

GLEANINGS

OFFENDING A LIVING GOD

Why did the Self Existent, Eternal One (the meaning of the Hebrew name Jehovah) become so upset with most of Israel during the Old Testament prophet Jeremiah's day? Because they had repeatedly broken the first two commands that God gave them on Mount Sinai.

"2. I, the Lord, am your God who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. 3. You shall have no other gods besides me. 4. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; 5. you shall not bow down before them or worship them. Exodus 20: 2-5 Confraternity–Douay Version (Saint Joseph New Catholic Edition)

In order for us to fully understand what God said in these five verses, we must go back to the meaning of a Hebrew word that the writer used to record the book that we refer to as "the book of Genesis."

The Hebrew word that was translated "God" in the passage above is pronounced "Elohim" in English and means "The Three Mighty Ones." Please read article Ge-17, "The Empty Earth" for more information. The Three Mighty Ones, of course, refers to God the Father, God the Son and God the Holy Spirit.

With your permission, I will insert "The Three Mighty Ones" into the verses above so that we might better understand God's intent when He had the writer of Genesis pen those words in Exodus 20:2-5.

"2. I, the Lord, am your Three Mighty Ones, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, that place of slavery. 3. You shall have no other three mighty ones, besides me. 4. You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything in the sky above or on the earth below or in the waters beneath the earth; 5. you shall not bow down before them or worship them. (Exodus 20: 2-5 C-DV)