Baal**.

So, what is the oldest reference to “**Allah**” discovered in antiquity?

Who was he and what did he represent?

The oldest reference to “**Allah**”, was discovered in Northern and Southern Arabia, dating back to the fifth century B.C.

But new research linking “**Allah**” being worshipped as a deity can be found in the **Epic of Atrahasis** chiseled on several tablets dating to around 1700 BC and was found in Babylonian. There are two major “*epics*” of the universal flood in Near Eastern Mythology. One is the **Epic of Atrahasis** and the other is the **Epic of Gilgamesh**.

“Even more troubling for Muslims today is that this deity was described nearly four millennia ago to be a god of “violence and revolution”. Therefore, it is no surprise that Muhammad chose **Allah** as his god. He is not the god of peace as he is proclaimed by Muslims and the Media. “The beginning of the **Epic of Atrahasis** describes **Allah** as how all of the gods labored

endlessly in grueling work, under the rule of the patron deity **Enlil** or **Eli**. But soon revolt of the gods had erupted, and one deity of “violence and revolution” named **Allah** (spelled by the experts as **Alla**), as the following inscription recounts:

Then **Alla** made his voice heard and spoke to the gods his brothers, ‘Come! Let us carry **Eli**, the counselor of gods, the warrior, from his dwelling. Now, cry battle! Let us mix fight with battle!’ The gods listened to his speech, set fire to their tools, put aside their spades for fire, their loads for the fire-god, they flared up.”

“Muslim thinkers on the other hand have always argued that Abraham originally worshiped **Allah** purely without the corruption of idolatry or Christianity or Judaism, as the Koran states.”

The Muslims believe that Abraham was neither a Jew nor a Christian, but he was one inclining toward truth, a Muslim [submitting to **Allah**].

“Perhaps the biggest problem for this argument is that there is no ancient inscription found to date in the Near East or anywhere else for that matter, which describes **Allah** being worshipped purely, without idolatrous connotations.”

One most interesting 'fact' is that the tomb of **Alla** is mentioned specifically in another ancient text, in which it states:

...in the cupbearers' house, among the little bronze cups, **Alla**, lord of the net, is laid to rest. (In the Desert by the Early Grass, in **Thorkild Jacobsen**, The Harps that Once)

The Archaeology of the Middle East

The religion of Islam has as its focus of worship a deity by the name of "**Allah**." The Muslims claim that **Allah** in pre-Islamic times was the biblical God of the Patriarchs, prophets, and apostles.

The issue is thus one of continuity.

Was "**Allah**" the biblical God or a pagan god in Arabia during pre-Islamic times? The Muslim's claim of continuity is essential to their attempt to convert Jews and Christians for if "**Allah**" is part of the flow of divine revelation in Scripture, then it is the next step in biblical religion. Thus, we should all become Muslims.

But, on the other hand, if **Allah** was a pre-Islamic pagan deity, then its core claim is refuted. Religious claims often fall before the results of hard sciences such as archeology. We can endlessly speculate about the past or go and dig it up and see what the evidence reveals. This is the only way to find out the truth concerning the origins of **Allah**. As we shall see, the hard evidence demonstrates that the god **Allah** was a pagan deity. In fact, he was the Moon-god who was married to the sun goddess and the stars were his daughters."

Archaeologists have uncovered temples to the Moon-god throughout the Middle East. From the mountains of Turkey to

the banks of the Nile, the most wide-spread religion of the ancient world was the worship of the Moon-god.

The Assyrians, Babylonians, and the Akkadians took the word Suen and transformed it into the word Sin as their favorite name for the Moon-god.

In ancient Syria and Canaan, the Moon-god **Sin** was usually represented by the moon in its crescent phase. (*Muslims use this emblem*). At times the full moon was placed inside the crescent moon to emphasize all the phases of the moon. The sun-goddess was the wife of **Sin** and the stars were their daughters. For example, **Istar** (*where we get Easter*) was a daughter of **Sin**.

He was the Judge of men and gods. The Old Testament constantly rebuked the worship of the Moon-god (Deuteronomy 4:19; 17:3; II Kings 21:3, 5; 23:5; Jeremiah 8:2; 19:13; Zephaniah 1:5, etc.)

When Israel fell into idolatry, it was usually the cult of the Moon-god. As a matter of fact, everywhere in the ancient world, the symbol of the crescent moon can be found on seal impressions, steles, pottery, amulets, clay tablets, cylinders, weights, earrings, necklaces, wall murals, etc.

The Ur of the Chaldees (which is where Abram was from and Abrams' father was a high priest in this occult) was devoted to the Moon-god.

A temple of the Moon-god has been excavated in Ur by Sir Leonard Woolley. He dug up many examples of moon worship in Ur and these are displayed in the British Museum to this day.

