

# Who was Baal in the Bible?

*Baal was a god of the flesh – worshiped for man’s material needs, pleasures, desires*

- *Baal known by many names*
- *Spans old and new testaments*
- *Baal and Mammon connected*

Name	Strong's	Meaning	Scripture
Bel	H1078	Baal. lord. Chief Babylonian deity.	Isa 46:1
Baal	H1166, H1167, H1168	lord, <b>possessor</b> , owner, <b>husband</b> , storm god, symbolized by the bull– power & fertility, chief Canaanite deity	Jud 2:13
Baal-Berith	H1170	lord of the <b>covenant</b> (Philistine deity)	Jud 8:33
Bamoth	H1120	high places of Baal	Num 22:41
Baal-Shalisha	H1190	Thrice-great lord	2 Kin 4:22
Baal-Hamon Mammon	H1174 G3126	lord of <b>abundance</b> ; <b>harvest</b> Mammon	Sgs 8:11, Mat 6:24
Baal-Peor	H1187	lord of the gap; worshiped w/ <b>sex acts</b>	
Baal-Gad	H1171 H1408	lord of <b>fortune</b> ; <b>wealth</b>	Jos 12:7
Baal-Zebub	H1176, G954	lord of the <b>flies</b> (Philistine deity) Ruler of the demons	2 Kings 1, Mat 12:24

**Gideon: tear down your father's alter to Baal**

**Judges 6:25**



# Is Baal still around today?

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## *Baal has changed name and face, but still deceiving the world*

- *Baal has not gone away*
- *The cosmic struggle for control over the world rages in the 2<sup>nd</sup> heaven*
- *Babylon the Harlot [Jezebel] worships Baal*

- No biblical or historical evidence suggesting principality of Baal yet removed
- What were the biblical characteristics of Baal worship?
  - Self-preservation – rain, crops, harvest, abundance, money
  - Self-gratification – sexual immorality, homosexuality
  - Appeasement – child sacrifice, cutting
  - Idolatry – the ability to bring “god” to our level and contain him for our desires
- Do we see these characteristics today? By what name?
- What are we doing when we:
  - Pray for financial markets to go up? (bull = Baal = god of fortune)
  - Worried sick about running out of money? (fear = Mammon)
  - Plot, scheme and manipulate for money? (greed = Mammon)
  - Control our own destiny, with just enough help “from above”
  - Pray to “god” asking blessing on our selfish plans, ambitions and worldly desires
  - Every ministry an island – every church concerned primarily with it’s own building, brand, budget, “butts on seats”

*Therefore if you have not been faithful in the unrighteous mammon, who will commit to your trust the true riches?*

**Luke 16:11**



# Baal in the Church

## State of the Church in Revelation: what are the issues?

- *Jesus speaks about Baalam, Baal and Jezebel in Revelation*
- *Not once, but twice*

- The **Loveless** Church (Rev 2:1-7)
  - Lost their first love of Jesus and the sinner

Religious spirits

- The **Compromising** Church (Rev 2:12-17)
  - Sexual immorality (Baalam / Balak)
  - Food sacrificed to idols
- The **Corrupt** Church (Rev 2:18-29)
  - Sexual immorality (Jezebel)
  - Food sacrificed to idols

Baal worship & Mammon idolatry

- The **Dead** Church (Rev 3:1-6)
  - Absence of power, signs, wonders and miracles
- The **Lukewarm** Church (Rev 3:14-22)
  - Self-sufficiency
  - Pride

Power of man

*Repent, or I will remove your lampstand*

*Rev 2:7*



# Come Out of Babylon

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## *Divorce Baal and come out of Harlot Babylon*

- *Babylon was where man raised himself up in comparison to God*
- *Babylon's chief deity Bel or Baal*
- *Idolatry appeals to self and offers the illusion of control*

*Not because of your righteousness did you possess the land*

*Deut 9:6*

*Do not say: 'How did these nations serve their gods? I also will do likewise.'*

*Deut 12:30*

- Revelation reveals the final destruction of Harlot Babylon at the end of the age
  - Mystery Harlot Babylon symbolic, not literal (Rev 17-18)
  - Characteristics: glorify self, great and corrupt merchandise dealers of the world
- We are repeatedly commanded to come out from her (Babylon) and her gods (Baal)
  - Come out and depart from her lest you share in her sins and plagues (Rev 18:4)
  - I will punish Bel in Babylon... My people, go out of the midst of her! (Jer 51:45)
  - Depart! Depart! ...go out from the midst of her. Be clean. (Isaiah 52:2)
- Harlot Babylon symbolizes a false church founded on spirit of this world
  - Friendship with the world is enmity towards God (James 4:4)
  - We have not received a spirit of this world, but the Holy Spirit (1 Cor 2:12)
  - What does Christ have to do with Belial? Saints with Pagans? (2 Cor 6:15)
- Evident that Harlot Babylon has not yet come down, but will utterly in the end
  - The mighty men (kings) of the world will mourn her destruction (Rev 18:9-20)
  - Her fruits of fornication are: material goods, luxuries, wealth
  - Have Babylon's gods changed? Or just the naming convention?



# Divorce Baal

## *A legal proclamation of repentance and release*

- *Appeal to God in Highest Court as Supreme Judge*
- *Premise: Marriage was based on lies and deceit*
- *Put away all false offspring*
- *Petition for divorce and release*

*The joined themselves with Baal...and played the harlot by their deeds*

*Psalm 106:28;39*

*He heard their cry... remembered His covenant... and relented according to His mercies*

*Psalm 106:44-45*

**THE HIGHEST COURT  
OF THE KINGDOM OF GOD**

**IN RE THE MARRIAGE OF:**

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Plaintiff,

vs.

THE PRINCIPALITY OF BAAL *(Including Baal, Queen of Heaven, Leviathan)*

Defendant,

**DECREE OF DIVORCE**

On \_\_\_\_\_, this matter comes on for hearing before the Supreme Judge of the Highest Court of the Kingdom of God on the petition of \_\_\_\_\_ seeking a Decree of Divorce from the Principality of Baal, the Defendant in this matter.

The Court finds:

1. The Plaintiff's assertions are fully substantiated:
  - a. That this marriage was entered into by the Plaintiff based on lies and deceit by the Defendant, and
  - b. That Plaintiff relied on fraudulent inducements and enticements by the Defendant, which Defendant had neither the intention nor ability to deliver.
2. The Plaintiff renounces any and all right, claim or interest in any possession jointly acquired with the Defendant during this Marriage, and that Plaintiff is entitled to have sole right, claim, and interest, in and to all the gifts, possessions and inheritance from Plaintiff's Father, and Defendant is to be and forever barred from the title, control, or use of any such gifts, possessions or inheritance.
3. That all offspring of the Marriage have been still born or have had viability for only brief periods and were either destroyed by the Defendant or were so infected by sickness attributed to the Defendant's

