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📖 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shoftim: (דברים טז:כב)

וְלֹא תִקְוֶה לְךָ מִצֵּבָה
אֲשֶׁר שָׂנְאָה ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ


We are not allowed to build a monument for people to come and *daven* around — even to *daven* to Hashem — because this kind of thing is usually used for *Avodah Zarah*.

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📖 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Behar: (ויקרא כו:א)

וְאִבֵּן מִשְׁכִּית לֹא תִתְּנוּ
בְּאֶרְצְכֶם לְהִשְׁתַּחֲוֹת עֲלֶיהָ

People used to choose certain stones to lean on when they bowed to *Avodah Zarah*. We are not allowed to choose a stone to bow on, even to use to bow to Hashem!

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Megillah


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📖 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shoftim: (דברים טז:כב)

לֹא תִטַּע לְךָ אֲשֶׁרָה כָּל עֵץ
אֲצֶל מִזְבֵּיחַ ה' אֱלֹהֶיךָ

We are not allowed to plant a tree near the *Mizbeiach*, or anywhere in the *Beis Hamikdash*, even if it's to make the *Beis Hamikdash* more beautiful as a *kavod* for Hashem, because that was what was done in

places of *Avodah Zarah*.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Tamid

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Re'eh: (דברים יב:ב)

אֶבֶד תֵּאַבְדֹּן
אֶת כָּל הַמִּקְמוֹת

We need to completely destroy everything in Eretz Yisroel that has to do with *Avodah Zarah*! That means all of the idols and all of the temples.

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Eikev: (דברים ז:כז)

וְלֹא תִבְיֵא תוֹעֵבָה
אֶל בֵּיתְךָ

We are not allowed to use any part of an idol for something that helps us, like burning a tree used for *Avodah Zarah* so that our house will be warm.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara:
Mesechta Avodah Zarah perek Gimme!

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Eikev: (דברים ז:כז)

לֹא תַחֲמַד כֶּסֶף
וְזָהַב עֲלֵיהֶם

We are not allowed to use or benefit from the gold or silver that was put on an idol to make it look nice.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Avodah Zarah perek Gimmel

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Vaeschanan: (דברים זב)

לֹא תִכְרֹת לָהֶם בְּרִית

We are not allowed to let *goyim* live in Eretz Yisroel unless they stop worshipping *Avodah Zarah*.

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Vaeschanan: (דברים זב)

וְלֹא תַחֲנִים


We are not allowed to be nice to someone who worships idols.

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Mishpatim: (שמות כג:ג)

לֹא יֵשְׁבוּ בְּאֶרֶץ
כִּי יִחַטְּאוּ אֶתְךָ לִי

We are not allowed to let anyone who serves *Avodah Zarah* to live or stay in Eretz Yisroel, because people might learn from them.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: Mesechta Sanhedrin and Avodah Zarah

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Kedoshim: (ויקרא כ:בג)

וְלֹא תִלְכוּ בַחֲקֵי הַגּוֹי
אֲשֶׁר אֲנִי מְשַׁלַּח מִפְּנֵיכֶם

We are not allowed to copy things that people who worship *Avodah Zarah* do, even if those things have nothing to do with *Avodah Zarah*.


 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: *Mesechta Shabbos perek Vov and Tosefta Shabbos*

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shoftim: (דברים יח:י)

לֹא יִמָּצֵא בְךָ וְגוֹ'
מְעוֹנֵן וּמְנַחֵשׁ

We aren't allowed to decide things based on "good signs" or "bad signs" — like to decide that something that happened was a "bad sign" and now you shouldn't go on the trip.


 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: *Mesechta Shabbos perek Zayin and Tosefta Shabbos*

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 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shoftim: (דברים יח:י)

לֹא יִמָּצֵא בְךָ וְגוֹ'
קָסָם קָסָמִים

We are not allowed to do things to predict the future.

 The details of this mitzvah are explained in Mishnayos & Gemara: *Mesechta Sanhedrin, Tosefta Shabbos, and Sifri*

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📖 We learn this mitzvah from Parshas Shoftim: (דברים י"ז:)

לֹא יִמְצֵא בֶּךָ וְגוֹ'
מְעוֹנִין

We are not allowed to decide which days are good for things based on astrology (deciding things based on the stars). We also are not allowed to make magic tricks in a way that people think we're using real magic.

Rambam: Hilchos Avodas Kochavim

PEREK ZAYIN

We need to destroy *Avodah Zarah* things. The Rambam teaches us what kinds of things are counted as *Avodah Zarah*. For example, if a cow was used for a *korban* to *Avodah Zarah*, we can't even use its skin for anything else.

PEREK CHES

In *Perek Ches*, we learn about when things change to become *Avodah Zarah*. If someone *davened* to a mountain, the mountain isn't counted as *Avodah Zarah*, but if he took a rock from that mountain it could be.

PEREK TES

In this *perek*, we learn about doing business and about our dealings with *goyim* when they are celebrating their *Avodah Zarah* days.