

Exodus 34:10-17 **Make no covenant with the people or their gods**

10 And He said: "Behold, I make a covenant.

Before all your people I will do marvels such as have not been done in all the earth, nor in any nation; and all the people among whom you are shall see the work of the LORD. For it is an awesome thing that I will do with you.

11 Observe what I command you this day. Behold, I am driving out from before you the Amorite and the Canaanite and the Hittite and the Perizzite and the Hivite and the Jebusite.

12 Take heed to yourself, lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land where you are going, lest it be a snare in your midst. 13 But you shall destroy their altars, break their sacred pillars, and cut down their wooden images 14 (for you shall worship no other god, for the LORD, whose name is Jealous, is a jealous God),

15 lest you make a covenant with the inhabitants of the land, and they play the harlot with their gods and make sacrifice to their gods, and one of them invites you and you eat of his sacrifice, 16 and you take of his daughters for your sons, and his daughters play the harlot with their gods and make your sons play the harlot with their gods. 17 You shall make no molded gods for yourselves. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

- ✧ This Covenant promise of God is a repeat of His promise to Abraham [Genesis 15:13-21], and to Moses at the burning Bush [Exodus 3:1-8, 13-17]. Moses repeated it to the Children of Israel as they departed from Egypt [Exodus 13:3-5]. God spoke it directly to the people when God gave the moral law from Heaven in the hearing of the people at the foot of the Mountain before Moses went up the mountain to be with God for 40 days [Exodus 23:20-28]. And after the incident of the Golden Calf as God instructed Moses to lead the people to the promised land with the promise to send His Angel before them to drive out the specified nations before them. [Exodus 33:1-3].
- ✧ This covenant is the awesome work of God as He steps into history to destroy seven nations, each greater than Israel, and gives their land to Israel as an inheritance. This is something God has never before done in the history of mankind.
- ✧ It is a thing that is witnessed by the entire nation as well as all the nations of the earth who hear about it.
- ✧ The covenant includes a command to completely eliminate all aspects of the idolatrous practices of the people being driven out of the land.
- ✧ Do not make a covenant with the people of the land.
 - ◇ The purpose of the work of God and the command to the people, is to prevent the people of Israel from falling into the same idolatrous ways as the people of the land who are being judged for their idolatry, and thereby Israel would be sinning against God Who is giving them the land to inherit.
- ✧ God wants His people to be pure in their worship of their God. He knows the tendency of mankind to turn toward idolatry and turn away from the only true God Who is invisible to mortal eyes.
- ✧ Idolatry remains a great hindrance to mankind even today, and it needed to be included in the commandments for the Church age as well. [Acts 15:19-29, 21:25, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, 10:1-14, Ephesians 5:5, Colossians 3:5-6, 1 John 5:21, Revelation 2:12-14, 2:20, 21:8, 22:15]

☆ Today we need to know that the concept of idolatry goes far beyond the making of images, and it also applies to the lusts and work of the flesh as opposed to the fruit of the Spirit.
[\[Colossians 3:5-6\]](#)