



# **NO OTHER gODS**

**Teaching notes  
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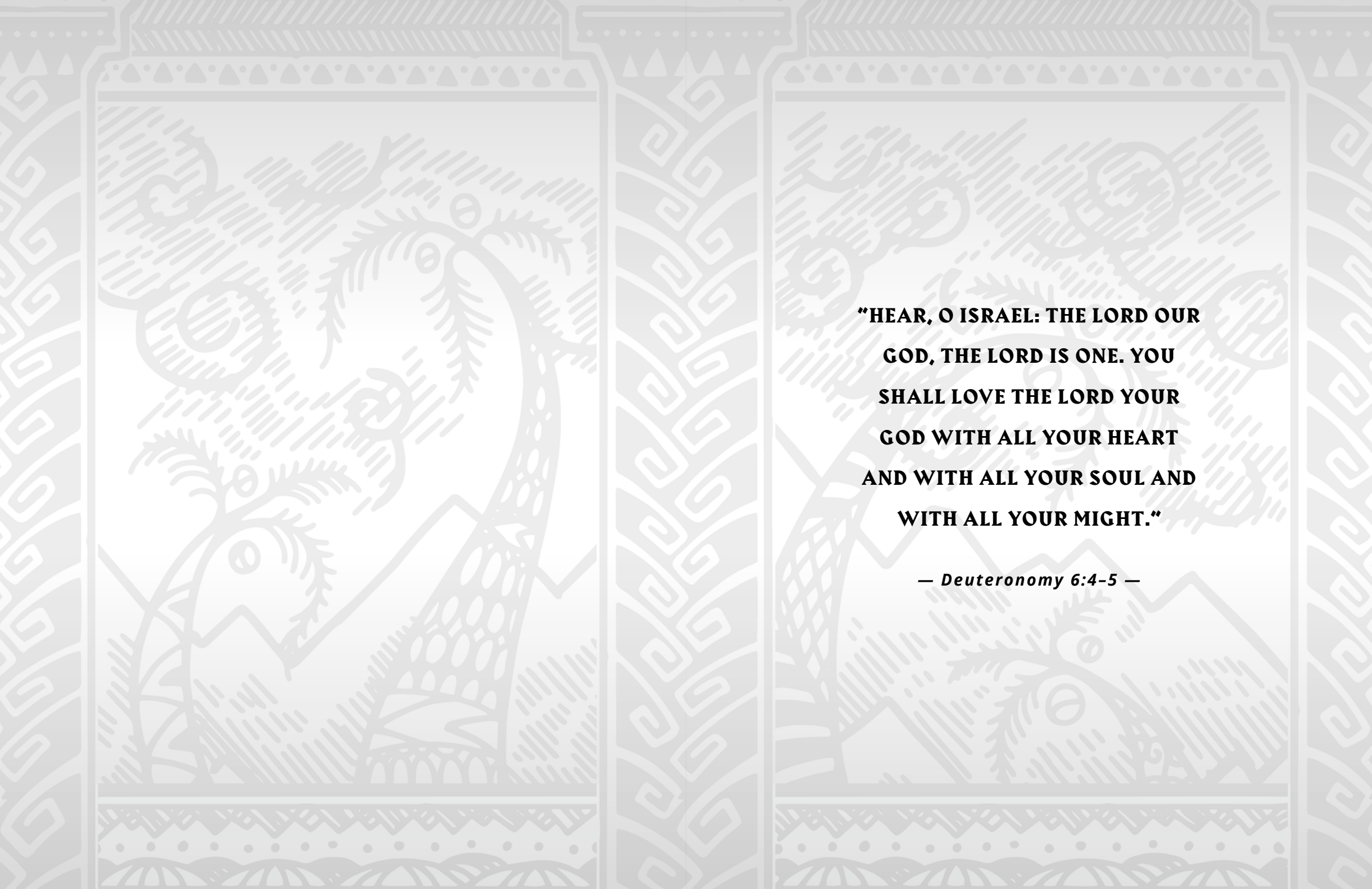
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**“HEAR, O ISRAEL: THE LORD OUR  
GOD, THE LORD IS ONE. YOU  
SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR  
GOD WITH ALL YOUR HEART  
AND WITH ALL YOUR SOUL AND  
WITH ALL YOUR MIGHT.”**

**— *Deuteronomy 6:4-5* —**



## WHY WORRY ABOUT FALSE GODS?

— Chapter 1 —

### 1. BECAUSE THE TRUE GOD IS A JEALOUS GOD.

*"You shall have no other gods before me. 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. You shall not bow down to them or serve them, for I the LORD your God am a **jealous** God..."*  
Exodus 20:3-5

*"You shall not go after other gods, the gods of the peoples who are around you—for the LORD your God in your midst is a **jealous** God—lest the anger of the LORD your God be kindled against you, and he destroy you from off the face of the earth."*  
Deuteronomy 6:14

*"We never break the other commandments without breaking the first one." — Martin Luther, 1529*

### 2. BECAUSE IDOLATRY IS A MAJOR THEME OF THE BIBLE.

*"The central principle of the Bible is the rejection of idolatry." — Moshe Halbertal and Avishai Margalit, *Idolatry**

*Idolatry is referred to over 700 times in Scripture.*

*"Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs." Jonah 2:8 NIV*

*"Therefore, my dear friends, flee from idolatry."  
I Corinthians 10:14*

*"Little children, keep yourselves from idols." I John 5:21*

### 3. BECAUSE YOU ARE MORE SUSCEPTIBLE TO IDOLATRY THAN YOU REALIZE.

*"The idols that drive us are complex, multi-layered, and largely hidden from us." — Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods**

*"Though few would own it, nothing is more common than idolatry. If we think of our soul as a house, idols are set up in every room, in every faculty." — David Clarkson, *Soul Idolatry**

*"The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?" Jeremiah 17:9*

#### 4. BECAUSE TRUE WORSHIP WON'T EXIST UNTIL FALSE WORSHIP IS REMOVED.

*"For although they knew God, they did not honor him as God or give thanks to him, but they became futile in their thinking, and their foolish hearts were darkened. Claiming to be wise, they became fools, and exchanged the glory of the immortal God for images resembling mortal man and birds and animals and creeping things." Romans 1:21-23*

*"Whatever your heart clings to and confides in, that is really your God, your functional savior." — Martin Luther*

*"They followed worthless idols and themselves became worthless." 2 Kings 17:15 NIV*

*"Even while these people were worshipping the LORD, they were serving their idols. To this day their children and grandchildren continue to do as their fathers did." 2 Kings 17:41 NIV*

#### 5. BECAUSE ANY TIME YOU CAN FIND AND REMOVE AN IDOL, IT WILL RESULT IN UNEXPECTED RELEASE AND BLESSING.

*"Idolatry isn't just one of many sins. It is the one great sin that all others come from. So if you start scratching at whatever struggle you are dealing with, you will find an idol underneath. Until that god is dethroned and the Lord God takes his rightful place, you will not have victory."  
— Kyle Idleman, *Gods at War**

*"The secret to change is to identify and dismantle the counterfeit gods of your heart." — Tim Keller, *Counterfeit Gods**

## RESPONSE

Write out a short prayer for this week in the light of what you just heard. Boldly ask God for specific things you would like him to do in your life in these next days.

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## HOW TO SPOT AN IDOL

### — Chapter 2 —

*“Now Rachel had taken the household gods and put them in the camel’s saddle and sat on them. Laban felt all about the tent, but did not find them. And she said to her father, ‘Let not my lord be angry that I cannot rise before you...’ So he searched but did not find the household gods.” Genesis 31:34-36*

*“The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick; who can understand it?” Jeremiah 17:9*

Since you will both **consciously** and **unconsciously** hide your idols, how can they be found and exposed?

## JEREMIAH 17

### *Learning the Skill of Idol Detection*

#### THE NATURE OF IDOLATRY vs 1-2

1. It is deeply stubborn—engraved on your heart. (vs 1)
2. It is mixed with your worship—on the horns of your altar. (vs 1)
3. It is part of your family patterns—even the children remember. (vs 2)

#### THE COST OF IDOLATRY vs 3-4

1. You will lose true worship. vs 3
2. You will lose your wealth and treasures. vs 3
3. You will lose what you worship. vs 3
4. You will lose your inheritance. vs 4
5. You will lose your freedom. vs 4
6. You will lose God’s favor. vs 4

**SEVEN SIGNS OF IDOLATRY TRUST IN MAN vs 3-6, 9**

1. The experience of being cursed, vs 5
2. Dependence on the flesh for strength, vs 5
3. A heart that turns away from God, vs 5
4. Dryness, vs 6
5. Inability to see prosperity when it comes, vs 6
6. Lack of life and connection with others, vs 6
7. Self-deception, vs 9

**SEVEN SIGNS OF TRUE WORSHIP TRUST IN GOD vs 7-8**

1. Blessing, vs 7
2. Refreshment, vs 8
3. Rootedness, vs 8
4. Lack of fear, vs 8
5. Resilience, vs 8

6. Lack of worry, vs 8
7. Consistent fruit, vs 8

"We always pay dearly for chasing after what is cheap."  
— Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn

"Nothing teaches us about the preciousness of the Creator as much as when we learn the emptiness of everything else." — Charles Spurgeon, *Morning and Evening*

