This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent -- Jesus Christ. Jn. 17:3

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Everything in the Word of God expands and flows from the First Great and First Commandments



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Exodus 20:4-6 "You shall not make for yourself an idol, or any likeness of what is in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the water under the earth. ⁵ "You shall not worship them or serve them; for I, Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children, on the third and the fourth generations of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing lovingkindness to thousands, to who love Me and keep those My commandments. (KJV)

Deuteronomy 5:8-10 "You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. ⁹ You shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I Yehovah (the LORD) your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, ¹⁰ but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. (ESV used throughout except where noted).

idol

noun

1. an image or other material object representing a deity to which religious worship is addressed.

2. Bible

a. an image of a deity other than God.

b. the deity itself.

3. any person or thing regarded with blind admiration, adoration, or devotion: Madame Curie had been her childhood idol.

4. a mere image or semblance of something, visible but without substance, as a phantom.

5. a figment of the mind; fantasy.

Origin: 1200–50; Middle English, Late Latin īdōlum, Greek eídōlon meaning image, idol, derivative of eîdos shape, form We have representational imagery, or trees, stones, hills through which people believe they have access to the spirit entity being solicited.

We also have individual people or groups like nations as legal fictions, being given status in our minds above the creator who has the pre-eminent claim on all.

The greatest curse on all people is idolatry. We have been warned and believe this, which is why we are all in attendance and obey our God and Father.

1Corinthians 10:11-14 Now these things happened to them as an example, but they were written down for our instruction, on whom the end of the ages has come. ¹² Therefore let anyone who thinks that he stands take heed lest he fall. ¹³ No temptation has overtaken you that is not common to man. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tempted beyond your ability, but with the temptation he will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it. ¹⁴ Therefore, my beloved, flee from idolatry.

We will start with the most important promise in scripture. No temptation will overtake you that is not common to man. Because God Almighty is faithful, He will not let you be tempted beyond your ability to stand up with the temptation. He will also provide the way of escape, that you may be able to endure it.

We must have absolute control of our thinking.

2Corinthians 10:3-5 For though we walk in the flesh, we are not waging war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh but have divine power to

destroy strongholds. We destroy arguments ⁵ and every lofty opinion raised against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to obey Christ,

Aside from manufacturing idols to gain supposed access to the Almighty, our unbecoming conduct and thinking is idolatry as well.

Colossians 5:5-6 Therefore consider the members of your earthly body as dead to immorality, impurity, passion, evil desire, and greed, which amounts to idolatry. ⁶ For it is on account of these things that the wrath of God will come,

The penalty for individuals and whole nations and tribes for idolatry, either made with your hands or manufactured in your minds, is war, famine and captivity.

Deuteronomy 29:14-25 It is not with you alone that I am making this sworn covenant, ¹⁵ but with whomever is standing here with us today before Yehovah (the LORD) our God, and with whomever is not here with us today. ¹⁶ "You know how we lived in the land of Egypt, and how we came through the midst of the nations through which you passed. ¹⁷ And you have seen their detestable things, their idols of wood and stone, of silver and gold, which were among them. ¹⁸ Beware lest there be among you a man or woman or clan or tribe whose heart is turning away today from Y^ehovah (the LORD) our God to go and serve the gods of those nations. Beware lest there be among you a root bearing poisonous and bitter fruit, ¹⁹ one who, when he hears the words of this sworn covenant, blesses himself in his heart, saying, 'I shall be safe, though I walk in the stubbornness of my heart.' This will lead to the sweeping away of moist and dry alike. ²⁰ Yehovah (The LORD) will not be willing to forgive him, but rather the anger of Y^ehovah (the LORD) and his jealousy will smoke against that man, and the curses written in this book will settle upon

him, and Yehovah (the LORD) will blot out his name from under heaven.²¹ And Y^ehovah (the LORD) will single him out from all the tribes of Israel for calamity, in accordance with all the curses of the covenant written in this Book of the Law. ²² And the next generation, your children who rise up after you, and the foreigner who comes from a far land, will say, when they see the afflictions of that land and the sicknesses with which Yehovah (the LORD) has made it sick ²³ the whole land burned out with brimstone and salt, nothing sown and nothing growing, where no plant can sprout, an overthrow like that of Sodom and Gomorrah, Admah, and which Y^ehovah (the LORD) Zeboiim, overthrew in his anger and wrath ²⁴ all the nations will say, 'Why has Yehovah (the LORD) done thus to this land? What caused the heat of this great anger?' ²⁵ Then people will say, 'It is because they abandoned the covenant of Y^ehovah (the LORD), the God of their fathers, which he made with them when he brought them out of the land of Egypt,

