

## Virgin Birth Stories

Babylonian myth	Adonis, aka Tammuz	The Babylonian sun god was said to have been born of a virgin mother named Ishtar who was later called the queen of heaven.
1550 BCE	Horus	This Egyptian god was born of the virgin Isis. He also received gifts from three kings in his infancy.
1200 BCE	Krishna	The eighth Avatar of the Hindu pantheon was born of the virgin Devaki.
ca. 1200 BCE	Zoroaster	A Persian prophet, founder of Zoroastrianism, was said to have been born of a virgin mother.
600 BCE	Mithra	A Persian deity, was said to have been born of a virgin mother.
600 BCE	Gautama Buddha	The ninth avatar of India, was said to have been born of the virgin Maya. The Holy Ghost was also portrayed as descending upon her.
5 <sup>th</sup> century BCE	Quirrnus	A Roman saviour, Quirrnus was born of a virgin. His death was said to be accompanied by universal darkness.
pre 200 BCE	Attis	Born of a virgin mother named Nama in Phrygia.

based on John Shelby Spong, *Born of a Woman: A Bishop Rethinks the Virgin Birth and the Treatment of Women by a Male-Dominated Church* (HarperSanFrancisco, 1991), pp. 56-58