**APPLICATION**

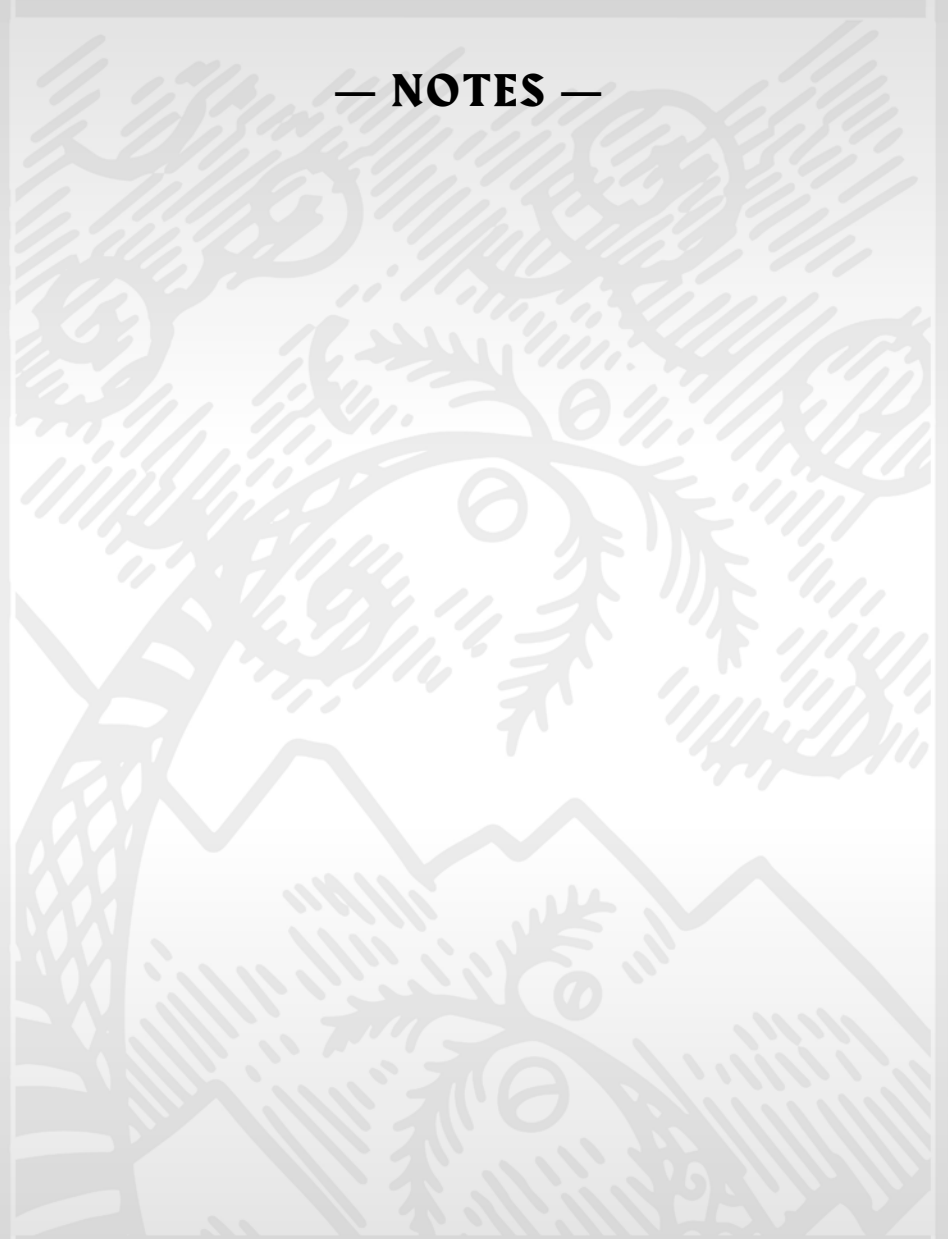
Go to the end of your book and look at the "Idol detection tools." Fill out the "Shrub or Tree" survey as well as the "Saddle search." This will begin to identify areas where idols may be hidden in your life.



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**BAAL**  
storm god



**ASHERAH**  
fertility goddess

## BAAL AND ASHERAH

### — Chapter 3 —

*“And the king stood by the pillar and made a covenant before the LORD, to walk after the LORD and to keep his commandments and his testimonies and his statutes with all his heart and all his soul, to perform the words of this covenant that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant.” 2 Kings 23:3*

After Josiah found the book of the law in the temple and read it to the people, he led the most thorough cleansing of the land since the days of David. He even removed idols that had been in place continuously for over 300 years—since King Solomon.

There are thousands of false gods in the world. Godchecker.com lists over 4000 specific deities, and Hinduism alone claims to worship 33 million gods.

Yet there are just 7 types of idols removed when Josiah thoroughly cleanses the land. It may be that these are archetypes, representing the main kinds of idols man naturally creates.

*“Man’s nature, so to speak, is a perpetual factory of idols.”*  
— John Calvin

“The human mind, stuffed as it is with presumptuous rashness, dares to imagine a god suited to its own capacity... The god whom man has thus conceived inwardly he attempts to embody outwardly. The mind, in this way, conceives the idol, and the hand gives it birth.”

— John Calvin

### JOSIAH’S INVENTORY OF IDOLS

#### 2 Kings 23

1. **Baal — storm god** (Baal means “owner”, “master”, “lord”) Gives me protection, power, or control
2. **Asherah — goddess of fertility**  
Gives me fruitfulness or prosperity
3. **The Starry Hosts, Sun, Moon and Constellations — gods of the heavens**  
Gives me stability or security
4. **Molech — god of destruction — gods of fear**  
Gives me safety or relief from fear
5. **Ashtoreth — goddess of love — comfort gods**  
Gives me pleasure or comfort
6. **Chemosh — war god**  
Gives me victory or release from oppression
7. **Mediums, spiritists, household gods — family gods**  
Gives me identity or direction

### BAAL — STORM GOD

*(Baal means “owner”, “master”, “lord”)*

*“And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of the LORD all the vessels made for **Baal**, for Asherah, and for all the host of heaven. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron and carried their ashes to Bethel. And he deposed the priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings in the high places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to **Baal**...” 2 Kings 23:4-5*

### WHERE WAS BAAL WORSHIP LOCATED?

- The Temple
- High places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem

### WHAT WAS HE LIKE?

- The original superhero
- He gets a bad rap, but he was a cool dude. Very attractive
- Sometimes called Hadad—the semetic storm-god
- Left hand grasping a thunderbolt, which converts to a spearhead





- Right hand swinging a club overhead
- Horns of a bull
- Power over rain, wind, clouds.
- Saul, Jonathan and David had sons that were named with his name
- Offering consisted of incense—symbolic of prayer
- Rituals by priests in special vestments (cool clothes)
- Word means “Lord”

### HOW WAS HE WORSHIPED?

- Sacred vessels
- Priests
- Offerings
- Incense
- Bowing down — Numbers 25:2
- Yoking yourself — Numbers 25:3-5
- Sacred pillars or sacred stones — 2 Kings 3:2
- Vestments — 2 Kings 10:22
- Calf worship — 2 Kings 17:16
- Altars and images — 2 Kings 21:3, 2 Chronicles 23:17
- Burning sons as offerings in the fire — Jeremiah 19:5
- Prophesying in his name — Jeremiah 23:13, 27

### WHAT DOES HE GIVE ME?

*Protection, power or control*

### WHAT DOES BAAL LOOK LIKE TODAY?

#### Examples:

- Money
- Power
- Anger
- Strength
- Education
- Powerful friends
- Manipulation
- Lack of submission
- Title or position

**ASHERAH — GODDESS OF FERTILITY**

<sup>5</sup>The king ordered Hilkiah the high priest, the priests next in rank and the doorkeepers to remove from the temple of the Lord all the articles made for Baal and **Asherah**... He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron Valley and took the ashes to Bethel. <sup>6</sup>He took the **Asherah pole** from the temple of the Lord to the Kidron Valley outside Jerusalem and burned it there. He ground it to powder and scattered the dust over the graves of the common people. <sup>7</sup>He also tore down the quarters of the male shrine prostitutes that were in the temple of the Lord, the quarters where women did weaving for **Asherah**.

<sup>8</sup>Josiah brought all the priests from the towns of Judah and desecrated the high places, from Geba to Beersheba, where the priests had burned incense. He broke down the gateway at the entrance of the Gate of Joshua, the city governor, which was on the left of the city gate. <sup>9</sup>Although the priests of the high places did not serve at the altar of the Lord in Jerusalem, they ate unleavened bread with their fellow priests.

<sup>14</sup>Josiah smashed the sacred stones and cut down the **Asherah poles** and covered the sites with human bones.

<sup>15</sup>Even the altar at Bethel, the high place made by Jeroboam son of Nebat, who had caused Israel to sin—even that altar and high place he demolished. He burned the high place and ground it to powder, and burned the **Asherah pole** also. <sup>16</sup>Then Josiah looked around, and when he saw the tombs that were there on the hillside, he had the bones removed from them and burned on the altar to defile it, in accordance with the word of the Lord proclaimed by the man of God who foretold these things. 2 Kings 23

**WHERE WAS ASHERAH WORSHIP LOCATED?**

- The Temple of the Lord
- High places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem
- Around wooden Asherah Poles
- Gates to cities

**WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?**

- Sometimes falsely seen as the consort of Yahweh
- Sometimes called the “Queen of Heaven” — Jeremiah 7:18
- Male shrine prostitutes
- Women weaving for Asherah
- Priests burned incense
- Shrines at gates
- Borrowed from Assyria. The wife of the war god Asir, the national god of Assyria
- Goddess of fertility
- Helped women bear children
- The tree trunk or stone that symbolized Asherah was regarded as a bet-el—a house of deity. They were placed on high places under spreading trees.
- 2 Kings 21:7 — Manasseh took and carved an Asherah pole and erected it in the temple



**HOW WAS SHE WORSHIPED?**

- Family gatherings on hills under spreading trees — Jeremiah 17:2
- Sacred raisin cakes — Hosea 3:1
- Cakes bearing her image — Jeremiah 44:19
- Offerings and drink offerings — Jeremiah 44:17
- Sacred prostitution — 2 Kings 23:7
- Sacred weaving — 2 Kings 23:7
- Feasts

**WHAT DOES SHE GIVE ME?**

*Fruitfulness or prosperity*

**WHAT DOES ASHERAH LOOK LIKE TODAY?****Examples:**

- Money
- Possessions
- Productivity
- Marriage
- Carrier
- Successful friends
- Clothes
- Malls

- Shopping
- Self-help techniques
- Facebook likes
- Image
- Your children



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What thought from this lesson was most significant for you?
2. Think about current movies and stories that are popular. Where do you see current incarnations of Baal and Asherah in these stories?
3. Baal is designed to give you **protection, power or control**. When do you personally feel the greatest need for these resources?
4. Asherah is designed to give you **fruitfulness or prosperity**. When do you personally feel the greatest need for this resource?
5. What are the most common examples of Baal you see in people around you (look to the examples in the notes above for inspiration)?
6. What are the most common examples of Asherah you see in people around you?
7. As you heard the descriptions of these two gods, did any area come to your mind that you would like to explore because one of these gods might be there?

