

The Message

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Jehovah or Baal

1 Samuel 7:3-13

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The Word Philistine

Hostile to cultural values

Hostile to aesthetic (artistic) refinement

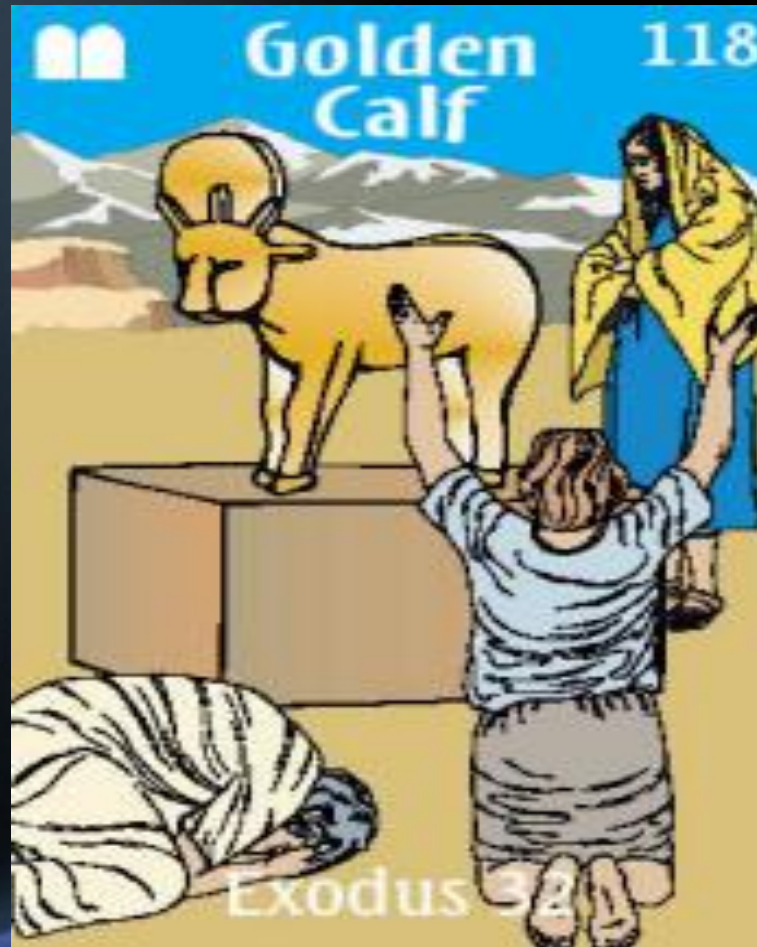


Culture

Cult means worship.



Calf Worship



Baal Worship

Baal means lord.



The Difference Between Baal Worship and the Worship of Jehovah

Baal required magic manipulation; naming & claiming.

Baal loved everyone (except covenant keepers).
“Beelzebub” (Lord of Flies).

Jehovah required the obedience of faith in His Law.



Both Samuel's Revival and Elijah's Fire Came After the Glory Had Departed.

“So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and His glory from the rising of the sun; when the enemy comes in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD will lift up a standard against him” (Isaiah 59:19).



**When Things Are Darkest,
Hope Is the Greatest.**

Hold on my child; weeping may last for a night,
but joy comes in the morning.



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