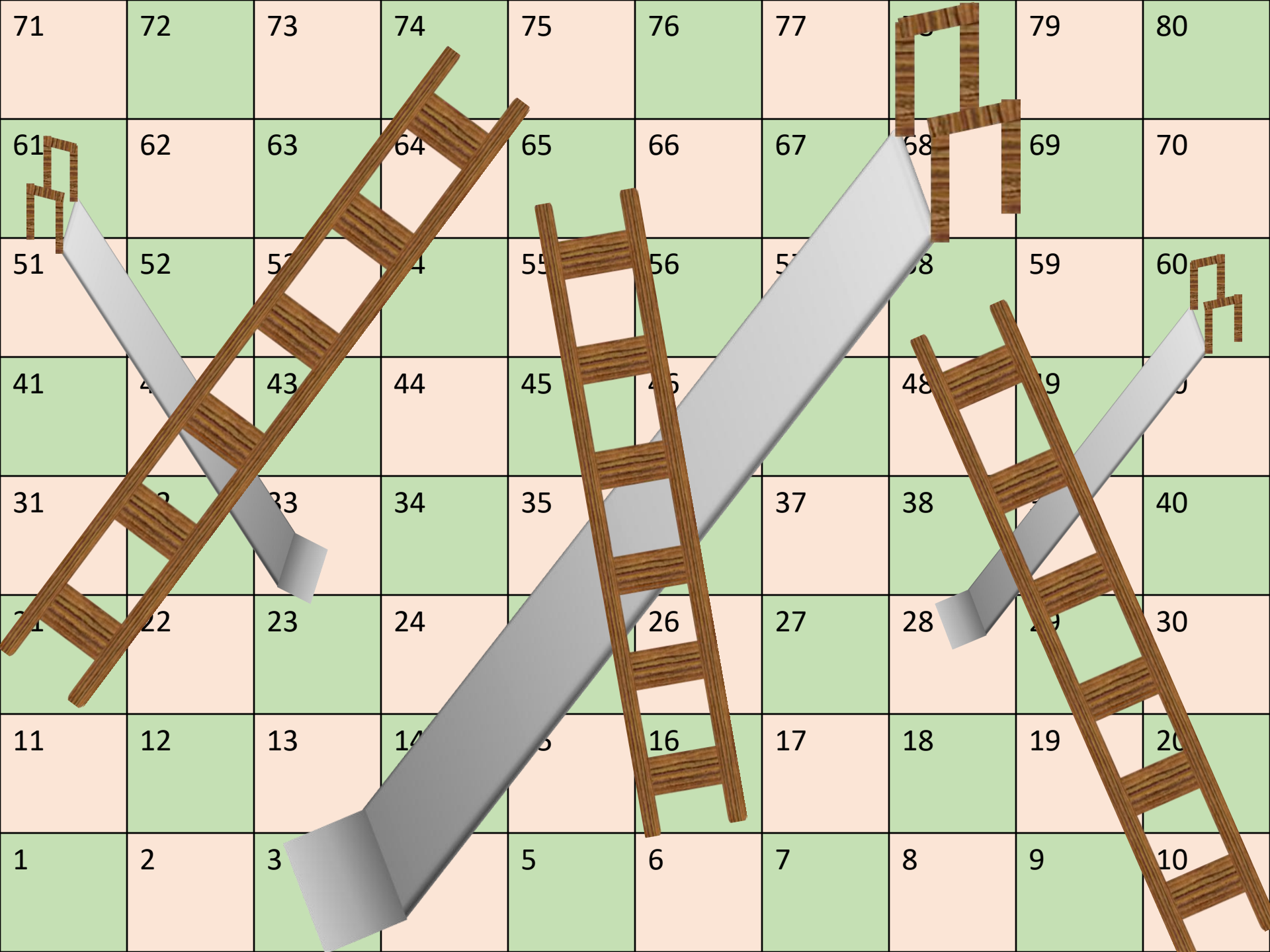
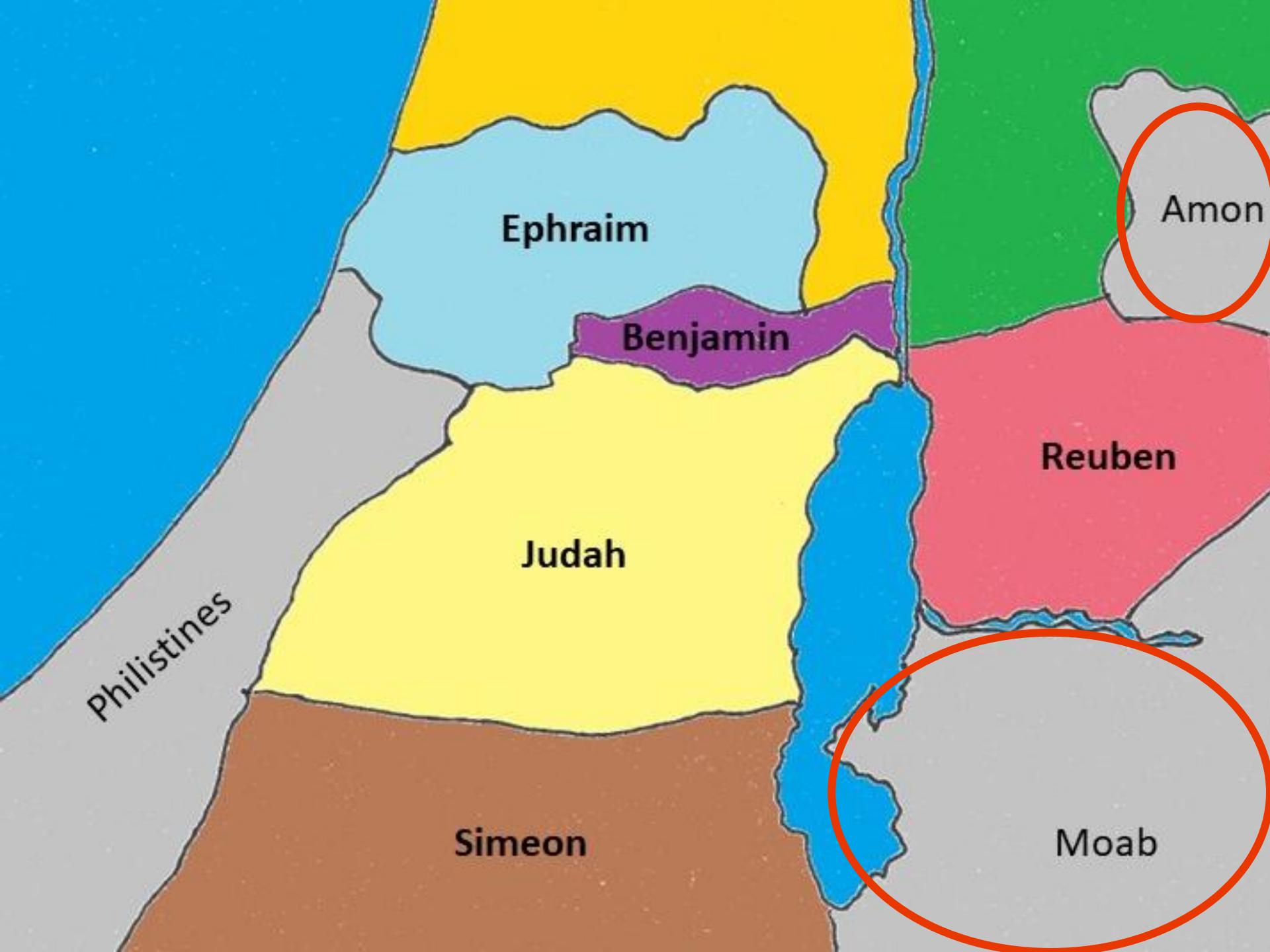


