

Chapter 1 : Jesus At the Center chords by Israel Houghton - Worship Chords

There were symbols in Israel's worship, such as the ark or the covenant, the tabernacle, and the bronze serpent, but these were not to be viewed as representing the nature of God or of being the locus of God's presence and power.

And they forsook the LORD and did not serve him. In some circles, these finds are being used for claims that the biblical account is unreliable and does not fit real history. But this begs the question, does this evidence really contradict what the Bible says about idol worship among the Israelites? For most of his career, Bietak was known for directing the excavations at Tell el-Daba. Egyptologist, Manfred Bietak at Avaris in This is what drew Mahoney to Avaris to speak with Bietak in , as part of his search for evidence matching the Exodus. Twelve years later, this investigation would be documented in the film Patterns of Evidence: It was the interview with Bietak that had caused a major challenge for Mahoney. Now, 16 years later, he was able to once again question Bietak about his findings and the reasons he rejects any connection between the Israelites and the early history of Avaris. Certainly, as seen in that first film, the major reason for not making the connection is chronology. For Bietak, as with most scholars, the early history of Avaris is just too old to connect to the accepted dates for when the Israelites were supposed to be there. But in this recent interview Bietak revealed another reason, though he was referring to a time slightly later in the history of Avaris, when the Hyksos were ruling the city. Egyptologist, Manfred Bietak being interviewed by filmmaker, Timothy Mahoney. They had temples with patterns, which can be found in Mesopotamia, even in southern Mesopotamia. Those temples are telling you the Avaris people were not associated with the early Israelites? This type of broad room temple is often dedicated to northern Syrian storm gods whereas the female goddess, who may have been Ishtar, was started by Canaanites. But the combination of these two types of temples is to be found mainly in Mesopotamia. Behind him is the weather bull, under him is the snake, representing the sea, also a goat. So for Bietak, evidence that these people worshipped Mesopotamian and Syrian gods disqualifies them for being considered the Israelites of the Bible, who are distinctly known as worshipers of the one God Yahweh. Two points can be made here. So when looking for a time period that fits the biblical story, evidence that a population was connected to Mesopotamian and Syrian culture as well as Canaanite should not be thought to exclude the Israelites, but should be considered a point supporting a possible Israelite connection. Because the family had lived in those areas in the centuries before they came to Egypt, they certainly would have picked up and maintained many aspects of the cultures of the lands they lived in. A second point to consider is the question of whether the Bible portrays the people of Israel as being solely devoted to Yahweh throughout their history, or did they mix the worship of Yahweh with the worship of other gods from the nations around them? Any student of the Bible should know that it actually describes the typical condition among the ancient Israelites being widespread idol worship and unfaithfulness to God. Persistent idolatry is actually the reason given in the Bible for their eventual defeat and expulsion from the land of Israel at the hands of the Assyrians for the northern kingdom of Israel and the Babylonians for the southern kingdom of Judah. So the presence of evidence showing the worship of Canaanite, Syrian and Mesopotamian gods should, again, not be used as a reason to dismiss the Israelites as a candidate for the people living at Avaris. Idol Worship in Israel a Problem for the Bible? Archaeologists have discovered a stone toilet pictured in a shrine within the city gate at the ruins of the city of Tel Lachish in Israel. It is thought to have been installed as part of a crackdown on religious cults by King Hezekiah Photo by Igor Kramer. This issue connects to another related situation going on in the world of archaeology for the ancient land of Israel. Extensive evidence of idol worship in Israel from the period of the judges and kings has long been known. This evidence continues to grow. The discovery of blessings found on the remains of storage jars that associate Yahweh and Asherah caused a particularly large stir. Inscriptions related to this formula were found in the northeast Sinai region and at another site just west of Hebron, Israel from around BC. Earlier texts, figurines and amulets from the coastal city of Ugarit also seem to fit the pattern. A more precise statement regarding this theory would have noted instead that in the pantheon of ancient Canaan the chief god had a consort or wife, and it appears that this thinking was picked up by people living in Israel who tied the goddess Asherah to their God Yahweh. The

