

Idolatry

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Idol defined

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“An image or anything used as an object of worship in place of the true God.”

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One God, living and true God

Psalm 96:5 For all the gods of the peoples *are idols*, But the Lord made the heavens.

1 Chronicles 16:26 For all the gods of the peoples *are idols*, But the Lord made the heavens.

1 Corinthians 8:1 Now concerning things offered to **idols**: We know that we all have knowledge. Knowledge puffs up, but love edifies.... 4 Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to **idols**, we know that an **idol** is nothing in the world, and that *there is* no other God but one.... 7 However, *there is* not in everyone that knowledge; for some, with consciousness of the **idol**, until now eat *it* as a thing offered to an **idol**; and their conscience, being weak, is defiled.... 10 For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an **idol's** temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to **idols**?

2 Corinthians 6:16 And what agreement has the temple of God with **idols**? For you are the temple of the living God. As God has said: “I will dwell in them And walk among *them*. I will be their God, And they shall be My people.”

1 Thessalonians 1:9 For they themselves declare concerning us what manner of entry we had to you, and how you turned to God from **idols** to serve the living and true God,

Idols

Deuteronomy 32:21 They have provoked Me to jealousy by *what* is not God; They have moved Me to anger by their foolish **idols**. But I will provoke them to jealousy by *those who are* not a nation; I will move them to anger by a foolish nation.

Zechariah 10:2 For the **idols** speak delusion; The diviners envision lies, And tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore *the people* wend their way like sheep; They are in trouble because *there is* no shepherd.

Acts 17:16 Now while Paul waited for them at Athens, his spirit was provoked within him when he saw that the city was given over to **idols**.

1 Corinthians 12:2 You know that you were Gentiles, carried away to these dumb **idols**, however you were led.

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

Turn to, serve, follow, bless, lift eyes to, regard

Leviticus 19:4 'Do not turn to idols, nor make for yourselves molded gods: I am the Lord your God.

2 Kings 17:12 for they served **idols**, of which the Lord had said to them, "You shall not do this thing."

2 Kings 17:15 And they rejected His statutes and His covenant that He had made with their fathers, and His testimonies which He had testified against them; they followed **idols**, became **idolaters**, and *went* after the nations who *were* all around them, *concerning* whom the Lord had charged them that they should not do like them.

2 Kings 21:21 So he walked in all the ways that his father had walked; and he served the **idols** that his father had served, and worshiped them.

Psalms 97:7 Let all be put to shame who serve carved images, Who boast of **idols**. Worship Him, all *you* gods.

Psalm 106:36 They served their **idols**, Which became a snare to them...
38 And shed innocent blood, The blood of their sons and daughters,
Whom they sacrificed to the **idols** of Canaan; And the land was polluted
with blood.

Isaiah 66:3 “He who kills a bull *is as if* he slays a man; He who sacrifices a
lamb, *as if* he breaks a dog’s neck; He who offers a grain offering, *as if he*
offers swine’s blood; He who burns incense, *as if* he blesses an **idol**. Just
as they have chosen their own ways, And their soul delights in their
abominations,

Jeremiah 2:5 Thus says the Lord: “What injustice have your fathers found
in Me, That they have gone far from Me, Have followed **idols**, And have
become **idolaters**?

Jeremiah 18:15 “Because My people have forgotten Me, They have
burned incense to worthless **idols**. And they have caused themselves to
stumble in their ways, *From* the ancient paths, To walk in pathways and
not on a highway,

Ezekiel 6:9 Then those of you who escape will remember Me among the
nations where they are carried captive, because I was crushed by their
adulterous heart which has departed from Me, and by their eyes which
play the harlot after their **idols**; they will loathe themselves for the evils
which they committed in all their abominations.

Ezekiel 14:3 - 7 “Son of man, these men have set up their **idols** in their
hearts, and put before them that which causes them to stumble into
iniquity. Should I let Myself be inquired of at all by them? “Therefore speak
to them, and say to them, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Everyone of the
house of Israel who sets up his **idols** in his heart, and puts before him
what causes him to stumble into iniquity, and then comes to the prophet, I
the Lord will answer him who comes, according to the multitude of his
idols, that I may seize the house of Israel by their heart, because they are
all estranged from Me by their **idols**.” ’ “Therefore say to the house of
Israel, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Repent, turn away from your **idols**, and
turn your faces away from all your abominations. For anyone of the house
of Israel, or of the strangers who dwell in Israel, who separates himself
from Me and sets up his **idols** in his heart and puts before him what

causes him to stumble into iniquity, then comes to a prophet to inquire of him concerning Me, I the Lord will answer him by Myself.

Ezekiel 18:6 If he has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted up his eyes to the **idols** of the house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor's wife, Nor approached a woman during her impurity;... 12 If he has oppressed the poor and needy, Robbed by violence, Not restored the pledge, Lifted his eyes to the **idols**, Or committed abomination;... 15 *Who* has not eaten on the mountains, Nor lifted his eyes to the **idols** of the house of Israel, Nor defiled his neighbor's wife;

Jonah 2:8 "Those who regard worthless **idols** Forsake their own Mercy.

