

Points of Interest on Idols and Statues

Note that it was in Exodus that Moses, *BY GOD'S COMMAND*, raised the bronze serpent in the desert.

After Exodus, upon entering the Promised Land, here is what he reminds the people (texts below). Also, note that nowhere in the Bible are the physical features or skin color of Jesus and Mary described.

Make the connection with the beginning of the texts below, and consider this in risk management in light of the threats from verses 23 and 24.

Deuteronomy 4:15-19 *Since you saw no figure* the day the Lord spoke to you from the midst of the fire at Horeb, *take careful heed to yourselves*, 16 lest you corrupt yourselves *and make for yourselves a graven image*, a representation of any idol, the figure of a man or a woman, 17 the figure of any animal that is on the earth, the figure of any bird that flies in the air, 18 the figure of any creeping thing that creeps on the ground, the figure of any fish that is in the waters beneath the earth. 19 Take heed to yourselves, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you be driven to worship them and serve them: which the Lord your God has divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.

Deuteronomy 4:23-24 "Take heed unto yourselves, lest you forget the covenant of the Lord your God, which He made with you, and make you a graven image, or the likeness of any thing, which the Lord your God has forbidden you. For the Lord your God is a consuming fire, even a jealous God."

This complements the 2nd Commandment.

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