article does not bring up those scholars who dispute the conclusions of scholars like Dever and Stavrakopoulou for one reason or another. What becomes more disturbing is the skewed framing of this topic, both within the Discovery article and in others over the years. Traces of her remain. In the same article, Aaron Brody, director of the Bader Museum and an associate professor of Bible and archaeology at the Pacific School of Religion, piles on. In his view, a more universal vision of strict monotheism only developed after the Babylonian captivity. This line of thinking naturally leads to the idea that the Bible cannot be used as a reliable source for our understanding of history or the development of religion. They built for themselves high places in all their towns, from watchtower to fortified city. They set up for themselves pillars and Asherim on every high hill and under every green tree, and there they made offerings on all the high places, as the nations did whom the LORD carried away before them. In reality, the various terms Asherah and its plural, Asherim, Asheroth, Ashteroth and Ashtaroth are not rare, but are used 53 times in 13 books of the Hebrew Bible. This hardly seems like a closely guarded secret that was nearly edited out of the pages of the Bible. This excludes the numerous clear references related to sacred trees, groves and poles that may or may not be associated with the fertility goddess. Remember that the golden calf was likely thought to represent the presence of gods, so the same concept may have been involved with the relation between trees and the goddess Asherah. The god Baal is also very prevalent, being mentioned more than twice as many times as Asherah. The views expressed in the Discovery News piece have been represented in many articles and television programs over the years while projecting the ever-growing tale that the Bible was involved in a cover up of the reality of pagan worship, especially of female deities, while doing everything possible to present a pure monotheistic approach. While some present the idea that the Bible portrays religion among the Israelites as strictly faithful monotheism from the beginning with a few occasionally succumbing to the lure of paganism at the fringes, this just does not match what the Bible actually states. Contrary to the claims of these scholars, the Bible does not try to cover up the reality of these facts. From the time of Abraham around 2,000 BC to the time of the final destruction of Jerusalem and the captivity in Babylon in 586 BC, the Bible repeatedly shines a light on the incessant worship of foreign gods among the people of Israel. Abraham is said to have come from a family of idol worshipers Josh. Ezekiel gives a startling account of how God was angry with Israel before they left Egypt and commanded them to forsake the idols of Egypt. But Israel would not listen Ezek. Among the extensive laws given at Sinai is one that commanded that any Israelite who slaughtered an ox, sheep or goat for food in the camp to first bring it to the tent of meeting. This was done to stem the practice of bringing the animals out to the open field to sacrifice them to goat demons, as had been their practice Lev. This shows that it must have been going on during the stay in Egypt. Even today, Satan and demons are often depicted as having horns and are associated with goat images. While God was giving these commands, the Israelites were busy forming a golden calf to worship Ex. After rebelling against God many times in the wilderness Num. He predicted that after his death, things would become even worse Deut. When Joshua and Israel renewed the covenant after the conquest, the people agreed to worship God alone. This started a continuous cycle of the people abandoning the LORD, and God sending oppressors to chasten them. Then the people would cry out to God who would send a judge to save them. But as soon as the judge died, they turned back and were more corrupt than their fathers, without dropping any of their practices or their stubborn ways Jud. There are numerous references in the Book of Judges to this cycle. When the last judge, Samuel, performed a covenant renewal with Israel, he directed them to put away their foreign gods 1 Sam. The people would soon reject the LORD as their ruler by asking for a king like all the nations around them. Solomon Dedicates the Temple by James Tissot. Jeroboam did not want his people to go to the Temple in Jerusalem to worship and be swayed to rejoin them. So he made two golden calves and put them up in Bethel and Dan and instituted new feasts along with a new priesthood apart from the Levites. He also made many temples and high places 1 Kings The following 18 kings in Israel were all said to have done evil and followed in the ways of Jeroboam with too many references to list. This would end up cutting them off and destroying them from the face of the earth 1 Kings Baalites by James Tissot. The people did not answer him a word 1 Kings Israel was finally taken to Assyria for their apostasy 2 Kings It is tempting to think of Judah as the faithful kingdom compared to the northern kingdom of Israel. However, a closer look shows that this was not the case. The reforms of

