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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: **Baal-Gad**

Language: **Hebrew**

Pronunciation: **bah'-al gawd**

Meaning: The name 'Baal-Gad' means 'The Lord of Fortune.' It is derived from two Hebrew root words. The first is 'Baal' meaning 'to marry', 'to possess', 'to own', 'to rule over' or 'to have dominion.' The second root word is 'Gawd' meaning 'to attack', 'to invade', 'to overcome' or 'to crowd upon.'

Alternative meanings include: 'Baal of Fortune' or 'Baal of Gad.'

Please note: The word 'Baal' generally has reference to the following descriptive meanings: 'husband', 'lord', 'master' or 'owner.' It was also used by the Canaanites as a substitute title for their god, Hadad.

*** Please see 'Baal' for additional information ***

On another note... the word 'Gad' can also have reference to a 'fortune' (in the sense of an invading army collecting and distributing the spoils of war among the victors). This is most likely the case here.

*** For general purposes... the name 'Gad' has direct reference to a 'troop' (as in a band of raiders). ***

More importantly... the name 'Gad' was associated with the ancient Semitic god of fortune (during the Babylonian captivity). 'Baal-Gad' was most likely named after this ancient Babylonian deity (Gad).

*** The idea of 'fortune' as pertaining to this Babylonian deity may include fate, luck and karma. ***