. Thousands of inscriptions from walls and rocks in Northern Arabia have also been collected. Reliefs and votive* (*object offered or consecrated in fulfillment of a vow such as a candle used as a vigil light) bowls used in worship of the "daughters of **Allah**" have also been discovered. The three daughters, **al-Lat**, **al-Uzza** and **Manat** are sometimes depicted together with **Allah** the Moon-god represented by a crescent moon above them. The archeological evidence demonstrates that the dominant religion of Arabia was the cult of the Moon-god.

When the popularity of the Moon-god waned elsewhere, the Arabs remained true to their conviction that the Moon-god was the greatest of all gods.

While they worshipped 360 gods at the Kabah in Mecca, the Moon-god was the chief deity. Mecca was in fact built as a shrine for the Moon-god.

This is what made it the most sacred site of Arabian paganism.

The evidence reveals that the temple of the Moon-god was active even in the Christian era. Evidence gathered from both North and South Arabia demonstrate that Moon-god worship was clearly active even in Muhammad's day and was still the dominant cult.

According to numerous inscriptions, while the name of the Moon-god was **Sin**, his title was **al-ilah**, i.e. "*the deity*," meaning that he was the chief or high god among the gods. As Coon pointed out, "*The god **Il** or **Ilah** was originally a phase of the Moon-god.*" The Moon-god was called **al-ilah**, i.e., the god, which was shortened to **Allah** in pre-Islamic times. The pagan Arabs even used **Allah** in the names they gave to their children. For example, both Muhammad's father and uncle had **Allah** as part of their names. (they had these names before Muhammad declared **Allah** as the god of the Muslims)

The fact that they were given such names by their pagan parents proves that **Allah** was the title for the Moon-god even in Muhammad's day. Prof. Coon goes on to say, "*Similarly, under Mohammed's tutelage, the relatively anonymous **Ilah**, became **Al-Ilah**, The God, or **Allah**, the Supreme Being.*"

This fact answers the questions, "*Why is **Allah** never defined in the Qur'an? Why did Muhammad assume that the pagan Arabs already knew who **Allah** was?*"

Muhammad was raised in the religion of the Moon-god **Allah**. But he went one step further than his fellow pagan Arabs. While they believed that **Allah**, i.e. the Moon-god, was the greatest of all gods and the supreme deity in a pantheon of deities, Muhammad decided that **Allah** was not only the greatest god but the only god

In effect he said, *"Look, you already believe that the Moon-god **Allah** is the greatest of all gods. All I want you to do is to accept that the idea that he is the only god. I am not taking away the **Allah** you already worship. I am only taking away his wife and his daughters and all the other gods."*

This is seen from the fact that the first point of the Muslim creed is not, "**Allah** is great" but "**Allah** is the greatest," i.e., he is the greatest among the gods.

Why would Muhammad say that
Allah is the "*greatest*"
except in a polytheistic context?

"The Arabic word is used to contrast the greater from the lesser. That this is true is seen from the fact that the pagan Arabs never accused Muhammad of preaching a different **Allah** than the one they already worshipped. "

This "**Allah**" was the Moon-god according to the archeological evidence. Muhammad thus attempted to have it both ways.

To the pagans, he said that he still believed in the Moon-god **Allah**.

To the Jews and the Christians, he said that **Allah** was their God too.

But both the Jews and the Christians knew better and that is why they rejected his god, **Allah**, as a false god.

Baal!

"**Baal** was the name of the supreme god worshiped in ancient Canaan and Phoenicia. The practice of **Baal** worship infiltrated Jewish religious life during the time of the Judges (Judges 3:7), became widespread in Israel during the reign of Ahab (1 Kings 16:31-33) and also affected Judah (2 Chronicles 28:1-2). The word **Baal** means "lord"; the plural is **Baalim**. In general, **Baal** was a fertility god who was believed to enable the earth to produce crops and people to produce children. Different regions worshiped **Baal** in different ways, and **Baal** proved to be a highly adaptable god. Various locales emphasized one or another of his attributes and developed special "denominations" of **Baalism**. **Baal** of Peor (Numbers 25:3) and **Baal-Berith** (Judges 8:33) are two examples of such localized deities.

According to Canaanite mythology, **Baal** was the son of **El**, the chief god, and **Asherah**, the goddess of the sea. **Baal** was considered the most powerful of all gods, eclipsing **El**, who was seen as rather weak and ineffective. In various battles **Baal** defeated **Yamm**, the god of the sea, and **Mot**, the god of death and the underworld. **Baal**'s sisters--consorts were **Ashtoreth**, a fertility goddess associated with the stars, and Anath, a goddess of love and war.

