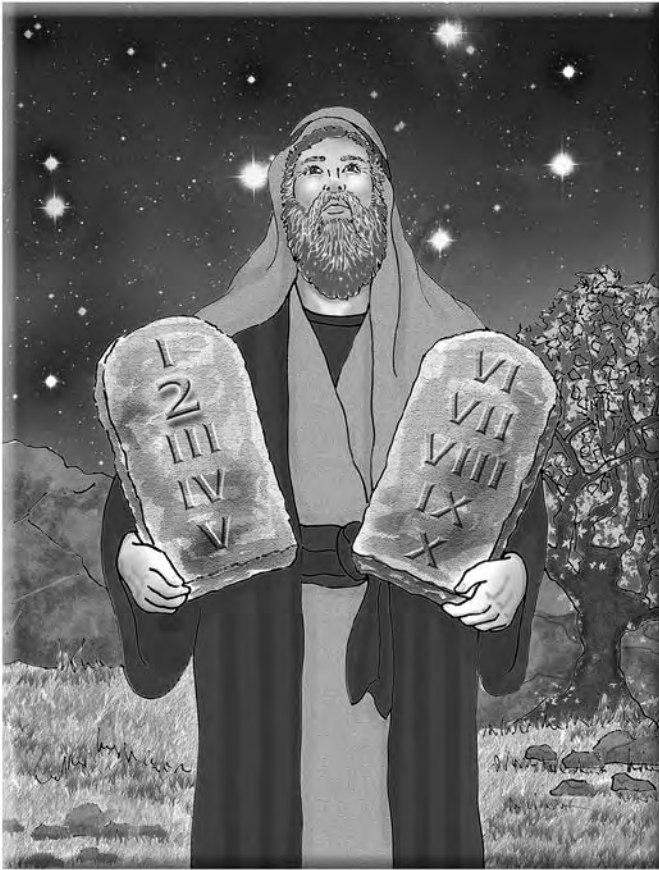


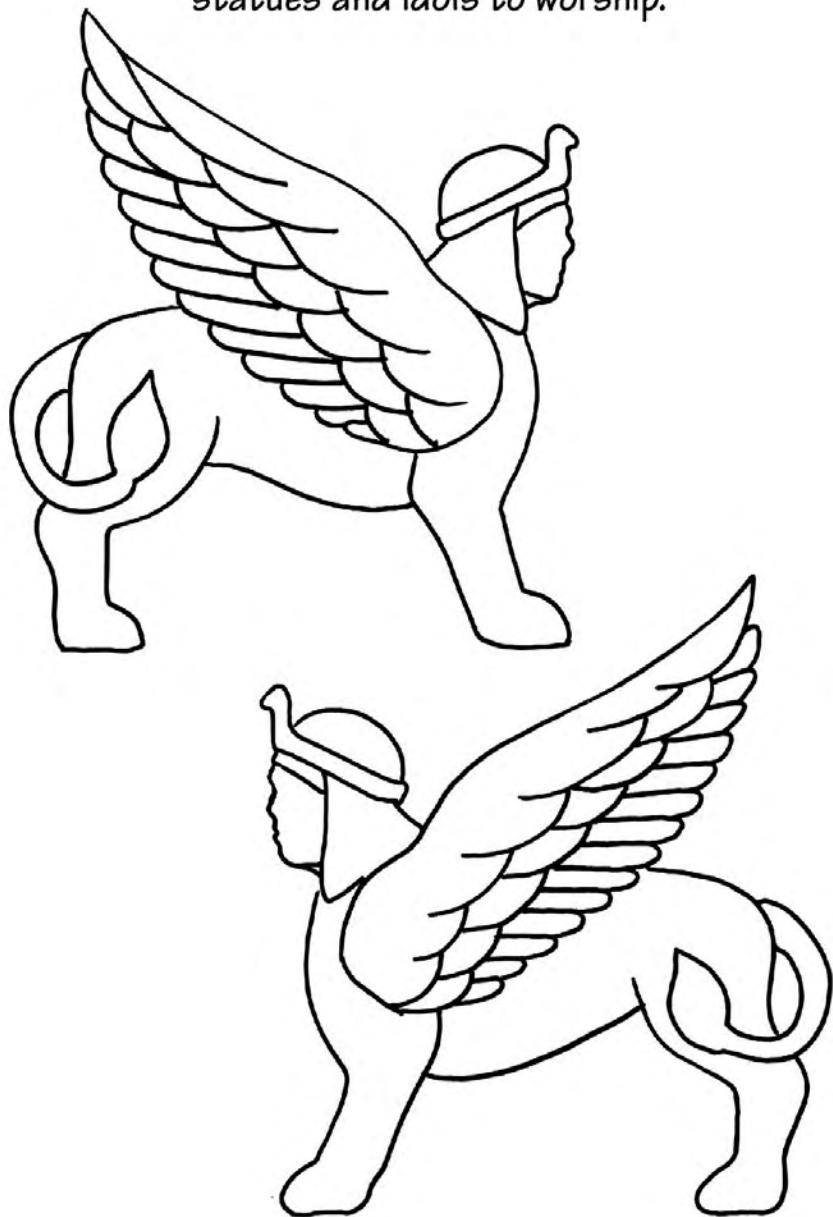
# The SECOND Commandment



**“Thou shalt not make unto  
thee any graven image . . .”**

Exodus 20:4-5

The Second Commandment to the Hebrews says: "Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image." God was telling them not to make statues and idols to worship.

