

False gods in the Bible

False god (NKJV)	Notes	Nations	Biblical Description	Bible References
Amon		Egypt	The local god of Thebes in upper Egypt	<u>Mentioned 2 times:</u> Nah. 3:8; Jer. 46:25
Adrammelech	Also a son of Sennacherib, king of Assyria	Babylon	Perhaps the same as Molech, worshiped in the form of the sun, a mule or a peacock.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> 2 Kings 17:31
Anammelech		Babylon	A rabbit or a goat idol. (Babylonian god of the sky.)	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> 2 Kings 17:31
Asherah		Tyre	The chief goddess of Tyre referred to as the lady of the sea. Gideon destroyed a statue of this consort of Baal that had been worshiped by his own father.	<u>Mentioned 40 times:</u> Judg. 6:24–32
Ashima		Syria	An idol in the form of a bold he-goat.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> 2 Kings 17:30
Ashtoreth	Also a city. Alternate names: Astarte and Ishtar	Sidon	A Canaanite goddess and wife of Baal. The prophet Samuel led Israel in a great revival that resulted in the people giving up the sexual practices associated with the worship of Ashtoreth. Mother goddess of love and fertility.	<u>Mentions at least 8 times:</u> Judg. 2:13; 10:6; 1 Sam. 7:3–4; 12:10; 1 Kgs. 11:5; 33; 2 Kgs. 23:13
Baal		Canaan	The chief deity of Canaan. The storm God. The struggle between Baal and Yahweh came to a dramatic head on Mount Carmel under Elijah. Jehu later dealt a severe blow to Baalism.	<u>Mentioned 90 (NIV); 93 (NKJV) times:</u> 1 Kings 18:17–40; 2 Kings 10:28; 11:18
Beelzebul		Jewish	Beelzebub, the prince of the demons, according to Jesus. The name literally means “lord of the flies.”	<u>Mentioned 2 occasions:</u> Matt. 10:25; 12:24
Bel		Babylon	Bel is another spelling for Baal.	<u>Mentioned 3 times:</u> Isa. 46:1; Jer. 50:2; 51:44
“Twin Brothers”	Castor and Pollux*	Greece	According to Greek Mythology Castor and Pollux were Zeus’ sons and they were the protectors of sailors.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> Acts 28:11
Chemosh		Moab and Ammon	National god of war.	<u>Mentioned 4 times:</u> Judg. 11:24; 1 Kgs. 11:7; 33; 2 Kgs. 23:13

Chiun	Alternate names: Kiyyun (NAS); Kaiwan (RSV)		Possibly a reference to Molech. Star god.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> Amos 5:26
Dagon		Philistia	Dagon, the chief Philistine agriculture god and father of Baal. The Ark of the Covenant destroyed an idol of Dagon in its own temple. Later, Samson would destroy the temple of Dagon.	<u>Mention 14 times:</u> 1 Sam. 5:1–7; Judg. 16:23–30
Diana	Alternate name: Artemis (NAS; NIV)	Roman	Diana, or Artemis, a grotesque, many-breasted Asiatic goddess, believed to be the nursing mother of other gods, men, animals, and even plants. Paul encountered Diana while in Ephesus. She is not the same as the Diana of Roman mythology.	<u>Mentioned 5 times:</u> Acts 19:24-35
Hermes	Alternate names: Mercury (ASV); Mercurius (KJV)	Roman	Mercury, the Roman god of commerce, speed, and eloquence, and the son of Jupiter. As a messenger of the gods he had wings on his feet. Paul was mistaken for Mercury at Lystra because of his speaking abilities.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> Acts 14:12
Merodach	Alternate name: Marduk (NAS)	Babylon	The chief storm god of the Babylonian pantheon and Nebuchadnezzar's favorite god.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> Jer. 50:2
Milcom	Alternate names: Malcam (NAS); Molech (NIV)	Ammon	Possible the same false god as Molech.	<u>Mentioned 5 times:</u> 1 Kings 11:5; 33; 2 Kings 23:13; Jer. 49:3; Zeph. 1:5
Molech		Ammon	Molech, the god of the Ammonites and the most horrible idol in the Scriptures. Molech worship included child sacrifice, astrology, and sacred prostitution. Solomon built an altar to Molech at Tophet in the Valley of Hinnom. Later both King Ahaz and his godless grandson Manasseh sacrificed their children to this blood-demanding idol.	<u>Mentioned 8 times in the NJKV & 16 times in the NIV:</u> 1 King 11:7; 2 Chron. 28:1–4; 33:6
Nanna*		Ur	Nanna, the moon god of Ur, worshiped by Abraham before his salvation	<u>Not mentioned by name:</u> Josh. 24:2
Nebo		Babylon	Nebo, the Babylonian god of wisdom and literature. Son of Marduk.	<u>Mentioned 3 times:</u> Isa. 15:2; 46:1; Jer. 48:1
Nergal		Assyria	Assyrian god of war.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> 2 Kings 17:30
Nibhaz		Assyria	A dog-like idol of the people of Avva which was a city or providence in Assyrian. Sargon II, king of Assyria, brought settlers from Ava to colonize Samaria after the nation of Israel fell in 722 B.C.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> 2 Kings 17:31

Nisroch		Assyria	Nisroch, the Assyrian god of Sennacherib. The king was murdered in the temple of his idol after returning from the death angel defeat at Jerusalem.	<u>Mentioned 2 times:</u> 2 Kings 19:37; Isa. 37:38
Queen of Heaven		Canaan	A fertility goddess to whom the Israelites, especially the women, offered sacrifice and worship in the days before the fall of the southern kingdom of Judah. Their worship included burning incense and pouring out drink offerings to her.	<u>Mentioned 5 times:</u> Jer. 7:18; 44:17-25
Rimmon		Syria	Rimmon, the Syrian god of Naaman the leper	<u>Mentioned 4 times:</u> 2 Kings 5:15-19
Succoth Benoth		Babylon	Literally: “Tents of the Daughters.” Pagan deity worshiped by sexual orgies.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> 2 Kings 17:30
Tammuz			Tammuz, the husband and brother of Ishtar (Asherah), goddess of fertility. Storm god.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> Ezek. 8:14
Tartak		Assyria	A donkey idol or Saturn worshipped as a god. Came from the people of Avva which was a city or providence in Assyria. Sargon II, king of Assyria, brought settlers from Ava to colonize Samaria after the nation of Israel fell in 722 B.C.	<u>Mentioned 1 time:</u> 2 Kings 17:31
Zeus**	Alternate name: Jupiter (KJV)	Roman	Jupiter, the chief Roman god, another name for the Greek god Zeus. The people of Lystra called Barnabas “Jupiter,” perhaps because of his impressive appearance.	<u>Mentioned technically 2 times:</u> Acts 14:12-13; 19:35**

*Not mentioned in the Bible

**In Acts 19:35 literally in the Greek it is “heaven.” All modern translations translate it as “heaven.”