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- Any representation or likeness of a person or thing.
- And he said to them; Whose **image** and inscription is this?
([Matthew 22:20](#))
- Whereas references to **images** in the Bible frequently relate to idolatry, this is not always the case. God, in creating man, said first; Let us make man in our **image** or, shadow, semblance, according to our likeness.
- And God went on to say; Let us make man in our **image**, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. ([Genesis 1:26](#))
- And God proceeded to create the man in his **image**, in God's image he created him, male and female he created them.
([Genesis 1:27](#)) Footnote
- Since God's Son stated that his Father is, a Spirit, this rules out any physical likeness between God and man.
- God is a Spirit, and those worshiping him must worship with spirit and truth. ([John 4:24](#))
- Rather, man has qualities reflecting, or mirroring, those of his heavenly Maker, qualities that positively distinguish man from the animal creation. Though in the **image** of his Creator, man was not made to be an object of worship, or veneration.

See Also ADAM 1

- Even as Adam's own son Seth, born to him in his imperfection, however, was in Adam's likeness, in his **image**.

- And Adam lived on for a hundred and thirty years. Then he became father to a son in his likeness, in his **image**, and called his name Seth. (**Genesis 5:3**)
- Adam's likeness to God originally identified him as God's earthly son.
- Son of Enosh, son of Seth, son of Adam, son of God. (**Luke 3:38**)
- Despite man's fall to imperfection, the fact of mankind's originally having been made in God's **image** was cited after the Noachian Flood as the basis for the divine Law authorizing human's to serve as executioners in putting murderers to death.
- And, besides that, your blood of your souls shall I ask back. From the hand of every living creature shall I ask it back, and from the hand of man, from the hand of each one who is his brother, shall I ask back the soul of man. (**Genesis 9:5**)
- Anyone shedding man's blood, by man will his own blood be shed, for in God's **image** he made man. (**Genesis 9:6**)
- In Christian instructions concerning feminine head covering, Christian men were told they ought not to wear such a covering, since the man is God's **image** and glory, while the woman is man's glory.
- For a man ought not to have his head covered, as he is God's **image** and glory, but the woman is man's glory. (**1 Corinthians 11:7**)

See Also AVENGER OF BLOOD

.. Has Jesus Always Reflected His Father's Likeness To The Same Degree

- God's firstborn Son, who later became the man Jesus, is in his Fathers **image**.
- Among whom the god of this system of things has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, that the illumination of the glorious Good News about the Christ, who is the **image** of God, might not shine through. (**2 Corinthians 4:4**)

- Inasmuch as that Son was obviously the one to whom God spoke in saying; Let us make man in **our image**, this likeness of the Son to his Father, the Creator, existed from when the Son was created.
- And God went on to say; Let us make man in our **image**, according to our likeness, and let them have in subjection the fish of the sea and the flying creatures of the heavens and the domestic animals and all the earth and every moving animal that is moving upon the earth. (**Genesis 1:26**)
- In the beginning the Word was, and the Word was with God, and the Word was a god. (**John 1:1**)
- This one was in the beginning with God. (**John 1:2**)
- All things came into existence through him, and apart from him not even one thing came into existence. What has come into existence (**John 1:3**)
- He is the **image** of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation. (**Colossians 1:15**)
- Because by means of him all other things were created in the heavens and upon the earth, the things visible and the things invisible, no matter whether they are thrones or lordships or governments or authorities. All other things have been created through him and for him. (**Colossians 1:16**)
- When on earth as a perfect man, he reflected his Fathers qualities and personality to the fullest extent possible within human limitations, so he could say that, he that has seen me has seen the Father also.
- Jesus said to him; Have I been with you men so long a time, and yet, Philip, you have not come to know me? He that has seen me has seen the Father also. How is it you say; Show us the Father? (**John 14:9**)
- But he answered them; My Father has kept working until now, and I keep working. (**John 5:17**)
- Therefore, in answer, Jesus went on to say to them; Most truly I say to you, the Son cannot do a single thing of his own initiative, but only what he beholds the Father doing. For whatever things

**that One does, these things the Son also does in like manner.
(John 5:19)**

- **I cannot do a single thing of my own initiative. Just as I hear, I judge, and the judgment that I render is righteous, because I seek, not my own will, but the will of him that sent me. (John 5:30)**
- **But I have the witness greater than that of John, for the very works that my Father assigned me to accomplish, the works themselves that I am doing, bear witness about me that the Father dispatched me. (John 5:36)**
- **Therefore Jesus said; When once you have lifted up the Son of man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing of my own initiative, but just as the Father taught me I speak these things. (John 8:28)**
- **What things I have seen with my Father I speak, and you, therefore, do the things you have heard from your father. (John 8:38)**
- **Jesus said to them; If God were your Father, you would love me, for from God I came forth and am here. Neither have I come of my own initiative at all, but that One sent me forth. (John 8:42)**
- **This likeness, however, was certainly heightened at the time of Jesus resurrection to spirit life and his being granted all authority in heaven and on the earth, by his Father, Yehowah God.**
- **Why, even Christ died once for all time concerning sins, a righteous person for unrighteous ones, that he might lead you to God, he being put to death in the flesh, but being made alive in the spirit. (1 Peter 3:18)**
- **And Jesus approached and spoke to them, saying; All authority has been given me in heaven and on the earth. (Matthew 28:18)**
- **Since God then exalted Jesus to a superior position, God's Son now reflected his Father's glory to an even greater degree than he had before leaving the heavens to come to earth.**
- **For this very reason also God exalted him to a superior position and kindly gave him the name that is above every other name.**