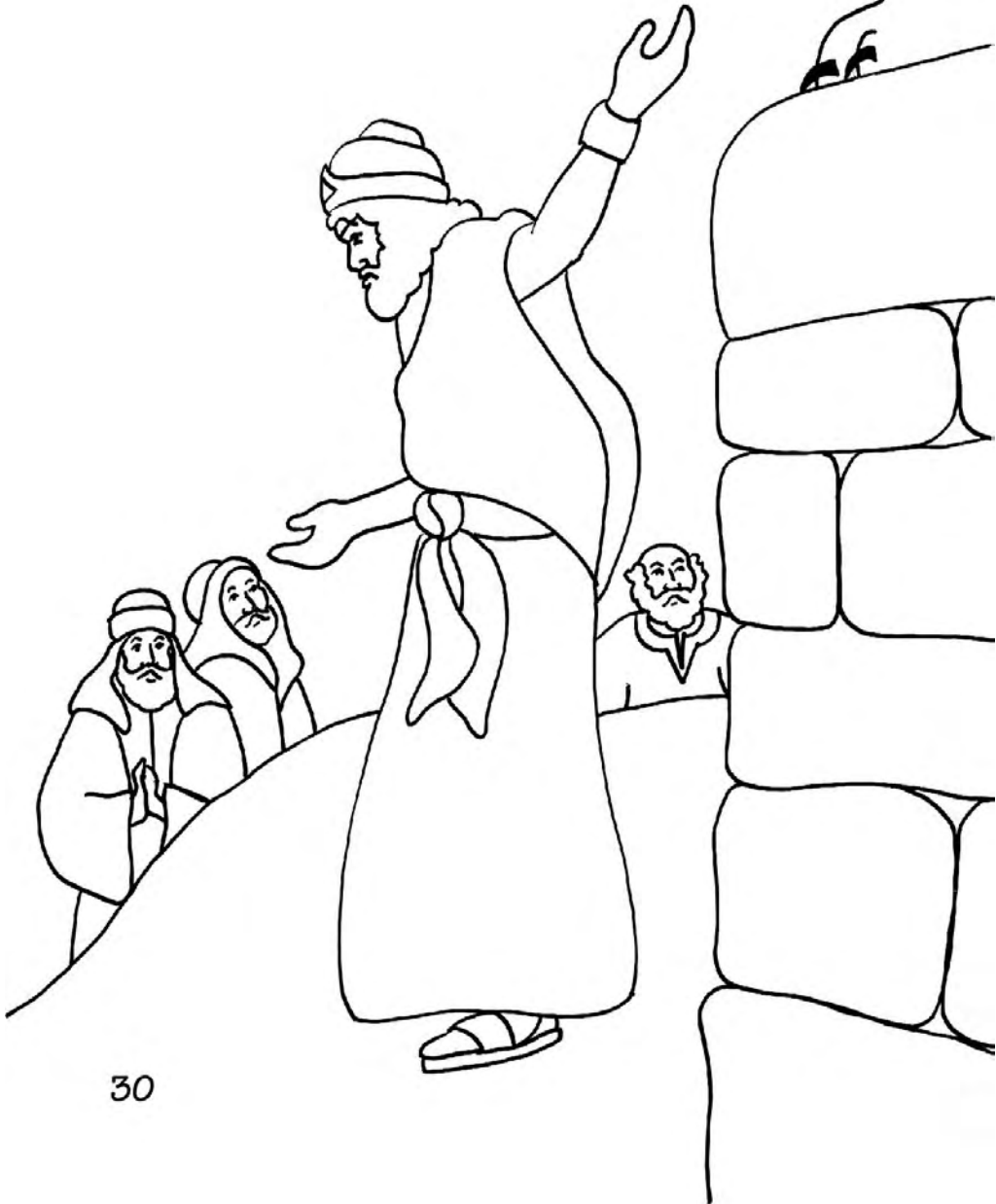


God, our Heavenly Father says  
not to worship animals, stars,  
trees, the sun, the moon or  
anything but Him. (See page 43)

These are all things which God created,  
and so we are to worship the Creator of  
all things – not the things created.



