

Lilith and Her Daughters the Lilim

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The earliest monster known to man is called by many names. Today she's simply called Lilith. She's suspected of being demonic because she kills children and expectant mothers and seduces men, draining them of their blood. Her description is as varied as the cultures that feared her. To the Ancient Assyrians, she was called Lilith and was a hairy-winged demoness.

To the Babylonians, she was one of three demons. The story tells that the Sumerian Goddess Inanna banished Lilith from her garden. Afterwards Lilith allied herself with the other two demons. According to the Sumerian telling of Gilgamesh, she lived in a Willow tree. The Hebrew *Bible* mentions her in Psalm 91 and Isaiah 34, calling her "terror of the night" and "night devil."

Most believe Lilith hates children. The Talmud, however, depicts her love for infants. According to this story, Lilith was infertile. She'd enter nurseries and hold the infant to her breast, unaware of the infant being smothered. In her arms she'd squeeze the baby tighter in her desperation to be a mother.

The most well-known story regarding Lilith (and the oldest — most scholars agree to the date of the 9th Century) comes from the Hebrews. Lilith was created from the earth, as was Adam, to be his first wife. She constantly complained and was displeased at being Adam's subservient wife and mother to their children. She wanted equality. She left paradise. By calling out God's name, she was granted the ability to fly.

God sent three angels to try to convince her to return to Adam. She refused. Her punishment for refusing God's will was her children wouldn't live past infancy.

Lilith was beyond distraught. The angels took pity on her before she tried to commit suicide. They came to an agreement, and Lilith was given power over all newborns. The first eight days of life for boys and 20 days for girls. However, she couldn't harm any child who had the names of angels written beside them. She agreed and began to wander the world.

Near the Red Sea, she met a demon named Samael. Both hated humanity, and this was a building block for their relationship. Together they gave birth to a demon race called the Lilim. Christians referred to them as Harlots of Hell and Succubus. Her sons (although some say she only gave birth to females) are called Lili or Shaitans.

Lilim also called Lilis or Lihl and, like their mother, are permitted to plague male newborns for their first eight days of life. They attack newborn females until they're 20 days old. If the chance arises, they will kidnap the baby girls with the purpose of draining the infant.

If the Lilim decide to attack an adult, they have the ability to look into the victim's eyes and see any doubt the victim may have about anything. Attacks against adults are often sexual, draining the blood and life energy during sex. They are also able to feed by attacking children, as well as deer, fish, menstruating women, pregnant women, and men who fantasize about other women while having sex with their wives.

Monks must be diligent to prevent attacks. They sleep with their hands over their genitals while clutching a crucifix. Wearing Hasidic amulets of protection work well.

Only God can destroy Lilim. He decreed the death of 100 daily until Lilith returned to her true husband. ♦

