

This week we will dig deeper into the gods that Israelites are using instead of the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. This will barely scratch the surface so I encourage you to use a good study Bible, Bible dictionary, or commentary to help if it peaks your interest. We will also lift up a member of our mission team deployed this week in Virginia each day. But keep them all in your prayers for safety and peace. You can pray your own prayer or use this one:

Lord, watch over our team from AUMC and their fellow workers in Virginia. Keep them safe today and help them to feel your presence. Let their hands in your name be effective in rebuilding and reclaiming a life of normalcy for those they serve. I specifically lift up _____ today. Work in their heart as you work through their hands. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Monday November 13th

Read Genesis 12:1-9. Where did the gods come from? One group came from the East in Mesopotamia where Abraham left to migrate to Canaan, stopping first at Shechem. *Today's team member: Steve Povalac.*

Tuesday November 14th

Read Joshua 24:14-15. Where did the gods come from? The gods of the Amorites in the conquered land. *Today's team member: Barb Wiley.*

Wednesday November 15th

Read Deuteronomy 4:15-20. Was idolatry a new concern? *Today's team member: Ken Grubb.*

Thursday November 16th

Read Deuteronomy 4:3-4. Joshua's admonition of the gods is missing two main ones. Which ones are missing? You can see Joshua's account in Joshua 24:2-10. *Today's team member: John Wiley.*

Friday November 17th

Read Joshua 24:16-24. How are the people of Israel different from us? We need to remember that "people" in Joshua 24 are not choosing the system of their government they would institute or what laws they are going to live by, but simply what lord and master they would yield or subordinate themselves to. "The object of their loyalty is both God, who has handed down the law, and the law that comes from God. The object of our comparable loyalty is the state, which, in theory, we, the people, have constituted." (NIB Commentary on Joshua, p. 716). *Today's team member: Sandy Grubb.*

Saturday November 18th

Read Joshua 24:2-23. In this passage, God gives a history and reminds them of all that God has done. Why is God reminding them of God's faithfulness? In this detailed account, one thing is missing: All the mistakes of Israel. Why does God leave them out? *Read Jeremiah 31:34* to find out. *Today's team member: Bruce McKay.*

Look at the prayer list. Who can you pray for? Who needs a little extra help in an area where you can make a difference?

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