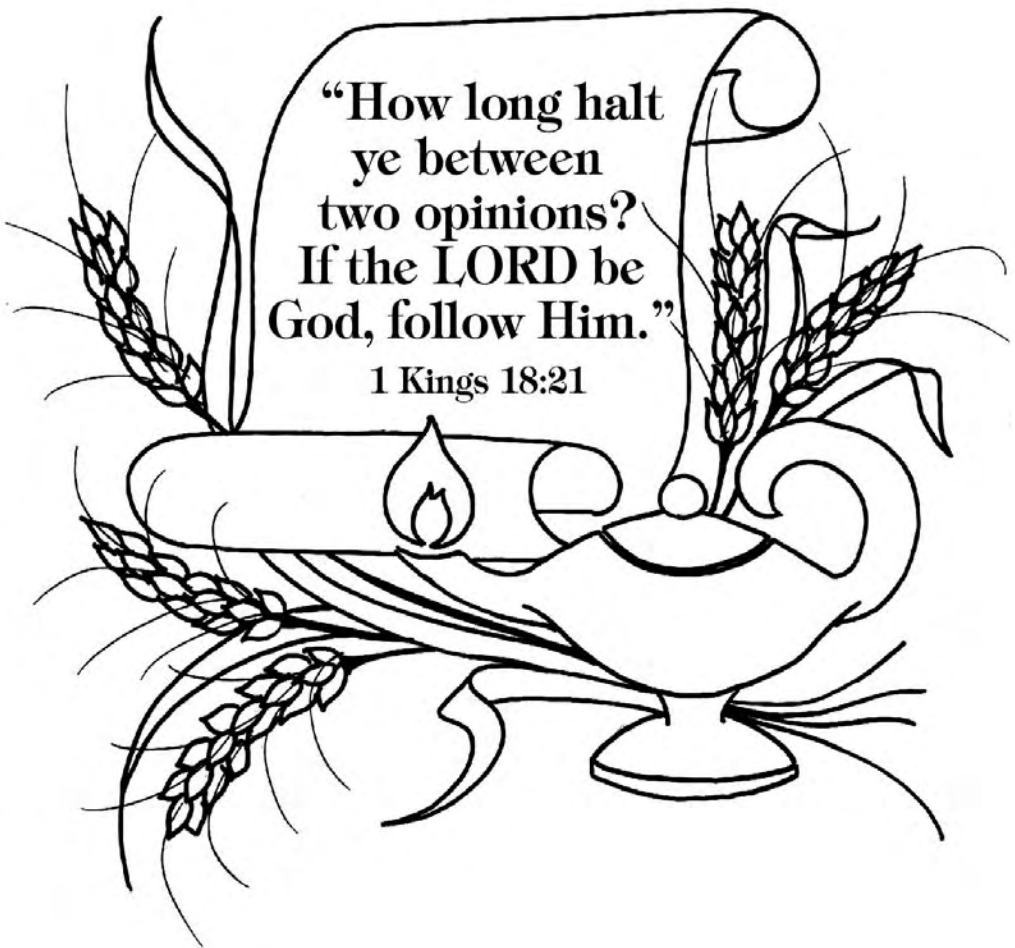
Many years after Moses died, Israel began to be very careless about the Law. They were trying to worship the True God, Jehovah, but, at the same time, they wanted to worship false god idols made of wood, metal and stone.



