

# THE IDOLATROUS CAST OF CHARACTERS IN EPHRAIM

| JUDGES 17 |



“A TRUE IMAGE OF GOD IS NOT TO BE FOUND IN ALL THE WORLD; AND HENCE...HIS GLORY IS DEFILED, AND HIS TRUTH CORRUPTED BY THE LIE, WHENEVER HE IS SET BEFORE OUR EYES IN A VISIBLE FORM. THEREFORE, TO DEVISE ANY IMAGE OF GOD IS ITSELF IMPIOUS; BECAUSE BY THIS CORRUPTION HIS MAJESTY IS ADULTERATED, AND HE IS FIGURED TO BE OTHER THAN HE IS.”

| JOHN CALVIN |

“...IDOLATRY CONSISTS NOT ONLY IN THE WORSHIP OF FALSE GODS, BUT ALSO IN THE WORSHIP OF THE TRUE GOD BY IMAGES.”

| CHARLES HODGE |



# IDOL DESTRUCTION & PROPER WORSHIP

## | DEUTERONOMY 12 |

### 1. DISMANTLE CULT SITES

- 12:2

### 2. DESTROY CULT PARAPHERNALIA

- 12:3A

### 3. PRESCRIBED PLACE OF WORSHIP

- 12:4-5, 11, 13-14, 17-18, 26-27

### 4. PRESCRIBED WORSHIP LEADER

- 12:12, 18, 19

### 5. DUTY TO GOD

- 12:8



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“YOU SHALL NOT MAKE FOR YOURSELF AN IDOL, OR ANY LIKENESS OF  
WHAT IS IN HEAVEN ABOVE OR ON THE EARTH BENEATH OR IN THE WATER  
UNDER THE EARTH.”

| EXODUS 20:4-5 |

“CURSED IS THE MAN WHO MAKES AN IDOL OR A MOLTEN IMAGE, AN  
ABOMINATION TO THE LORD...”

| DEUTERONOMY 27:15 |

“TO WHOM, THEN, WILL YOU COMPARE GOD? WHAT IMAGE WILL YOU  
COMPARE HIM TO?”

| ISAIAH 40:18 |



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“NOW IF A LEVITE COMES FROM ANY OF YOUR TOWNS THROUGHOUT ISRAEL WHERE HE RESIDES, AND COMES WHENEVER HE DESIRES TO THE PLACE WHICH THE LORD CHOOSES, THEN HE SHALL SERVE IN THE NAME OF THE LORD HIS GOD, LIKE ALL HIS FELLOW LEVITES WHO STAND THERE BEFORE THE LORD.”

| DEUTERONOMY 18:6-9 |



“INSTEAD OF SERVING AS AN AGENT OF LIFE AND PEACE, REVERING YAHWEH AND STANDING IN AWE OF HIS NAME, OFFERING TRUTHFUL AND RIGHTEOUS INSTRUCTION, WALKING WITH YAHWEH IN PEACE AND UPRIGHTNESS, TURNING MICAH BACK FROM INIQUITY, PRESERVING KNOWLEDGE, AND SERVING AS A MESSENGER OF YAHWEH, THIS LEVITE HAS HIMSELF APOSTATIZED.”

| DANIEL BLOCK |



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# SYNCRETISM

THE MERGING OF DIFFERENT RELIGIONS, CULTURES, AND SCHOOLS OF THOUGHT

- SACRAMENTALISM
- SUBJECTIVISM
- ANY OTHER "ISM"