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## SUN • MOON • STARS

gods of the heavens



## MOLECH

god of destruction

## SUN, MOON, STARS AND MOLECH

### — Chapter 4 —

<sup>4</sup>And the king commanded Hilkiah the high priest and the priests of the second order and the keepers of the threshold to bring out of the temple of the Lord all the vessels made for Baal, for Asherah, and for **all the host of heaven**. He burned them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron and carried their ashes to Bethel.

<sup>5</sup>And he deposed the priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to make offerings in the high places at the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem; those also who burned incense to Baal, to the **sun and the moon and the constellations** and all the **host of the heavens**.

<sup>11</sup>And he removed the **horses** that the kings of Judah had **dedicated to the sun**, at the entrance to the house of the Lord, by the chamber of Nathan-melech the chamberlain, which was in the precincts. And he burned the **chariots of the sun** with fire. <sup>12</sup>And the **altars on the roof** of the upper chamber of Ahaz, which the kings of Judah had made, and the **altars that Manasseh had made** in the two courts of the house of the Lord, he pulled down and broke in pieces and cast the dust of them into the brook Kidron. 2 Kings 23



## THE STARRY HOSTS — SUN AND MOON AND CONSTELLATIONS

*gods of the heavens*

### WHERE WAS WORSHIP TO THE GODS OF THE HEAVENS LOCATED?

- In the Temple of the Lord
- On high places in the cities of Judah and around Jerusalem
- At the entrance to the house of the Lord
- At altars on the roofs of royal houses
- On other housetops — Zephaniah 1:5
- Bowing down toward the East — Ezekiel 8:15–16

### WHAT ARE GODS OF THE HEAVENS LIKE?

- Both Ur and Haran, where Abraham and Sarah came from, were centers of moon and sun worship
- Became a problem during the Assyrian dominance.
- Horses and chariots dedicated to the sun
- Chariots were used by the sun-god to traverse the heavens



- Statues were stationed at the entrance to the house of Yahweh
- Ezekiel 8:16 — backs to the temple, worshipping the sun to the east
- Sunday—comes from this
- And as relations between the Jews and the Christians became more and more distant, the early members of the church wanted to separate themselves from anything 'Jewish'. Finally, in 321 CE the Emperor Constantine declared that Sunday would be the official day of rest throughout the entire Roman Empire:



*"On the venerable day of the Sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. In the country however, persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits because it often happens that another day is not suitable for grain-sowing or vine planting; lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost."*

### HOW WERE THEY WORSHIPED?

- Bow down and serve them — Deuteronomy 4:19
- Worship — 2 Kings 21:3
- Loved, served, sought — Jeremiah 8:2
- Burn incense on the roof — Jeremiah 19:13



- Bow down toward the east — Ezekiel 8:15-16
- Make offerings at altars — 2 Chronicles 33:3-5

### WHAT DO THEY GIVE ME?

*Stability or security*

### WHAT DOES THE WORSHIP OF GODS OF THE HEAVENS LOOK LIKE TODAY?

#### Examples:

- Addiction to exercise
- Worship of planning or schedule
- Fear of change
- Washing hands many times a day (Aviator, Howard Hughes)
- Often rich people become hypochondriacs—try to control health
- I have to have ..., otherwise
- Horoscopes—knowing ahead of time
- Astrology—decoding the forces of fate
- Insurance for the future
- Security
- Savings
- Holding on to what is known
- Unwillingness to move
- Holding on to people or relationships

### MOLECH — GOD OF DESTRUCTION

*gods of fear*

*<sup>10</sup>And he defiled Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, that no one might burn his son or his daughter as an offering to **Molech**.*

*<sup>13</sup>And the king defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, to the south of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for... **Milcom** the abomination of the Ammonites. 2 Kings 23*

### WHERE WAS WORSHIP TO MOLECH LOCATED?

- In the Valley of Hinnom to the south and west of Jerusalem — Jeremiah 32:35
- On the Mount of Olives — I Kings 11:7
- In ravines and under overhanging crags — Isaiah 57:5

### WHAT IS MOLECH LIKE?

- Ammonite god (a nation east of the Jordan river) — Jeremiah 49:1,3
- Name sounds very close to Hebrew “melek” which means king (2518 occurrences in OT)
- Man with the head of a bull



- Solomon built a shrine for him in Jerusalem on the Mount of Olives — I Kings 11:5,7,33
- Worship involved throwing children into a furnace or fire as part of a ceremony. Not known if they were killed or made insensitive beforehand. Leviticus 18:21, 20:2-5, 2 Kings 21:6, Jeremiah 32:35
- Rabbinic writers described a bronze statue, human in form but with an ox's head, hollow within, and heated from below. Children were placed inside this structure and immolated while drums drowned out their cries.
- In modern English usage, "Moloch" can refer derivatively to any person or thing which demands or requires costly sacrifices.
- A rabbinical tradition attributed to the Yalkout of Rabbi Simeon says that the idol was hollow and was divided into seven compartments; in one of which they put flour, in the second turtle-doves, in the third a ewe, in the fourth a ram, in the fifth a calf, in the sixth an ox, and in the seventh a child—which were all burned together by heating the statue inside.



### HOW WAS HE WORSHIPED?

- Child sacrifice — Leviticus 18:21
- Josiah's grandfather Manasseh sacrificed some of his children to Molech — 2 Kings 21:6, 2 Chronicles 33:6
- Other burnt offerings

- Gifts of olive oil and perfume — Isaiah 57:9
- Out of dread and fear — Isaiah 57:11-13

### WHAT DOES MOLECH GIVE ME?

*Safety or relief from fear*

### WHAT DOES THE WORSHIP OF MOLECH LOOK LIKE TODAY?

#### Examples:

- Abortion
- People pleasing
- Avoidance of failure
- Lying to look good
- Not being willing to disappoint
- Letting someone control you by their anger, guilt motivation, or expectations
- Accusations
- Guilt motivation
- Fear of loss
- Fear of the future
- Fear of man
- Worry
- Stress
- Procrastination
- Being easily threatened
- Fear of...



## DISCUSSION QUESTIONS:

1. What thought from this lesson was most significant for you?
2. Think about current movies and stories that are popular. Where do you see current incarnations of gods of the heavens or Molech in these stories?
3. Gods of the heavens are designed to give you **stability or security**. When do you personally feel the greatest need for these two resources?
4. Molech is designed to give you **safety or relief from fear**. When do you personally feel the greatest need for this resource?
5. What are the most common examples of gods of the heavens you see in people around you?
6. What are the most common examples of Molechs you see in people around you?
7. As you heard the descriptions of these two gods, did any area come to your mind that you would like to explore because one of these gods might be there?

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## REMOVE AND REPLACE

### — Chapter 5 —

<sup>11</sup>When the king **heard the words of the Book** of the Law, he tore his clothes.<sup>12</sup>And the king commanded **Hilkiah the priest**, and **Ahikam** the son of Shaphan, and **Achbor** the son of Micaiah, and **Shaphan** the secretary, and **Asaiah** the king's servant, saying, <sup>13</sup>**Go, inquire of the Lord** for me, and for the people, and for all Judah, concerning the words of this book that has been found. 2 Kings 22:11-13

### HOW DO YOU FIND YOUR IDOLS?

1. Through the **Word of God** — Hebrews 4:12
2. Through the **people of God** — Jeremiah 26:2-5, Hebrews 3:13
3. Through the **Spirit of God** — Jeremiah 17:9-10, Psalm 139:23-24

<sup>17</sup>Because they have forsaken me and have made offerings to other gods, that they might provoke me to anger with all the work of their hands, therefore my wrath will be kindled against this place, and it will not be quenched. <sup>18</sup>But to the king of Judah, who sent you to inquire of the Lord, thus shall you say to him, Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: Regarding the words that you have heard, <sup>19</sup>because your **heart was penitent**, and you **humbled yourself before the Lord**, when you heard how I spoke against this place and against its inhabitants, that

they should become a desolation and a curse, and you have **torn your clothes and wept before me**, I also have heard you, declares the Lord. 2 Kings 22:17-19

### HOW SHOULD YOU RESPOND WHEN YOU FIND THEM?

*With repentance and faith*

### HOW DO YOU REMOVE IDOLS?

- He **burned** them outside Jerusalem in the fields of the Kidron and carried their ashes to Bethel. — 2 Kings 23:4
- And he **deposed** the priests... — 2 Kings 23:5
- **...burned** it at the brook Kidron and **beat it to dust** and **cast the dust** of it upon the graves of the common people. — 2 Kings 23:5
- <sup>7</sup>And he **broke down** the houses of the male cult prostitutes...
- And he **broke down** the high places of the gates that were at the entrance of the gate...
- <sup>10</sup>And he **defiled** Topheth, which is in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom...
- <sup>11</sup>And he **removed** the horses that the kings of Judah had dedicated to the sun...
- And he **burned** the chariots of the sun **with fire**.
- <sup>12</sup>And the altars on the roof of the upper chamber of Ahaz... he **pulled down and broke in pieces** and **cast the dust** of them into the brook Kidron.