An evil King arose in Israel named Ahab.  
Ahab's wife Jezebel was a very wicked  
Queen. She influenced her husband to build  
an altar to the make-believe god, Baal.  
Because of this, most of the Nation of  
Israel offered gifts to this graven image.



God's prophet Elijah saw that Israel was trying to worship two Gods. Elijah called the people, together with the false prophets of Baal, and said . . .

A decorative illustration featuring a scroll with text, a lit oil lamp, and wheat stalks. The scroll is the central focus, with the text "How long halt ye between two opinions? If the LORD be God, follow Him." written on it. Below the scroll is a lit oil lamp with a flame. The entire scene is surrounded by wheat stalks and decorative flourishes.

**“How long halt  
ye between  
two opinions?  
If the LORD be  
God, follow Him.”**

**1 Kings 18:21**

The Second Commandment said that Israel must not make graven images to worship. But the children of Israel burned offerings to both the True God, Jehovah . . .

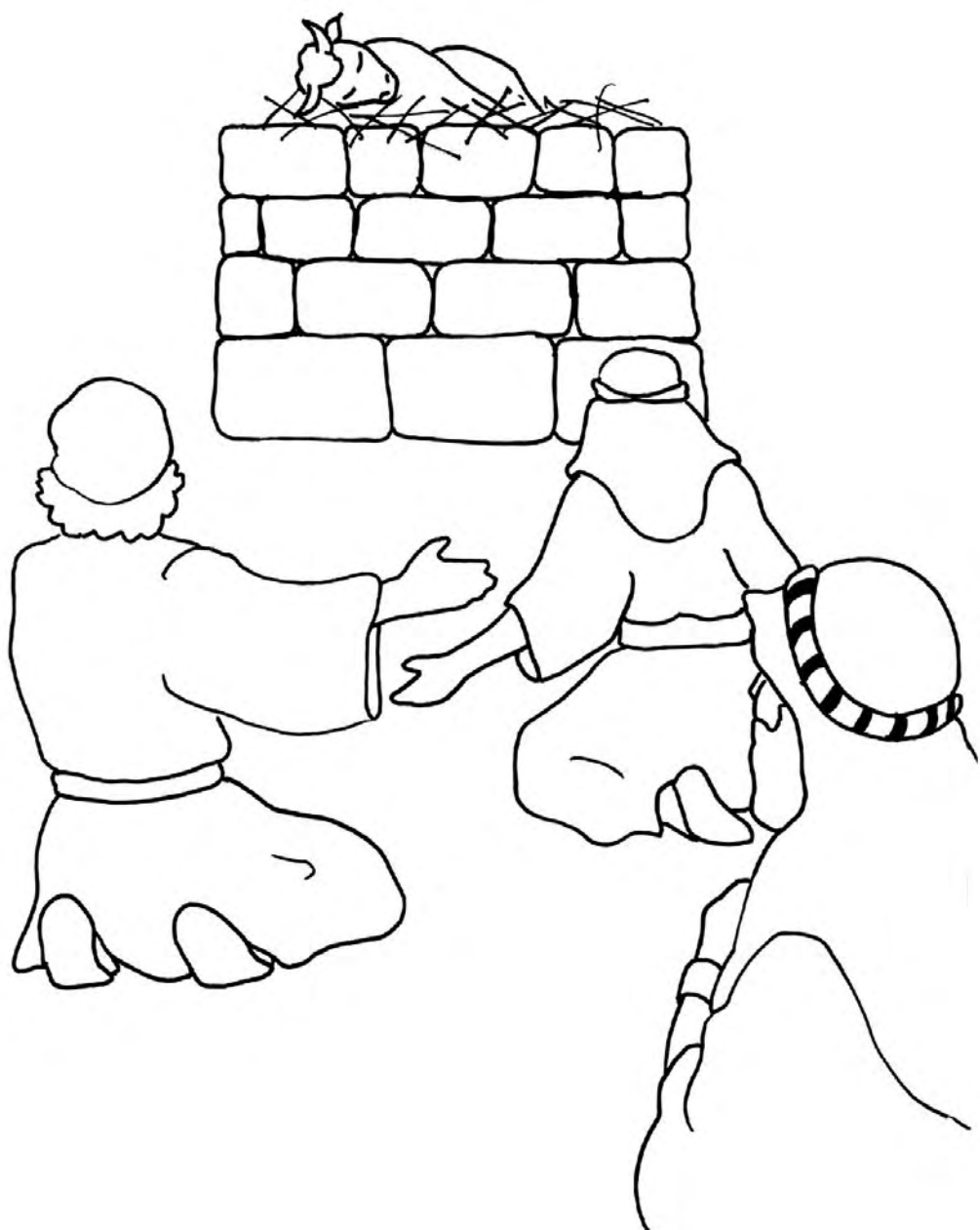
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. . . and to the graven image of the false god, Baal.