*The
Divided
Kingdom*





Ephraim

Benjamin

Judah

Simeon

Reuben

Amon

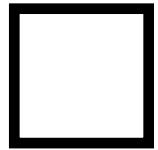
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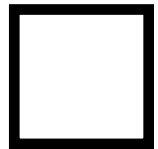


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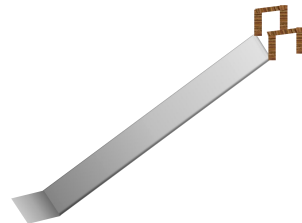
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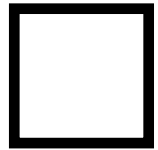


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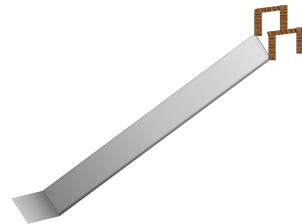
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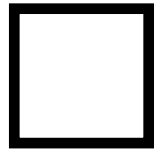


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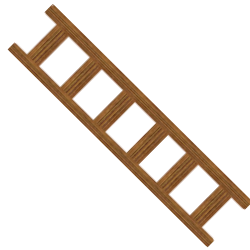


Problem: The Kingdom of Judah had the temple, not Israel.

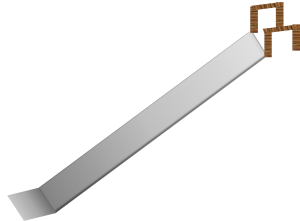
Advice: Build gold calves for the people to worship in Israel.



