

ASHTORETH SPIRIT

1. Introduction

Ashtoreth was the Phoenician goddess of love, war and increase. She symbolized reproductive power and fertility. She was seen as the mistress of Baal. The Canaanites believed that by the sexual union of Baal and Ashtoreth, the earth would be magically rejuvenated and made fertile. In addition, she is also known by the following names:

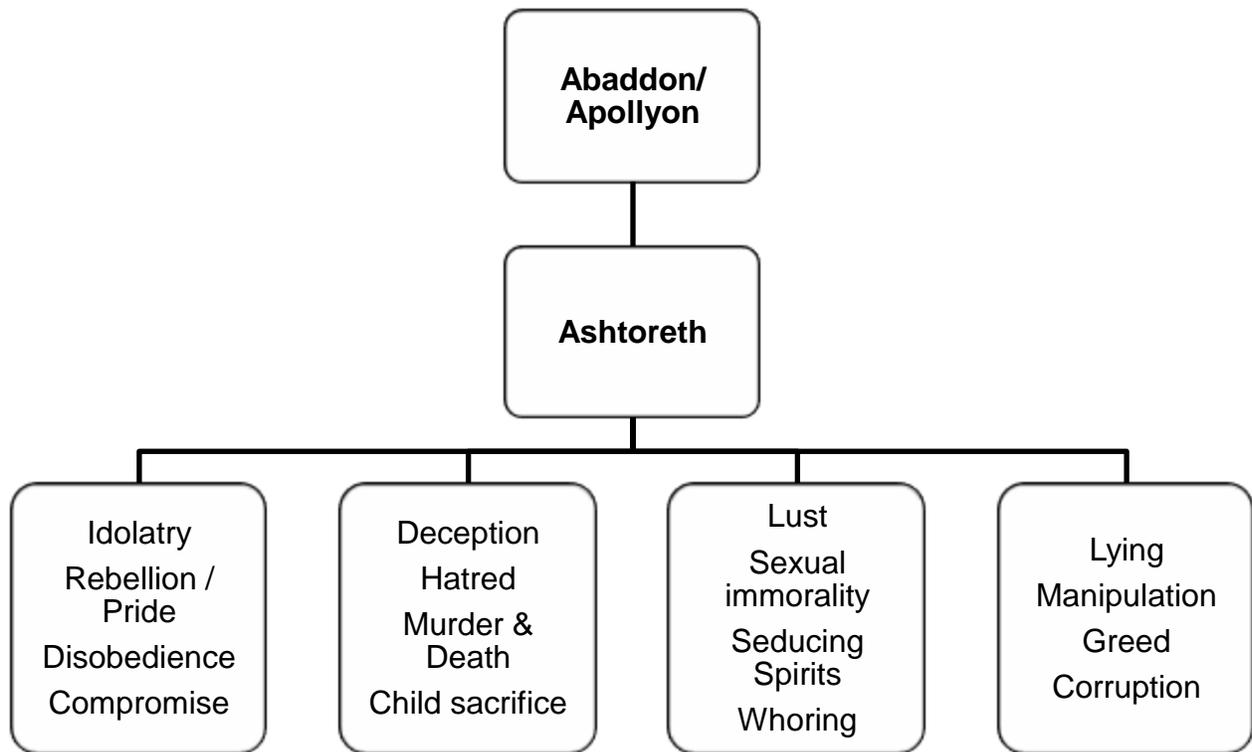
- Astarte -- the mother and creator of mankind
- Dido and Tanith -- African goddess of fertility
- Diana -- Prostitute goddess of Ephesus
- Aphrodite -- Goddess of the Greeks
- Venus -- Goddess of love
- Rhea -- Olympian mother of the gods
- Isi -- Goddess of fertility
- Isis -- Goddess of fertility – Freemason linkage
- Shing Mao -- Mother of China
- Irene -- Goddess of peace
- Holy mother of God -- Roman Catholic
- Madonna -- Arts
- Queen of Heaven
- Moon goddess

