



# Idols

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Baal, Asherah, Ashtoreth,  
 Baal-Zebub, Bel, Nebo,  
 Chemosh, Dagon, Molech,  
 Tammuz, Adrammelech, Amon,  
 Zeus, Hermes, and Artemis.

Enki

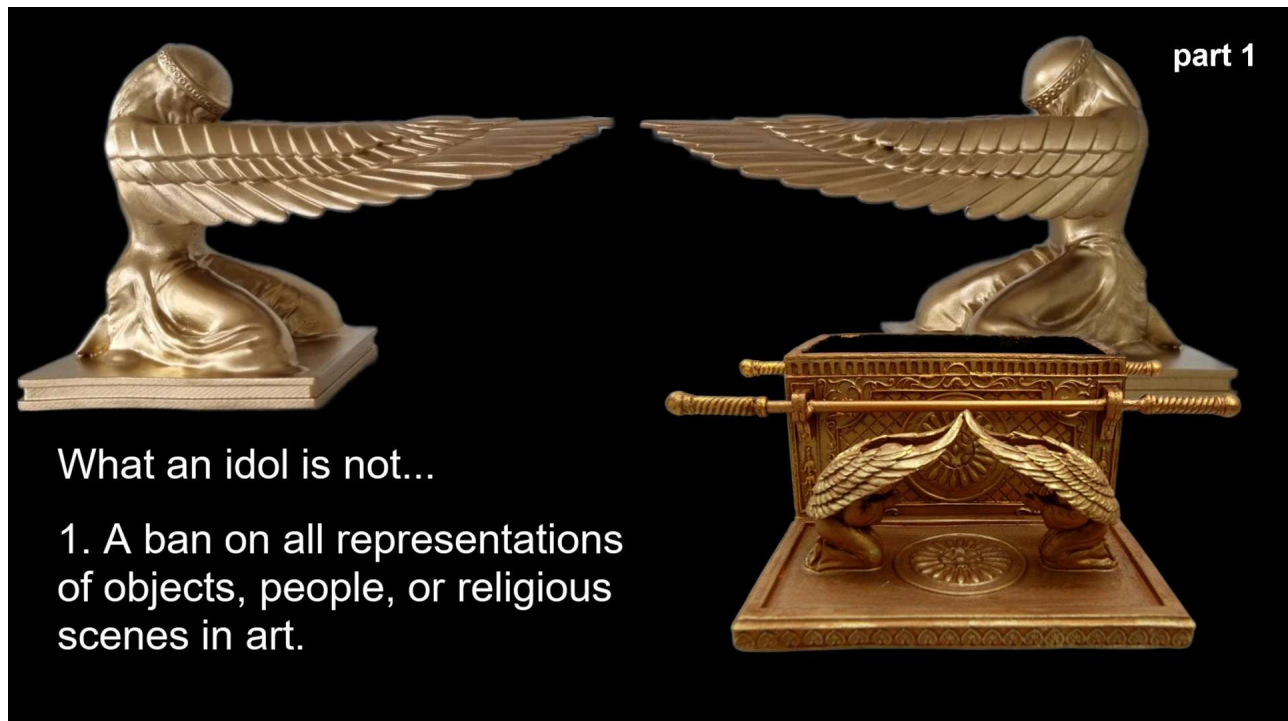
