



CHRIST CONNECTIONS MINISTRY

Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: Baal-Peor

Language: Hebrew

Pronunciation: bah'-al peh-ore'

Meaning: The name 'Baal-Peor' means 'Lord of the Opening.' 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 'Paar' meaning 'to open wide' (in the sense of a hole, chasm, gap or opening).

Alternative meanings include: 'The Lord's Opening', 'Baal's Opening' or 'Baal of Peor.'

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 'Peor' has direct reference to Mt. Peor, a specific location where a Moabite god was worshipped through extreme sexual acts of lasciviousness. This word generally has reference to an opening such as the mouth, or in some cases the bowels for the releasing of stool. However... it most likely has direct reference to the female sexual organ in this particular instance.

The fertility gods known as 'Baal' and 'Ashteroth' were generally worshipped through various acts of prostitution, fornication, and perhaps sodomy. This was fairly normal among religious fertility cults.

*** 'Baal-Peor' is synonymous with the name 'Peor.' ***