

FORESHADOWS & FORETASTES

The BULL—principal god in Egypt

- **Power** **Get your strength from ME!**
- **Prestige** **Find your place in ME!**
- **Prosperity** **Get your riches from ME!**
- **Pleasure** **Get your blessings from ME!**

(Shows how the Israelites had been influenced by Egyptian idolatry.)

(The golden calf is not a legend—authenticated by archaeological find in 2018)

the PRINCIPLE—GOD FIRST (and ONLY)

“You shall have no other gods before me.”

*There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called;
⁵ one Lord, one faith, one baptism; ⁶ one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all
and in all. (Ephesians 4:4-6)*

“You shall not make for yourselves any graven image.”

*For of this you can be sure: No immoral, impure or greedy person—such a person is an idolater—
has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God. (Ephesians 5:5)*

the PUNISHMENT

SWIFT **Acts 5:1-11** – Ananias & Sapphira

SEVERE **1 John 5:14-17**

*If you see any brother or sister commit a sin that does not lead to death, you should pray and
God will give them life. I refer to those whose sin does not lead to death. There is a sin that
leads to death. I am not saying that you should pray about that. ¹⁷ All wrongdoing is sin, and
there is sin that does not lead to death.*

the PURPOSE—FOLLOW & OBEY ME!

PREPARATION for the Promised Land—Exodus (Moses & Joshua [Yeshua])

WARNING for all God’s people—2 Timothy 3:8

We Christians are in a Covenant with God. KEEP THE COVENANT!

SO: *Are there idols in your life that endanger your relationship with God?*