(Philippians 2:9)

- But we behold Jesus, who has been made a little lower than angels, crowned with glory and honor for having suffered death, that he by God's undeserved kindness might taste death for every man. (**Hebrews 2:9**)
- He is now, the exact representation of God's very being.
- Has at the end of these days spoken to us by means of a Son, whom he appointed heir of all things, and through whom he made the systems of things. (**Hebrews 1:2**)
- He is the reflection of his glory and the exact representation of his very being, and he sustains all things by the word of his power, and after he had made a purification for our sins he sat down on the right hand of the Majesty in lofty places. (**Hebrews 1:3**)
- So he has become better than the angels, to the extent that he has inherited a name more excellent than theirs. (**Hebrews 1:4**)
- All anointed members of the Christian congregation are foreordained by God to be, patterned after the **image** of his Son.
- Because those whom he gave his first recognition he also foreordained to be patterned after the **image** of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers. (**Romans 8:29**)
- Christ Jesus is their model not only in their life pattern, as they follow in his footsteps and imitate his course and ways, but also in their death and resurrection.
- In fact, to this course you were called, because even Christ suffered for you, leaving you a model for you to follow his steps closely. (**1 Peter 2:21**)
- He committed no sin, nor was deception found in his mouth. (**1 Peter 2:22**)
- When he was being reviled, he did not go reviling in return. When he was suffering, he did not go threatening, but kept on committing himself to the one who judges righteously. (**1 Peter 2:23**)

- He himself bore our sins in his own body upon the stake, in order, that we might be done with sins and live to righteousness. And, by his stripes you were healed. (**1 Peter 2:24**)
- Become imitators of me, even as I am of Christ. (**1 Corinthians 11:1**)
- For if we have become united with him in the likeness of his death, we shall certainly also be united with him in the likeness of his resurrection. (**Romans 6:5**)
- Having borne the earthly **image** of the one made of dust Adam, as spirit creatures they thereafter bear the **image** of the heavenly one the last Adam, Christ Jesus.
- It is even so written: The first man Adam became a living soul. The last Adam became a life-giving spirit. (**1 Corinthians 15:45**)
- And just as we have borne the **image** of the one made of dust, we shall bear also the **image** of the heavenly one. (**1 Corinthians 15:49**)
- During their earthly life, they are privileged to reflect like mirrors the glory of Yehowah that shines to them from God's Son, being progressively transformed into the **image** conveyed by that glory-reflecting Son.
- And all of us, while we with unveiled faces reflect like mirrors the glory of Yehowah, are transformed into the same **image** from glory to glory, exactly as done by Yehowah the Spirit. (**2 Corinthians 3:18**)
- For God is he who said; Let the light shine out of darkness, and he has shone on our hearts to illuminate them with the glorious knowledge of God by the face of Christ. (**2 Corinthians 4:6**)
- God thereby creates in them a new personality, one that is a reflection, or **image**, of his own divine qualities.
- And should put on the new personality which was created according to God's will in true righteousness and loyalty. (**Ephesians 4:24**)

- And clothe yourselves with the new personality, which through accurate knowledge is being made new according to the **image** of the One who created it. (**Colossians 3:10**)

• Improper Use Of Images

- Whereas human's are to imitate and endeavor to mirror the qualities of their heavenly Father and model their lives after his Son, the veneration of physical **images** in worship is consistently condemned throughout the Scriptures. God's detestation of such practice was clearly expressed in the Law given to Israel. Not only carved **images** but the making of the **form of anything** in heaven, on earth, or in the sea **as an object of religious worship was prohibited**.
- You must not make for yourself a carved **image** or a form like anything that is in the heavens above or that is on the earth underneath or that is in the waters under the earth. (**Exodus 20:4**)
- You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (**Exodus 20:5**)
- You must not make valueless gods for yourselves, and you must not set up a carved **image** or a sacred pillar for yourselves, and you must not put a stone as a showpiece in your land in order to bow down toward it, for I am Yehowah your God. (**Leviticus 26:1**)
- I am Yehowah. That is my name, and to no one else shall I give my own glory, neither my praise to graven **images**. (**Isaiah 42:8**)
- Such **objects** might be made of any substance, in any form wood, metal, stone, carved, cast, hammered, hewn, in the figure of humans, animals, birds, inanimate objects, or just symbolic forms but none were approved by God for veneration. The making of them was a ruinous act, the committing of evil in Yehowah's eyes, a detestable and offensive thing bringing his curse upon those doing so.
- That you may not act ruinously and may not really make for yourselves a carved **image**, the form of any symbol, the representation of male or female. (**Deuteronomy 4:16**)

- The representation of any beast that is in the earth, the representation of any winged bird that flies in the heavens. ([Deuteronomy 4:17](#))
- The representation of anything moving on the ground, the representation of any fish that is in the waters under the earth. ([Deuteronomy 4:18](#))
- And that you may not raise your eyes to the heavens and indeed see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the army of the heavens, and actually get seduced and bow down to them and serve them, which Yehowah your God has apportioned to all the peoples under the whole heavens. ([Deuteronomy 4:19](#))
- And that you may not raise your eyes to the heavens and indeed see the sun and the moon and the stars, all the army of the heavens, and actually get seduced and bow down to them and serve them, which Yehowah your God has apportioned to all the peoples under the whole heavens. ([Deuteronomy 4:19](#))
- But you are the ones Yehowah took that he might bring you out of the iron furnace, out of Egypt, to become a people of private ownership to him as at this day. ([Deuteronomy 4:20](#))
- And Yehowah got incensed at me on your account, so that he swore that I should not cross the Jordan or go into the good land that Yehowah your God is giving you as an inheritance. ([Deuteronomy 4:21](#))
- Cursed is the man who makes a carved **image** or a molten statue, a thing detestable to Yehowah, the manufacture of the hands of a wood-and-metal worker, and who has put it in a hiding place. And all the people must answer and say; Amen! ([Deuteronomy 27:15](#))
- And you must drive away all the inhabitants of the land from before you and destroy all their stone figures, and all their **images** of molten metal you should destroy, and all their sacred high places you should annihilate. ([Numbers 33:52](#))
- The craftsman has cast a mere molten **image**, and with gold the metalworker overlays it, and silver chains he is forging. ([Isaiah 40:19](#))