Jehoshaphat, Hezekiah and Josiah were the exceptions and not the rule. The fact that they removed the high places and broke the pillars and cut down the Asherah was commended, but it only goes to show how prevalent these things were in the land. The second king walked in all the sins that his father before him did 1 Kings The third king put away the idols from the land, but he did not take out the high places 1 Kings The same was true of the next king, Jehoshaphat 1 Kings The very next king walked in the way of the kings of Israel, and put back all the Asherim and idols and added more to it 2 Chron. And so it went throughout the history of Judah. Temporary and partial reforms were followed by worse returns to idolatry that even invaded the Temple in Jerusalem. Not only did King Ahaz make metal images for the Baals, he burned his sons as an offering 2 Chron Manasseh did the same. By the time of the last kings, altars for all the host of heaven were built inside house of the LORD. Josiah was convicted that Judah had broken the covenant, and he instituted a celebration of the Passover. Your wealth and all your treasures I will give for spoil as the price of your high places for sin throughout all your territoryâ€ For the sons of Judah have done evil in my sight, declares the LORD. They have set their detestable things in the house that is called by my name, to defile it. Conclusion The verdict of the Bible is clear, those who were true followers of Yahweh were swimming against the tide of the majority surrounding them. Because the Bible spends a lot of time talking about the ones who were faithful to one degree or another, many have missed the point that they were faithful amidst a culture that was going in the opposite direction. On the contrary, the Bible does not cover up the fact that idol worship was not just taking place sporadically, or in one area, or in one period. From beginning to end with exceptions , the history of the Israelites was marked by pervasive mixture of unfaithful worship of foreign gods.

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The people of Israel again did what was evil in the sight of the LORD and served the Baals and the Ashtaroth, the gods of Syria, the gods of Sidon, the gods of Moab, the gods of the Ammonites, and the gods of the Philistines.

