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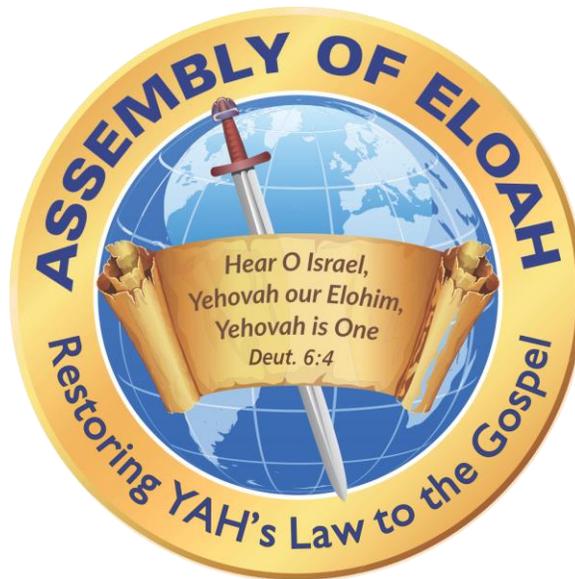
This is eternal life: that they may know you, the only true God, and the one you have sent -- Jesus Christ. Jn. 17:3

## The Second Commandment in brief

Leviticus 19:4 Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves any gods of cast metal

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The Second Commandment is found in Exodus 20:4-6 and repeated in Deuteronomy 5:8-10.

Exodus 20:4-6 "You shall not make for yourself a graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; <sup>5</sup> you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who love me and keep my commandments. (Revised Standard Version used throughout)

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,

"You shall not make for yourself a 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 a real thing. It is art, artificial as opposed to natural.

Then the command goes on to say,

"or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth."

A likeness is a resemblance, or likeness of a thing and is similar in some qualities or appearance but is not the same thing. A likeness or 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 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 But the serpent said to the woman, "You will not die. <sup>5</sup> For God knows that when you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." ("like" a similitude, violation of the second commandment)

The command continues with a new sentence,

"you shall not bow down to them or serve them; for I, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and the fourth generation of those who hate me, <sup>6</sup> but showing steadfast love to thousands of those who 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.

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

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 spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."

Deuteronomy 4:15-16 "Therefore take good heed to yourselves. Since you saw no form on the day that Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) spoke to you at Horeb out of the midst of the fire, <sup>16</sup> beware lest you act corruptly by making a graven image for yourselves, in the form of any figure, the likeness of male or female,

People make images and statues and believe they have access to the spiritual entity sought through them.

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.

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 "You shall make for yourselves no idols and erect no graven image or pillar, and you shall not set up a figured stone in your land, to bow down to them; for I am Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God."

Isaiah 42:17 "They shall be turned back and utterly put to shame, who trust in graven images, who say to molten images, "You 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 your land, lest they make you sin against me; for if you serve their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.

Exodus 34:12 Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land whither you go, lest it become a snare in the midst of you.

Psalms 106:36 They served their idols, which became a snare to them.

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

Leviticus 19:4 "Do not turn to idols or make for yourselves molten gods: I am Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God."

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

1Corinthians 10:14 "Therefore, my beloved, shun the worship of idols."

Deuteronomy 7:5 "But thus shall you deal with them: you shall break down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and hew down their Ashe'rim, and burn their graven images with fire."

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.

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 love and serve our country and love and serve God, both. But God says,

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

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.

What does Y<sup>e</sup>hovah say?

Deuteronomy 12:1-4 These are the statutes and ordinances which you shall be careful to do in the land which Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), the God of your fathers, has given you to possess, all the days that you live upon the earth. <sup>2</sup> You shall surely destroy all the places where the nations whom you shall dispossess served their gods, upon the high mountains and upon the hills and under every green tree; <sup>3</sup> you shall tear down their altars, and dash in pieces their pillars, and burn their Ashe'rim with fire; you shall hew down the

graven images of their gods, and destroy their name out of that place. <sup>4</sup> You shall not do so to Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD) your God.

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.

Micah 5:10-15 And in that day, says Y<sup>e</sup>hovah (the LORD), I will cut off your horses from among you and will destroy your chariots; <sup>11</sup> and I will cut off the cities of your land and throw down all your strongholds; <sup>12</sup> and I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no more soothsayers; <sup>13</sup> and I will cut off your images and your pillars from among you, and you shall bow down no more to the work of your hands; <sup>14</sup> and I will root out your Ashe'rim from among you and destroy your cities. <sup>15</sup> And in anger and wrath I will execute vengeance upon the nations that did not obey.

Y<sup>e</sup>hovah 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.

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<sup>e</sup>hovah.

For a detailed explanation of the Second Commandment, see the document [The Second Commandment](#).

Amen, Y<sup>e</sup>hovah, Eloah