- A certain tree as a contribution, a tree that is not rotten, he chooses. A skillful craftsman he searches out for himself, to prepare a carved **image** that may not be made to totter. (**Isaiah 40:20**)
- As for the carver of iron with the billhook, he has been busy at it with the coals, and with the hammers he proceeds to form it, and he keeps busy at it with his powerful arm. Also, he has become hungry, and so without power. He has not drunk water, so he gets tired. (**Isaiah 44:12**)
- As for the wood carver, he has stretched out the measuring line, he traces it out with red chalk, he works it up with a wood scraper, and with a compass he keeps tracing it out, and gradually he makes it like the representation of a man, like the beauty of mankind, to sit in a house. (**Isaiah 44:13**)
- And the decoration of one's ornament, one has set it as reason for pride, and their detestable **images**, their disgusting things, they have made with it. That is why I will make it to them an abhorrent thing. (**Ezekiel 7:20**)
- The decking of them with gold and silver would not make them less disgusting in God's sight nor prevent their being defiled and discarded as **mere dirt**!
- On the other hand, this is what you should do to them; Their altars you should pull down, and their sacred pillars you should break down, and their sacred poles you should cut down, and their graven **images** you should burn with fire. (**Deuteronomy 7:5**)
- The graven **images** of their gods you should burn in the fire. You must not desire the silver and the gold upon them, nor indeed take it for yourself, for fear you may be ensnared by it, for it is a thing detestable to Yehowah your God. (**Deuteronomy 7:25**)
- And you people must defile the overlaying of your graven **images** of silver and the close-fitting covering of your molten statue of gold. You will scatter them. Like a menstruating woman, you will say to it; Mere dirt! (**Isaiah 30:22**)

- Such use of **images** is shown to be inexcusable before God, since it goes contrary to all reason and intelligence and betrays foolish, empty-headed reasoning as well as a refusal to acknowledge obvious facts.
- There is one whose business is to cut down cedars, and he takes a certain species of tree, even a massive tree, and he lets it become strong for himself among the trees of the forest. He planted the laurel tree, and the pouring rain itself keeps making it get big. (**Isaiah 44:14**)
- And it has become something for man to keep a fire burning. So he takes part of it that he may warm himself. In fact he builds a fire and actually bakes bread. He also works on a god to which he may bow down. He has made it into a carved **image**, and he prostrates himself to it. (**Isaiah 44:15**)
- Half of it he actually burns up in a fire. Upon half of it he roasts well the flesh that he eats, and he becomes satisfied. He also warms himself and says; Aha! I have warmed myself. I have seen the firelight. (**Isaiah 44:16**)
- But the remainder of it he actually makes into a god itself, into his carved **image**. He prostrates himself to it and bows down and prays to it and says; Deliver me, for you are my god. (**Isaiah 44:17**)
- They have not come to know, nor do they understand, because their eyes have been besmeared so as not to see, their heart so as to have no insight. (**Isaiah 44:18**)
- And no one recalls to his heart or has knowledge or understanding, saying; The half of it I have burned up in a fire, and upon its coals I have also baked bread. I roast flesh and eat. But the rest of it shall I make into a mere detestable thing? To the dried-out wood of a tree shall I prostrate myself? (**Isaiah 44:19**)
- He is feeding on ashes. His own heart that has been trifled with has led him astray. And he does not deliver his soul, nor does he say; Is there not a falsehood in my right hand? (**Isaiah 44:20**)
- Every man has behaved so unreasoningly as not to know. Every metalworker will certainly feel shame because of the carved

- image**, for his molten image is a falsehood, and there is no spirit in them. (**Jeremiah 10:14**)
- For his invisible qualities are clearly seen from the world's creation onward, because they are perceived by the things made, even his eternal power and godship, so that they are inexcusable. (**Romans 1:20**)
 - Because, although they knew God, they did not glorify him as God nor did they thank him, but they became empty-headed in their reasonings and their unintelligent heart became darkened. (**Romans 1:21**)
 - Although asserting they were wise, they became foolish. (**Romans 1:22**)
 - And turned the glory of the incorruptible God into something like the **image** of corruptible man and of birds and four-footed creatures and creeping things. (**Romans 1:23**)
 - The **images** would prove to be of no benefit, giving no knowledge, guidance, or protection, being speechless, helpless, and lifeless, an eventual cause for shame.
 - The formers of the carved **image** are all of them an unreality, and their darlings themselves will be of no benefit, and as their witnesses they see nothing and know nothing, in order, that they may be ashamed. (**Isaiah 44:9**)
 - Who has formed a god or cast a mere molten **image**? Of no benefit at all has it been. (**Isaiah 44:10**)
 - Look! All his partners themselves will be ashamed, and the craftsmen are from earthling men. They will all of them collect themselves together. They will stand still. They will be in dread. They will be ashamed at the same time. (**Isaiah 44:11**)
 - Collect yourselves and come. Bring yourselves up close together, you escapees from the nations. Those carrying the wood of their carved **image** have not come to any knowledge, neither have those praying to a god that cannot save. (**Isaiah 45:20**)
 - To whom will you people liken me or make me equal or compare me that we may resemble each other? (**Isaiah 46:5**)