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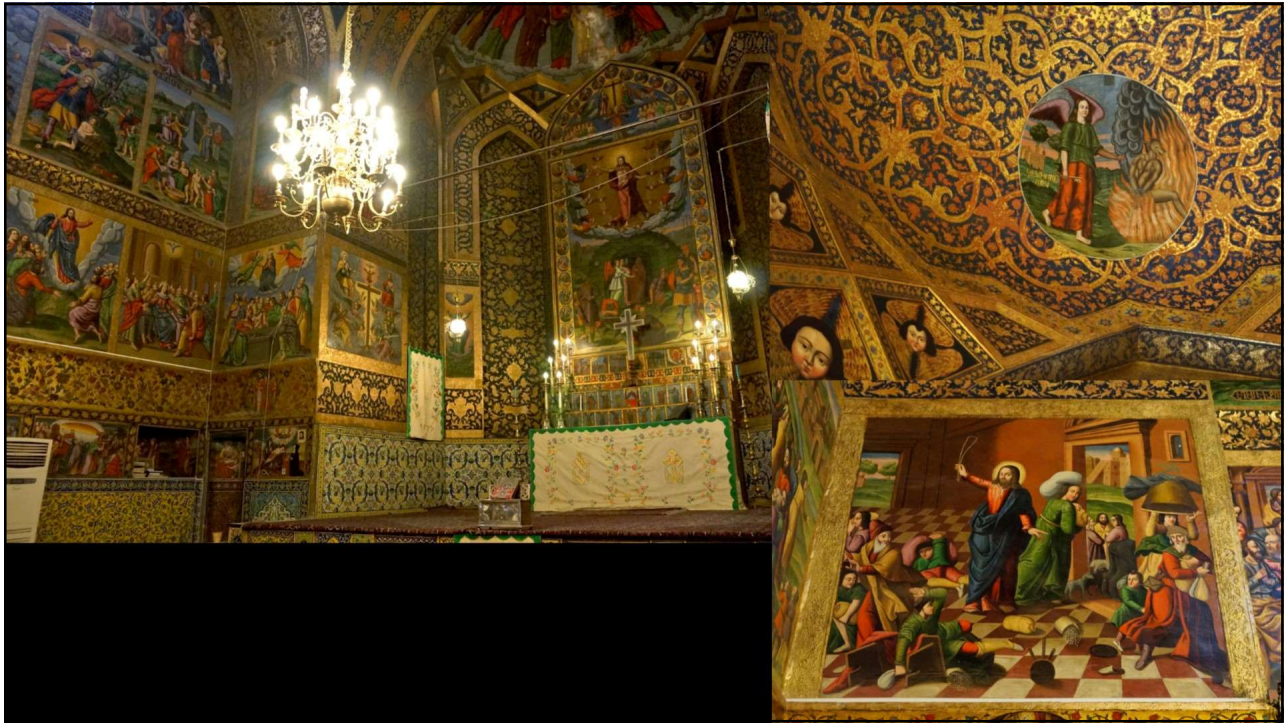
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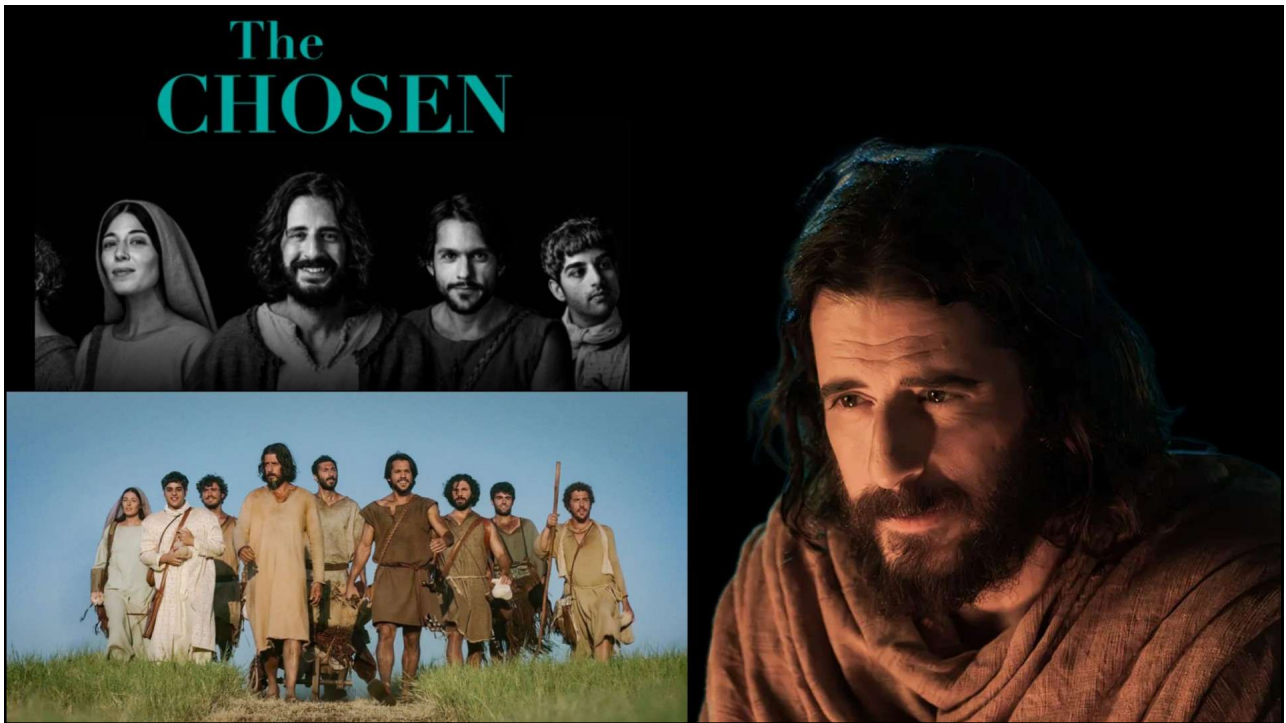
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What an idol is not...