Galatians 5:16-21 But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷ For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do. ¹⁸ But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law. ¹⁹ Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, ²⁰ idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, ²¹ envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Appealing to mediums and astrologers for direction in your life, instead of God Almighty, are in the same category.

Isaiah 47:8-14 But now hear these words, thou luxurious one, *who art* the one that sits *at ease*, that is secure, that says in her heart, I am, and there is not another; I shall not sit

Assembly of Eloah execute vengeance on the nations that did

not obey.

a widow, neither shall I know bereavement. 9 But now these two things shall come upon thee suddenly in one day, the loss of children and widowhood shall come suddenly upon thee, for thy sorcery, for the strength of thine enchantments, ¹⁰ for thy trusting in wickedness: for thou saidst, I am, and there is not another: know thou, the understanding of these things and thy harlotry shall be thy shame; for thou saidst in thy heart, I am, and there is not another. ¹¹ And destruction shall come upon thee, and thou shalt not be aware; there shall be a pit, and thou shalt fall into it: and grief shall come upon thee, and thou shalt not be able to be clear; and destruction shall come suddenly upon thee, and thou shalt not know. ¹² Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the abundance of thy sorcery, which thou hast learned from thy youth; if thou canst be profited. ¹³ Thou art wearied in thy counsels. Let now the astrologers of the heaven stand and deliver thee, let them that see the stars tell thee what is about to come upon thee. ¹⁴ Behold, they all shall be burnt up as sticks in the fire; neither shall they at all deliver their life from the flame. Because thou hast coals of fire, sit thou upon them; (LXX)

Jeremiah 27:9-10 So do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your fortune-tellers, or your sorcerers, who are saying to you, 'You shall not serve the king of Babylon.' ¹⁰ For it is a lie that they are prophesying to you, with the result that you will be removed far from your land, and I will drive you out, and you will perish.

Micah 5:10-15 And in that day, declares Y^ehovah (the LORD), I will cut off your horses from among you and will destroy your chariots; ¹¹ and I will cut off the cities of your land and throw down all your strongholds; ¹² and I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no more tellers of fortunes; ¹³ and I will cut off your carved images and your pillars from among you, and you shall bow down no more to the work of your hands; ¹⁴ and I will root out your Asherah images from among you and destroy your cities. ¹⁵ And in anger and wrath I will

Godly jealousy or human envy

2Corinthians 11:1-2 Would to God ye could bear with me a little in *my* folly: and indeed bear with me. ² For I am jealous over you with godly jealousy: for I have espoused you to one husband, that I may present *you as* a chaste virgin to Christ. (KJV)

This is explaining a godly jealously for you and your individual worship, praise, honour and acknowledgment of Y^ehovah alone and this is not envy for your possessions or skills.

Jealousy becomes a sin when a desire for something that does not belong to you overtakes you and alters your conduct. Your intent is judged.

1John 5:17-21 All wrongdoing is sin, but there is sin that does not lead to death. ¹⁸ We know that everyone who has been born of God does not keep on sinning, but he who was born of God protects him, and the evil one does not touch him. ¹⁹ We know that we are from God, and the whole world lies in the power of the evil one. ²⁰ And we know that the Son of God has come and has given us understanding, so that we may know him who is true; and we are in him who is true, in his Son Jesus Christ. He is the true God and eternal life. ²¹ Little children, keep yourselves from idols.

Exodus 34:17 "You shall not make for yourself any gods of cast metal.

Leviticus 19:4 Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal: I am Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God.