- There are those who are lavishing out the gold from the purse, and with the scale beam they weigh out the silver. They hire a metalworker, and he makes it into a god. They prostrate themselves, yes, they bow down. (**Isaiah 46:6**)
- They carry it upon the shoulder, they bear it and deposit it in its place that it may stand still. From its standing place it does not move away. One even cries out to it, but it does not answer, out of one's distress it does not save one. (**Isaiah 46:7**)
- Of what benefit has a carved **image** been, when the former of it has carved it, a molten statue, and an instructor in falsehood? when the former of its form has trusted in it, to the extent of making valueless gods that are speechless? (**Habakkuk 2:18**)
- Woe to the one saying to the piece of wood; O do awake! To a dumb stone; O wake up! It itself will give instruction! Look! It is sheathed in gold and silver, and there is no breath at all in the midst of it. (**Habakkuk 2:19**)
- But Yehowah is in his holy temple. Keep silence before him, all the earth! (**Habakkuk 2:20**)
- Yehowah's prophetic declarations, accurately foretelling future events, thwarted any efforts of the unfaithful Israelites to attribute the outworking of such events to their idolatrous **images**.
- The first things I have told even from that time, and out of my own mouth they went forth, and I kept making them heard. Suddenly I acted, and the things proceeded to come in. (**Isaiah 48:3**)
- Due to my knowing that you are hard and that your neck is an iron sinew and your forehead is copper. (**Isaiah 48:4**)
- I also kept telling you from that time. Before it could come in, I caused you to hear it, that you might not say; My own idol has done them, and my own carved **image** and my own molten image have commanded them. (**Isaiah 48:5**)
- You have heard. Behold it all. As for you people, will you not tell it? I have made you hear new things from the present time, even things kept in reserve, that you have not known. (**Isaiah 48:6**)

- At the present time they must be created, and not from that time, even things that before today you have not heard, that you may not say; Look! I have already known them. ([Isaiah 48:7](#))
- Despite God's clear pronouncements, the Israelites and others foolishly attempted to combine the use of religious **images** with the worship of the true God, Yehowah.
- Meanwhile the people got to see that Moses was taking a long time about coming down from the mountain. So the people congregated themselves about Aaron and said to him; Get up, make for us a god who will go ahead of us, because as regards this Moses, the man who led us up out of the land of Egypt, we certainly do not know what has happened to him. ([Exodus 32:1](#))
- At this Aaron said to them; Tear off the gold earrings that are in the ears of your wives, of your sons and of your daughters and bring them to me. ([Exodus 32:2](#))
- And all the people began tearing off the gold earrings that were in their ears and bringing them to Aaron. ([Exodus 32:3](#))
- Then he took the gold from their hands, and he formed it with a graving tool and proceeded to make it into a molten statue of a calf. And they began to say; This is your God, O Israel, who led you up out of the land of Egypt. ([Exodus 32:4](#))
- When Aaron got to see this, he went to building an altar before it. Finally Aaron called out and said; There is a festival to Yehowah tomorrow. ([Exodus 32:5](#))
- So on the next day they were early in rising, and they began offering up burnt offerings and presenting communion sacrifices. After that the people sat down to eat and drink. Then they got up to have a good time. ([Exodus 32:6](#))
- Yehowah now said to Moses; Go, descend, because your people whom you led up out of the land of Egypt have acted ruinously. ([Exodus 32:7](#))
- They have turned aside in a hurry from the way I have commanded them to go. They have made a molten statue of a calf for themselves and keep bowing down to it and sacrificing to

- it and saying; This is your God, O Israel, who led you up out of the land of Egypt. (**Exodus 32:8**)
- And Jeroboam began to say in his heart; Now the kingdom will return to the house of David. (**1 Kings 12:26**)
 - If this people continues going up to render sacrifices in the house of Yehowah in Jerusalem, the heart of this people will also be bound to return to their lord, Rehoboam the king of Judah, and they will certainly kill me and return to Rehoboam the king of Judah. (**1 Kings 12:27**)
 - Consequently the king took counsel and made two golden calves and said to the people; It is too much for you to go up to Jerusalem. Here is your God, O Israel, that brought you up out of the land of Egypt. (**1 Kings 12:28**)
 - And these nations came to be fearers of Yehowah, but it was their own graven **images** that they proved to be serving. As for both their sons and their grandsons, it was just as their forefathers had done that they themselves are doing down to this day. (**2 Kings 17:41**)
 - Further, he put the carved **image** of the sacred pole that he had made in the house of which Yehowah had said to David and to Solomon his son; In this house and in Jerusalem, which I have chosen out of all the tribes of Israel, I shall put my name to time indefinite. (**2 Kings 21:7**)
 - A woman in the time of the Judges even sanctified certain silver pieces to Yehowah and then used them in the making of a religious **image**.
 - Accordingly he gave back the thousand one hundred pieces of silver to his mother, and his mother went on to say; I must without fail sanctify the silver to Yehowah from my hand for my son, so as to make a carved **image** and a molten statue, and now I shall give it back to you. (**Judges 17:3**)
 - So he returned the silver to his mother, and his mother took two hundred silver pieces and gave them to the silversmith. And he went making a carved **image** and a molten statue, and it got to be in Micah's house. (**Judges 17:4**)