2. Scripture References

- 1 Kings 11:5 “For Solomon went after Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.”
- 1 Kings 11:33 “because they have forsaken Me, and worshiped Ashtoreth the goddess of the Sidonians, Chemosh the god of the Moabites, and Milcom the god of the people of Ammon, and have not walked in My ways to do what is right in My eyes and keep My statutes and My judgments, as did his father David”
- 2 Kings 23:13 “Then the king defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, which were on the south of the Mount of Corruption, which Solomon king of Israel had built for Ashtoreth the abomination of the Sidonians, for Chemosh the abomination of the Moabites, and for Milcom the abomination of the people of Ammon.”

- Judges 2:13 “They forsook the LORD and served Baal and the Ashtoreths.”
- Judges 10:6 “Then the children of Israel again did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served the Baals and the Ashtoreths, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the people of Ammon, and the gods of the Philistines; and they forsook the LORD and did not serve Him.”
- 1 Samuel 7:3-4 “Then Samuel spoke to all the house of Israel, saying, “If you return to the LORD with all your hearts, then put away the foreign gods and the Ashtoreths from among you, and prepare your hearts for the LORD, and serve Him only; and He will deliver you from the hand of the Philistines. So the children of Israel put away the Baals and the Ashtoreths, and served the LORD only.”
- 1 Samuel 12:10 “Then they cried out to the LORD, and said, ‘We have sinned, because we have forsaken the LORD and served the Baals and Ashtoreths; but now deliver us from the hand of our enemies, and we will serve You.’”
- Jeremiah 7:18 “The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger.”
- Jeremiah 44:17-19 “But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven and pour out drink offerings to her, as we have done, we and our fathers, our kings and our princes, in the cities of Judah and in the streets of Jerusalem. For then we had plenty of food, were well-off, and saw no trouble. But since we stopped burning incense to the queen of heaven and pouring out drink offerings to her, we have lacked everything and have been consumed by the sword and by famine. The women also said, “And when we burned incense to the queen of heaven and poured out drink offerings to her, did we make cakes for her, to worship her, and pour out drink offerings to her without our husbands' permission?”
- Acts 19:24-28 “For a certain man named Demetrius, a silversmith, who made silver shrines of Diana, brought no small profit to the craftsmen. He called them together with the workers of similar occupation, and said: “Men, you know that we have our prosperity by this trade. Moreover you see and hear that not only at Ephesus, but throughout almost all Asia, this Paul has persuaded and turned away many people, saying that they are not gods which are made with hands. So not only is this trade of ours in danger of falling into disrepute, but also the temple of the great goddess Diana may be despised and her magnificence destroyed, whom all Asia and the world worship. Now when they heard this, they were full of wrath and cried out, saying, “Great is Diana of the Ephesians!”

3. Hierarchy



4. Main Task

Ashtoreth's main task is to entice God's children into idol worship by confusing lust with love, thereby having their love for God grow cold and their need for physical love increase.

5. Identifying Questionnaire

Directions

Read through each of these statements and rate yourself using a score between 1 and 5.

- 1 = Never
- 2 = Seldom
- 3 = Usually
- 4 = Often
- 5 = Always

To determine your score, rate yourself on each statement. List your scores, then add them and divide the total by the number of statements -- for example; if your total is 60, then your score will be $60/19 = 3.15$.

1. I have idols in my life
2. I use sexuality to get what I want
3. I've had an abortion or had a part in it
4. God's commandments and laws are not applicable to me
5. I experience lust
6. I have been or am involved in prostitution
7. It's OK to profit from corruption
8. I believe homosexuality is OK
9. I believe anal sex is OK
10. I have statues of idols
11. I worship statues of idols
12. I do not fear God
13. Lust and love is the same thing
14. My heart has grown cold toward God
15. Personal pleasure is important to me
16. I desire physical things

Here is what your score reveals about you:

- If your score is between 1 and 2:

This is not the main area in which Satan and his demons have attacked you. If you have a high score on any of the issues listed above, simply ask God for forgiveness and refrain from committing this sin again.