2. A ban on the usage of objects in worship.




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What an idol is not...

3. A ban on all representation of created beings and objects in association with worship.



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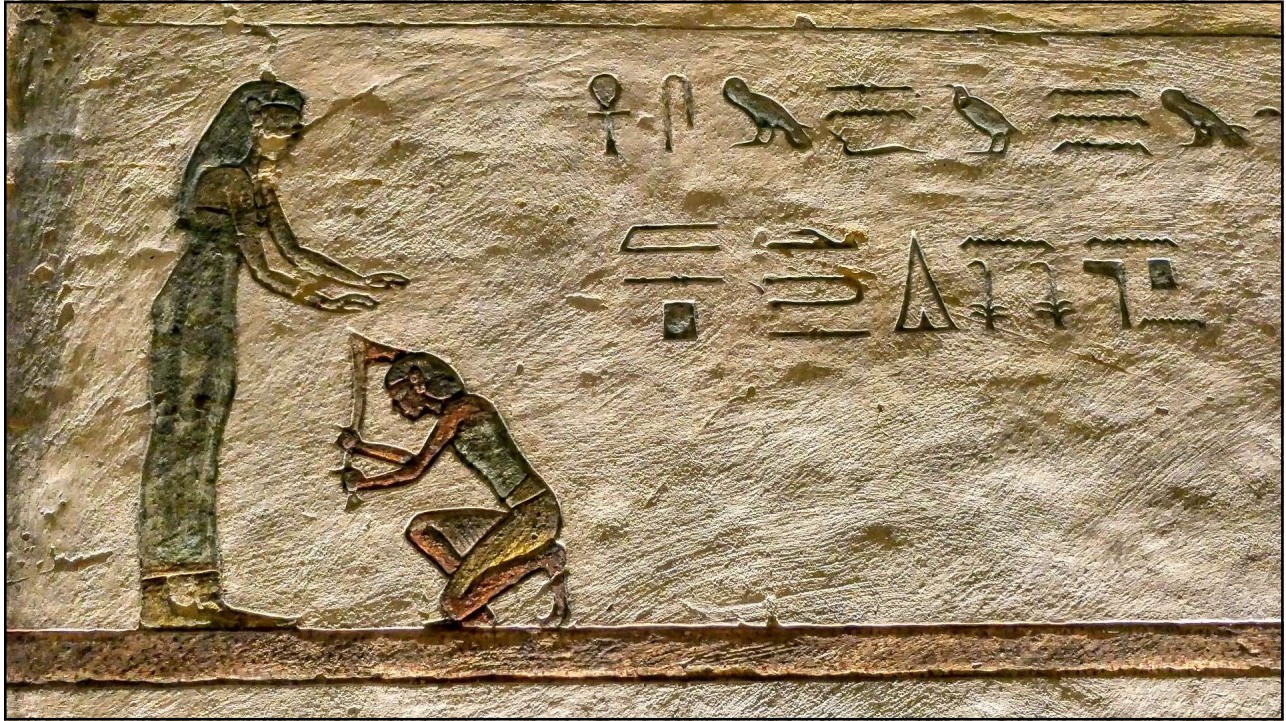
- Anything held as greater than the Creator God of the Bible, or used to represent anyone or anything as an alternative to God, or is worshipped as though it is God is an idol.
- Anything requiring your devotion or service for spiritual benefit that is not expressly demanded or commanded by God is idolatry.
- Anything used as an intermediary between an individual and God, either as a believed aid to gain favor with God or receive benefit from God, is an idol.

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- Anything God created can become or be misused as an idol. Even items that could have a good purpose or be used as reminders can become or be misused as idols.