- Then the five men that had gone to spy out the land of Laish answered and said to their brothers; Did you know that there are in these houses an ephod and teraphim and a carved **image** and a molten statue? And now have in mind what you ought to do. (**Judges 18:14**)
- So they turned aside there and came to the house of the young man, the Levite, at the house of Micah, and began to ask how he was getting along. (**Judges 18:15**)
- All the while the six hundred men girded with their weapons of war, who were of the sons of Dan, were standing at the entrance of the gate. (**Judges 18:16**)
- The five men that had gone to spy out the land now went on up, that they might enter in there to take the carved **image** and the ephod and the teraphim and the molten image. And the priest was standing at the entrance of the gate with the six hundred men girded with weapons of war. (**Judges 18:17**)
- And these went into the house of Micah and proceeded to take the carved **image**, the ephod and the teraphim and the molten image. At that the priest said to them; What are you doing? (**Judges 18:18**)
- But they said to him; Be quiet. Put your hand over your mouth, and go with us and become a father and a priest for us. Which is better, for you to continue a priest to the house of one man or for you to become a priest to a tribe and family in Israel? (**Judges 18:19**)
- At this the heart of the priest was pleased, and he now took the ephod and the teraphim and the carved **image** and came into the midst of the people. (**Judges 18:20**)
- After that the sons of Dan stood up the carved **image** for themselves, and Jonathan the son of Gershom, Moses son, he and his sons became priests to the tribe of the Danites until the day of the lands being taken into exile. (**Judges 18:30**)
- And they kept the carved **image** of Micah, which he had made, set up for themselves all the days that the house of the true God continued in Shiloh. (**Judges 18:31**)

- Prior to Jerusalem's destruction by the Babylonians, detestable religious **images** had been introduced into the temple area, and one such is described as a symbol of jealousy, evidently referring to the incitement of God's jealousy by giving to an **image** the praise rightfully belonging to him.
- Then he thrust out the representation of a hand and took me by a tuft of hair of my head, and a spirit carried me between the earth and the heavens and brought me to Jerusalem in the visions of God, to the entrance of the inner gate that is facing northward, where the dwelling place is of the symbol of jealousy that is inciting to jealousy. ([Ezekiel 8:3](#))
- And, look! The glory of the God of Israel was there, like the appearance that I had seen in the valley plain. ([Ezekiel 8:4](#))
- And he proceeded to say to me; Son of man, please, raise your eyes in the direction of the north. So I raised my eyes in the direction of the north, and, look! To the north of the gate of the altar there was this symbol of jealousy in the entranceway. ([Ezekiel 8:5](#))
- And he went on to say to me; Son of man, are you seeing what great detestable things they are doing, the things that the house of Israel are doing here for me to become far off from my sanctuary? And yet you will see again great detestable things. ([Ezekiel 8:6](#))
- Accordingly he brought me to the entrance of the courtyard, and I began to see, and, look! A certain hole in the wall. ([Ezekiel 8:7](#))
- He now said to me; Son of man, bore, please, through the wall. And I gradually bored through the wall, and, look! There was a certain entrance. ([Ezekiel 8:8](#))
- And he further said to me; Go in and see the bad detestable things that they are doing here. ([Ezekiel 8:9](#))
- So I went in and began to see, and, look! There was every representation of creeping things and loathsome beasts, and all the dungy idols of the house of Israel, the carving being upon the wall all round about. ([Ezekiel 8:10](#))
- And seventy men of the elderly ones of the house of Israel, with

Jaazaniah the son of Shaphan standing in among them, were standing before them, each one with his censer in his hand, and the perfume of the cloud of the incense was ascending. (**Ezekiel 8:11**)

- And he proceeded to say to me; Have you seen, O son of man, what the elderly ones of the house of Israel are doing in the darkness, each one in the inner rooms of his showpiece? For they are saying; Yehowah is not seeing us. Yehowah has left the land. (**Ezekiel 8:12**)
- You must not bow down to them nor be induced to serve them, because I Yehowah your God am a God exacting exclusive devotion, bringing punishment for the error of fathers upon sons, upon the third generation and upon the fourth generation, in the case of those who hate me. (**Exodus 20:5**)
- However, certain objects, formed in the **image** of plants, flowers, animals, and even cherubs, were made at Yehowah's command and hence were proper.
- While serving as symbolic representations in connection with God's worship, they themselves were given no veneration, or worship, as in the matter of prayer or sacrifice.

See Also IDOL, IDOLATRY

.. Images In The Book Of Daniel.

- In the second year of Nebuchadnezzar's kingship, evidently counting from the time of his conquest of Jerusalem in **607 B.C.E**, the Babylonian king had a dream, the effect of which greatly disturbed him, producing insomnia.
- He apparently did not recall the full contents of the dream, for he demanded of his wise men and priests that they reveal both the dream and its interpretation. Despite their boasted ability as revealers of secret things, the Babylonian wise men were unable to fulfill the royal request.
- This brought upon them the decree of death, and the lives of Daniel and his companions were likewise endangered. By divine help Daniel was able to reveal not only the dream but also its meaning.