Make images

Leviticus 26:1 'You shall not make **idols** for yourselves; neither a carved image nor a *sacred* pillar shall you rear up for yourselves; nor shall you set up an engraved stone in your land, to bow down to it; for I *am* the Lord your God.

2 Chronicles 24:18 Therefore they left the house of the Lord God of their fathers, and served wooden images and **idols**; and wrath came upon Judah and Jerusalem because of their trespass.

Isaiah 2:8 Their land is also full of **idols**; They worship the work of their own hands, That which their own fingers have made.

Isaiah 45:16 They shall be ashamed And also disgraced, all of them; They shall go in confusion together, *Who are* makers of **idols**.

Jeremiah 50:38 A drought *is* against her waters, and they will be dried up. For it *is* the land of carved images, And they are insane with *their* **idols**.

Hosea 13:2 Now they sin more and more, And have made for themselves molded images, **Idols** of their silver, according to their skill; All of it *is* the work of craftsmen. They say of them, "Let the men who sacrifice kiss the calves!"

Habakkuk 2:18 “What profit is the image, that its maker should carve it, The molded image, a teacher of lies, That the maker of its mold should trust in it, To make mute **idols**?

Acts 7:41 And they made a calf in those days, offered sacrifices to the **idol**, and rejoiced in the works of their own hands.

Materials, collections

Deuteronomy 29:17 and you saw their abominations and their **idols** which were among them—wood and stone and silver and gold);

Psalms 115:4 Their **idols** are silver and gold, The work of men’s hands.

Psalms 135:15 The **idols** of the nations are silver and gold, The work of men’s hands.

Isaiah 57:13 When you cry out, Let your collection of **idols** deliver you. But the wind will carry them all away, A breath will take *them*. But he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, And shall inherit My holy mountain.”

Jeremiah 10:8 But they are altogether dull-hearted and foolish; A wooden **idol** is a worthless doctrine.

Ezekiel 8:10 So I went in and saw, and there—every sort of creeping thing, abominable beasts, and all the **idols** of the house of Israel, portrayed all around on the walls.

Hosea 4:11-12 “Harlotry, wine, and new wine enslave the heart. My people ask counsel from their wooden **idols**, And their staff informs them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused *them* to stray, And they have played the harlot against their God.

Hosea 8:4 “They set up kings, but not by Me; They made princes, but I did not acknowledge *them*. From their silver and gold They made **idols** for themselves— That they might be cut off.

Cast out, abolish, repay, put to death

2 Chronicles 33:15 He took away the foreign gods and the **idol** from the house of the Lord, and all the altars that he had built in the mount of the house of the Lord and in Jerusalem; and he cast *them* out of the city.

Isaiah 2:18 But the **idols** He shall utterly abolish.

Isaiah 10:11 As I have done to Samaria and her **idols**, Shall I not do also to Jerusalem and her **idols**?' ”

Isaiah 31:7 For in that day every man shall throw away his **idols** of silver and his **idols** of gold—sin, which your own hands have made for yourselves.

Jeremiah 16:18 And first I will repay double for their iniquity and their sin, because they have defiled My land; they have filled My inheritance with the carcasses of their detestable and abominable **idols**.”

Jeremiah 22:28 “Is this man Coniah a despised, broken **idol**— A vessel in which *is* no pleasure? Why are they cast out, he and his descendants, And cast into a land which they do not know?

Ezekiel 6:4-6 Then your altars shall be desolate, your incense altars shall be broken, and I will cast down your slain *men* before your **idols**. And I will lay the corpses of the children of Israel before their **idols**, and I will scatter your bones all around your altars. In all your dwelling places the cities shall be laid waste, and the high places shall be desolate, so that your altars may be laid waste and made desolate, your **idols** may be broken and made to cease, your incense altars may be cut down, and your works may be abolished.

Ezekiel 30:13 ‘Thus says the Lord God: “I will also destroy the **idols**, And cause the images to cease from Noph; There shall no longer be princes from the land of Egypt; I will put fear in the land of Egypt.

Micah 1:7 All her carved images shall be beaten to pieces, And all her pay as a harlot shall be burned with the fire; All her **idols** I will lay desolate, For she gathered *it* from the pay of a harlot, And they shall return to the pay of a harlot.”

Colossians 3:5 Therefore put to death your members which are on the earth: fornication, uncleanness, passion, evil desire, and covetousness, which is **idolatry**.

Pure & clean, fruit, keep from, flee from

Psalms 24:4 He who has clean hands and a pure heart, Who has not lifted up his soul to an **idol**, Nor sworn deceitfully.