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Then the prophets of Baal prayed and prayed to their god. "Oh great Baal! Send down fire to consume our offering to you! Please! Oh great Baal! Show Elijah and all of Israel that you are a mighty god!"



But no answer came, and no fire burned  
the offering of the false prophets of Baal.



But when Elijah prayed to our  
True God, fire came down from  
heaven to consume the burnt  
offering he had given.



So, all the Nation saw God's answer  
to Elijah's prayer. Then the people  
fell on their faces and cried,  
"The Lord, He is THE God."



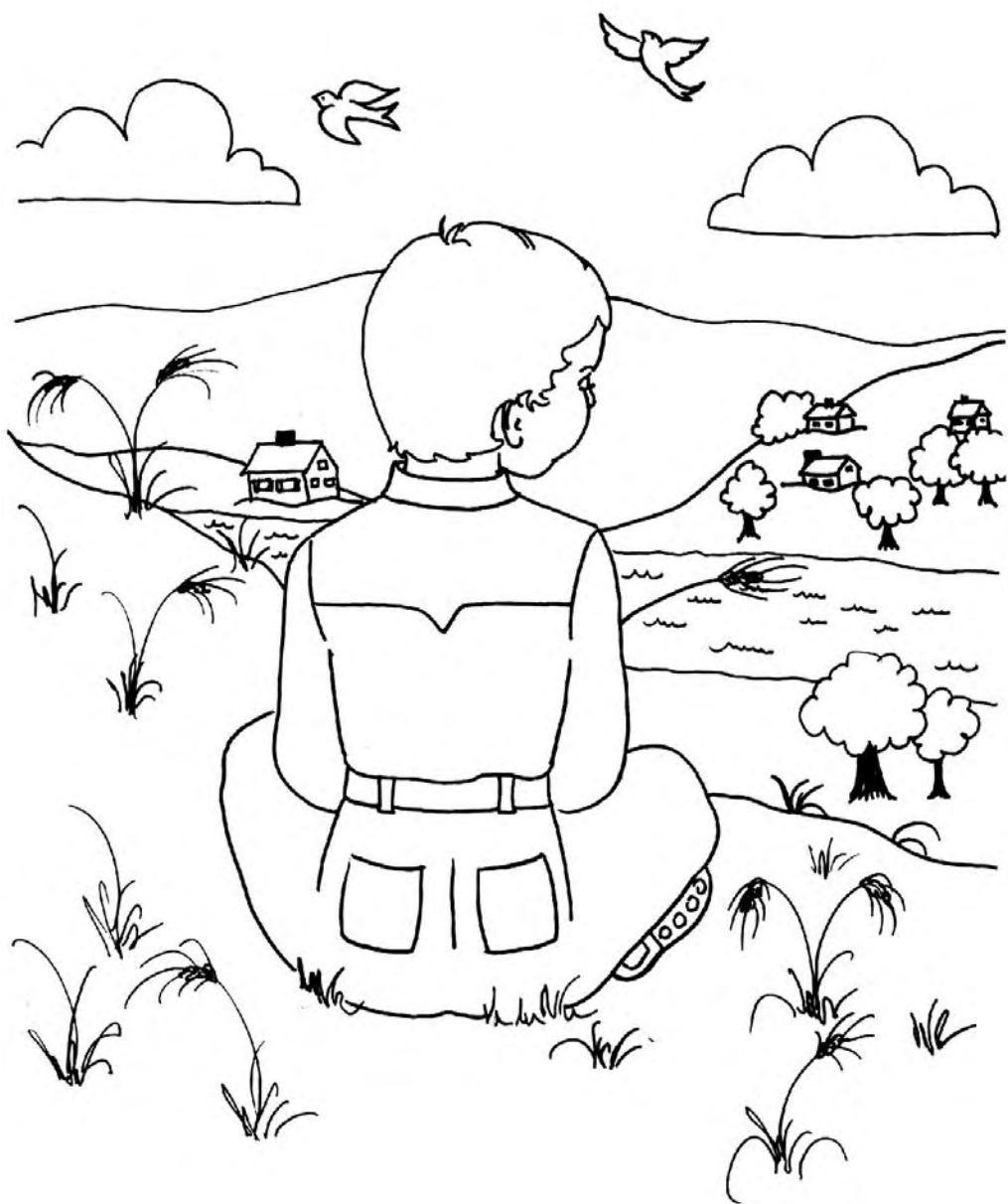
Jesus always prayed only to his Heavenly Father. He never prayed to false gods or idols.



We can learn a valuable lesson from the Law which Israel broke. We should not make graven images to worship, because it dishonors God. The Nation of Israel fell into this sin because they lived carelessly and did not keep God first in their hearts.



