

The Message

Idolatry

Put away the foreign gods that are among you,
purify yourselves, and change your garments.

Genesis 35:2

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The Second Commandment

Exodus 20:4 “You shall not make for yourself a carved 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; ⁵ you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, *am* a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers on the children to the third and fourth *generations* of those who hate Me, ⁶ but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.



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Carved Image



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Covetousness Is Idolatry

Colossians 3:5 . . .

Covetousness, which is idolatry.



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People with Idols Are in Danger

Deuteronomy 7:26 Nor shall you bring an abomination into your house, lest you be doomed to destruction like it. You shall utterly detest it and utterly abhor it, for it *is* an accursed thing.



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Idolatry Is Rebellion

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion *is as* the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness *is as* iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you [Saul] from *being* king.



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Related Terms

Words that are always associated with image worship:

- Exodus 7:11 sorcerers [witches]; so the magicians enchantments.
- Isaiah 19:3 charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers.
- Jeremiah 27:9 diviners, soothsayers
- Revelation 21:8 "...sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."



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Witches Outlawed by God

Exodus 22:18 You shall not permit a sorceress to live.

The Greek word for sorcerer is *pharmakos*.
(pharmacist)



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Sorcerers & Sorcery

One who is said to have superhuman or occult power by virtue of spells, magic, or secret knowledge obtained from demons. One skilled in magical arts or potions. Fortune tellers, curanderos, horoscopes, astrology, tarot cards, voodoo, ouija boards, séances.



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To Conjure

- a. To summon (a devil or spirit) by magical or supernatural power.
- b. To influence or effect by or as if by magic: *“tried to conjure away the doubts that beset her.”*
- 2a. To call or bring to mind;
- b. To imagine; picture



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“The Search for Bridey Murphey”

Hypnosis is related to putting your mind in neutral state. Drugs & alcohol can also do this.



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These Images Are Demons

Deuteronomy 32:17 They sacrificed to
demons, not to God,



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The Answer Is to Go Back to Bethel

Genesis 35:2 Put away the foreign gods that *are* among you, purify yourselves, and change your garments. ³ “Then let us arise and go up to Bethel; and I will make an altar there to God. ⁴ So they gave Jacob all the foreign gods which *were* in their hands, and the earrings which *were* in their ears; and Jacob hid them under the terebinth tree which *was* by Shechem.



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