Leviticus 26:1 "You shall not make idols for yourselves or erect an image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land to bow down to it, for I am Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God.

Deuteronomy 13:1 "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, ² and the sign or wonder that he tells you comes to pass, and if he says, 'Let us go after other gods,' which you have not known, 'and let us serve them,' ³ you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams. For Yehovah (the LORD) your God is testing you, to know whether you love Yehovah (the LORD) your God with all your heart and with all your soul. ⁴ You shall walk after Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God and fear him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and you shall serve him and hold fast to him. ⁵ But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has taught rebellion against Yehovah (the LORD) your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you out of the house of slavery, to make you leave the way in which Yehovah (the LORD) your God commanded you to walk. So you shall purge the evil from vour midst.

1Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves report concerning us the kind of reception we had among you, and how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God,

Numbers 33:51-52 "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, When you pass over the Jordan into the land of Canaan, ⁵² then you shall drive out all the inhabitants of the land from before you and destroy all their figured stones and destroy all their metal images and demolish all their high places.

Exodus 34:12 Take care, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land to which you go, lest it become a snare in your midst. ¹³ You shall tear down their altars and break their pillars and cut down their Asherim ¹⁴ (for you shall worship no other god, for Y^ehovah (the LORD), whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God), ¹⁵ lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and when they whore after their gods and sacrifice to their gods and you are invited,

you eat of his sacrifice, ¹⁶ and you take of their daughters for your sons, and their daughters whore after their gods and make your sons whore after their gods. ¹⁷ "You shall not make for yourself any gods of cast metal.

Eating with Idolaters

1Corinthians 5:9-13 I wrote to you in my letter not to associate with sexually immoral people ¹⁰ not at all meaning the sexually immoral of this world, or the greedy and swindlers, or idolaters, since then you would need to go out of the world. ¹¹ But now I am writing to you not to associate with anyone who bears the name of brother if he is guilty of sexual immorality or greed, or is an idolater, reviler, drunkard, or swindler not even to eat with such a one. ¹² For what have I to do with judging outsiders? Is it not those inside the church whom you are to judge? ¹³ God judges those outside. "Purge the evil person from among you."

1Corinthians 8:1-13 Now concerning food offered to idols: we know that "all of us possess knowledge." This "knowledge" puffs up, but love builds up.² If anyone imagines that he knows something, he does not yet know as he ought to know. ³ But if anyone loves God, he is known by God. ⁴ Therefore, as to the eating of food offered to idols, we know that "an idol has no real existence," and that "there is no God but one." ⁵ For although there may be so-called gods in heaven or on earth- as indeed there are many "gods" and many "lords" ⁶ yet for us there is one God, the Father, from whom are all things and for whom we exist, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, through whom are all things and through whom we exist. 7 However, not all possess this knowledge. But some, through former association with idols, eat food as really offered to an idol, and their conscience, being weak, is defiled. ⁸ Food will not commend us to God. We are no worse off if we do not eat, and no better off if we do. 9 But take care that this right of yours does not somehow become a stumbling block to the weak. ¹⁰ For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will he not be

encouraged, if his conscience is weak, to eat food offered to idols? ¹¹ And so by your knowledge this weak person is destroyed, the brother for whom Christ died. ¹² Thus, sinning against your brothers and wounding their conscience when it is weak, you sin against Christ. ¹³ Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

1Corinthians 10:18-21 Consider the people of Israel: are not those who eat the sacrifices participants in the altar? ¹⁹ What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? ²⁰ No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. ²¹ You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons.

The Second Commandment Father: May your words be in my hand and in my mind and in my heart that I may worthily proclaim your Second Commandment. Statement: "I will be your God and you will be my people."

This short and simple statement is the essence of the first and second commandment of God.

1st Corinthians 3:16 "Know ye not that ye are the temple of God, and that the Spirit of God dwelleth in you?" (KJV used throughout except where noted).

2 Corinthians 6:16 "And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people." The Second Commandment is found in Exodus 20:4-6 and repeated in Deuteronomy 5:8-10.