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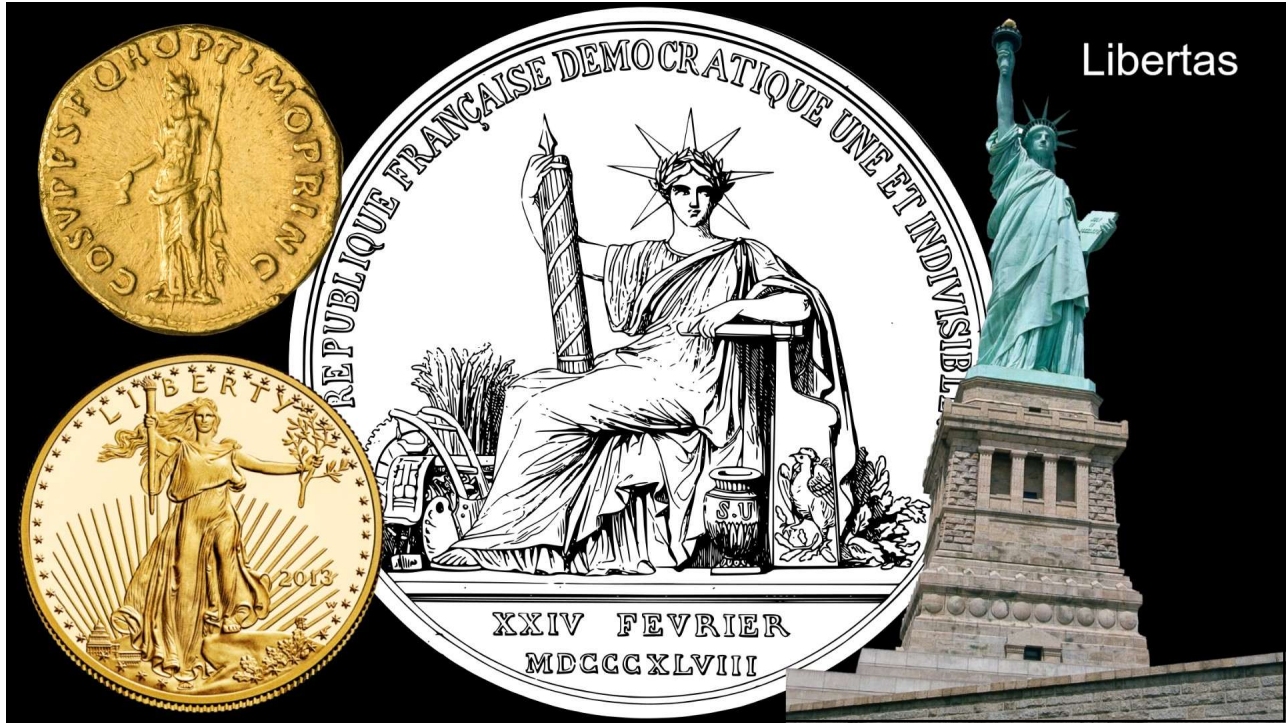


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What an idol is not (part 2)...

1. An idol is not the mere possession of a shaped object or symbol but the misuse of such.
2. An idol is not always an idol. One person can have the same item, and it is not an idol to them.