- <sup>13</sup>And the king **defiled** the high places that were east of Jerusalem...
- <sup>14</sup>And he **broke in pieces** the pillars and cut down the Asherim and **filled their places with the bones of men**.
- <sup>15</sup>Moreover, the altar at Bethel... that altar with the high place he **pulled down and burned**, reducing it to **dust**. He also **burned** the Asherah.
- <sup>16</sup>And as Josiah turned, he saw the tombs there on the mount. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs and **burned them on the altar and defiled it...**
- <sup>19</sup>And Josiah **removed** all the shrines also of the high places that were in the cities of Samaria, which kings of Israel had made, provoking the Lord to anger.
- <sup>20</sup>And he **sacrificed all the priests** of the high places who were there, on the altars, and **burned human bones** on them.

### WHAT OBSERVATIONS DO YOU MAKE ABOUT HOW TO REMOVE IDOLS?

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"I inquired what wickedness is, and I didn't find a substance, but a perversity of will twisted away from the highest substance—You oh God—towards inferior things, rejecting its own inner life and swelling with external matter."  
— St. Augustine, *Confessions*

"False gods patiently endure the existence of other false gods. Dagon can stand with Bel, and Bel with Ashtaroth; how should stone, and wood, and silver, be moved to indignation; but because God is the only living and true God, Dagon must fall before His ark; Bel must be broken, and Ashtaroth must be consumed with fire."  
— Charles Spurgeon

### HOW DO YOU REPLACE IDOLS?

<sup>3</sup>*And the king stood by the pillar and **made a covenant** before the Lord, to **walk after the Lord** and to **keep his commandments** and his testimonies and his statutes with **all his heart and all his soul**, to **perform the words of this covenant** that were written in this book. And all the people joined in the covenant. 2 Kings 23*

"If you uproot the idol and fail to plant the love of Christ in its place, the idol will grow back."  
— Tullian Tchividjian,

"We make a god out of whatever we find most joy in. So, find your joy in God and be done with all idolatry."  
— John Piper.

Every one of these idols represents a legitimate need that we need to redirect toward true worship of the one true God.

**TRUE WORSHIP OF THE ONE TRUE GOD — YAHWEH**

**1. BAAL — STORM GOD**

Gives me protection or power

*How will I manage all of the powerful forces around me that are out of my control?*

**Protection Redirection**

King of Kings — Revelation 19:16

Enthroned over the flood — Psalm 29:10

A shield about me — Psalm 3:2

The name of the Lord is a strong tower — Proverbs 18:10

Those who seek the Lord lack no good thing — Psalm 34:10

**Adonai** (Lord, Master)

**Yahweh Rapha** (The Lord That Heals)

**Elohim** (God)

**2. ASHERAH — GOD OF FERTILITY**

Gives me fruitfulness or blessing

*How will I have what I need for a rich and meaningful life?*

**Powerful Patron**

Goodness of the Lord — Psalm 27:13

Goodness and mercy will follow me — Psalm 23:6

Steadfast love of the Lord — Isaiah 63:7, Psalm 33:5, 52:8, 89:1, 103:17, 107:43, Lamentations 3:22

Giver of all good gifts — Psalm 119:68, James 1:17

Father of lights — James 1:17

**Yahweh Yir'eh** (The Lord Will Provide)

**Yahweh Mekoddishkem** (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)

**3. THE STARRY HOSTS, SUN AND MOON AND CONSTELLATIONS — GODS OF THE HEAVENS**

Gives me stability or security

*How will I feel secure when I think about the future?*

**Security Repair**

The heavens declare the glory of God — Psalm 19:1

Oh Lord of Hosts, who is mighty as you are? — Psalm 89:8

When I look at your heavens, the work of your fingers,  
the moon and the stars, which you have set in place,  
what is man that you are mindful of him, and the son of  
man that you care for him? — Psalm 8:3-4

#### Everlasting Father

**Yahweh Shammah** (The Lord Is There)

**El 'Olam** (The Everlasting God)

#### 4. MOLECH — GOD OF DESTRUCTION — GODS OF FEAR

Gives me safety or relief

*How will I overcome fear?*

#### Destruction Destroyer

...the time for destroying the destroyers of the earth  
— Revelation 11:18

...destroying every rule and authority and power  
— I Corinthians 15:24

The last enemy to be destroyed is death  
— I Corinthians 15:26

Death is swallowed up in victory — I Corinthians 15:54

**El Shaddai** (Lord God Almighty)

**El Elyon** (The Most High God)

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## ASHTORETH

goddess of love



## CHEMOSH

war god



## FAMILY IDOLS

identity and direction gods

## ASHTORETH, CHEMOSH, AND FAMILY IDOLS

— Chapter 6 —

*And the king defiled the high places that were east of Jerusalem, to the south of the mount of corruption, which Solomon the king of Israel had built for **Ashtoreth** the abomination of the Sidonians, and for **Chemosh** the abomination of Moab...*

*2 Kings 23:13*

### ASHTORETH — GODDESS OF LOVE

*Comfort gods*

### WHERE WAS ASHTORETH WORSHIP LOCATED?

On the Mount of Olives

### WHAT WAS SHE LIKE?

- Vile goddess of the Sidonians
- Derived from Babylonia
- Represented the evening and morning stars—female goddess





- Goddess of erotic love and fertility
- In Greek culture became Aphrodite
- In Roman culture became Venus
- Her symbols were the lion, the horse, the sphinx, the dove and a star within a circle, indicating the planet Venus
- Other major centers of Ashtoreth worship were the Phoenician city states of Sidon, Tyre, and Byblos.
- She was often depicted on Sidonian coins as standing on the prow of a galley, leaning forward with right hand outstretched, thus being the original of all figureheads for sailing ships

### HOW WAS SHE WORSHIPED?

- Feasts
- Sexual expressions (temple prostitutes)
- Pleasure
- Offerings
- Aphrodisiac foods

### WHAT DOES ASHTORETH GIVE ME?

*Pleasure or comfort*

### WHAT THE WORSHIP OF ASHTORETH LOOKS LIKE TODAY?

#### Examples:

- Sexuality gods
- Whatever gives you comfort and pleasure
- Pornography
- Hooking up
- Self-pleasuring
- Entertainment
- Video games
- Food
- Alcohol
- Gambling
- Shopping
- Music
- Movies
- TV
- Internet
- Drugs

**CHEMOSH — WAR GOD****WHERE WAS CHEMOSH WORSHIP LOCATED?**

- On the Mount of Olives
- On high places
- In Moab

**WHAT WAS HE LIKE?**

- Described in the “Meshe Stile”, 860 BC
- National deity of the Moabites
- Name means “destroyer,” “subduer,” or “fish god.”
- Gives you victory
- He is a power god
- Gets angry when you are oppressed
- Makes you look at all your enemies with contempt
- Drives your enemies out before you
- Guides you on how to win

**HOW WAS HE WORSHIPED?**

- Taste for blood—and human sacrifice. — 2 Kings 3:27

- Worshiped on high places and places of defense (walls etc.)

**WHAT DOES HE GIVE ME?**

*Victory or release from oppression*

**WHAT THE WORSHIP OF CHEMOSH LOOKS LIKE TODAY?****Examples:**

- Power plays
- A need to always win
- A competitive spirit
- Sports
- Comparison
- Rivalry
- Money
- Deception
- Vengeance
- Scheming
- Cheating the system
- A need to be the best
- A fighting spirit
- Pride
- Boasting

### MEDIUMS, SPIRITISTS, HOUSEHOLD GODS — FAMILY GODS

*"Moreover, Josiah put away the **mediums** and the **necromancers** and the **household gods** and the **idols** and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might establish the words of the law that were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord." 2 Kings 23:24*

### WHERE WERE MEDIUMS, SPIRITISTS AND HOUSEHOLD GODS LOCATED?

- In the home
- On the mantle of the fireplace
- With people who devoted themselves to this

### WHAT WERE MEDIUMS, SPIRITISTS AND HOUSEHOLD GODS LIKE?

- Gave family identity
- Provided easy access to direction
- Allowed you to inquire of the spirits and access the advice of the dead
- Helped you know the future
- Put you in touch with spiritual power
- Gave you good luck charms and close protection



- Preserved the family heritage and influence of previous generations



### HOW WERE THEY WORSHIPED?

- Through fortune telling and omens — 2 Kings 21:6
- By sorcery — 2 Chronicles 33:6
- By inquiring of mediums and spiritisms — Isaiah 19:3
- Through trances, whispering and muttering — Isaiah 8:19
- By inquiring of the dead — Deuteronomy 18:11
- Through consulting ephods and household gods — Judges 18:14–20

### WHAT DO THEY GIVE ME?

*Identity and direction*

### WHAT DOES THE WORSHIP OF MEDIUMS, SPIRITISTS AND FAMILY GODS LOOK LIKE TODAY?

#### Examples:

- New age philosophy
- Crystals
- Good luck charms



- Worship of the Saints
- Veneration of objects
- Channeling of energy
- Palm reading
- Eastern religions
- Family traditions
- Generational sins