Exodus 20:4-6 "Thou shalt make thee no graven image, neither any similitude of things that are in heaven above, neither that are in the earth beneath, nor that are in the waters under the earth. Thou shalt not bow down to them, neither serve them; for I am Y^ehovah (the LORD) thy God, a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third generation and upon the fourth of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands to them that love me, and keep my commandments."

Special Note on the second Commandment: It must be noted that the world's largest religion that professes the "God" of the Bible has deleted the second commandment of God entirely and divided the tenth commandment into two commandments, to make an even ten. Was it deleted because it is of little importance or was it deleted because it is the most important commandment necessary to understanding the complete law and to ensure we are not deceived?

The Second Commandment begins with, "Thou shalt make thee no graven image".

An image is a representation, similitude, likeness or copy of a thing. An image is a copy in your imagination or to form a likeness in your mind. An image is never the thing itself, but a reflection of it. An image is nothing, it is not real. When you make it a "graven" image you produce the image on the surface of a thing. You can now see it, it seems real, it becomes a dead likeness, a record of the thing, but it is still just an image or likeness of

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a real thing. It is art, artificial as opposed to natural.

GRAVE, v.t. pret. graved; pp. graven or graved. [Gr. to write; originally all writing was graving; Eng. to scrape.]

In the scripture the word "graven" is used as a writing of a permanent record. Exodus 39:6 "And they wrought onyx stones inclosed in ouches of gold, graven, as signets are graven, with the names of the children of Israel."

Exodus 32:16 "And the tables were the work of God, and the writing was the writing of God, graven upon the tables."

Graven also has this meaning: Solemn; sober; serious; opposed to gay, light or jovial; as a man of a grave deportment; a grave character. God is not saying you cannot have an imagination, but we are prohibited from acting and behaving in a solemn or serious way based on an image of a thing as if it were real. In today's legal systems, a graven image is referred to as a fiction of law.

Then the command goes on to say,

"neither any similitude of things that are in heaven above, neither that are in the earth beneath, nor that are in the waters under the earth."

A similitude is a resemblance, or likeness of a thing and is similar in some qualities or appearance but is not the same thing. A similitude is a simile, a word or phrase by which anything is likened, in one or more of its aspects, to something else; an imaginative comparison. Similitudes are formed with the words "like" or "as". To be like or to be as is the prohibition in this command and may be the best definition of "iniquity". It is unrighteousness.

This part of the command is all comprehensive and we are prohibited from making a likeness or similitude of anything for the purpose of idol worship. This command is so absolutely complete and entire that there is no way to make or create a false God or act and behave in the image of a false God without violating this command.

The command continues with a new sentence,

"Thou shalt not bow down to them, neither serve them; for I am the LORD thy God, a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third generation and upon the fourth of them that hate me; And shewing mercy unto thousands to them that love me, and keep my commandments."

This part of the command tells us what to do if others have made graven images. We are not to bow down to them or serve them. If you do, then God is jealous, he wants the love you are giving to a false God.

1st John 5:3 "For this is the love of God, that we keep his commandments: and his commandments are not grievous."

This part of the command also tells us that the making of an image of God in place of God and the making of an image of us as creature of this false God is "iniquity".

The command ends with a warning. He will visit us for our iniquity and every generation that continues to hate him. We know that it is iniquity that separates

us from God and that separation from God results in death. The command assures us that we will receive mercy if we love him and keep his commandments.

A simple version of the second commandment would be: Do not make for yourself an imaginary God and become the imaginary people of this God. (I will be your God and you will be my people)

The second Commandment does not mention an idol or idolatry, but the bowing to and serving a graven image makes it an idol. Any image, form or representation made of God is an idol. It can never be the true God. Scripture clearly tell us not to make a similitude of God as he is a spirit.

John 4:24 "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth".

Deuteronomy 4:15-16 "Take ye therefore good heed unto yourselves; for ye saw no manner of similitude on the day that Y^ehovah (the LORD) spake unto you in Horeb out of the midst of the fire: Lest ye corrupt yourselves, and make you a graven image, the similitude of any figure, the likeness of male or female.

