

~ASHIMA (19)
(A-shi'ma)

- **A deity worshiped by the people from Hamath whom the king of Assyria settled in Samaria after his taking the Israelites into captivity.**
- **Subsequently the king of Assyria brought people from Babylon and Cuthah and Avva and Hamath and Sepharvaim and had them dwell in the cities of Samaria instead of the sons of Israel, and they began to take possession of Samaria and to dwell in its cities. (2 Kings 17:24)**
- **And the men of Babylon, for their part, made Succoth-benoth, and the men of Cuth, for their part, made Nergal, and the men of Hamath, for their part, made **Ashima**. (2 Kings 17:30)**