The Canaanites worshiped **Baal** as the sun god and as the storm god—he is usually depicted holding a lightning bolt—who defeated enemies and produced crops. They also worshiped him as a fertility god who provided children. **Baal** worship was rooted in sensuality and involved ritualistic prostitution in the temples. At times, appeasing **Baal** required human sacrifice, usually the firstborn of the one making the sacrifice (Jeremiah 19:5). The priests of **Baal** appealed to their god in rites of wild abandon which included loud, ecstatic cries and self-inflicted injury (1 Kings 18:28).

Before the Hebrews entered the Promised Land, the Lord God warned against worshiping Canaan's gods (Deuteronomy 6:14-15), but Israel turned to idolatry anyway.

During the reign of Ahab and Jezebel, at the height of **Baal** worship in Israel, God directly confronted the paganism through His prophet Elijah. First, God showed that He, not **Baal**, controlled the rain by sending a drought lasting three-and-one-half years (1 Kings 17:1). Then Elijah called for a showdown on Mt. Carmel to prove once and for all who the true God was. All day long, 450 prophets of **Baal** called on their god to send fire from heaven—surely an easy task for a god associated with lightning bolts—but “there was no response, no one answered, no one paid attention” (1 Kings 18:29). After **Baal’s** prophets gave up, Elijah prayed a simple prayer, and God answered immediately with fire from heaven. The evidence was overwhelming, and the people “fell prostrate and cried, ‘The LORD—he is God! The LORD—he is God!’” (verse 39).

In Matthew 12:27, Jesus calls Satan “Beelzebub,” linking the devil to **Baal-Zebub**, a Philistine deity (2 Kings 1:2). The **Baalim** of the Old Testament were nothing more than demons masquerading as gods, and all idolatry is ultimately devil-worship (1 Corinthians 10:20).

Resource: The Popular Handbook of Archaeology and the Bible by Geisler and Holden

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There are those who believe that they are one and the same and they go about proving this position.

There are those who do not believe that **Allah** and **Baal** are the same, and they go about proving this position. As of this date, there is no definite proof either way. What IS strong evidence is that **Baal** was a fertility god—responsible for good crops and human reproduction.

In fact *Mark Musser* does an excellent job showing that **Baal** is the unnamed god of modern worship of the earth; climate control and weather change in his superior book *Nazi Oaks*.

Introduction: *The Green Nazi motive of the Holocaust* and chapter 2. *Baal nature worship and Hebrew National Suicide*. The following is taken from chapter 1 of *Nazi Oaks*.

Israel's Adulterous Affair with the Nature god Baal

During the divided kingdom stage (931-586 BC), God punished both the house of Israel and Judah by sending them into exile because they adopted pagan nature worship as their unofficial national religion, imported from the surrounding Canaanite countryside. Shockingly, this thirst for nature worship is often described in graphic sexual language to heighten the shameful offensiveness of their actions. In Jeremiah, the kingdom of Judah is compared to “a wild donkey accustomed to the wilderness that sniffs the wind in her passion. In the time of heat who can turn her away? All who seek her will not become weary; in her month they will find her (Jeremiah 2:24).” In the same context just a few verses back, the text reads, “For long ago I broke your yoke and tore off your bonds; but you said ‘I will not serve!’ For on every high hill and under every green tree you have lain down as a harlot (Jeremiah 2:20).” Worse, the idols which Israel bowed down to were compared to sexual toys, “Because of the lightness of her harlotry, she polluted the land and committed adultery with stones and trees (Jeremiah 3:0).” Nature worship was thus seen as a form of spiritual adultery. The Old Testament prophets compared it to prostitution. Hence, Israel had broken her ‘marriage bows’ with the Mosaic Covenant, which she had entered into at Mt. Sinai after the Hebrews were free from Egypt.

This form of paganism was purposefully described with such graphic sexual language precisely because cult prostitution and sexual mysticism was a big part of the nature worship process. Sexual fertility cults and the desire for a corresponding agricultural fertility were weaved together into a pornographic nature worship scheme corrupting the entire nation and its people. Throughout Israel’s and Judah’s history, this deviant and instinctual behavior, in great contrast to the dictates of the Mosaic Law, was most often associated with the worship of the nature god Baal. Baal was the god of grain and the god of thunder. He was, in fact, the god.

Allah is never known in ancient history for any productivity,
Allah was a god of violence and revolution.

Baal and **Allah** do not have any common characteristics
except both were and are used by Satan.

Allah was especially used by Satan in the past and is used by the Muslims today in violence and revolution, certainly not peace.

Baal is the god of environmentalist and climate control and the worship of the earth.

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They are both idolatrous gods used by Satan to lay siege on the **Only True God**, that is the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.