Idolatry is the act, both in body and in mind of serving, obedience to and worship of idols, images, any part of creation, anything made by hands, or which is not God. An idol is anything which usurps the place of God in the hearts of his rational creatures.

Romans 1:25 "Who changed the truth of God into a lie, and worshipped and served the

creature more than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen."

The first instance of idolatry and iniquity where the place of God was usurped occurred in the garden. Man took the throne of God when they succumbed to the will of Satan. Satan wants us to do our own will, to become as Gods. He wants to separate us from God that we should die.

Genesis 3:4-5 "And the serpent said unto the woman, Ye shall not surely die: For God doth know that in the day ye eat thereof, then your eyes shall be opened, and ye shall be "as" gods, knowing good and evil. ("as" a similitude, violation of the second commandment)

The second commandment does not only encompass graven images but the likeness of anything. That would include graven images, similitudes, idols, molten images and rearing up a standing image of anything. This would include the molten image of the Crown which the Queen wears. The United States flag which all pledge allegiance too with hand over their heart.

Leviticus 26:1 "Ye shall make you no idols nor graven image, neither rear you up a standing image, neither shall ye set up any image of stone in your land, to bow down unto it: for I am Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God."

Isaiah 42:17 "They shall be turned back, they shall be greatly ashamed, that trust in graven images, that say to the molten images, Ye are our gods."

Violating the second commandment is a snare. A snare is something that catches you unawares.

Exodus 23:33 They shall not dwell in thy land, lest they make thee sin against me: for if thou serve their gods, it will surely be a snare unto thee.

Exodus 34:12 Take heed to thyself, lest thou make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither thou goest, lest it be for a snare in the midst of thee:

Psalm 106:36 And they served their idols: which were a snare unto them.

God repeatedly warns us of the danger of idols. We are to destroy them and flee from them.

Leviticus 19:4 "Turn ye not unto idols, nor make to yourselves molten gods: I am Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God."

1John 5:21 "Little children, keep yourselves from idols. Amen."

1Corinthians 10:14 "Wherefore, my dearly beloved, flee from idolatry."

Deuteronomy 7:5 "But thus shall ye deal with them; ye shall destroy their altars, and break down their images, and cut down their groves, and burn their graven images with fire."

We are not to partake in or eat anything sacrificed to idols.

1Corinthians 8:4 As concerning therefore the eating of those things that are offered in sacrifice unto idols, we know that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is none other God but one.

Is it possible that we could practice idolatry unknowingly but in fact do it willingly? A self test for idolatry would be to find the source of the law you practice. The source of your law is your lawgiver. Your lawgiver is your God. As with all things good and evil, they are opposites. To visualize the practice of idolatry we can look at a pyramid, a triangle, and then look at an upside down pyramid, an upside down triangle. With a pyramid we have God at the top and out of one (God) we are many. In idolatry we have an upside down pyramid and out of many we are one (God). Then we turn the upside down pyramid upright to place our imaginary God over us. We then obtain and hold "identification" (a similitude) as being created in the image of our God.

The first pyramid has God creating man. The second pyramid has man creating an imaginary God.

The first pyramid has all power coming down from God. The second pyramid has all power being given up to an imaginary God. Your government, your head of state.

E Pluribus Unum. This is latin for "out of many we are one" and is the structure of every nation on earth. It is written on every coin of the United States currency.

Psalm 96:5 For all the gods of the nations are idols: but Y^{e} hovah (the LORD) made the heavens.

Psalm 97:7 Confounded be all they that serve graven images, that boast themselves of idols: worship him, all ye gods.

When man joins together to become one being, this one being is what God calls the beast.

Genesis 11:6 "And Y^ehovah (the LORD) said, Behold, the people is one, and they have all

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one language; and this they begin to do: and now nothing will be restrained from them, which they have imagined to do."

The head of state of every nation on earth is considered as the father of the nation and we are the sons. God tells us the following:

Malachi 2:10 "Have we not all one father? hath not one God created us? why do we deal treacherously every man against his brother, by profaning the covenant of our fathers?"

