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THE WORLD OF ANCIENT ROME

Gods and Goddesses of Ancient Rome

Listed below are some of the gods and goddesses of Ancient Rome.

Lares and Penates: Household gods to whom daily offerings were made. Lares guarded the house and Penates guarded the food cupboard.

Janus: God of the doorway to the house.

Vesta: Goddess of the hearth or fireplace.

Jupiter: King of the gods; equivalent to the Greek god Zeus.

Juno: Wife of Jupiter, same as the Greek goddess Hera; the goddess of the sky.

Bacchus: The god of wine and parties; same as the Greek god Dionysus.

Ceres: Earth mother and goddess of the harvest; same as the Greek goddess Demeter.

Diana: Moon goddess and goddess of hunting; same as the Greek goddess Artemis.

Fortuna: Roman goddess of luck.

Mars: The god of war; same as the Greek god Ares.

Mercury: Messenger of the gods and protector of trade; same as the Greek god Hermes.

Minerva: The goddess of wisdom and crafts; same as the Greek god Athena.

Neptune: Brother of Jupiter and god of the sea; same as the Greek god Poseidon.

Saturn: God of farming; same as the Greek god Cronus.

Venus: Goddess of love and beauty, mother of Cupid; same as the Greek goddess Aphrodite

Vulcan: God of fire and blacksmithing; same as the Greek god Hephaestos.