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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: **Baalath-Beer**

Language: **Hebrew**

Pronunciation: **bah-al-awth' beh-ayr'**

Meaning: The name 'Baalath-Beer' means 'Mistress of the Well.' 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' (in the feminine sense). The second root word is 'baar' meaning 'to dig' (in the sense of a well).

Alternative meanings include: 'Lady of the Well' or 'Female Owner of the Well.'

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 name 'Baalath' is never used to signify a female goddess. It can on occasion refer to the Canaanite god 'Baal' (in the feminine sense) when referring to certain city names.

*** Hence... the name 'Baalath' could actually mean: 'The City of Baal.' ***
(This is highly probable!)

More on the word 'Baalath'... it generally denotes the owner of something (such as a home). It can also apply to someone (in this case a woman) possessing certain skills of mastery (i.e., a master of charms).

*** This is generally the case when the name is applied to a person rather than a city (or place). ***

On a second note... the word 'Beer' always depicts a well, cistern or pit. In a land where water was scarce, wells were generally considered a major source of contention between neighboring cities. The discovery of water was always a prime occasion for rejoicing among the local inhabitants.

It's interesting... wells are generally associated with feminine names in the Bible. This might have something to do with the fact that women were generally responsible for drawing water from the well.

*** Notice the meetings taking place between men and women at the local well. ***

Please note: 'Baalath-Beer' is synonymous with 'Ramath-Negeb.'