- Daniel's expression of praise and thanksgiving upon receiving the revelation draws attention to Yehowah God as the Source of wisdom and might and as the one who is, changing times and seasons, removing kings and setting up kings.
- And in the second year of the kingship of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar dreamed dreams, and his spirit began to feel agitated, and his very sleep was made to be something beyond him. ([Daniel 2:1](#))
- So the king said to call the magic-practicing priests and the conjurers and the sorcerers and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. And they proceeded to come in and to stand before the king. ([Daniel 2:2](#))
- Then the king said to them; There is a dream that I have dreamed, and my spirit is agitated to know the dream. ([Daniel 2:3](#))
- At that the Chaldeans spoke to the king in the Aramaic language; O king, live on even for times indefinite. Say what the dream is to your servants, and we shall show the very interpretation. ([Daniel 2:4](#))
- The king was answering and saying to the Chaldeans; The word is being promulgated by me; If you men do not make the dream known to me, and its interpretation, dismembered is what you will be, and into public privies your own houses will be turned. ([Daniel 2:5](#))
- But if the dream and its interpretation you will show, gifts and a present and much dignity you will receive on my part. Therefore show me the very dream and its interpretation. ([Daniel 2:6](#))
- They answered a second time and were saying; Let the king say what the dream is to his servants, and we shall show its very interpretation. ([Daniel 2:7](#))
- The king was answering and saying; For a fact, I am aware that time is what you men are trying to gain, forasmuch as you have perceived that the word is being promulgated by me. ([Daniel 2:8](#))
- For if you do not make known to me the very dream, this one and only sentence is upon you. But it is a lying and wrong word that

you have agreed to say before me, until the time itself is changed. Therefore tell me the very dream, and I shall know that you can show the very interpretation of it. (Daniel 2:9)

- **The Chaldeans answered before the king, and they were saying; There does not exist a man on the dry land that is able to show the matter of the king, forasmuch as no grand king or governor has asked such a thing as this of any magic-practicing priest or conjurer or Chaldean. (Daniel 2:10)**
- **But the thing that the king himself is asking is difficult, and nobody else exists who can show it before the king except the gods, whose own dwelling does not exist with flesh at all. (Daniel 2:11)**
- **Because of this the king himself became angry and got very furious, and he said to destroy all the wise men of Babylon. (Daniel 2:12)**
- **And the order itself went out, and the wise men were about to be killed, and they looked for Daniel and his companions, for them to be killed. (Daniel 2:13)**
- **At that time Daniel, for his part, addressed himself with counsel and sensibleness to Arioch the chief of the kings bodyguard, who had gone out to kill the wise men of Babylon. (Daniel 2:14)**
- **He was answering and saying to Arioch the officer of the king; For what reason is there such a harsh order on the part of the king? Then it was that Arioch made known the matter itself to Daniel. (Daniel 2:15)**
- **So Daniel himself went in and asked from the king that he should give him time expressly to show the very interpretation to the king. (Daniel 2:16)**
- **After that Daniel went to his own house, and to Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah his companions he made known the matter. (Daniel 2:17)**
- **Even for them to ask for mercies on the part of the God of heaven concerning this secret, in order, that they might not destroy Daniel and his companions with the remainder of the wise men of Babylon. (Daniel 2:18)**

- Then it was that to Daniel in a night vision the secret was revealed. Consequently Daniel himself blessed the God of heaven. (**Daniel 2:19**)
- Daniel was answering and saying; Let the name of God become blessed from time indefinite even to time indefinite, for wisdom and mightiness, for they belong to him. (**Daniel 2:20**)
- And he is changing times and seasons, removing kings and setting up kings, giving wisdom to the wise ones and knowledge to those knowing discernment. (**Daniel 2:21**)
- He is revealing the deep things and the concealed things, knowing what is in the darkness, and with him the light does dwell. (**Daniel 2:22**)
- To you, O God of my forefathers, I am giving praise and commendation, because wisdom and mightiness you have given to me. And now you have made known to me what we requested of you, for you have made known to us the very matter of the king. (**Daniel 2:23**)
- The dream was clearly the result of God's doing and served to illustrate in a prophetic way God's irresistible dominion over earth's affairs.
- Nebuchadnezzar's dream was of an immense **image**, in human form. The body parts were of metal, from top to bottom, they were made of progressively less valuable but harder metals, beginning with gold and terminating with iron, the feet and toes, however, had clay mixed with the iron. The entire **image** was crushed to powder by a stone cut out of a mountain, the stone thereafter filling the entire earth.
- You, O king, happened to be beholding, and, look! A certain immense **image**. That **image**, which was large and the brightness of which was extraordinary, was standing in front of you, and its appearance was dreadful. (**Daniel 2:31**)
- As regards that **image**, its head was of good gold, its breasts and its arms were of silver, its belly and its thighs were of copper. (**Daniel 2:32**)

- Its legs were of iron, its feet were partly of iron and partly of molded clay. ([Daniel 2:33](#))
- You kept on looking until a stone was cut out not by hands, and it struck the **image** on its feet of iron and of molded clay and crushed them. ([Daniel 2:34](#))
- At that time the iron, the molded clay, the copper, the silver and the gold were, all together, crushed and became like the chaff from the summer threshing floor, and the wind carried them away so that no trace at all was found of them. And as for the stone that struck the **image**, it became a large mountain and filled the whole earth. ([Daniel 2:35](#))

•• What Is The Meaning Of The Dream Image Seen By Nebuchadnezzar

- The **image** obviously relates to domination of the earth and Yehowah God's purpose regarding such domination. This is made clear in Daniel's inspired interpretation.
- The golden head represented Nebuchadnezzar, the one who, by divine permission, had gained power as the dominant world ruler and, more importantly, had overthrown the typical kingdom of Judah.
- However, in saying; You yourself are the head of gold, it does not seem that Daniel restricted the heads significance to Nebuchadnezzar alone.
- Since the other body parts represented kingdoms, the head evidently represented the **dynasty** of Babylonian kings from Nebuchadnezzar down till Babylon's fall in the time of King Nabonidus and his son Belshazzar.
- You, O king, the king of kings, you to whom the God of heaven has given the kingdom, the might, and the strength and the dignity. ([Daniel 2:37](#))
- And into whose hand he has given, wherever the sons of mankind are dwelling, the beasts of the field and the winged creatures of the heavens, and whom he has made ruler over all of them, you yourself are the head of gold. ([Daniel 2:38](#))
- The kingdom represented by the silver breasts and arms would therefore be the Medo-Persian power, which overthrew Babylon in **539**

B.C.E. It was **inferior** to the Babylonian dynasty but not in the sense of having a smaller area of dominion or of having less strength militarily or economically.