### REMOVE AND REPLACE

*True worship of the one true God — Yahweh*

## 5. ASHTORETH — GODDESS OF LOVE — COMFORT GODS

Gives you pleasure or comfort

*How will I enjoy life and experience comfort?*

### Strong Comfort, Satisfying Pleasure

You turn my mourning into dancing — Psalm 30:11

Your steadfast love is better than life — Psalm 63:3

My soul will be satisfied as with the richest of foods  
— Psalm 63:5

A day in your courts is better than a thousand  
elsewhere — Psalm 84:10

In your presence there is fullness of joy; at your right  
hand are pleasures forevermore — Psalm 16:11

**Yahweh Nissi** (The Lord My Banner — Song of  
Solomon 2:4)

**Yahweh Shalom** (The Lord Is Peace — Judges 6:24)

**God is Love** — I John 4:16

## 6. CHEMOSH — WAR GOD

Gives you victory

*How will I find release from oppression and victory over  
those who oppose me?*

### Shock and Awe

The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed —  
Psalm 9:9

For you equipped me with strength for the  
battle; you made those who rise against me  
sink under me. — Psalm 18:39

The voice of the Lord flashes forth flames of  
fire. — Psalm 29:7

The Lord sits enthroned over the flood; the  
Lord sits enthroned as king forever. — Psalm 29:10

**Yahweh Sabaoth** (The Lord of Hosts)

**Yahweh Tsidkenu** (The Lord Our Righteousness)

## 7. MEDIUMS, SPIRITISTS, HOUSEHOLD GODS — FAMILY GODS

Gives you identity or direction

*How will I know who I am and what I am supposed to do?*

### Faithful Father

It is he who made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. — Psalm 100:3

Father of the fatherless and protector of widows.  
— Psalm 68:5

In your book were written, every one of them, the days that were formed for me, when as yet there was none of them. — Psalm 139:16

He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake. — Psalm 23:3

**Yahweh-Raah** (The Lord My Shepherd)

**Yahweh Shammah** (The Lord Is There)

**Qanna** (Jealous)

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## CLEANSING THE LAND

### — Chapter 7 —

*"But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshipers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father is seeking such people to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth."*  
John 4:23-24

"A moralist will be unsuccessful in trying to displace his love of the world by reviewing the ills of the world. Misplaced affections need to be replaced by the far greater power of the affection of the gospel.

There are two ways in which a practical moralist may attempt to displace from the human heart its love of the world—either by a demonstration of the world's vanity, so as that the heart shall be prevailed upon simply to withdraw its regards from an object that is not worthy of it; or, by setting forth another object, even God, as more worthy of its attachment, so as that the heart shall be prevailed upon not to resign an old affection, which shall have nothing to succeed it, but to exchange an old affection for a new one.

If only the old love was removed, the heart would revolt against its own emptiness. It could not bear to be so left in a state of waste and cheerless insipidity.

It is not enough to understand the worthlessness of the world; one must value the worth of the things of God."

— Thomas Chalmers, Scottish pastor (1780-1847)  
*The Expulsive Power of a New Affection*

"Nature abhors a vacuum" — Aristotle

"We make a god out of whatever we find most joy in. So, find your joy in God and be done with all idolatry."  
— John Piper.

### FOUR MORE REASONS WHY YOU DON'T WANT AN IDOL

1. You have to make your idol — Isaiah 44:9-20
2. You have to carry your idol — Isaiah 46:1-7
3. You have to feed your idol — Isaiah 30:6-7
4. You will become like your idol — Psalm 115:8, Jeremiah 2:5-12

Your idols are **powerless** and **worthless**

### SEVEN NEEDS YOU NEED TO DIRECT TOWARD GOD

- |                 |              |
|-----------------|--------------|
| 1. Protection   | 5. Victory   |
| 2. Fruitfulness | 6. Comfort   |
| 3. Security     | 7. Direction |
| 4. Safety       |              |

## HOW CAN YOU FILL YOUR LAND WITH WORSHIP?

Learn from the ten most significant Hebrew words for worship

### 1. BARAK

to bless (rarely to kneel or bow), to give reverence to God as an act of adoration, implies a continual conscious giving place to God, to be attuned to him and his presence **(330 occurrences)**

*Psalms 34:1 I will **bless** the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.*

*Psalms 95:6 Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us **kneel** before the Lord our maker.*

**Give Yahweh the honor he alone deserves.**

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Bow down, prostrate oneself in homage or loyalty to God the King, fall down flat **(172 occurrences)**

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*Psalms 95:6 Oh come, let us **worship** and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.*

**Get your body and soul in the right position before your King.**

### 3. HALLAL

To praise, to make a show or rave about, to glory in or boast upon, to be clamorously foolish about your adoration of God, often in the Temple context of leading others in worship (for example, the phrase "hallelujah" = praise Yahweh). **(165 occurrences)**

*Psalms 44:8 In God **we boast** all day long, and praise your name forever. Selah*

*Psalms 63:5 My soul shall be satisfied as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth shall **praise you** with joyful lips.*

**Boast and rave about his greatness, and invite others to join you.**



#### 4. YADAH

To praise, confess one's sin, give thanks, to revere in worship with an understanding of your indebtedness. **(100 occurrences)**

*Psalms 33:2 **Praise** the Lord with the harp; Make melody to him with an instrument of ten strings.*

*Psalms 18:49 Therefore I will **give thanks** to you, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name.*

**Praise God by thanking him for meeting you in your shortcomings.**

#### 5. SHIR

To sing praises about God, in his honor, and to him. **(87 occurrences)**

*Psalm 21:13 Be exalted, O Lord, in your strength! **We will sing** and praise your power.*

*Psalm 59:16 But I **will sing** of your strength; **I will sing aloud** of your steadfast love in the morning.*

**Use your voice to sing well-crafted songs that reflect God's honor.**

#### 6. TEHILLAH

To sing hallal, a new song, a hymn of spontaneous praise glorifying God in song **(57 occurrences)**

*Psalms 40:3 He has put a new song in my mouth—**praise to our God**. Many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.*

*Psalms 149:1 Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, and **his praise** in the assembly of saints.*

**Sing spontaneously, perhaps a song that you make up on the spot.**

#### 7. RANAN

To emit a strident sound, to shout aloud for joy, give a ringing cry **(54 occurrences)**

*Psalms 33:1 **Rejoice** in the Lord, O you righteous! For praise from the upright is beautiful.*

*Psalms 98:4 Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, **rejoice**, and sing praises.*

**Shout your joy, don't hold back.**

**8. ZAMAR**

To touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument i.e. play upon it, to make music accompanied by the voice, to celebrate in song and music, give praise, sing forth praises, psalms **(46 occurrences)**

*Psalms 71:22 Also with the lute I will praise you—and your faithfulness, O my God! To you **I will sing** with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.*

*Psalms 144:9 I will sing a new song to you, O God; On a harp of ten strings **I will sing praises** to you.*

**Praise him with whatever instrument you know how to play, including your voice.**

**9. GIL**

To spin around, under the influence of any violent emotion **(45 occurrences)**

*Psalms 32:11 Be glad in the Lord and **rejoice**, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*

*Psalms 35:9 And my soul **shall be joyful** in the Lord; It shall rejoice in his salvation.*

**Let your joy out with your whole body, however it is. most naturally expressed**

**10. TODAH**

"Thanksgiving," often in the context of sacrifice and communal doxology. **(32 occurrences)**

*Psalms 69:30 I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him **with thanksgiving**.*

*Psalms 100:4 Enter into his gates **with thanksgiving**, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful to him, and bless his name.*

**Give of what God has given you through thanking him with friends.**

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## WORSHIP AS A LIFESTYLE

### — Chapter 8 —

“I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven.”  
— A.W. Tozer

“I need to worship because without it I can forget that I have a big God beside me and live in fear. I need to worship because without it I can forget his calling and begin to live in a spirit of self-preoccupation. I need to worship because without it I lose a sense of wonder and gratitude and plod through life with blinders on. I need worship because my natural tendency is toward self-reliance and stubborn independence.” — John Ortberg

“We are perishing for lack of wonder, not for lack of wonders.” — G.K. Chesterton

“Worship has been misunderstood as something that arises from a feeling which ‘comes upon you,’ but it is vital that we understand that it is rooted in a conscious act of the will, to serve and obey the Lord Jesus Christ.” — Graham Kendrick

“Put it this way: if your idea of God, if your idea of the salvation offered in Christ, is vague or remote, your idea of worship will be fuzzy and ill-formed. The closer you get to the truth, the clearer becomes the beauty, and the more you will find worship welling up within you. That’s why

theology and worship belong together. The one isn’t just a headtrip; the other isn’t just emotion.”  
— N.T. Wright

“God directs his people not simply to worship but to sing his praises ‘before the nations.’ We are called not simply to communicate the gospel to nonbelievers; we must also intentionally celebrate the gospel before them.”  
— Timothy J. Keller

### HOW CAN YOU LEARN A LIFESTYLE OF WORSHIP?

#### FIVE DISCIPLINES OF WORSHIP

1. Set aside time to worship
2. Talk to your soul
3. Engage your whole being
4. Expand your repertoire
5. Worship “on the way”

## FOUR WAYS TO WORSHIP

### 1. With your Spirit

- Behold
- Gaze
- Quiet
- Align
- Connect
- Pray

### 2. With your body

- Bow down
- Lift your hands
- Stand
- Bury your face
- Clap
- Jump or leap
- Dance
- Spin
- Walk
- Enter his gates

### 3. With your voice

- Sing
- Shout
- Declare
- Proclaim
- Praise
- Bless
- Thank

### 4. With your hands

- Make music
- Serve
- Give
- Create

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IDOL DETECTION TOOLS

— Appendix I —

Because you consciously and unconsciously hide your idols, you need to carefully look through various areas of your life for symptoms of their presence. Then you can dig deeper and see if one or more hidden idols might be there.