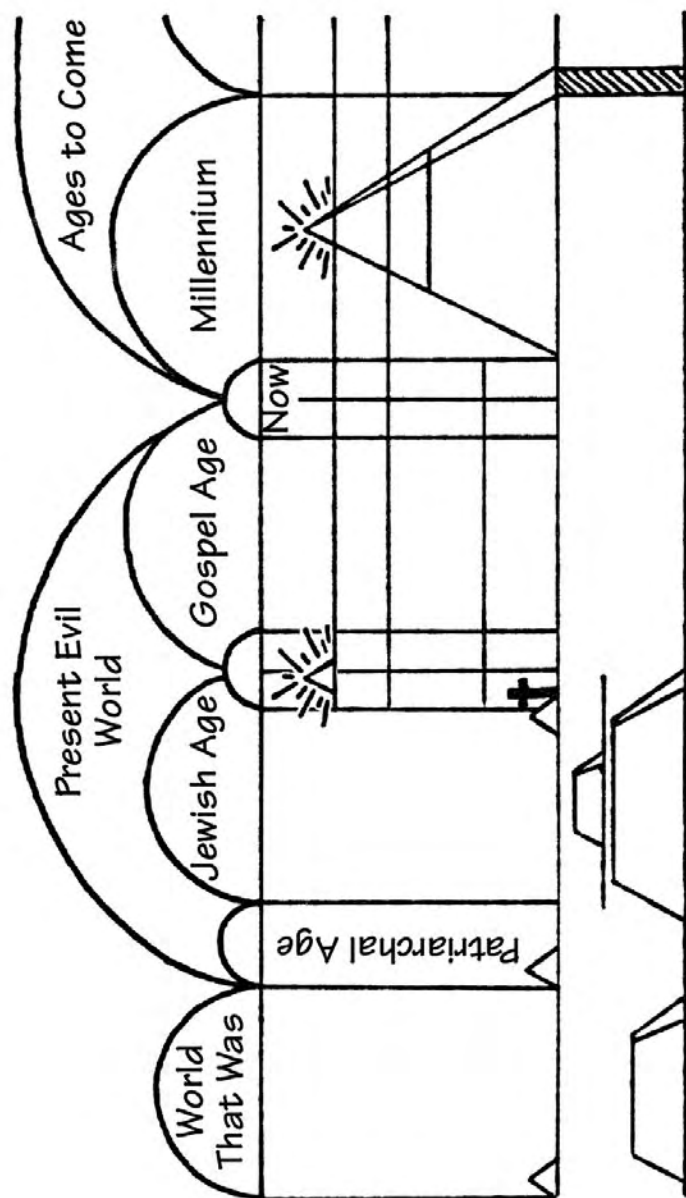
In the Millennium, when *God's Kingdom* is on earth, the people will learn to love and worship God only and will be glad to do away with their statues and idols.



When we study the Bible, we can  
learn how to worship and honor God.  
We can also learn how to stay away  
from false gods and idols.

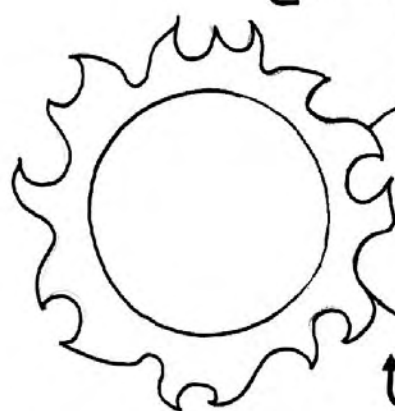
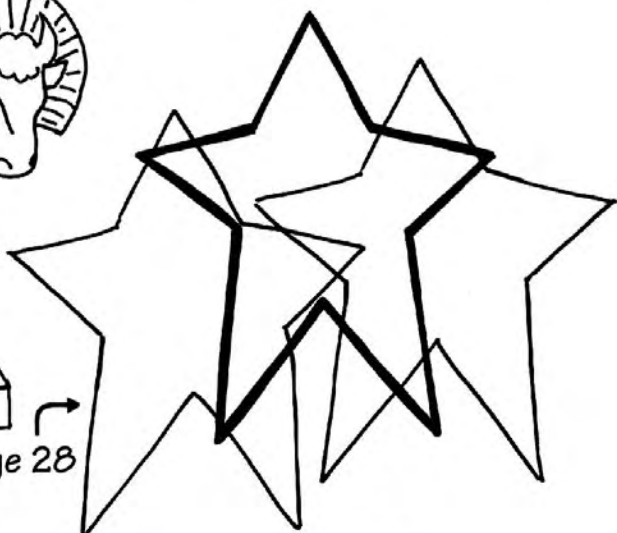




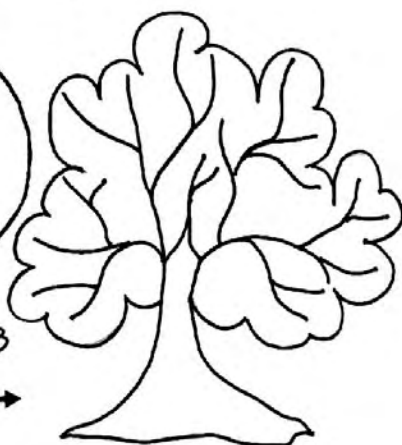




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Put Elijah in the  
Jewish Age

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