

Asherah

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The Canaanite Goddess Asherah is one of the earliest known Goddesses, with references to Her going as far back into the Old Testament of our modern day bible, and even before that era of civilization as well. (references to Asherah date back as far as 3500-500 BC). Known by many names, including Astarte, Inanna and Anahita; Asherah was considered to be the Great Queen of Heaven and Earth. She was the bride of Baal and some even say the Bride of Yahweh. There are accounts that once Yahweh conquered Baal, son of El; he took Asherah as his prize to be his own.

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Her special gifts include a great capacity for kindness and love with special influences as an oracular Goddess: she had a natural talent, gifted with foreseeing the future. As those who follow in her footsteps are well aware, not everyone

likes nor appreciates those who are able to divine, and She is therefore also a Goddess with special affinity for those faced with great trials and overwhelming odds. Calling out to the King of Her time to save Her people trapped in ancient Persia, she is a Goddess who represents moral strength, Kindness wielded with a Golden stick.

Because She is such a strong and passionate individual with strong moral fiber, Asherah is often called upon during planting season:- She rewards those who work hard and have good intentions with an abundant harvest. Trees are sacred to Asherah. This writer must Thank Asherah for her Grace. As a professional reader, when I first began reading, before I even knew who Asherah was and had been gifted with Her namesake; I used to lay my cards out in the traditional Kabbalah "tree of life" formation. I've always gone around hugging trees for no "reason" and I have collected stray branches for years, much the same way other people collect matches or stamps. It seems Asherah knew I was Her Own Child long before I did! Considering that I am also Jewish and Lebanese in heritage, it seems truly fitting to have been given Her name in this lifetime. Blessings and all Thanks to Asherah, Queen of Heaven and Earth!

Asherah goes through the natural stages of the Goddess within Her own lifetime, going from young girl to blossoming into the flowering of Her womanhood, to the Wise lady of our later years. As Queen of Heaven, She must find a suitable consort; not just anyone will do. This Goddess was rich and self-assured in her sexuality as she grew older, indeed many depictions of asherah demonstrate her holding her ample bosom: she was said to have suckled Kings and even The Gods themselves... yet because She holds the title Queen of Heaven and Earth, she is also called upon to pass great tests put upon Her. She must complete various Shamanic journeys into the dark below, and it is through passing these tests that Asherah, rather like the Phoenix that must die and burn to be reborn stronger, comes into Her own and is able to rule effectively. It is said that once the patriarch time of kings came into full affect, She and all the temples dedicated to Her worship were destroyed. Asherah was banished and spent many years trying to gain the freedom of those loyal to

Her.



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The great
Goddess
Asherah came
to me that
night
We spoke for
hours until
dark became
light
All that had
happened,
Asherah had
known
For she had
waited to
come until I
was alone.
Asherah
showed me,
all that was
right
Her essence
overshadowed
me with the
Truth's Light
As Asherah
opened her
mouth to
speak
The darkness
receded,
illusions
became
weak.
She spoke of
the ages, now
long past

She spoke of
the future,
coming so fast
Together we
saw, what we
knew to be
true

The mortals
had died but
the sky
remained
blue.

We spoke of
what could
have been
and dreamt of
what should
have been
But it wasn't
to be.

We sat there
together,
sitting so near
Yet even
together, we
could not
shed a single
tear.

I finally spoke
as the end
drew near
We knew of
this fate, we
saw it so
clear

Conceit and
self
centeredness
had caused
this to be
All this
destruction
because one

couldn't see.
Then in a
moment,
Asherah rose
to leave my
place
A funny thing
happened, I
saw a smile
on her face
And in that
final moment,
she turned to
say
We will start
again
tomorrow, for
it is a brand
new day.

A wonderful prayer and ritual to Asherah found in *365 Goddess* is actually quite reminiscent of The Prayer of Saint Francis of Azzizi.

" Lady, make me an instrument of kindness and mercy, let my words be gentle and true, my actions motivated by insight and fairness. Where there is prejudice, let me be the bearer of tolerance. Where there is uncertainty, let me share your vision. Where there is disharmony, let me sow love. Amen."

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