

ROMAN GODS AND GODDESSES ON THE ANTONINE WALL

Romans worshipped many gods and goddesses. These are recorded on the altars that they erected along the Antonine Wall, and on the rings with intaglios (carved gem stones) that they wore. Here are some examples of the gods and goddesses that the Roman soldiers and their families were seeking help from.



MINERVA WAS THE GODDESS OF WISDOM AND WAR.

CAN YOU SEE HER SHIELD, HELMET AND SPEAR?

THIS INTAGLIO WAS FOUND AT BEARSDEN FORT.

THIS ALTAR IS TO THE MOST IMPORTANT ROMAN GOD, JUPITER. HE WAS GOD OF THE SKY AND LIGHTNING.

THE DEDICATION IOM MEANS JUPITER OPTIMUS MAXIMUS - JUPITER THE GREATEST AND BEST.

THIS ALTAR WAS FOUND AT AUCHENDAVY FORT.



CERES WAS THE GODDESS OF AGRICULTURE AND THE HARVEST.

CAN YOU SEE HER BASKET OF FRUIT, AN EAR OF CORN AND AN ANT?

THIS INTAGLIO WAS FOUND AT BEARSDEN FORT.

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NEMESIS WAS THE GODDESS OF FORTUNE—GOOD OR BAD, DEPENDING ON WHAT A PERSON DESERVED!

THIS INTAGLIO WAS FOUND AT MUMRILLS FORT, NEAR FALKIRK.



THIS ALTAR IS DEDICATED TO THE GODS AND GODDESSES OF THE WOODLAND AND CROSSROADS, PROBABLY IN A PRAYER FOR TRAVELLING.

IT WAS PUT UP BY THE WIFE OF A COMMANDING OFFICER AT WESTERWOOD FORT.

BONUS EVENTUS WAS THE GOD OF GOOD LUCK AND SUCCESS. HERE HE IS MAKING AN OFFERING AT A ROMAN ALTAR.

INTAGLIOS SHOWING THIS GOD HAVE BEEN FOUND ALL ALONG THE ANTONINE WALL, SO HE WAS OBVIOUSLY A VERY POPULAR GOD.



THIS IS AN ALTAR TO APOLLO, THE GOD OF LIGHT, HEALING AND PROPHECY.

IT IS DECORATED WITH A WREATH, BOW AND QUIVER.

THIS ALTAR WAS FOUND AT BAR HILL FORT.