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Bible Name Dictionary

Bible Name: **Baalim**

Language: **Hebrew**

Pronunciation: **bah-al-eem'**

**Meaning:** The name 'Baalim' means 'Lords.' It is derived from the Hebrew root word 'Baal' meaning 'to marry', 'to possess', 'to own', 'to rule over' or 'to have dominion' (heavy emphasis on dominion).

Alternative meanings include: 'Husbands', 'Masters' or 'Baals.'

\*\*\* The word 'Baalim' is plural in nature (due to the Hebrew suffix 'im'). \*\*\*

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 \*\*\*

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

\*\*\* This is generally the case when the name is applied to a person. \*\*\*

In some cases... the word 'Baal' can have reference to the ruler of a particular territory, and in other circumstances it can directly apply to the citizens (or inhabitants) of a city (in its plural form 'Baalim').

\*\*\* This word can also have reference to man taking a wife for marriage. \*\*\*

(This is generally the case when dealing with the covenant relationship between God and Israel.)

The plural use of the word 'Baal' in this particular instance must have direct reference to the various manifestations and/or identities of 'Baal' among the different cities belonging to the Canaanites.

\*\*\* This pagan deity went by a variety of different names among the Canaanite peoples. \*\*\*