- Babylon's superiority may therefore relate to its having been the overthrower of the typical kingdom of God at Jerusalem, a distinction not held by Medo-Persia.

- The Medo-Persian dynasty of world rulers ended with Darius III, Codommanus, whose forces were thoroughly defeated by Alexander the Macedonian in **331 B.C.E.** Greece is thus the power depicted by the **images** belly and thighs of copper.

- And after you there will rise another kingdom inferior to you, and another kingdom, a third one, of copper, that will rule over the whole earth. (**Daniel 2:39**)

- The Grecian, or Hellenic, dominion continued, though in divided form, until it was finally absorbed by the rising power of Rome. The Roman World Power thus appears in the **image** symbolized by the baser but harder metal, iron, found in the legs of the great image. Rome's strength to break and crush opposing kingdoms, indicated in the prophecy, is well known in history.

- And as for the fourth kingdom, it will prove to be strong like iron. Forasmuch as iron is crushing and grinding everything else, so, like iron that shatters, it will crush and shatter even all these. (**Daniel 2:40**)

- Yet Rome alone cannot fulfill the requirements of being represented by the **images** legs and feet, for the rule of the Roman Empire did not see the completion of the prophetic dream, namely, the coming of the symbolic stone cut out of the mountain as well as its crushing the entire **image** and thereafter filling the entire earth.

- Thus, the expressions of some Bible commentators are much like those of **M. F. Unger**, who says; **Nebuchadnezzar's dream, as unraveled by Daniel, describes the course and end of the times of the Gentiles**

- And they will fall by the edge of the sword and be led captive into all the nations, and Jerusalem will be trampled on by the nations, until the appointed times of the nations are fulfilled. (**Luke 21:24**)

- And the great city split into three parts, and the cities of the nations fell, and Babylon the Great was remembered in the sight of God, to give her the cup of the wine of the anger of his wrath. (**Revelation 16:19**)
- That is, of the Gentile world power to be destroyed at the Second Coming of Christ. The ten-toed form will be the condition of Gentile world domination at the time of the returning Smiting Stone.
- You kept on looking until a stone was cut out not by hands, and it struck the **image** on its feet of iron and of molded clay and crushed them. (**Daniel 2:34**)
- At that time the iron, the molded clay, the copper, the silver and the gold were, all together, crushed and became like the chaff from the summer threshing floor, and the wind carried them away so that no trace at all was found of them. And as for the stone that struck the **image**, it became a large mountain and filled the whole earth. (**Daniel 2:35**)
- **At the first advent of Christ neither the sudden crushing blow took place nor did the ten-toed condition occur.** [Unger's Bible Dictionary, 1965, p. 516]
- Daniel himself said to Nebuchadnezzar that the dream had to do with what is to occur in the final part of the days.
- However, there exists a God in the heavens who is a Revealer of secrets, and he has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what is to occur in the final part of the days. Your dream and the visions of your head upon your bed, this it is. (**Daniel 2:28**)
- And since the symbolic stone is shown to represent the Kingdom of God, it may be expected that the domination pictured by the iron legs and feet of the **image** would extend down to the time of the establishment of that Kingdom and till the time it takes action to crush and put an end to all these kingdoms.
- And in the days of those kings the God of heaven will set up a kingdom that will never be brought to ruin. And the kingdom itself will not be passed on to any other people. It will crush and put an end to all these kingdoms, and it itself will stand to times indefinite; (**Daniel 2:44**)

- History shows that, although the Roman Empire enjoyed an extension of life in the form of the Holy Roman Empire of the Germanic nation, it eventually gave way to the rising power of its onetime imperial subject, Britain.
- Because of their close affinity and general unity of action, Britain and the United States today are often referred to as the Anglo-American World Power, the present dominant power in world history.
- The mixture of iron and clay in the toes of the great **image** graphically illustrates the condition due to be manifest in the final expression of political world domination. Clay is elsewhere used metaphorically in the Scriptures to stand for fleshly men, made of the dust of the earth.
- Remember, please, that out of clay you have made me and to dust you will make me return. (**Job 10:9**)
- The perversity of you men! Should the potter himself be accounted just like the clay? For should the thing made say respecting its maker; He did not make me? And does the very thing formed actually say respecting its former; He showed no understanding? (**Isaiah 29:16**)
- O man, who, then, really are you to be answering back to God? Shall the thing molded say to him that molded it. Why did you make me this way? (**Romans 9:20**)
- What? Does not the potter have authority over the clay to make from the same lump one vessel for an honorable use, another for a dishonorable use? (**Romans 9:21**)
- Daniel's interpretation thus appears to equate the clay with the offspring of mankind, the mixing in of which produces fragility in that which is symbolized by the **images** ten toes. This points to a weakening and a lack of cohesion in the ironlike strength of the final form of world domination by earthly kingdoms.
- And whereas you beheld the feet and the toes to be partly of molded clay of a potter and partly of iron, the kingdom itself will prove to be divided, but somewhat of the hardness of iron will prove to be in it, forasmuch as you beheld the iron mixed with moist clay. (**Daniel 2:41**)

- And as for the toes of the feet being partly of iron and partly of molded clay, the kingdom will partly prove to be strong and will partly prove to be fragile. ([Daniel 2:42](#))
- Whereas you beheld iron mixed with moist clay, they will come to be mixed with the offspring of mankind, but they will not prove to be sticking together, this one to that one, just as iron is not mixing with molded clay. ([Daniel 2:43](#))
- The common man would wield greater influence in affairs of government. **Ten** being used consistently in the Bible to express completeness, the ten toes apparently represent the entire global system of rulership at the time when God's Kingdom is established and takes action against the worldly powers.

