

This 1st Commandment – You shall have no other gods before Me...Tells us to worship the Right God and do not worship false gods

The **2nd Commandment**—You shall not make yourself a carved image...tells you to worship the Right God in the Right way. In other words do not worship the One true God, YHWH, falsely through the making of idols.

4 parts to the 2nd Commandment

- 1. the rule no carved images
- 2. the reason I am a Jealous God
- the warning visiting iniquity upon the 3rd,4th generations
- 4. the promise mercy on those who keep my commandments

Not or no – Hebrew word – לא – lo – means no or not.

- Carved image Hebrew word פֶּקֶל pesel means divine image, idol
- Any likeness Hebrew בֹל תְּמוּנֶה kol to munah –
- Any כֹל kol all, whole, everyone, everything, total.
- Likeness הְמוּנְה to moo nah form,
 appearance, Image or manifestation

Corruptly – Hebrew word – שְׁחַת – she hat – means acting immoral, being evil.

The Rule: is very simple do not make any carved images or graven images of the LORD, YHWH.

Calf is the Hebrew word – עֵגְל - aye ghel – means young bull or Ox. This is Apis – the Egyptian god of fertility.

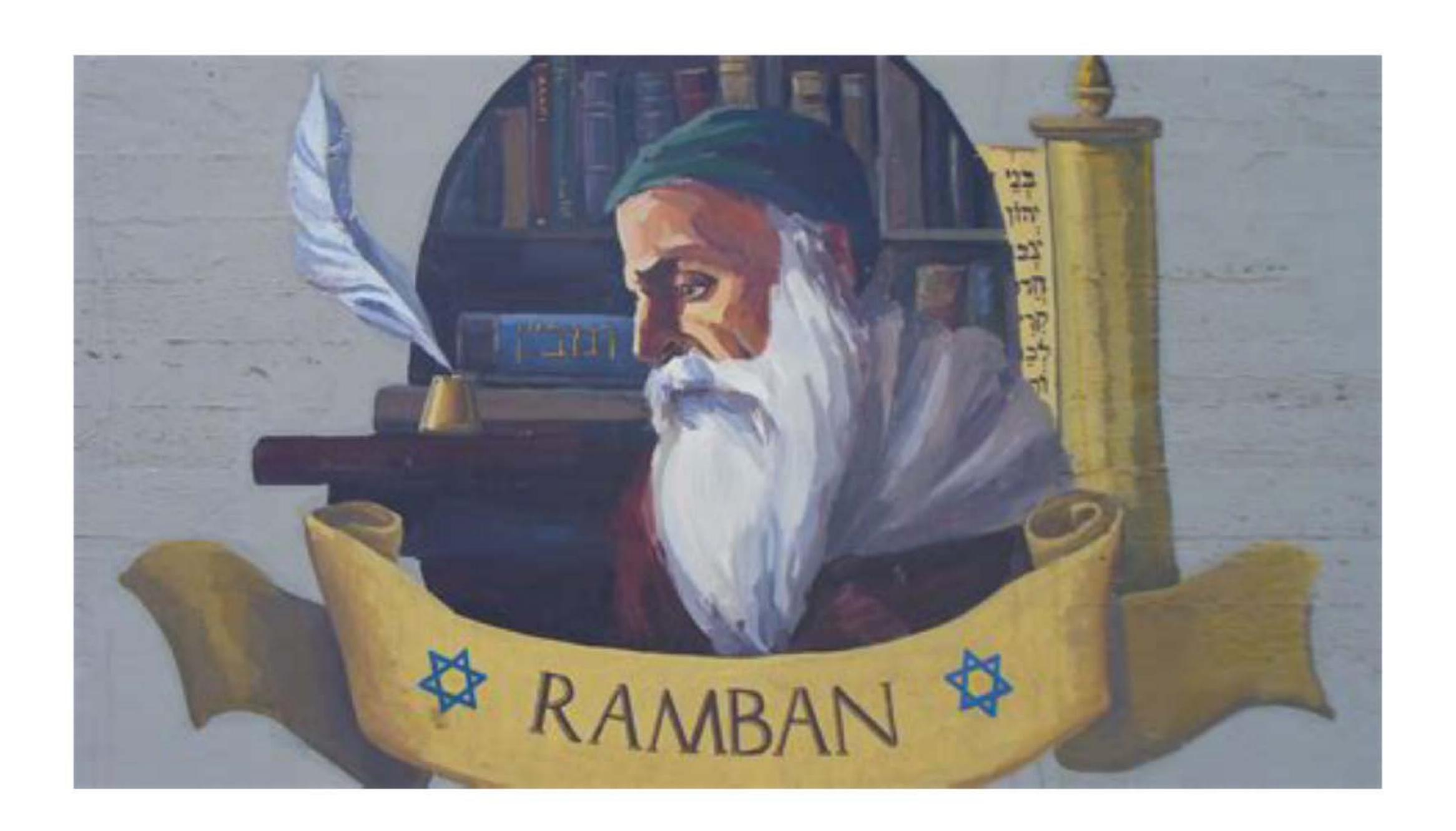


The Reason: For this Commandment

⁵you shall not bow down to them nor serve them. For I, the LORD your God, am a jealous God...

Serve – Hebrew word - מוּנָה – avadim – plural serve them, means to serve as subjects.

Jealous – Hebrew word – קַּנָא – ka nah – jealous, zealous. This word is used only 5 times in scripture and it is always used in reference to God towards His people. (Ex.20:5, 34;14; Deut.4:24,5:9,6:15)



The Warning:

....visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children to the third and fourth generations of those who hate Me, ¹⁵But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, **Longsuffering** and abundant in mercy and truth.

¹³So rend your heart, and not your garments; **Return to the LORD** your God, For He is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger, and of great kindness; And He relents from doing harm.

²So he prayed to the LORD, and said, "Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from doing harm.

¹³As a father pities his children, So the LORD pities those who fear Him.

The Promise:

but showing mercy to thousands, to those who love Me and keep My commandments.

- Mercy Hebrew word דֹחָהַ he sed loyal love, an unfailing kind of love and goodness, graciousness
- Love Hebrew word– אָהַבּ ahav to have great affection or care for.
- Keep Hebrew word שְׁמֵּר sha mar
 keep, watch over, guard, to conform one's action or practice to.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

But even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing, 4whose minds the god of this age has blinded, who do not believe, lest the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine on them.

who being the brightness of His glory and the express image of His person, and upholding all things by the word of His power, when He had by Himself purged our sins, sat down at the right hand of the Majesty on high,

Philip said to Him, "Lord, show us the Father, and it is sufficient for us." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you so long, and yet you have not known Me, Philip? He who has seen Me has seen the Father; so how can you say, 'Show us the Father'?

²⁸And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose. ²⁹ For whom He foreknew, He also predestined to be conformed to the image of His Son, that He might be the firstborn among many brethren.

⁶being confident of this very thing, that He who has begun a good work in you will complete it until the day of Jesus Christ;

²Beloved, now we are children of God; and it has not yet been revealed what we shall be, but we know that when He is revealed, we shall be like Him, for we shall see Him as He is.