Think through the categories of your life listed below and indicate if you are experiencing that area as a shrub (Jeremiah 17:6) or as a tree (Jeremiah 17:8). Add comments to explain more, and then go back through the list and mark an X in the “Note” box for the areas you want to dig deeper into to see if an idol is there.

When that is finished, do the same with the “Saddle Search” questions.

SHRUB OR TREE SURVEY — JEREMIAH 17

AREA OF YOUR LIFE	SHRUB	TREE	COMMENTS	NOTE
MARRIAGE				
REST				
SELF-IMAGE				
HEALTH				
CONTENTMENT WITH YOUR BODY				
CHILDREN				
WORK				
EMOTIONAL STABILITY				
PARENTS				
CO-WORKERS				
FINANCES				
SELF-DISCIPLINE				
SEXUALITY				
SINGLENES				
TIME MANAGEMENT				

SHRUB OR TREE SURVEY — CONTINUED				
AREA OF YOUR LIFE	SHRUB	TREE	COMMENTS	NOTE
GUILT AND ACCUSATIONS				
TRIALS				
FRIENDS				
MINISTRY				
CHURCH				
SABBATH				
WORRY				
PROCRASTINATION				
FEAR				
COMPARISON				
THE FUTURE				

SADDLE SEARCH — GEN 31:43-36		
QUESTION	ANSWER	NOTE
When do you find yourself gripped with sudden and uncontrollable emotions?		
What occupies your mind when you have nothing else to think about?		
What are irrational or unwise ways you spend your money?		
What consistently disappoints you?		
What do you complain about the most?		
What worries you?		
Where is your sanctuary?		
What infuriates you?		

**IDOL REMOVAL (TO BE DONE AFTER THE IDOL  
ARCHETYPES ARE EXPLORED)**

1. General name (idol name) \_\_\_\_\_

Specific name for you \_\_\_\_\_

Symptoms:

What is this idol costing you?

Your prayer of repentance:

Your prayer of faith (replacing false worship with  
worship of the one true God):

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Specific name for you \_\_\_\_\_

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# NO OTHER GODS QUICK REVIEW

— Appendix II —

## SEVEN SIGNS OF IDOLATRY — TRUST IN MAN (JEREMIAH 17)

- 1. The experience of being cursed, vs 5
- 2. Dependence on the flesh for strength, vs 5
- 3. A heart that turns away from God, vs 5
- 4. Dryness, vs 6
- 5. Inability to see prosperity when it comes, vs 6
- 6. Lack of life and connection with others, vs 6
- 7. Self-deception, vs 9

## SEVEN SIGNS OF TRUE WORSHIP — TRUST IN GOD (JEREMIAH 17)

- 1. Blessing, vs 7
- 2. Refreshment, vs 8
- 3. Rootedness, vs 8
- 4. Lack of fear, vs 8

- 5. Resilience, vs 8
- 6. Lack of worry, vs 8
- 7. Consistent fruit, vs 8

## SEVEN IDOLS TO REMOVE (2 KINGS 23)

- 1. **Baal — storm god** (Baal means “owner”, “master”, “lord”) Gives me protection or power
- 2. **Asherah — goddess of fertility** Gives me fruitfulness or prosperity
- 3. **The Starry Hosts, Sun, Moon and Constellations — gods of the heavens** Gives me stability or security
- 4. **Molech — god of destruction — gods of fear** Gives me safety or relief
- 5. **Ashtoreth — goddess of love — comfort gods** Gives me comfort or pleasure
- 6. **Chemosh — war god** Gives me victory or release from oppression
- 7. **Mediums, spiritists, household gods — family gods** Gives me identity or direction



**SIXTEEN NAMES OF GOD**

1. **El Shaddai** (Lord God Almighty)
2. **El Elyon** (The Most High God)
3. **Adonai** (Lord, Master)
4. **Yahweh** (Lord, Yahweh)
5. **Yahweh Nissi** (The Lord My Banner)
6. **Yahweh-Raah** (The Lord My Shepherd)
7. **Yahweh Rapha** (The Lord That Heals)
8. **Yahweh Shammah** (The Lord Is There)
9. **Yahweh Tsidkenu** (The Lord Our Righteousness)
10. **Yahweh Mekoddishkem** (The Lord Who Sanctifies You)
11. **El 'Olam** (The Everlasting God)
12. **Elohim** (God)
13. **Qanna** (Jealous)
14. **Yahweh Yir'eh** (The Lord Will Provide)
15. **Yahweh Shalom** (The Lord Is Peace)
16. **Yahweh Sabaoth** (The Lord of Hosts)

**FOUR WAYS TO WORSHIP**

1. With your spirit
2. With your body
3. With your voice
4. With your hands

## HEBREW WORDS FOR WORSHIP

### — Appendix III —

(<http://justworship.com/hebrew-words/>)

They have taken the 10 most prominent words and listed them first. There are 56 words in all.

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**Psalms 118:24** *This is the day the Lord has made; We will rejoice and be glad in it.*

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**Psalms 66:4** All the earth shall worship you and sing praises to You; They shall sing praises to your name. Selah

**Psalms 95:6** Oh come, let us worship and bow down; Let us kneel before the Lord our maker.

**SHUWR**

Strolling minstrelsy, to sing, singer (man or woman)

**Psalms 18:49** Therefore I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name.

**Psalms 33:3** Sing to him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.

**Psalms 144:9** I will sing a new song to you, O God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to you.

**TEHILLAH**

To sing hallal, a new song, a hymn of spontaneous praise glorifying God in song

**Psalms 34:1** I will bless the Lord at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

**Psalms 40:3** He has put a new song in my mouth—praise to our God. Many will see it and fear, and will trust in the Lord.

**Psalms 149:1** Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song, and his praise in the assembly of saints.

**TODAH**

An extension of the hand, avowal, adoration, a choir of worshipers, confession, sacrifice of praise, thanksgiving

**Psalms 50:14** Offer to God thanksgiving, and pay your vows to the Most High.

**Psalms 69:30** I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.

**Psalms 100:4** Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful to him, and bless his name.

**YADAH**

To use, hold out the hand, to throw (a stone or arrow) at or away, to revere or worship (with extended hands, praise thankful, thanksgiving)

**Psalms 33:2** Praise the Lord with the harp; Make melody to him with an instrument of ten strings.

**Psalms 61:8** So I will sing praise to your name forever, that I may daily perform my vows.



**Psalms 18:49** *Therefore I will give thanks to you, O Lord, among the Gentiles, and sing praises to your name.*

### ZAMAR

To touch the strings or parts of a musical instrument i.e. play upon it, to make music accompanied by the voice, to celebrate in song and music, give praise, sing forth praises, psalms

**Psalms 66:2** *Sing out the honor of his name; Make his praise glorious.*

**Psalms 71:22** *Also with the lute I will praise you—and your faithfulness, O my God! To you I will sing with the harp, O Holy One of Israel.*

**Psalms 144:9** *I will sing a new song to you, O God; On a harp of ten strings I will sing praises to you.*

### ALATS

To jump for joy, exult, be joyful, rejoice, triumph

**Psalms 5:11** *But let all those rejoice who put their trust in you; Let them ever shout for joy, because you defend them; Let those also who love your name be joyful in you.*

**Psalms 9:2** *I will be glad and rejoice in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High.*

**Psalms 68:3** *But let the righteous be glad; Let them rejoice before God; Yes, let them rejoice exceedingly.*

### ALAZ

To jump for joy, exult, be joyful, rejoice, triumph

**Psalms 28:7** *The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted in him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, and with my song I will praise him.*

**Psalms 68:4** *Sing to God, sing praises to his name, extol him who rides on the clouds, by his name YAH (in NIV it says...his name is the LORD"), and rejoice before him.*

**Psalms 98:4** *Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; Break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.*

### ANAH

To eye or to heed, pay attention, to respond, to begin to speak, to sing, shout, testify, announce, give, account, afflict

**Psalms 147:7** *Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; Sing praises on the harp to our God.*

### CALAL

To mound up, exalt, reflex, to oppose, cast up, exalt (self), extol, make plain, raise up

**Psalms 68:4** *Sing to God, sing praises to his name; extol him who rides on the clouds, by His name YAH (same thing here...is it the LORD or YAHWEH?), and rejoice before him.*

**CAPHAR**

To score with a mark, to inscribe, to enumerate, recount, celebrate, show forth, speak, talk, tell

**Psalms 9:14** *That I may tell of all your praise in the gates of the daughter of Zion. I will rejoice in your salvation.*

**Psalms 79:13** *So we, your people and sheep of your pasture, will give you thanks forever; We will show forth your praise to all generations.*

**Isaiah 43:21** *This people I have formed for myself; they shall declare my praise.*

**CHAGAG**

To move in a circle, to march in a sacred procession, to observe a festival, to be giddy, celebrate, dance, to keep or hold a solemn feast (holiday), to reel to and fro

**Leviticus 23:39** *On the fifteenth day of the seventh month, when you have gathered in the produce of the land, you shall celebrate the feast of the LORD seven days.*

**CHUWL**

To twist or whirl in a circular spiral manner, to dance

**Judges 21:23** *And the children of Benjamin did so; they took enough wives for their number from those who danced, whom they caught. Then they went and returned to their inheritance, and they rebuilt the cities and dwelt in them.*

**DAGAL**

To flaunt, to raise a flag, to be conspicuous, set up with banners

**Psalms 20:5** *We will rejoice in your salvation, and in the name of our God we will set up our banners! May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.*

**GADAL**

To cause to be large, increase in estate, honor or pride, advance, boast, bring up, exceed, excellent, lift up, magnify, promote, speak proudly of