See Also NUMBER, NUMERAL

- And the ten horns that you saw mean ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but they do receive authority as kings one hour with the wild beast. ([Revelation 17:12](#))
- These have one thought, and so they give their power and authority to the wild beast. ([Revelation 17:13](#))
- These will battle with the Lamb, but, because he is Lord of lords and King of kings, the Lamb will conquer them. Also, those called and chosen and faithful with him will do so. ([Revelation 17:14](#))
- The golden **image** later set up by Nebuchadnezzar on the Plain of Dura is not directly related to the immense image of the dream. In view of its dimensions(60 cubits (27 meters)(88 feet) high and only 6 cubits (2.7 meters)(8.8 feet) broad feet, or a ratio of ten to one, it does not seem likely to have been a statue in human form, unless it had a very high pedestal, one that was higher than the human statue itself.
- The human form has a ratio of only four to one as to height and breadth. So the image may have been more symbolic in nature, perhaps like the obelisks of ancient Egypt.
- Nebuchadnezzar the king made an **image** of gold, the height of which was sixty cubits and the breadth of which was six cubits. He set it up in the plain of Dura in the jurisdictional district of Babylon. ([Daniel 3:1](#))

· The Image Of The Wild Beast

- After a vision of a seven-headed wild beast that rises out of the sea, the apostle John saw the vision of a two-horned beast ascending out of the earth, speaking like a dragon and telling those who dwell on the earth, to make an **image** to the seven-headed wild beast.
- And it stood still upon the sand of the sea. And I saw a wild beast ascending out of the sea, with ten horns and seven heads, and upon its horns ten diadems, but upon its heads blasphemous names. (**Revelation 13:1**)
- Now the wild beast that I saw was like a leopard, but its feet were as those of a bear, and its mouth was as a lion's mouth. And the dragon gave to the beast its power and its throne and great authority. (**Revelation 13:2**)
- And I saw another wild beast ascending out of the earth, and it had two horns like a lamb, but it began speaking as a dragon. (**Revelation 13:11**)
- And it exercises all the authority of the first wild beast in its sight. And it makes the earth and those who dwell in it worship the first wild beast, whose death-stroke got healed. (**Revelation 13:12**)
- And it performs great signs, so that it should even make fire come down out of heaven to the earth in the sight of mankind. (**Revelation 13:13**)
- And it misleads those who dwell on the earth, because of the signs that were granted it to perform in the sight of the wild beast, while it tells those who dwell on the earth to make an **image** to the wild beast that had the sword-stroke and yet revived. (**Revelation 13:14**)
- Beasts are consistently used in the Bible as symbols of political governments. The **image** of the seven-headed wild beast must therefore be some agency reflecting the characteristics and will of the globe-dominating political system represented by the seven-headed wild beast.

- Logically, it should also have seven heads and ten horns like the wild beast out of the sea that it represents. It is of interest to note, then, that another seven-headed beast, distinct from the wild beast out of the sea, is described at [\(Revelation Chapter 17\)](#)
- Its significance, as well as that of both the seven-headed wild beast and the two-horned beast, is considered under.

See Also BEASTS, SYMBOLIC.

- After its first mention in [\(Revelation Chapter 13\)](#), the **image** of the beast is regularly referred to along with the wild beast, particularly in connection with the worship of that wild beast and the receiving of its mark. The **image** of the beast shares in these things.
- And another angel, a third, followed them, saying in a loud voice; If anyone worships the wild beast and its **image**, and receives a mark on his forehead or upon his hand. [\(Revelation 14:9\)](#)
- He will also drink of the wine of the anger of God that is poured out undiluted into the cup of his wrath, and he shall be tormented with fire and sulphur in the sight of the holy angels and in the sight of the Lamb. [\(Revelation 14:10\)](#)
- And the smoke of their torment ascends forever and ever, and day and night they have no rest, those who worship the wild beast and its **image**, and whoever receives the mark of its name. [\(Revelation 14:11\)](#)
- And I saw what seemed to be a glassy sea mingled with fire, and those who come off victorious from the wild beast and from its **image** and from the number of its name standing by the glassy sea, having harps of God. [\(Revelation 15:2\)](#)
- And the first one went off and poured out his bowl into the earth. And a hurtful and malignant ulcer came to be upon the men that had the mark of the wild beast and that were worshipping its **image**. [\(Revelation 16:2\)](#)
- And the wild beast was caught, and along with it the false prophet that performed in front of it the signs with which he misled those who received the mark of the wild beast and those who render worship to its **image**. While still alive, they both were hurled into the fiery lake that burns with sulphur.

(Revelation 19:20)

- **And I saw thrones, and there were those who sat down on them, and power of judging was given them. Yes, I saw the souls of those executed with the ax for the witness they bore to Jesus and for speaking about God, and those who had worshiped neither the wild beast nor its **image** and who had not received the mark upon their forehead and upon their hand. And they came to life and ruled as kings with the Christ for a thousand years. (Revelation 20:4)**

See Also MARK 2