If the first and foremost commandment of the Law is to love God, and loving God is explained more fully in the first three commandments, we are dealing with the very essence of the Law in this lesson. Because the worship of God is primary, false worship is one of the greatest evils man can practice. Idolatry is a serious problem, and not just for the Israelite of Old Testament times. Idolatry is dangerous because it involves the worship of demons 1 Cor. One of the finest books written in recent years is *Loving God*, written by Chuck Colson. In the introduction to this book, Colson describes his attempt to learn from other Christians what it means to love God: I wondered if others felt the same way. So I asked a number of more experienced Christians how they loved God. Not only have we not given thought to what the greatest commandment means in our day-to-day existence, we have not obeyed it. Not only is loving God our highest priority, but it is one which is poorly understood, so far as its implementation. Most thoughtful Christians may be able to tell you that loving God is the most important duty of man, but they struggle with the very practical matter of how such love is expressed. There is another reason why our text is so important to Christians living in 20th century America. The warnings we find in Exodus and indeed the entire Old Testament regarding the worship of other gods and idols seems totally irrelevant. Such a conclusion would be hasty and ill-founded, as has been pointed out by those who have thought more carefully on these things. Consider, for example, these words from the pen of Herbert Schlossberg: The Old and New Testaments call such gods idols and provide sufficient reason for affirming that the systems that give them allegiance are religions. People may worship nature, money, mankind, power, history, or social and political systems instead of the God who created them all. The New Testament writers, in particular, recognized that the relationship need not be explicitly one of cultic worship; a man can place anyone or anything at the top of his pyramid of values, and that is ultimately what he serves. The ultimacy of that service profoundly affects the way he lives. When the society around him also turns away from God to idols, it is an idolatrous society and therefore is heading for destruction. This process is commonly called secularization, but that conveys only the negative aspect. The word connotes the turning away from the worship of God while ignoring the fact that something is turned to in its place. All such principles that substitute for God exemplify the biblical concept of idol. The bulk of this book is an exploration of the forms these idols take in late twentieth-century America. I have concluded that it is only when these terms are defined that we can understand the meaning of the three commandments we are about to study. The strength of this claim over men is seen by the price which men are willing to pay in order to worship their gods. In some instances pagans actually offer their children as sacrifices to the gods. The value attributed to the gods is therefore extremely high in many instances. The powers which the gods possess are restricted to certain aspects of life. A given god may have control over fertility, while another over the rains or agricultural productivity, and yet another over war as when Goliath cursed David in the name of his gods 1 Samuel Most gods operate within certain geographical boundaries often, the boundaries of a nation or empire, cf. The gods are worshipped for very pragmatic reasons. Almost never are the gods worshipped for their intrinsic beauty or goodness, but for what they control. Hostile, capricious gods are worshipped to appease their anger and to avert the outpouring of their wrath. Others are worshipped largely due to the powers which they possess and the benefits which they produce. In other words, the gods are viewed by their subjects as means to a desired end. It is no wonder that the worship of false gods is called harlotry in the Bible. The relationship between men and the gods is closely akin to prostitution. A price is paid and a service is rendered, but there is certainly no love between the two parties. Pagan worship almost always involves a plurality of gods. More than one god is assumed. Thus, the Philistines assumed that Israel was delivered from the Egyptians by her gods plural, 1 Samuel 4: There is a rather obvious reason for the pagan need of plural gods. Since each god is limited in its power and function, a different god must be served and worshipped for each desired end. A war god must be worshipped for military might; a fertility god was believed to produce

offspring; etc. And so the pagan was always inclined to be on the lookout for a new god, who would produce even further benefits cf. After all, what can it hurt? In India, it is not surprising to find that the gods of the peoples of the tribal areas are cobra, monkey, or tiger gods. In these interior areas you do not expect to find primitive tribesmen worshipping a shark god, for example. You will not be surprised to find a sea-going people worshipping a shark god, however. The gods which men worship are thus those which reflect their hopes and their fears. A brief review of the gods of ancient Egypt would show the same tendency. The Bible rightly reveals the fact that the gods of people are the product of their imaginations and the creation of their hands Isaiah 2: The gods of the heathen conform to their desires. False gods and idols are chosen in place of the true God, and this by a choice to worship the god of their choice, as the first chapter of Romans clearly teaches us. Since the gods are man-made, it is no surprise that false worship almost always employs idols. While there are a number of terms used in reference to idols, there are certain common characteristics which all idols possess. First, an idol is used as a representation of a particular god. This idol is almost always made by men, most often bearing the image of some part of creation. This might be an inanimate object the sun, stars, a rock , or it might be a living creature a bull, a fish, a snake. The idol does not necessarily represent the god itself, but may depict or symbolize some attribute or characteristic of the god. For example, the bull might symbolically represent the strength of a god. Idols are misused, most often to represent pagan gods Isaiah Second, idols are often viewed as being the locus of the presence and power of a particular god. While an idol may initially be conceived of only as a representation of a god, it can often become viewed as the god itself. Thus, wherever the idol is, the god is thought to be present. In this case the idol becomes more than a means of worshipping a god, it becomes the object of worship—the god itself cf. Not only does the idol become the locus of the presence of the god, but also of the power of the god. The idol becomes the means of unleashing the magical powers of the god. Through its presence and proper magical manipulations the idol is believed to be able to produce a desired result. Thus, the Ark of the Covenant was taken to war as an almost magical instrument, which could assure the Israelites of military victory 1 Samuel 4: God would not share His glory with any other. The Book of Genesis has already informed us that God is the Creator of the universe. Exodus proclaims God as the Creator of Israel. There is therefore no other god than the one true God of Israel. This is precisely why Israel needed but to trust in God alone, while the pagans found it necessary to serve many gods. Because God is in control of every aspect of the life of His people, no other god is needed in addition to Him. It was God who called Abraham and made a covenant with him. It was likewise God who acted to free Israel from her bondage in Egypt. God even took the initiative in giving Israel His Law. The pagans had to prompt their lifeless, powerless, no-gods to act. Fourth, while the nature of pagan gods is creature-like and can thus be represented by physical forms idols , the nature of the God of Israel is essentially spiritual, so that He cannot be represented by any earthly or heavenly form. When God appeared to Israel on the mountain, He did not take a given form, and He could not be represented by any form. God revealed Himself to men through His word e. The absence of visual images speaks volumes as to the greatness of our God. The ark, hovered over by the cherubim, was empty. Nothing other than the Son of God could fully and finally reveal God to men. Fifth, while the pagan gods were worshipped for what they were thought to be able to do, God is to be worshipped for who He is. Pagan worship was pragmatic, true worship views God as the great Reward, not just as a rewarder. Many of the Psalms are the praises of men who are deep in adversity, and yet who persist in praising God as the One who is always worthy of worship. Preface to the Ten Commandments These commands, God wants us to know, came directly from God. Verse 2 distinguishes the God of the Israelites from all of the gods which are about to be forbidden. God first reminds Israel that He is the God who has acted in history, altering the course of world history in order to fulfill His promise to Abraham and the patriarchs, and to deliver Israel from her bondage in Egypt. No other gods control history. They, in the words of the prophets, are carried by men, they do not carry men. God delivered Israel, and made them His own people. The words of this verse remind the Israelites that God has singled them out, distinguishing them from all other peoples on the face of the earth. It is no wonder that the marriage relationship is used metaphorically of the relationship between God and His chosen people, Israel.