Therefore, if anyone calls on **Allah** or **Baal** for that matter, as though they are calling on God, they are in demon worship. We as Christians must always take our stand that Allah is not God and that our God is the God of Abraham Isaac and Jacob. We worship the only true God!

The Next Question

In the Line of Christ; How and where does Zerubbabel fit?

1. First, his name means *conceived in Babel; born in Babylon*
2. He was at the head of a large number of Jews who returned to Jerusalem from Babylon. (Ezra 2:2 & 3:2) You will see his name in the designated square on the return from Babylon. The first period of return to Jerusalem from Babylon (536-516) His first goal was the rebuilding of the temple. (**Second Temple**). There were several hindrances to building of the Temple. Due to the encouragement of prophets Haggai and Zechariah, Zerubbabel lead in getting the Temple completed in short time.
3. But why is he mentioned in the square of The Line of Christ?
 - a. In the genealogy of Jesus by Matthew. (Matthew 1:12) Matthew gives his line from Jechoniah and Solomon. (Matthew 1:6) Luke (Luke 3:27) follows his line through Neri and Nathan (Luke 3:31).
 - b. The point here is that Matthew follows the Legal line of JESUS CHRIST to the throne through Solomon—David's son—, to Joseph. While Luke follows the physical line through Nathan—David's son—to Mary.

- c. Zerubbabel was the legal successor and heir of Jeconiah's royalty while at the same time he was the lineal or physical descendant of Nathan, the son of David.

Next Question:

Was there enough time between the flood and the tower of Babel for there to have been large enough population at the tower of Babel?

1. There are various ideas of the number of years between the flood and the Tower of Babel.
2. One of the Dispensational charts stated that the flood occurred 2300 BC and the confusion of languages at the tower of Babel at 2200. This leaves 100 years for repopulation of the area.
3. Another chart dated the flood at 2350 but gave no date for the confusion of tongues.
4. Another dates the flood at 2500 and the Tower of Babel at 2100 allowing 400 years for repopulation of the earth.
5. There are many different views on the dating of the flood and the Tower of Babel, but everyone seems to be in agreement that the call of Abraham was somewhere between 2100 BC to 2000 BC.

6. Tommy Ice of **Pre-Trib Research** thinks there were some 103 years between the flood and the confusion of languages.
7. Remember people lived for hundreds of years at this time.

So, if we start with four families after the flood and each family had one child ever year that would be over 400, then their children started having children and their children started having children, so there is enough time for a nice size population by the time of the Tower of Babel. The Bible gives no indication of how many people were involved.

Next: A Brief Genealogy

Abraham—Isaac—Jacob:

Isaac and his half-brother, Ishmael,
and Jacob and his twin brother, Esau.

- Isaac:
1. The only son of Abraham and Sarah.
 2. God named him (Genesis 17:19) and his name means laughter; or God laughs or just laughter because when Abraham and Sarah were told they were going to have child, when Abram was 99 and Sarah about 90 —both beyond child bearing age Sarah laughed.

- Ishmael:
1. Son of Abraham and the Egyptian Hagar.
 2. His name means *whom God hears* since to Hagar God heard her cry for help.
 3. Half- brother of Isaac.
 4. It is through Ishmael that modern day Muslims claim heritage to Abraham and the promise land.
 5. Arabs are descendants of Ishmael while Jews are descendants of Isaac.
 6. Ishmael is described in Genesis 16:12
“He will be a wild donkey of a man, His hand *will be* against everyone, And everyone’s hand *will be* against him; And he will live to the east of all his brothers.” (If you look in the margin of the NASV) **and he will live to the east of all his brothers** (The NASV gives a more precise rendering of the original text:) **before the face of** (or) **in defiance of** (Which I believe is a better translation of the idiom of the ancient Hebrew. And it clearly foretells the history of the Arabs and the Jews, where the Arabs live in defiance of all Jews.)
 7. This is why Arabs and Jews have always fought against one another right up to today. Muslims hate Jews! And fights them and desires their total destruction so that they will receive all the land promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.
 8. **Sin!**
 The results of sin of Abraham with Hagar.
 People please remember sin always has repercussions. The state of America today is because of increasing sins. As sin increases the groaning of the earth increases. Increase of Mental and Emotional illnesses—because of the increase of sin. Breakdown of the family, of authority of the home is due to increase of sins of Christians and Non-Christians. Please beware of sin—it

will cause your life to groan. We do not know how much longer God is going to wait to push the button of continued prophetic history of the Rapture—Judgment Seat of Christ—Tribulation—Second Advent—and Millennium. But we are responsible for our own lives.

**Please contain sin by living in the power of the Holy Spirit and
this by Faith.**