Good Advice

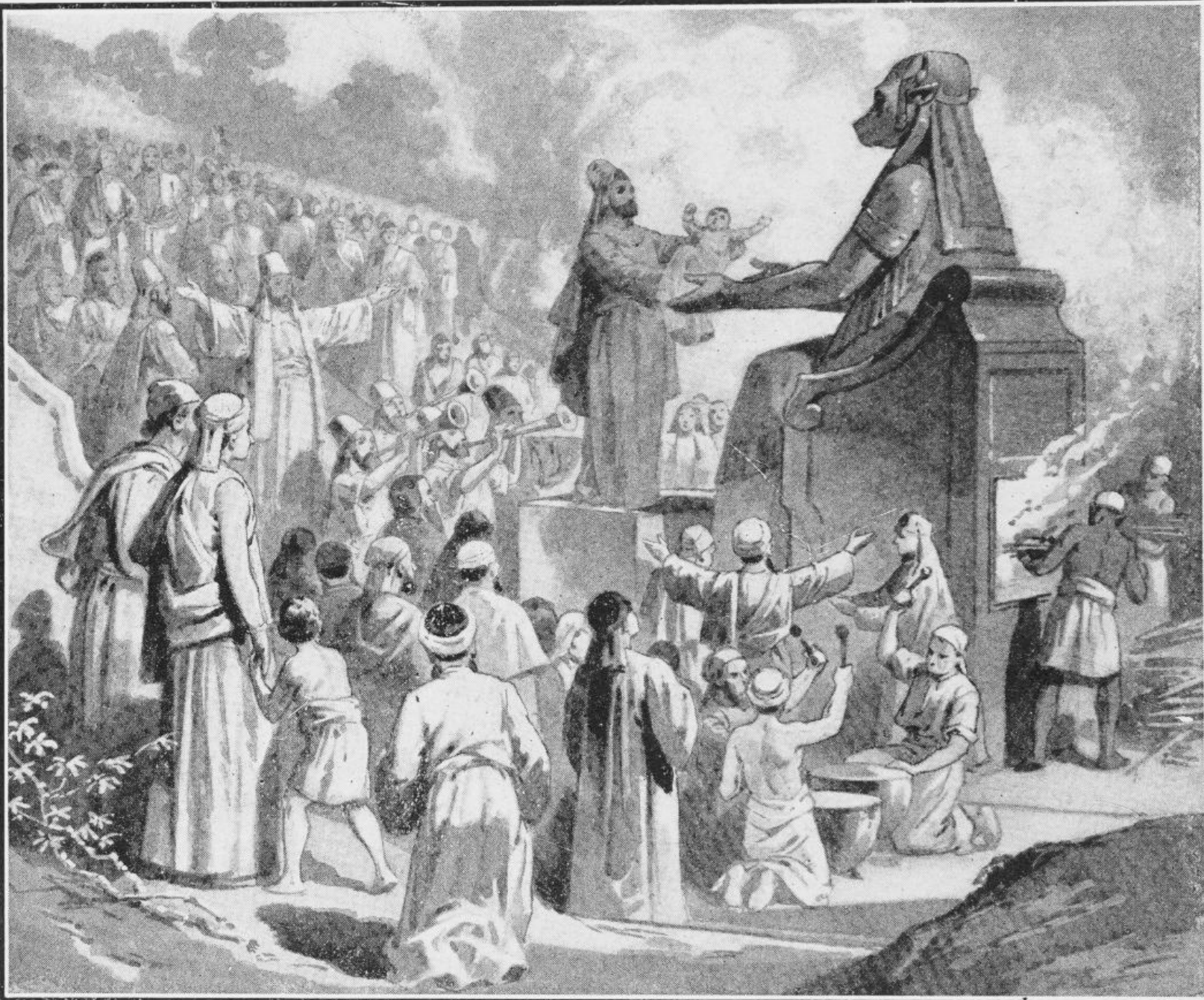


Bad Advice



What are some ways to get good advice from other people and avoid bad influences?

- ✓ As you grow into adulthood, only date other Christians.
- ✓ If you get married, marry a Christian who has a strong relationship with God and will be a good partner for making life choices together.
- ✓ Be friends with people of all beliefs, but have one or two close friends who have a strong relationship with God and can give good advice when you need it.
- ✓ Find a church with a pastor who will help you get to know God better.
- ✓ Be involved in a Bible study or small group so you have a community of believers with whom you can open up and talk to them about the difficult decisions in your life.



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Who listened to the wrong people in this passage?

1. _____, who listened to his
_____ about worshipping statues.
2. _____, who listened to the advice of his
_____ friends instead of his
_____ counselors,
3. _____ who listened to a counsel that told
him to make a new place of worship with
_____.