- If your score is between 3 and 5:

Satan and his demons have successfully attacked you in this area. You need deliverance and will need to follow the steps as discussed in the section "The Road to Victory".

6. Entrapments

- **Compromise.**

This spirit makes a person compromise on God's laws (Exodus 23:32-33, 34:12-14, Deuteronomy 7:3-4). It attacked Solomon by making him break the law of God forbidding intermarriage between Israel and other nations (1 Kings 11:1-10). Today this spirit promotes compromise in God's children, especially with regards

to being unequally yoked in marriage -- for example, a reborn Spirit-filled child of God would consent to marrying an unbeliever

- Disobedience to God's laws and commandments or failure to receive the reprimand of those who have been placed in positions of spiritual leadership by God
- Idol worship by the person or their ancestors opens the door to this spirit
- Seduction. -- This spirit seduces God's children to confuse lust with love
- Lust
- Self-worship
- Pride
- Sacrifice

7. Fruits

Works / Actions

- Idolatry
- Erecting altars for idols. These days this could take the form of living extravagantly in order to be desirable to the world. Driving expensive cars in order to attract attention from those who sell sexual favors. Having or promoting drug use in order to be influential in immoral circles. Obtaining worldly riches and influence in order to be desirable and have access to circles of immorality (2 Kings 23:13)
- Corruption or false dealings (Jeremiah 8:10)
- Oppression of the stranger, fatherless, or widow (Jeremiah 7:5-6)
- Burning incense
- Shedding of innocent blood (abortions)
- Worship of love or lust instead of God, often through obscene rites
- Phallus worship
- Anal sex between males and sex between male and female worshipers were viewed as offerings to the goddess
- Prostitution
- Sacrifice of hair (Jeremiah 7:29), chastity or virginity, swine blood, cakes and drink offerings (Jeremiah 7:18), child sacrifice (Jeremiah 7:31)

Emotions

- Lust
- Rejection
- Loneliness

Attitude

- Personal pleasure is high on the list of priorities

- Covetousness
- Do not receive correction (Jeremiah 7:28)
- Compromise on God's laws to satisfy own lusts
- Reject the Word of the Lord (Jeremiah 8:9)

Condition

- Heart grows cold for God

Illness

- Infertility (Jeremiah 8:13)
- Sickness of women (Jeremiah 8:22)

Consequences of serving Ashtoreth

- Killing of the children and young men (Jeremiah 9:21)
- Rob your children from an inheritance (1 Kings 11:35)
- The land will burn (Jeremiah 9:12)
- Feed them wormwood and water of gall to drink (Jeremiah 9:15)
- Afflicted by God (1 Kings 11:39)
- The Lord will send serpents and vipers among you... and they shall bite you (Jeremiah 8:17)
- To be delivered into the hands of plunderers who will despoil you (Judges 2:14-16)
- You will be sold into the hands of your enemies
- The hand of the Lord will be against you
- The Lord will not drive your enemies out before you but use them to test you
- Calamity
- Distress
- You will be harassed and oppressed by your enemy (Judges 10:8-9)
- The Lord will cast you out of His sight and will not hear you nor hear those who intercede for you (Jeremiah 7:16)
- The land will become desolate (Jeremiah 7:34)
- Your land is cursed (Jeremiah 44:22)
- God will become an adversary to you (Jeremiah 44:29)
- Your wives will be given to others (Jeremiah 8:10)
- Provoking God to anger
- Lose most of the worldly goods that you have (1 Kings 11:11)

8. Common Accomplices

- Apollyon

- Abaddon
- Belial
- Baal
- Molech
- Asmodee

9. Road to Victory

Identification of the spirit

Identify the work of this spirit in your life by completing the Identifying Questionnaire.