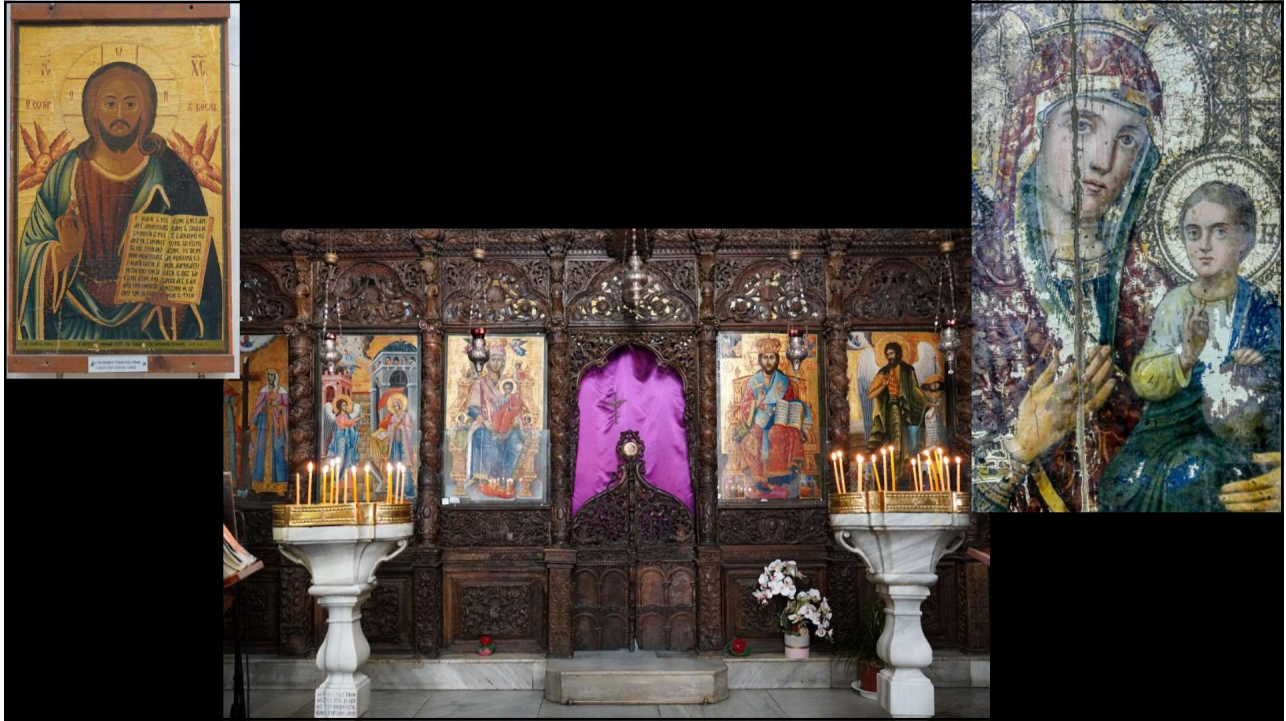
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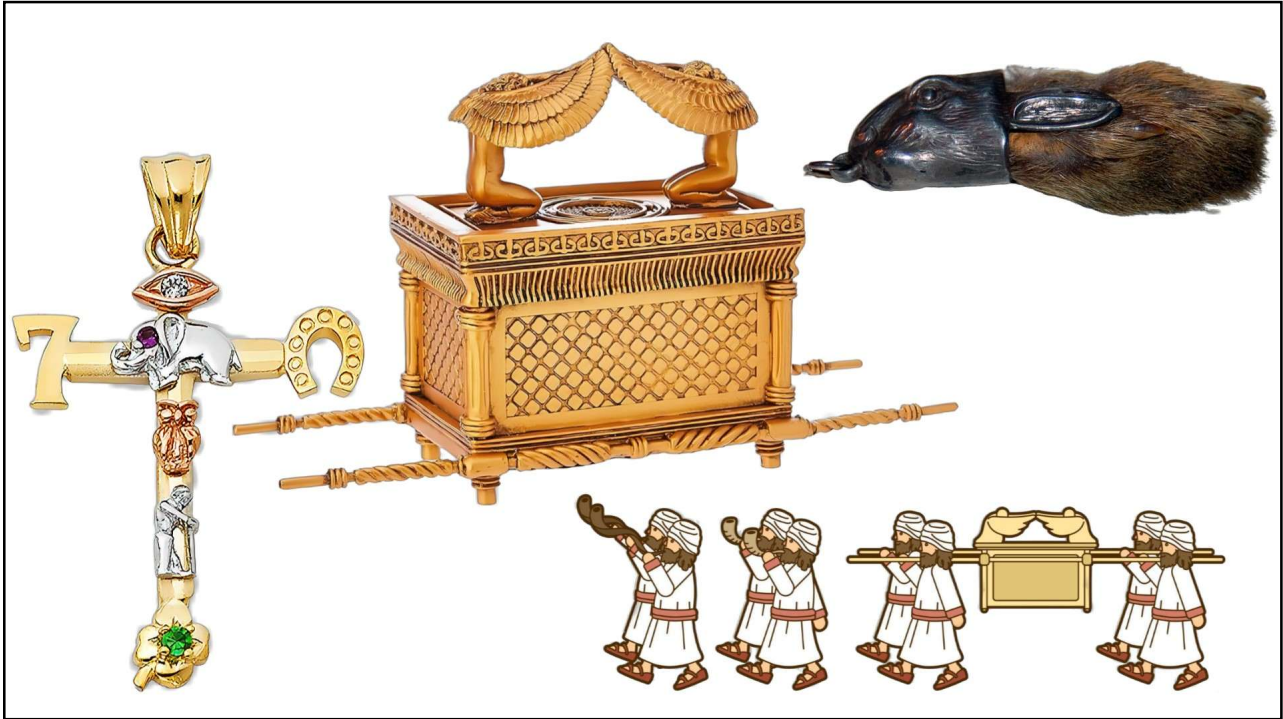
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## Idols of the mind.

An idol is anything someone relies on for some spiritual blessing, supernatural help, or mystical guidance in place of or alongside a wholehearted reliance on our living Creator God.



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