John 8:41 "Ye do the deeds of your father. Then said they to him, We be not born of fornication; we have one Father, even God.

In Webster's Dictionary 1828, a countryman is defined as a pagan.

An anthem is defined as a hymn. And a hymn is a song to your God.

We are taught that we can have both love of country and love of God. We are taught that we can be both a son of Canada and a son of God. We are taught that we can love and serve our country and love and serve God, both.

But God says,

Matthew 6:24 "No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon."

Were you born in the Sovereign dominion of Canada or were you born in the Sovereign dominion of God? One is automatic, the other you had to join by registering your birth.

A son of Canada is a fiction of law. A "similitude" of a man created in the living

image of God. Your nation's birth certificate is the "graven" image of you.

By Ambassador Newman

What does Yehovah say?

The nations statutes

Leviticus 18:3-5 And Y^ehovah (the LORD) spoke to Moses, saying, ² "Speak to the people of Israel and say to them, I am Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God. ³ You shall not do as they do in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and you shall not do as they do in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. You shall not walk in their statutes. ⁴ You shall follow my rules and keep my statutes and walk in them. I am Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God. ⁵ You shall therefore keep my statutes and my rules; if a person does them, he shall live by them: I am Y^ehovah (the LORD).

Leviticus 20:22-23 "You shall therefore keep all my statutes and all my rules and do them, that the land where I am bringing you to live may not vomit you out. ²³ And you shall not walk in the customs of the nation that I am driving out before you, for they did all these things, and therefore I detested them.

Exodus 23:24-27 you shall not bow down to their gods nor serve them, nor do as they do, but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their pillars in pieces. ²⁵ You shall serve Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God, and he will bless your bread and your water, and I will take sickness away from among you. ²⁶ None shall miscarry or be barren in your land; I will fulfill the number of your days. ²⁷ I will send my terror before you and will throw into confusion all the people against whom you shall come, and I will make all your enemies turn their backs to you.

Deuteronomy 12:1-4 "These are the statutes and rules that you shall be careful to do in the land that Y^ehovah (the LORD), the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live on the earth. ² You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, on the high mountains and on the hills and under every green tree. ³ You shall tear down their altars and dash in pieces their pillars and burn their Asherim with fire. You shall chop down the carved images of their gods and destroy their name out of that place. ⁴ You shall not worship Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God in that way.

Deuteronomy 12:29-32 "When Yehovah (the LORD) your God cuts off before you the nations whom you go in to dispossess, and you dispossess them and dwell in their land, 30 take care that you be not ensnared to follow them, after they have been destroyed before you, and that you do not inquire about their gods, saying, 'How did these nations serve their gods? that I also may do the same.' ³¹ You shall not worship Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God in that way, for every abominable thing that Y^ehovah (the LORD) hates they have done for their gods, for they even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. ³² "Everything that I command you, you shall be careful to do. You shall not add to it or take from it.

Leviticus 18:25-30 and the land became unclean, so that I punished its iniquity, and the land vomited out its inhabitants. ²⁶ But you shall keep my statutes and my rules and do none of these abominations, either the native or the stranger who sojourns among you ²⁷ (for the people of the land, who were before you, did all of these abominations, so that the land became unclean), ²⁸ lest the land vomit you out when you make it unclean, as it vomited out the nation that was before you. ²⁹ For everyone who does any of these abominations, the persons who do them shall be cut off from among their people. ³⁰ So keep my charge never to practice any of these abominable customs that were practiced before you, and never to

make yourselves unclean by them: I am Y^ehovah (the LORD) your God."

2Kings 17:14-17 But they would not listen, but were stubborn, as their fathers had been, who did not believe in Yehovah (the LORD) their God. ¹⁵ They despised his statutes and his covenant that he made with their fathers and the warnings that he gave them. They went after false idols and became false, and they followed the nations that were around them, concerning whom Yehovah (the LORD) had commanded them that they should not do like them. ¹⁶ And they abandoned all the commandments of Yehovah (the LORD) their God, and made for themselves metal images of two calves; and they made an Asherah and worshiped all the host of heaven and served Baal. ¹⁷ And they burned their sons and their daughters as offerings and used divination and omens and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of Y^ehovah (the LORD), provoking him to anger.

