

MESOPOTAMIAN GODS AND GODDESSES

The Seven Great Gods

Name	Association	City	Symbol
An/Anu (AHN/AH-nu)	Father of the gods, god of the sky	Uruk	Bull
Enlil (EN-lill)	God of the air; later replaces Anu as father of the gods	Nippur	Horned crown on an altar
Utu/Shamash (OO-too/SHAH-mahsh)	Sun-god, lord of truth and justice	Larsa and Sippar	Sun's rays from shoulders, sun disk, saw
Nanna/Sin (NAH-nah)	Moon god	Ur	Crescent moon
Inanna/Ishtar (in-NAH-nah/ISH-tar)	Goddess of love and war	Uruk	8-pointed star, lion, weapons from shoulders
Ninhursag/Belitili (nin-HER-sag/bell-eh-TEE-lee)	Mother Earth	Several cities	"Omega"—symbol of the womb
Enki/Ea (EN-key/EE-ah)	God of fresh waters, lord of wisdom, magic, and arts and crafts	Eridu	Water filled with fish streams from shoulders, turtle

Some Gods of the Second Rank

Name	Association	City	Symbol
Adad (AH-dahd)	Storm god	Several cities	Lightning
Gula (GOO-lah)	Goddess of healing, medicine	Isin	Dog
Nabu (NAH-boo)	God of writing, accounting	Borsippa	Reed stylus
Marduk (MAR-dook)	National god of Babylon	Babylon	Spade, horned dragon
Ashur (AH-sure)	National god of Assyria	Assur	Dragon, winged disk