

IDOLATRY IN OLD TESTAMENT

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- * Today -- I have the opportunity to give two messages
- * This 1st message is -- Idolatry in the Old Testament

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Exod.20:4-6 2nd commandment -- shall not make for yourself
a carved image or any likeness -- not to
bow down to them, nor to serve them

- * Exodus 20:1-7 -- instruction for the nation & the individual
- * Many Biblical references -- instruction for the nation

Exod. 34:11 God was driving out the other nations
12 warned -- against covenants with inhabitants
13 destroy their altars, break their pillars and
 cut down their wooden images (groves)
14 you shall not worship any other God
Deut. 7:5 "thus shall you deal with them"

- * Destroy their altars
- * Break their pillars (images/statues)
- * Cut down their wooden images (groves)
- * Burn their carved images with fire

Judges 3:9-11 Judge Othniel -- rest for 40 years
7 the children of Israel -- forgot God -- served Baals
 & Asherahs (groves)
8 bondage -- 8 years
1 Kings 18:19 prophet Elijah -- dealing with 450 prophets of
Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah

- * Occasional good kings

1 Kings 14:1-20 judgment on the house of Jeroboam
15 God angry -- they made groves (wooden images)
21-31 Rehoboam reigned in Judah
22-23 Judah -- did evil in the sight of the Lord
23 high places, images, groves, on every high hill
 and under every green tree
2 Kings 17:5-18 Israel -- captivity -- idolatry hill
19 God also not happy with Judah
2 Chron. 14:2-7 King Asa -- (v-5) -- removed high places)
1 Kings 15:9-15 King Asa -- (v-14) -- not remove high places)
2 Chron. 17:1-6 King Jehoshaphat
2 Chron. 31:1-6 King Hezekiah
2 Kings 18:4 King Hezekiah -- broke the bronze serpent that
 Moses had made
2 Chron. 34:3-7 King Josiah

- * Seeing the Deeper Application

Ezek. 14:1-8

avoiding idols in the heart