**Psalms 34:3** *Oh, magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.*

**Psalms 69:30** *I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.*

**Psalms 70:4** *Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; And let those who love your salvation say continually, "Let God be magnified!"*

**GIYL**

A revolution (of time and age), exceeding joy, gladness, greatly, rejoice

**Psalms 32:11** *Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, you righteous; And shout for joy, all you upright in heart!*



**Psalms 65:12** *They drop on the pastures of the wilderness, and the little hills rejoice on every side.*

## GOL

To call aloud, a voice or sound, bleating, crackling, cry, fame, lightness, lowing, noise, proclaiming, sing, sound, thunder, voice, yell

**Psalms 95:1** *Oh come, let us sing to the Lord! Let us shout joyfully to the rock of our salvation.*

**Psalms 95:2** *Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to him with psalms.*

**Psalms 98:4** *Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.*

## HILLUWL

A sense of rejoicing, a celebration of thanksgiving for harvest, merry, praise

**Leviticus 19:24** *But in the fourth year all its fruit shall be holy, a praise to the Lord.*

## KABED

Numerous, rich, honorable, to make weighty

**Psalms 22:23** *You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you descendants of Jacob, glorify him, and fear him, all you offspring of Israel!*

**Psalms 86:9** *All nations whom you have made shall come and worship before you, O Lord, and shall glorify your name.*

**Psalms 86:12** *I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart, and I will glorify your name forevermore.*

## KABOD

Splendor, copiousness, glorious, glory, honorable

**Psalms 29:1** *Give unto the Lord, O you mighty ones, Give unto the Lord glory and strength.*

**Psalms 66:2** *Sing out the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.*

**Psalms 96:8** *Give to the Lord the glory due his name; bring an offering, and come into his courts.*

## KARA

To bend the knee, to sink, to prostrate, bow down self, bring down low

**Psalms 22:29** *All the prosperous of the earth shall eat and worship; all those who go down to the dust shall bow before him, even he who cannot keep himself alive.*

**Psalms 95:6** *Oh come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our maker.*



**KARAR**

To dance, whirl

**2 Samuel 6:14** *Then David danced before the Lord with all his might; and David was wearing a linen ephod.*

**MACHA**

To rub or strike the hands together (in exultation), clap

**Psalms 98:8** *Let the rivers clap their hands; let the hills be joyful together before the Lord...*

**MACHOWL**

A round dance, dancing

**Psalms 30:11** *You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have put off my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness...*

**Psalms 149:3** *Let them praise his name with the dance; let them sing praises to him with the timbrel and harp.*

**Jeremiah 31:13** *Then shall the virgin rejoice in the dance, and the young men and the old, together; for I will turn their mourning to joy, will comfort them, and make them rejoice rather than sorrow.*

**MANGIYNAH**

A satire, music

**Lamentations 3:63** *Look at their sitting down and their rising up; I am their taunting song.*

**MASSA**

A burden, an utterance, chiefly a doom, especially singing, prophecy, song, tribute

**Habakkuk 1:1** *The burden which the prophet Habakkuk saw.*

**Habakkuk 3:19** *The Lord God is my strength; He will make my feet like deer's feet, and he will make me walk on my high hills. To the Chief Musician. With my stringed instruments.*

**MECHOWLAH**

A dance company, dances

**Exodus 15:20** *Then Miriam the prophetess, the sister of Aaron, took the timbrel in her hand; and all the women went out after her with timbrels and with dances.*

**Jeremiah 31:4** *Again I will build you, and you shall be rebuilt, O virgin of Israel! You shall again be adorned with your tambourines, and shall go forth in the dances of those who rejoice.*

**MIZMOWR**

Instrumental music, a poem set to notes, the word most frequently used for titles of the Psalms

**Psalms 3:1** *A Psalm of David when he fled from Absalom his son.*

**Psalms 13:1** *To the Chief Musician. A Psalm of David.*

**Psalms 15:1** *A Psalm of David.*

**NACAH**

To lift, exalt, extol, hold, up, honor, magnify, regard, respect, yield

**Psalms 28:2** *Hear the voice of my supplications when I cry to you, when I lift up my hands toward your holy sanctuary.*

**Psalms 63:4** *Thus I will bless you while I live; I will lift up my hands in your name.*

**Psalms 134:2** *Lift up your hands in the sanctuary, and bless the Lord.*

**NAGAN**

To thrum, to beat a tune with the fingers, to play a stringed instrument, to make music, sing to stringed instruments

**Psalms 33:3** *Sing to him a new song; Play skillfully with a shout of joy.*

**NATSACH**

To glitter from afar, to be eminent (as a superintendent), especially of the temple services and its music, to be permanent, excel, chief musician (singer), overseer, set forward, used in the title of the Psalms

**Psalms 4:1** *To the Chief Musician. With stringed instruments. A Psalm of David.*

**Psalms 5:1** *To the Chief Musician. With flutes. A Psalm of David.*

**Psalms 8:1** *To the Chief Musician. On the instrument of Gath. A Psalm of David.*

**NEGIYNATH**

Instrumental music, a stringed instrument, a poem set to music, an epigram

**Lamentations 5:14** *The elders have ceased gathering at the gate, and the young men from their music.*

**PARAS**

To break apart, disperse, break, chop in pieces, lay open, scatter, spread (abroad, forth, selves, out), stretch (forth, out)

**Psalms 143:6** *I spread out my hands to you; my soul longs for you like a thirsty land. Selah*



**PATSACH**

To break out (in joyful sound), break forth into joy, make a loud noise

**Psalms 98:4** *Shout joyfully to the Lord, all the earth; break forth in song, rejoice, and sing praises.*

**Psalms 98:6** *With trumpets and the sound of a horn; shout joyfully before the Lord, the King.*

**Psalms 100:1** *Make a joyful shout to the Lord, all you lands!*

**PAZAZ**

To solidify (as if by refining), to spring (as if separating the limbs), leap, be made strong

**2 Samuel 6:16** *Now as the ark of the Lord came into the City of David, Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David leaping and whirling before the Lord; and she despised him in her heart.*

**RAGAD**

To stamp, to spring about (wildly or for joy), aloud, noise, shouted

**Ecclesiastes 3:4** *A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to mourn, and a time to dance.*

**1 Chronicles 15:29** *And it happened, as the ark of the covenant of the Lord came to the City of David, that Michal, Saul's daughter, looked through a window and saw King David whirling and playing music; and she despised him in her heart.*

**RENANAH**

A shout (for joy), joyful voice, singing, triumphing

**Psalms 100:2** *Serve the Lord with gladness; come before his presence with singing.*

**RINNAH**

A shrill sound, shout of grief or joy, gladness, proclamation, rejoicing, shouting, triumph, singing

**Psalms 107:22** *Let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.*

**Psalms 118:15** *The voice of rejoicing and salvation is in the tents of the righteous; the right hand of the Lord does valiantly (in NIV it says "...does mighty things").*

**Psalms 126:6** *He who continually goes forth weeping, bearing seed for sowing, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing his sheaves with him.*



**ROWMAM**

Exaltation, praise, be extolled

**Psalms 66:17** *I cried to him with my mouth, and he was extolled with my tongue.*

**RUWA**

To split the ears with sound, shout (for alarm or joy), blow an alarm, make a joyful noise, shout for joy, sound an alarm

**Joshua 6:20** *So the people shouted when the priests blew the trumpets. And it happened when the people heard the sound of the trumpet, and the people shouted with a great shout, that the wall fell down flat. Then the people went up into the city, every man straight before him, and they took the city.*

**Psalms 47:1** *Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!*

**Psalms 65:13** *The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered with grain; they shout for joy, they also sing.*

**SAMACH**

To brighten up, cheer up, make glad, make merry

**Psalms 31:7** *I will be glad and rejoice in your mercy, for you have considered my trouble; you have known my soul in adversities.*

**Psalms 48:11** *Let Mount Zion rejoice, let the daughters of Judah be glad, because of your judgments.*

**Psalms 105:3** *Glory in his holy name; let the hearts of those rejoice who seek the Lord!*

**SAMEACH**

Blithe or gleeful, glad, joyful, making merry, hearted, rejoice

**Psalms 96:11** *Let the heavens rejoice, and let the earth be glad; let the sea roar, and all its fullness.*

**SASON**

Cheerfulness, welcome, gladness, joy, rejoicing, mirth

**Psalms 119:111** *Your testimonies I have taken as a heritage forever, for they are the rejoicing of my heart.*

**SHABACH**

To address in a loud tone, a loud adoration, a shout, proclaiming with a loud voice (unashamed), to glory, triumph, power, a testimony of praise

**Psalms 63:3** *Because your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise you.*

**Psalms 106:47** *Save us, O Lord our God, and gather us from among the Gentiles, to give thanks to your holy name, to triumph in your praise.*

**Psalms 145:4** *One generation shall praise your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.*

**SHAOWN**

Uproar (as a rushing), destruction, noise, pomp, rushing, tumult

**Psalms 66:1** *Make a joyful shout to God, all the earth!*

**Psalms 81:1** *Sing aloud to God our strength; make a joyful shout to the God of Jacob.*

**SHEBACH**

Adore, praise, to adulate

**Daniel 2:23** *I thank you and praise you, O God of my fathers; You have given me wisdom and might, and have now made known to me what we asked of you, for you have made known to us the king's demand.*

**Daniel 4:34** *And at the end of the time I, Nebuchadnezzar, lifted my eyes to heaven, and my understanding returned to me; and I blessed the Most High and praised and honored him who lives forever: For his dominion is an everlasting dominion, and his kingdom is from generation to generation.*