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Chapter 4 : Worship “ Beth Israel

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WORSHIP, service rendered to God and comprehending both the attitude of reverence and love toward the Deity and the activity “ in conduct as well as ritual “ in which the homage finds expression. Terminology The biblical vocabulary of worship is extensive and varied. The following are the principal terms employed: In addition, as was true of his contemporaries, Kaufmann equated the religion of ancient Israel with the religion of the Bible. The present revised entry concentrates on the biblical view of worship, namely that Israelites must worship Yahweh alone, without equating that view with the actual patterns of worship in ancient Israel, which require separate investigation. For all its distinctiveness, Israelite religion fit neatly into ancient Near Eastern patterns. Like their neighbors, the Hebrews had no concept of nature or its immutable laws. As such, they believed that it was possible to influence the powers that be in human favor by acts of ritual and worship. God might sometimes be spoken of as beyond human understanding Isa. Humans turn to the divine, sometimes out of a sense of wonderment and awe, of reverence and gratitude, of joy and trust, which call forth a desire for adoration and thanksgiving. God is perceived as both near Ps. Sin estranges humans from God. In biblical thinking rebellion against the Divine will, revealed in His commandments, and the breaching of His eternal covenant, creates a gulf between divinity and humanity, which only atonement can bridge. Penitents seek expiation for their transgressions through confession and sacrifice Lev. There are times when the acts of an inscrutable providence result in human challenge and protest Gen. Biblical worship had room for all these human reactions. Both Yahweh and his divine contemporaries demanded the service of the clean of hand and pure of heart Ps. Humans have always been conscious of a certain duality in divine worship. In a Hittite inscription designated Instructions for Temple Officials it is stated: Are the minds of men and of the gods generally different? And because he, his master, eats [and] drinks, he is relaxed in spirit and feels one with him. But if he [the servant] is ever remiss, [if] he is inattentive, his mind is alien to him. The same negative and positive approaches to God are reflected in the positive precepts and prohibitions of the Torah. The two aspects are found, for example, in the ritual laws of purification and the ceremonial observances, respectively. They are likewise discerned on the higher level of ethical conduct: For worship is not solely or even primarily a matter of ritual. The Hittites and the Hebrews depicted their gods in human imagery. Both required just and ethical conduct along with ritual, as did the Egyptian and Mesopotamian gods. Emphasis is often given to the antithesis between cultic observances and righteous conduct. The former is deemed to belong to the priestly conception of religion, whereas the prophets, it is held, rejected ritual and stressed the spiritual approach to God. To some extent this is true. The fact that prophets often railed against the mechanical potency of ritual proves that the concept had deep roots, encouraged of course by the priesthood Lev. Yet, the Bible does not show a hard and fast dichotomy. Priests could also be prophets Jeremiah, Ezekiel ; prophets, when necessary, emphasized the importance of ritual requirements Ezek. The Torah ordains cultic regulations in juxtaposition to its formulation of ethical principles e. Late prophetic teaching lent support to this view Mal. The attempt to interpret liturgical and ethical requirements as diametrical opposites serves to compartmentalize the life of the worshiper; the Bible seeks to make it whole. It points to the ultimate purpose of religion in key passages like these: Worship unites in itself both outward forms and religious inwardness. The prophets inveighed against these tendencies. They denounced corrupting wealth and callous indifference to the needs of the poor Amos 3: Even the Temple was not spared when it ceased to be a center of holiness Jer. The prophets did not hesitate to condemn practices that were inherently good but had become vitiated by dishonorable conduct and iniquitous living Amos 5: The prophets did not disapprove of sacrifices if offered in sincerity and truth Mal. It was to falsehood and evil that they were opposed. They demanded loyal obedience to the will of God instead of the sacrilege of a cult that was no more than blasphemous hypocrisy Hos. Righteous living was fundamental to true worship. But in a different constellation of circumstances the later prophets, in particular, urged earnest

