

Exo 23:13 make not mention of the name of other gods

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Introduction

Let's start with the verse in question

Exo 23:13

¹³ And in all things that I have said unto you be circumspect תִּשְׁמְרוּ *tish-sha-Me-ru*:^a and make no mention of the name ^b of other gods, neither let it be heard out of thy mouth.

Let me make a comment on relevant verses regarding worshiping a reasonable God

Isaiah 1:17-18 YHVH is a reasonable Elohim

¹⁷ Learn to do well; seek judgment, relieve the oppressed, judge the fatherless, plead for the widow. ¹⁸ Come now, and let us reason together, saith the LORD: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool. ^c

Some would say that we can't

e-Sword Notes

Exo 23:13 What does this means and how does it apply to us today? (Compare with Deu 12:3; Psa 16:4; Hos 2:17; Zep 3:9.)

If we are to be a truly set-apart (Kadosh) people then how far should we go in keeping our lips pure by not letting the names of pagan deities come upon them? Is it possible to do so and live in this world? Is it

^a See Word-Study-H8104-shomer-keep-H4929-mishmar-ward-H4931-mishmereth-charge, article #[411](#).

^b When you say in the name of something, you are stating by what authority you are doing something. When I say HaShem YHVH I am calling for the power and authority which I can do if I have good standing with Him via Torah.

^c To reason with Elohim is implies that an offer is being made by Elohim to Israel. The context of is pure religion see Isa 1:17 and Jam 1:27

acceptable to use the names of these pagan deities (such as the names of some of the days of the week and months) in our daily life, but exercise care in not using them in the house of worship? Some may say that obeying this command is impossible and ignore it. Others may refuse to say a word that contains the name of a supposed pagan deity thereby making day-to-day communication nearly impossible with those around them. What does YHVH expect from us? How can we live out these difficult commandments today?

Source: <http://www.messianicisrael.com/waters-in-the-wilderness/2007-2008/mishpatim.html>

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Table of pagan gods mentioned in the bible

Pagan/False god	Worshipped By/In	Bible References (Total Verses)	Description
Adrammelech	Sepharvites	2 Kin 17:31 (1)	Sun-god
Amon	Thebes In Egypt	Jer 46:25 (1)	Sun-god
Anammelech	Sepharvites	2 Kin 17:31 (1)	Moon-goddess
Asherah (Asherim)	Canaan	Judg 6:25,26,28,30 (36)	Fertility goddess
Ashima	Hammath In Syria	2 Kin 17:30 (1)	
Ashtoreth (Ashtaroth)	Syria/Phoenicia/Canaan	1 Kin 11:5,33 (9)	Love, fertility goddess
Baal	Syria/Phoenicia/Canaan	2 Kin 10:18-23,25-28 (47)	Principal god
Baal-berith	Shechem in Canaan	Judg 8:33, Judg 9:4 (2)	Name means "lord of covenant"
Baal-Peor	Moabites	Num 25:3,5 (6)	
Baal-Zebub (Beelzebub in NT Greek)	Ekron In Philistine	2 Kin 1:2,3,6,16 †	Name means "lord of flies" (protection from)
Bel (possibly same as Baal)	Moabites/Babylonians/Ammonites	Isa 46:1 Jer 50:2, Jer 51:44 (3)	Principal god

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Castor/Pollux (Twin Brothers)	Greeks	Acts 28:11 (1)	Twin sons of Zeus. Protection for sailors.
Chemosh	Moabites	1 Kin 11:7,33 (8)	Destroyer, subduer. Child sacrifices made for
Dagon	Philistines	1 Sam 5:2-5,7 (7)	Grain god
Diana/Artemis	Ephesus In Greece	Acts 19:24,27-28,34-35 (5)	Moon, hunting, virginity goddess
Gad (Fortune)	Israel	Isa 65:11 (1)	
Golden Calf	Israel (Borrowed from Egypt)	Story in Ex 32	
Jupiter/Zeus	Greek	Acts 14:12 (1)	King god, ruler of heaven and all other gods
Kalwan (Chiun)	Babylonians	Amos 5:26 (1)	Possibly star god
Meni (Destiny)	Israel	Isa 65:11 (1)	
Mercury/Hermes	Greek	Acts 14:12 (1)	Messenger for the gods
Merodach/Marduk	Babylonians	Jer 50:2 (1)	Possibly associated with Mars, war god
Milcom (Malcham, Malcam)	Ammonites	1 Kin 11:5,33 (6)	
Molech (Moloch)	Ammonites	Lev 20:2,3,4,5 (10)	Destroyer, consumer. Child sacrifices made for
Nebo	Chaldea In Babylon	Isa 46:1 (1)	Writing, speech, literature, arts god
Nehushtan	Israel	2 Kin 18:4 (1)	Serpent Moses made in wilderness (Num 21:4-9)
Nergal	Cuth in Babylon	2 Kin 17:30 (1)	War and hunting god
Nibhaz	Avvites	2 Kin 17:31 (1)	
Nisroch	Assyrians	2 Kin 19:37, Isa 37:38 (2)	

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Queen Of Heaven (Known as Ishtar)	Assyria/Babylon	Jer 7:18, Jer 44:17,18,19,25 (5)	Love, war, fertility goddess
Rimmon	Syria	2 Kin 5:18 (1)	Weather god
Sikkuth	Babylonians	Amos 5:26 (1)	Saturn god
Succoth Benoth	Babylonians/Samaritans	2 Kin 17:30 (1)	goddess
Tammuz	Babylonians/Samaritans	Ezek 8:14 (1)	Vegetation god
Tartak	Avvites	2 Kin 17:31 (1)	Prince of darkness

- [source](#)
- † (4 OT)(6 NT)

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