**SHIRYAH**

A song, singing, musical song

**Psalms 96:1** *Oh, sing to the Lord a new song! Sing to the Lord, all the earth.*

**Psalms 98:1** *Oh, sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things; his right hand and his holy arm have gained him the victory.*

**SUWS**

To be bright, cheerful, be glad, make mirth, rejoice

**Psalms 35:9** *And my soul shall be joyful in the Lord; It shall rejoice in his salvation.*

**Psalms 40:16** *Let all those who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; may those who love your salvation say continually, "The Lord be magnified!"*

**Psalms 119:162** *I rejoice at your word as one who finds great treasure.*

**TAGA**

To clatter, slap hands together, clang an instrument, to become bondsman by hand clasping, blow a trumpet

**Psalms 47:1** *Oh, clap your hands, all you peoples! Shout to God with the voice of triumph!*

**TERUWAH**

An acclamation of joy or a battle cry, clangor of trumpets, sounding of an alarm

**Psalms 27:6** *And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me; therefore I will offer sacrifices of joy in his tabernacle; I will sing, yes, I will sing praises to the Lord.*



**ZAMMAR**

An instrumental musician, singer

**Ezra 7:24** *Also we inform you that it shall not be lawful to impose tax, tribute, or custom on any of the priests, Levites, singers, gatekeepers, Nethinim, or servants of this house of God.*

**ZEMAR**

Instrumental music

**Daniel 3:7** *So at that time, when all the people heard the sound of the horn, flute, harp, and lyre, in symphony with all kinds of music, all the people, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the gold image which King Nebuchadnezzar had set up.*

**Daniel 3:10** *You, O king, have made a decree that everyone who hears the sound of the horn, flute, harp, lyre, and psaltery, in symphony with all kinds of music, shall fall down and worship the gold image.*

**ZEMIRAH**

A song to be accompanied by instrumental music

**Psalms 95:2** *Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving; let us shout joyfully to him with psalms.*

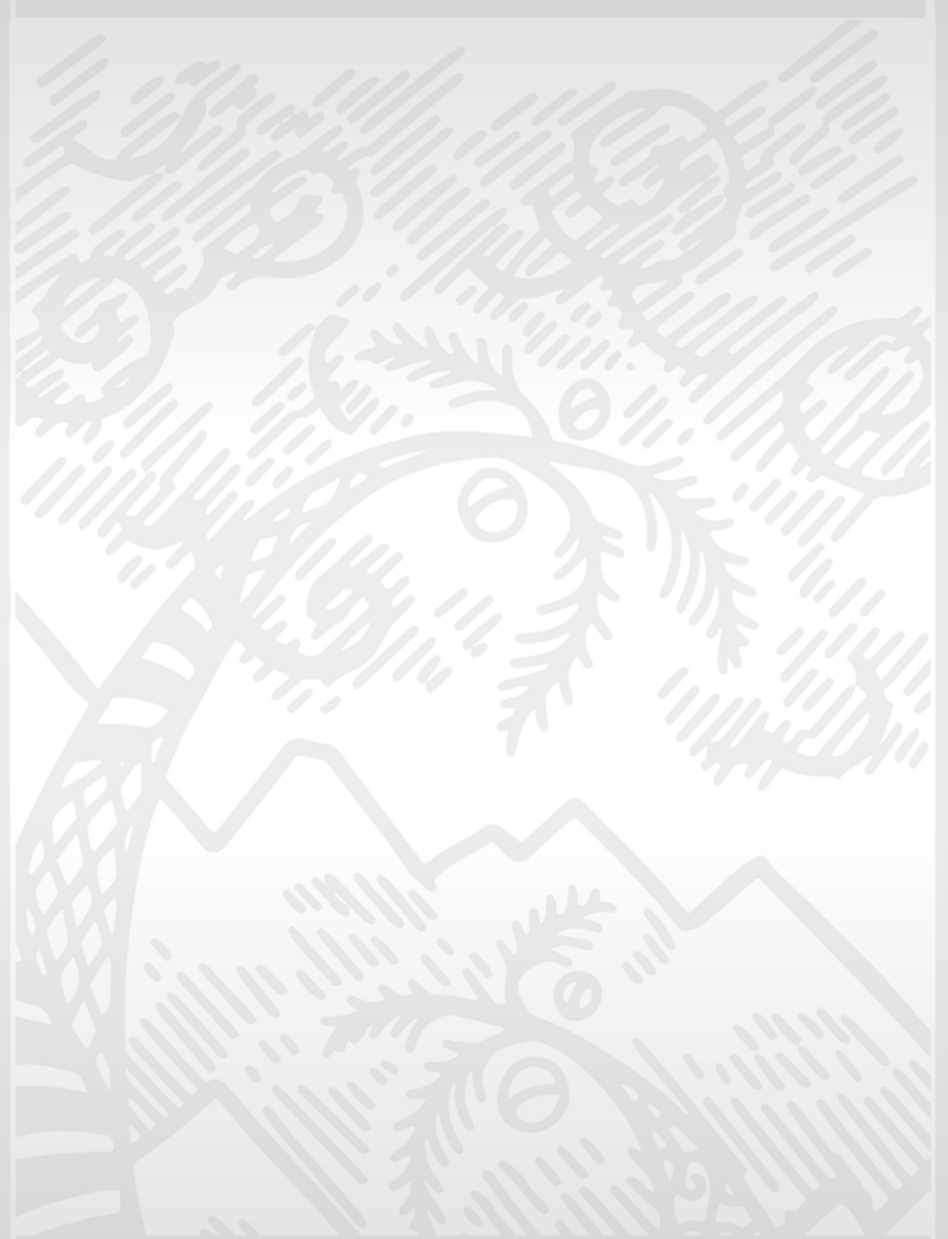
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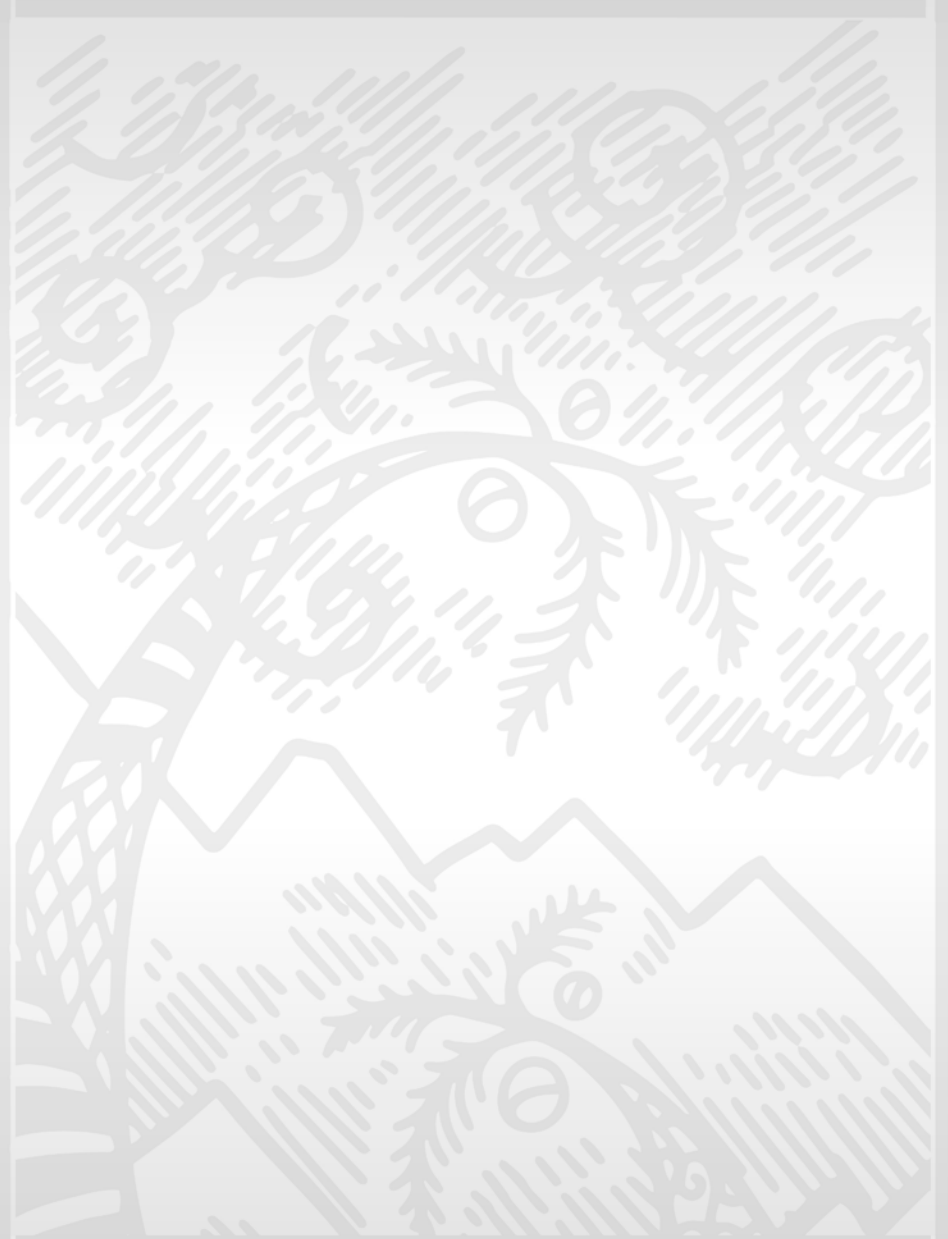
A musical piece, song to be accompanied by an instrument, melody, psalm

**Psalms 81:2** *Raise a song and strike the timbral, the pleasant harp with the lute.*

**Psalms 98:5** *Sing to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of a psalm.*











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