

Exodus 32:1-6 NLT

“When the people saw how long it was taking Moses to come back down the mountain, they gathered around Aaron. “Come on,” they said, “make us some gods who can lead us. We don’t know what happened to this fellow Moses, who brought us here from the land of Egypt.” So Aaron said, “Take the gold rings from the ears of your wives and sons and daughters, and bring them to me.” All the people took the gold rings from their ears and brought them to Aaron. Then Aaron took the gold, melted it down, and molded it into the shape of a calf. When the people saw it, they exclaimed, “O Israel, these are the gods who brought you out of the land of Egypt!” Aaron saw how excited the people were, so he built an altar in front of the calf. Then he announced, “Tomorrow will be a festival to the Lord!” The people got up early the next morning to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings. After this, they celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.”

One of the pagan gods Egypt worshipped in the form of a cow was called _____.

Apis most likely began as a god of fertility but eventually served as an intermediary between humans and other powerful deities such as _____.

In times of distress and doubting God, the people turned to the wisdom of their surrounding culture. They made the calf (cow) idol to _____ to Ptah.

Hosea 1:2 NLT

“When the Lord first began speaking to Israel through Hosea, he said to him, “Go and marry a prostitute, so that some of her children will be conceived in prostitution. This will illustrate how Israel has acted like a prostitute by turning against the Lord and worshiping other gods.”

Hosea 9:1 NLT

“O people of Israel, do not rejoice as other nations do. For you have been unfaithful to your God, hiring yourselves out like prostitutes, worshiping other gods on every threshing floor.”

An idol is something (other than God) that:

- _____ your heart
- Requires your _____
- Becomes a _____ for God
- _____ what belongs to God (faith, loyalty, submission, etc)

Ways God may reveal our idols:

- His _____ / His _____
- _____ / _____
- _____

Hosea 10:1 NLT

“How prosperous Israel is— a luxuriant vine loaded with fruit. But the richer the people get, the more pagan altars they build. The more bountiful their harvests, the more beautiful their sacred pillars.”

1 Corinthians 10:14 NLT

“So, my dear friends, flee from the worship of idols.”

Colossians 3:5 NLT

“So put to death the sinful, earthly things lurking within you. Have nothing to do with sexual immorality, impurity, lust, and evil desires. Don’t be greedy, for a greedy person is an idolater, worshiping the things of this world.”

1 John 5:21 NIV

“Dear children, keep yourselves from idols.”

1 John 5:21 NLT

“Dear children, keep away from *anything that might take God’s place in your hearts.*”

Anything that takes God’s place in your heart is an _____.