Ezekiel 36:25-28 Then I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean; I will cleanse you from all your filthiness and from all your idols. **26** I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit within you; I will take the heart of stone out of your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. **27** I will put My Spirit within you and cause you to walk in My statutes, and you will keep My judgments and do *them*. **28** Then you shall dwell in the land that I gave to your fathers; you shall be My people, and I will be your God.

Hosea 14:8 “Ephraim *shall say*, ‘What have I to do anymore with **idols**?’ I have heard and observed him. I *am* like a green cypress tree; Your fruit is found in Me.”

Acts 15:29 that you abstain from things offered to **idols**, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

Acts 21:25 But concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written *and* decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from *things* offered to **idols**, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality.”

Romans 2:22 You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” do you commit adultery? You who abhor **idols**, do you rob temples?

1 Corinthians 10:14 Therefore, my beloved, flee from **idolatry**.... 19 What am I saying then? That an **idol** is anything, or what is offered to **idols** is anything?... 28 But if anyone says to you, “This was offered to **idols**,” do not eat it for the sake of the one who told you, and for conscience’ sake; for “the earth *is* the Lord’s, and all its fullness.”

Associations

Psalm 26:4 I have not sat with **idolatrous** mortals, Nor will I go in with hypocrites.

Psalm 31:6 I have hated those who regard useless **idols**; But I trust in the Lord.

1 Corinthians 5:10-11 Yet *I* certainly *did* not *mean* with the sexually immoral people of this world, or with the covetous, or extortioners, or **idolaters**, since then you would need to go out of the world. But now I have written to you not to keep company with anyone named a brother, who is sexually immoral, or covetous, or an **idolater**, or a reviler, or a drunkard, or an extortioner—not even to eat with such a person.

1 Peter 4:3 For we *have spent* enough of our past lifetime in doing the will of the Gentiles—when we walked in lewdness, lusts, drunkenness, revelries, drinking parties, and abominable **idolatry**.

Defiled by, iniquity, unrighteous, unclean

Ezekiel 20:8 Then I said to them, ‘Each of you, throw away the abominations which are before his eyes, and do not defile yourselves with the **idols** of Egypt. I *am* the Lord your God.’... 16 because they despised My judgments and did not walk in My statutes, but profaned My Sabbaths; for their heart went after their **idols**. 18 “But I said to their children in the wilderness, ‘Do not walk in the statutes of your fathers, nor observe their judgments, nor defile yourselves with their **idols**.... 24 because they had not executed My judgments, but had despised My statutes, profaned My Sabbaths, and their eyes were fixed on their fathers’ **idols**.... 20:31 For when you offer your gifts and make your sons pass through the fire, you defile yourselves with all your **idols**, even to this day. So shall I be inquired of by you, O house of Israel? As I live,” says the Lord God, “I will not be inquired of by you.... 39 “As for you, O house of Israel,” thus says the Lord God: “Go, serve every one of you his **idols**—and hereafter—if you will not obey Me; but profane My holy name no more with your gifts and your **idols**.

Ezekiel 22:3-4 Then say, 'Thus says the Lord God: "The city sheds blood in her own midst, that her time may come; and she makes **idols** within herself to defile herself. You have become guilty by the blood which you have shed, and have defiled yourself with the **idols** which you have made. You have caused your days to draw near, and have come to *the end of* your years; therefore I have made you a reproach to the nations, and a mockery to all countries.

Ezekiel 23:7 Thus she committed her harlotry with them, All of them choice men of Assyria; And with all for whom she lusted, With all their **idols**, she defiled herself.

Ezekiel 23:30 I will do these *things* to you because you have gone as a harlot after the Gentiles, because you have become defiled by their **idols**.... 37 For they have committed adultery, and blood *is* on their hands. They have committed adultery with their **idols**, and even *sacrificed* their sons whom they bore to Me, passing them through *the fire*, to devour *them*.... 39 For after they had slain their children for their **idols**, on the same day they came into My sanctuary to profane it; and indeed thus they have done in the midst of My house.... 49 They shall repay you for your lewdness, and you shall pay for your **idolatrous** sins. Then you shall know that I *am* the Lord God.' ”

Ezekiel 37:23 They shall not defile themselves anymore with their **idols**, nor with their detestable things, nor with any of their transgressions; but I will deliver them from all their dwelling places in which they have sinned, and will cleanse them. Then they shall be My people, and I will be their God.

Ezekiel 44:10 "And the Levites who went far from Me, when Israel went astray, who strayed away from Me after their **idols**, they shall bear their iniquity.... 12 Because they ministered to them before their **idols** and caused the house of Israel to fall into iniquity, therefore I have raised My hand in an oath against them," says the Lord God, "that they shall bear their iniquity.

1 Corinthians 6:9 Do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived. Neither fornicators, nor **idolaters**, nor adulterers, nor homosexuals, nor sodomites,

Galatians 5:20 **idolatry**, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies,

Ephesians 5:5 For this you know, that no fornicator, unclean person, nor covetous man, who is an **idolater**, has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and God.