Psalm 106:35-38 but they mixed with the nations and learned to do as they did. ³⁶ They served their idols, which became a snare to them. ³⁷ They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to the demons; ³⁸ they poured out innocent blood, the blood of their sons and daughters, whom they sacrificed to the idols of Canaan, and the land was polluted with blood. (ESV used throughout except where noted).

Jeremiah 10:1-6 Hear the word that Y^ehovah (the LORD) speaks to you, O house of Israel. ² Thus says Yehovah (the LORD): "Learn not the way of the nations, nor be dismayed at the signs of the heavens because the nations are dismayed at them, ³ for the customs of the peoples are vanity. A tree from the forest is cut down and worked with an axe by the hands of a craftsman. ⁴ They decorate it with silver and gold; they fasten it with hammer and nails so that it cannot move. ⁵ Their idols are like scarecrows in a cucumber field, and they cannot speak; they have to be carried, for they cannot walk. Do not be afraid of them, for they cannot do evil, neither is it in them to do good." 6 There is none like you, O

Y^ehovah (LORD); you are great, and your name is great in might.

We may keep the statutes and legal requirements of nations or rules of order of individual households of man, that do not conflict with the Law of the Almighty, in grace.

Romans 12:2-3 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect. ³ For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned.

Man ruled nations are worthless All nations are less than nothing and worthless.

Isaiah 40:15-17 Behold, the nations *are* as a drop in a bucket, And are counted as the small dust on the scales; Look, He lifts up the isles as a very little thing. ¹⁶ And Lebanon *is* not sufficient to burn, Nor its beasts sufficient for a burnt offering. ¹⁷ All nations before Him *are* as nothing, And they are counted by Him less than nothing and worthless.²³ He brings the princes to nothing; He makes the judges of the earth useless. (NKJV)

Isaiah 41:27 The first time *I said* to Zion, 'Look, there they are!' And I will give to Jerusalem one who brings good tidings. 28 For I looked, and *there was* no man; I looked among them, but *there was* no counselor, Who, when I asked of them, could answer a word. ²⁹ Indeed they *are* all worthless; Their works *are* nothing; Their molded images *are* wind and confusion. NKJV

Ezekiel 28:1-2 The word of Y^ehovah (the LORD) came to me again, saying, ² "Son of man, say to the prince of Tyre, 'Thus says the (Lord) Adoni Y^ehovih (GOD): "Because your

heart *is* lifted up, And you say, 'I *am* a god, I sit *in* the seat of gods, In the midst of the seas,' Yet you *are* a man, and not a god, Though you set your heart as the heart of a god. NKJV

Psalm 9:17-20 The wicked shall return to Sheol, all the nations that forget God. ¹⁸ For the needy shall not always be forgotten, and the hope of the poor shall not perish forever. ¹⁹ Arise, O Y^ehovah (LORD)! Let not man prevail; let the nations be judged before you! ²⁰ Put them in fear, O Y^ehovah (LORD)! Let the nations know that they are but men! Selah

Yehovah gave 40 years for Judah's repentance before causing war, famine and captivity. He is now giving 40 Jubilees for mankind's repentance before tribulation and the restitution of all.

Everyone will soon know that they are less than nothing, without their creator.

There is One True God Alone, our Father, or progenitor. He alone has life inherent as He is life. He is the One Being with the Title Eloah and the Name Y^ehovah.

Warning

Revelation 22:18-21 ¹⁸ I warn everyone who hears the words of the prophecy of this book: if anyone adds to them, God will add to him the plagues described in this book, ¹⁹ and if anyone takes away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God will take away his share in the tree of life and in the holy city, which are described in this book. ²⁰ He who testifies to these things says, "Surely I am coming soon." Amen. Come, Lord Jesus! ²¹ The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all. Amen.

We will never knowingly take away from or add to the word of God. Ever. Please accept our praise, honor and way of life in liberty, in appreciation to you alone. Without idolatry.

Amen, Yehovah, Eloah