

How Can Idols Die?

Commentary for April 1, 2022 — They Cannot, But Spirits Can Die

This month's article is "The Magnitude of the End Time Crisis" (first read the "[April 2022 Newsletter](#)" for introductory information). In the article I quote Jeremiah 10:10–12 (in the the King James Version).

In this Commentary I want to give a good understanding of reality as told in the Scriptures. I use the Concordant Literal Version of the Old Testament in the biblical quotes. Study and meditate on the verses below. They reveal much that you likely have not read before, or presented in a way you have not encountered before.

First, understand the context for Jeremiah 10:10–12. YHWH is speaking to Israel through Jeremiah. God's message is specifically to the people remaining in the Kingdom of Judah, after an initial part of its population was seized and taken into exile to Babylon in Judah's first captivity:

¹⁰ "Yet Yahweh is Elohim in truth; He is the living Elohim and the eonian King; At His wrath the earth quakes, And the nations cannot endure His indignation.

¹¹ You shall say this to them [Judah]:

'The elohim [plural] that did NOT make the heavens and the earth, these shall PERISH [1] from the earth and [2] from under the heavens.

¹² Yahweh is the Maker of the earth by His vigor, The Establisher of the habitance [world] by His wisdom, And by His understanding He stretched out the heavens."

• Jeremiah 10:10–12, Concordant Literal Version

What does it mean in verse 11 when YHWH says "**The Elohim** [the spirit beings] ... **these shall perish**"? It means that not only can they die, but they "**shall die.**" Before they die, they must be living. YHWH is not talking about inanimate objects of metal, stone, or wood idols. They are not alive; they cannot perish. They do not die. Evil spirits (demons) are alive. If something lives and is sinful, it not only can die, it will die.¹

Who Are The "gods" Of The Idols?

Idols are physical representations of "gods" who are really evil spirits that are near and around the people, idols, and temples. The spirits sometimes communicate with people and do minor acts to impress people. They want people to believe they are gods with power. When YHWH said "**The elohim ... these shall perish,**" He meant the spirits will die and they cease to exist. In terms of power, compared to YHWH they are as nothing.²

¹ See my article "[Spirits Can Die](#)" where I go into this matter in detail.

² Even human beings are said to be created "**a little lower than the angels.**" Angels are *elohim*, but

The prophet Moses sang the following words to the people of Israel about the sins of the Israelites since they left Egypt. His words are in what is called, "the Song of Moses":

"They sacrificed to demons, not Eloah, To elohim [gods] — they had not known them before — To new ones [new gods] that came from nearby; Your fathers were not horrified by them."

• **Deuteronomy 32:17**

The gods the Israelites sacrificed to were demons. They were *elohim* but they were nothing compared to *Eloah* (another Hebrew singular form of El, or God).

In an epistle (a letter) to the *ekklesia* at Corinth, the apostle Paul taught for 18 months, he quoted this Deuteronomy 32:17 passage:

"But that [to] which the nations are sacrificing, they are sacrificing to demons and not to God. Now I do not want you to become participants with the demons.

You can not drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You can not be partaking of the table of the Lord and the table of demons."

• **1 Corinthians 10:20–21**

Earlier in First Corinthians Paul wrote,

"We are aware that an idol is nothing in the world, and that there is no other God except One. For even if so be that there are those being termed gods, whether in heaven or on earth, even as there are many gods and many lords,

nevertheless for us there is ONE God, the Father, out of Whom all is, and we for Him, and ONE Lord, Jesus Christ, through Whom all is, and we through Him. But not in all is there this knowledge."

• **1 Corinthians 8:4–7**

Even worse, Israel committed this criminal abomination: **"They sacrificed their sons and their daughters to demons"** (Psalm 106:37).³ Isaiah wrote that the people of Judah **"pray to an el who cannot save."** He went on about false gods, **"Behold, all of them are nothing, And their deeds are nil; Wind and chaos are their molten images"** (Isaiah 41:29).

God exists. Other gods exist but they are almost powerless when compared to YHWH, God the Father. This is how creation truly is. It is filled with life. The spirit realm is as full of variety as the physical world on earth. The universe and the three heavens are very likely filled with life, but we are limited to earth at present. We will learn about all such things in the future when we receive our resurrection bodies.

Idols cannot die or **"perish."** Idols were never alive. Enjoy the April 2022 article.

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human beings are not gods (*elohim*), contrary to what New Agers and occultists believe. Psalm 8:4–5:

"What is a mortal [*enosh*] that You are mindful of him, Or a son of mankind [*adam*] that You [YHWH] are visiting him? You make him lack a little of the messengers [*elohim* in Hebrew]."

The apostle Paul changed "elohim" in Psalm 8:5 to "angels" in Hebrews 2:7, 9.

³ See my articles, "[Human Sacrifice in Scripture](#)" and "[Magic in the Bible](#)."