Forgiveness

Make a list of the names of those people you need to forgive, including yourself, your parents and ancestors. Forgive those who have sinned against you and release them. Ask God to forgive you, as you forgave those who sinned against you. Ask God to forgive you for being a stumbling block to others and that you allowed the spirit of Ashtoreth to operate through you.

Repentance for sins

Repent for harboring this spirit. An example of a prayer of repentance:

- Lord I ask You, in the Name of Jesus Christ, to forgive my ancestors and I for allowing this spirit to operate through us

Repent and turn away from the sins caused by this spirit, which are:

- Idolatry
- Immorality
- Rebellion
- Pride
- Disobedience
- Compromise
- Deception
- Hatred
- Murder
- Death
- Child sacrifice
- Lust
- Sexual immorality
- Seduction
- Whoring

- Lying
- Manipulation
- Greed
- Corruption

Sever ungodly soul-ties and ungodly spiritual contracts

- Identify all soul-ties that have occurred due to ungodly sexual relationships. Cut each of these soul-ties individually and declare them void. Declare that the demons that used these soul-ties to transfer from person to person will have no more rights to do this. Seal these soul-ties with the anointing of the Holy Spirit and / or the blood of Jesus
- Make the following declaration:
 - In the Name of Jesus Christ, I declare a divorce with this spirit
 - I tear up any contracts and revoke any rights my ancestors or I gave these spirits in our life and declare them nullified
 - I declare that I take all rights back in the name of Jesus Christ who came in the flesh

Deal with curses, rituals and altars

- Ask the Lord to lift any curses that He has allowed to come upon you because of these sins. For example: Father, in Jesus Name I ask that You will remove the following curses and fruits in my life as a result of my ancestors' and my own involvement with this spirit:
 - Curse of illness upon women
 - Curse of death of children and young men
 - Curse on the ground to burn and become desolate
 - Curse of infertility on men, women, animals, ground, finances and spiritual growth
 - Curse of the utmost judgment
 - Curse of slavery
 - Curse of God that He will not hear or see you nor accept any intercession on your behalf
 - Curse of persecution
 - Curse of affliction, calamity and distress
 - Curse of demonic affliction and torment
- I pray that You will change each one of these curses into blessings in the life of my family
- Ask God to forgive your ancestors and yourself for Participating in evil rituals and for offering the blood of the innocent to idols
- Cancel all rituals that have been performed against you and your family in the name of Jesus. Seek God's face and ask Him if there are any specific counter / prophetic actions He wants you to perform regarding these rituals
- Pronounce destruction over the altars of this spirit in your life, and declare that you are a temple of the living God and that He alone reigns as King in your life

- Ask the Lord to remove all leaven that caused you to walk under the control of this spirit, from your habits of thinking, your will, emotions and your body

Bind and cast the demons out

Bind the principality. Then bind the power. Suggested wording: "I bind you (name of power) _____ in the name of Jesus Christ who came in the flesh." If you have identified these sins as bloodline sins, address it as follows: "I bind you (name of power) _____ in the name of Jesus Christ who came in the flesh in the fourth, third, second and in this generation. I speak death over your roots, branches and fruits in the life of _____ (name of the person being delivered)".

Command the demon to leave and continue to do so until it leaves. This is where you have to operate in Godly discernment. Ask the Lord to help you discern when the demon has left. From experience, we have learned that the following will help you in your warfare:

- Remind the demon that you are standing in the authority of Jesus Christ and that the demon is actually facing Christ and not you
- Remind the demon of the victory that we have through the blood of Christ that flowed on the cross
- Remind the demon that all his rights have been taken away
- Remind the demon that the person being delivered does not want it to reside in them anymore. You may even request the person going through deliverance to say the words out loud: (Name of power) _____, I don't want you inside of me. Leave me in the name of Jesus Christ who came in the flesh
- Quote scripture, as the Spirit of the Lord leads you. Examples of scriptures to quote:
 - Deuteronomy 32:30 "one chases a thousand, And two put ten thousand to flight"
 - Matthew 16:19 "And I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven."
 - Revelation 12:11 "And they overcame him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, and they did not love their lives to the death."
 - Matthew 28:18 "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth."
 - Luke 10:19 "Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall by any means hurt you."
- Sing worship songs or praise the Lord
- Pray with understanding and pray in tongues
- Perform any prophetic actions that God gives you, for example:
 - Thrusting with the Sword of the Spirit

- Walking around the person
- Placing your hand on the person, as the Lord leads you. Always keeping in mind the dignity of the person and what is proper and acceptable
- Removing yokes and false mantles or bondages, as the Lord leads you
- When the demon has left the person's body, thank the Lord and ask Him to command His angels to take the demon to where He requires it next
- Bind and cast out only those demons in the following list that you identify as having assisted this demonic power in its work within the person being ministered to. (Following the same steps as used to cast out the power). Spirit of idolatry, spirit of rebellion, spirit of pride, spirit of disobedience, spirit of compromise, spirit of deception, spirit of hatred, spirit of murder, spirit of death, spirit of abortion, spirit of lust, spirit of sexual immorality, seducing spirits, whoring spirits, lying spirit, spirit of manipulation, spirit of greed, spirit of corruption, spirit of fear, spirit of anxiety, spirit of stress, spirit of rejection, spirit of self-rejection
- Bind and cast out each individual spirit in the name of Jesus Christ who came in the flesh. In addition, bind and cast out all the demons listed as Common Accomplices
- Lastly, bind and cast the following principalities out: Apollyon, Abaddon, Belial

Restoration and healing

- Invite the Lord Jesus Christ to take His rightful place on the throne of your heart
- This is a good time to pray for infilling of the Holy Spirit. Ask the Lord to fill you with the Spirit of adoption into the Body of Christ
- This is also the right time to pray for any physical and emotional healing that is required. We use olive oil as a symbol of the Holy Spirit and we lay our hands on the sick and pray for healing in the name of Jesus Christ, who came in the flesh
- Identify the fruits of the Spirit that counteract the sins you were involved in and set your mind on growing in these areas
- Ask the Lord to help you to renew your mind and to bring you to a place of obedience where you will find scriptures and apply them when you find yourself under spiritual attack. Renew your mind by consciously deciding against sinning. Gather scriptures that counteract the particular sins that plagued you and quote them in times of temptation until the urge to fall into sin flees from you
- Revoke and take back all rights Satan has to control your life, will, mind, emotions and body and submit them to the Lord
- Counteract the fruits of the spirit of lust by praying and spending time in God's presence, and by exercising self-control
- Find out who you are in Christ by identifying verses in the Bible. Memorize some of these verses and quote them when you find yourself under spiritual attack
- Quit looking at your own inabilities and failures and walk in God's abilities and righteousness
- Expect spiritual opposition and that the spirits that left will try to return -- be alert and aware. Satan will try and attack you with self-centeredness and compromise. Counteract these attacks by consciously dying to your own will and submitting to what God wants in every area of your life

- Do not waste time under condemnation
- Pick up the sword of the Spirit and war against the powers, principalities and their fruits in your life!

Equipping and Aftercare

- Share with the person the keys to retain their deliverance, as shared in this book. In fact, it would be excellent for this person to have a copy of this book and to read it cover to cover. This will ensure that they obtain much needed knowledge and will not perish for a lack thereof (Hosea 4:6)
- Please keep in mind, and share with the person, that they will be tired after deliverance. They might also continue experiencing minor manifestations for the next couple of days. This is normal and they need to press into the presence of the Lord and rest in Him during this time. This is why it is called warfare -- a spiritual battle has taken place and all those involved will feel the effects on their physical bodies