devotion to the forms of organized religion as vital to the survival of the faith and the nation. These may be summarized as acts of purification; dietary laws; sacrifices, tithes, and other offerings; the observance of the Sabbath, festivals, and fast-days; and prayer understood in its broadest sense. The laws of defilement and purity are largely in Leviticus. In a sense, the sacrifices are both public and private the firstlings, the first fruits, as well as the tithes and other priestly and levitical dues. Yet as was true in other ancient religious systems, the sacrificial system was a dramatic approach to the divine, an act of homage and thanksgiving. Hence when the true significance of the offerings was forgotten it was said that God actually revoked them. Whatever its origin, the idea of the Sabbath in the scriptural context is a unique institution, meant to articulate divine sovereignty over time, just as the sabbatical year articulates divine sovereignty over territory. Not only humans, but also animals require recuperation from toil. In the Exodus version of the Decalogue, the Sabbath assumes cosmic significance; it becomes a memorial to the story of Creation. Nor were the prophets less emphatic in stressing the hallowed character of the day. An extension of the Sabbath idea is to be seen in the sabbatical year. Like the Sabbath, the festivals were designed to bring the worshiper nearer to God. They were occasions of deep religious joy. Biblical religion, while deploring all forms of intemperance and overindulgence, nevertheless looked askance at asceticism. Wine was created to gladden the human heart. The Lord was to be served in gladness. Modern research has conjectured that certain biblical festivals are derived from earlier lunar and solar celebrations in antiquity, or are related to Canaanite agricultural feasts, which have been adapted to Israelite thinking. Without entering into the validity of these theories, it must be stressed that the religious significance of these observances is not in their supposed origin, but in their scriptural presentation. The paschal offering and the Feast of Unleavened Bread. But to the agricultural aspect a historical element was added: Passover calls to mind the deliverance from Egyptian bondage. Israel found God not only in the phenomena of the world, but also in the providential course of events. The Feast of Weeks. Characteristically, too, when farmers brought their first fruits before the Lord, they expressed gratitude in a succinct historical review. Minor celebrations, such as Purim. The same is true of the fast days of the fifth and seventh months. But the Day of Atonement. It should also be noted that the special sacrifices. Finally it should be observed that biblical worship might be individual and collective. Examples of personal worship abound throughout the Bible: Without doubt David composed a number of prayers. But apart from this, the Book of Psalms contains a variety of prayers and hymns that voice the personal supplications, hope, faith, and joy of the authors. These may have been subsequently adapted to national or congregational use, but their individual significance was not wholly lost. To the same category of worship belong also the private sacrifices brought to the Temple, although the ritual formed part of the general priestly ministrations. At the same time the Bible ordains and illustrates various forms of public worship. Of this aspect of worship the Bible likewise furnished innumerable examples the public sacrifices; the Temple choral services; the statutory assembly prescribed in Deut. The synagogue services of a later period continued the tradition of congregational prayer and study, without excluding opportunities for personal religious meditation. The biblical account of worship in the patriarchal age reflects practices originating in different times and places. Tithes were given. The Patriarchs blessed their children. The Lord blessed the Patriarchs, assured them of His salvation, and promised the land of Canaan to their children. In some cases the patriarchal tales reflect family religion that persisted through time in ancient Israel, without an elaborate priesthood or sanctuary; the theophany granted a family elder could determine the site of worship. At times, syncretism was rife; the prohibitions against taking over Canaanite sacred sites and practices. David united the nation and chose a central site for worship at the new capital, Jerusalem. He assembled the material for the future Temple and reorganized the priesthood. He also organized a processional ceremony in which the Ark of the Covenant was brought to Jerusalem, perhaps on one of the great festivals. Solomon built the central Temple in Zion, where worship was strongly ecclesiastical mediated by the priests and levites and markedly national, with universal tones appearing in Second Temple writings. Elbogen, *Der juedische Gottesdienst in seiner geschichtlichen Entwicklung*; N. Kraus, *Gottesdienst in Israel*; D. VT, 6, etc.

