

DO NOT INQUIRE OF OTHER gods or SAY THEIR NAMES or DO WHAT IDOLATORS DO!  
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Deut. 12:2-4 You must demolish completely all the places where the nations whom you are about to dispossess served their gods, on the mountain heights, on the hills, and under every leafy tree. **3** Break down their altars, smash their pillars, burn their sacred poles with fire, and hew down the idols of their gods, and **thus blot out their name** from their places. **4** You shall not worship the Lord your God in such ways.

**Do not say their names:**

Deut 23:13 Be attentive to all that I have said to you. Do not invoke the names of other gods; do not let them be heard on your lips.

**Do not inquire:**

Deut 12:29-32 When the Lord your God has cut off before you the nations whom you are about to enter to dispossess them, when you have dispossessed them and live in their land, **30** take care that you are not snared into imitating them, after they have been destroyed before you: do not inquire concerning their gods, saying, "How did these nations worship their gods? I also want to do the same." **31** You must not do the same for the Lord your God, because every abhorrent thing that the Lord hates they have done for their gods. They would even burn their sons and their daughters in the fire to their gods. **32** You must diligently observe everything that I command you; do not add to it or take anything from it.

Deut 18:9-14 When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, **you must not learn to imitate the abhorrent practices of those nations.** **10** No one shall be found among you who makes a son or daughter pass through fire, or who practices divination, or is a soothsayer, or an augur, or a sorcerer, **11** or one who casts spells, or who consults ghosts or spirits, or who seeks oracles from the dead. **12** For whoever does these things is abhorrent to the Lord; it is because of such abhorrent practices that the Lord your God is driving them out before you. **13** You must remain completely loyal to the Lord your God. **14** Although these nations that you are about to dispossess do give heed to soothsayers and diviners, as for you, **the Lord your God does not permit you to do so.**

Rev. 2:24-25 **But to the rest of you** in Thyatira, who do not hold this (Jezebel's) teaching, **who have not learned what some call "the deep things of Satan,"** to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden; **25** only **hold fast** to what you have **until I come.**

Jer. 10:2 Thus says the Lord: **Do not learn the way of the nations,** or be dismayed at the signs of the heavens; for the nations are dismayed at them.

**Do not do:**

Lev. 18:3 **You shall not do as they do** in the land of Egypt, where you lived, and **you shall not do as they do** in the land of Canaan, to which I am bringing you. **You shall not follow their statutes.** **4** My ordinances you shall observe and my statutes you shall keep, following them: I am the Lord your God.

Lev. 20:23 **You shall not follow the practices** of the nation that I am driving out before you. Because they did all these things, I abhorred them.

Deut. 13 Put to death those who try to entice you away to other gods:

Deut. 13:1-5 If prophets or those who divine by dreams appear among you and promise you omens or portents, 2 and the omens or the portents declared by them take place, and they say, "Let us follow other gods" (whom you have not known) "and let us serve them," 3 you must not heed the words of those prophets or those who divine by dreams; for the Lord your God is testing you, to know whether you indeed love the Lord your God with all your heart and soul. 4 The Lord your God you shall follow, him alone you shall fear, his commandments you shall keep, his voice you shall obey, him you shall serve, and to him you shall hold fast. 5 But those prophets or those who divine by dreams shall be put to death for having spoken treason against the Lord your God

Deut. 13:6-10 6 If anyone secretly entices you—even if it is your brother, your father's son or your mother's son, or your own son or daughter, or the wife you embrace, or your most intimate friend—saying, "Let us go worship other gods," whom neither you nor your ancestors have known, 7 any of the gods of the peoples that are around you, whether near you or far away from you, from one end of the earth to the other, 8 you must not yield to or heed any such persons. Show them no pity or compassion and do not shield them. 9 But you shall surely kill them; your own hand shall be first against them to execute them, and afterwards the hand of all the people. 10 Stone them to death for trying to turn you away from the Lord your God,

Deut. 13:12-18 12 If you hear it said about one of the towns that the Lord your God is giving you to live in, 13 that scoundrels from among you have gone out and led the inhabitants of the town astray, saying, "Let us go and worship other gods," whom you have not known, 14 then you shall inquire and make a thorough investigation. If the charge is established that such an abhorrent thing has been done among you, 15 you shall put the inhabitants of that town to the sword, utterly destroying it and everything in it—even putting its livestock to the sword. 16 All of its spoil you shall gather into its public square; then burn the town and all its spoil with fire, as a whole burnt offering to the Lord your God. It shall remain a perpetual ruin, never to be rebuilt. 17 Do not let anything devoted to destruction stick to your hand, so that the Lord may turn from his fierce anger and show you compassion, and in his compassion multiply you, as he swore to your ancestors, 18 if you obey the voice of the Lord your God by keeping all his commandments that I am commanding you today, doing what is right in the sight of the Lord your God.

Ex. 23:31-33 I will set your borders from the Red Sea to the sea of the Philistines, and from the wilderness to the Euphrates; for I will hand over to you the inhabitants of the land, and you shall drive them out before you. 32 You shall make no covenant with them and their gods. 33 They shall not live in your land, or they will make you sin against me; for if you worship their gods, it will surely be a snare to you.

Deut. 7:1-8 Put to death those who try to entice you away to other gods When the Lord your God brings you into the land that you are about to enter and occupy, and he clears away many nations before you—the Hittites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, the Canaanites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites, seven nations mightier and more numerous than you— 2 and when the Lord your God gives them over to you and you defeat them, then you must utterly destroy them. Make no covenant with them and show them no mercy. 3 Do not intermarry with them, giving your daughters to their sons or taking their daughters for your sons, 4 for that would turn away your children from following me, to serve other gods. Then the anger of the Lord would be kindled against you, and he would destroy you quickly. 5 But this is how you must deal with them: break down their altars, smash their pillars, hew down their sacred poles, and burn their idols with fire. 6 For you are a people holy to the Lord your God;

*the Lord your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession. 7 It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the Lord set his heart on you and chose you—for you were the fewest of all peoples. 8 It was because the Lord loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors, that the Lord has brought you out with a mighty hand, and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.*

Josh 23:4-9 I have allotted to you as an inheritance for your tribes those nations that remain, along with all the nations that I have already cut off, from the Jordan to the Great Sea in the west 5 The Lord your God will push them back before you, and drive them out of your sight; and you shall possess their land, as the Lord your God promised you. 6 Therefore be very steadfast to observe and do all that is written in the book of the law of Moses, turning aside from it neither to the right nor to the left, 7 so that you may not be mixed with these nations left here among you, **or make mention of the names of their gods, or swear by them, or serve them, or bow yourselves down to them,** 8 but hold fast to the Lord your God, as you have done to this day. 9 For the Lord has driven out before you great and strong nations; and as for you, no one has been able to withstand you to this day.