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"Your trip can be just another vacation, or it can be the journey of your life," writes Rabbi Lawrence Hoffman in his book Israel: A Spiritual Travel Guide.

Bible Study Software Question: I have a question regarding the Tabernacle and the first Temple in the Old Testament: Was the Tabernacle the dwelling place of God and was the Temple the place of worship for the people? If so, when the first Temple was destroyed and tabernacle removed, how did the people worship God if there was no Temple and Tabernacle? The tabernacle was the center of Israelite worship after the nation left Egypt and for the early part of its history. Rather, God gave the Israelites a place where His presence could be noted. Sacrifices were not done in the tabernacle proper, but in the courtyard outside the tabernacle Exodus The Temple, then, served the same purpose as the tabernacle. The difference was that the temple was permanent instead of a tent structure. There were actually three temples. On the return from captivity, Zerubbabel built a replacement. Herod the Great then replaced that temple with a grander one. While the Tabernacle and later the Temple was the focal point of Israelite worship, all worship did not take place there. For example, the priests would travel and offer sacrifices at various places e. During the time when the Temple was destroyed, the major feasts, such as Passover, were not celebrated. Yet, even while the Temple stood, there were several periods in Israelite history when the people forgot God and their worship and replace it with idolatry. It is believed that during the Babylonian captivity is when the synagogues developed to give the people a place to gather, learn, and pray while they were in exile. Send mail to minister lavistachurchofchrist. Permission is given in advance to use the material and pictures on this site for non-commercial purposes. We only ask that you give credit to the original creators. A link back to this site is not required, though it is always appreciated.

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Chapter 7 : The Sanctuaries at Dan and Bethel

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Answer: The tabernacle was the center of Israelite worship after the nation left Egypt and for the early part of its history. God told Moses, "And let them make Me a sanctuary, that I may dwell among them" (Exodus).

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Away, away from the noise Alone with You Away, away to hear your voice And meet with You Nothing else matters, my one desire is To worship You, I live To worship You, I live, I live To worship You.