

Are Christians Called to COEXIST?

I. God's feelings towards other gods

- a. God rebukes the existence of other "gods"
- b. God shows through his judgment that he is superior to other "gods"
- c. We are not to seek after other gods around us
- d. If we choose to ignore God, we are told that the Lord's wrath will be kindled against us
 - i. This is a personal decision
 - ii. We are not commanded to destroy or treat with disdain those who seek after another god. That is for the Lord alone.
- e. God kept his promise to Israel in Lev 26
 - i. Israel struggled with multiple god worship until God's anger led them to be exiled.
 - ii. After Israel's return from exile the Old Testament books do not mention Ba'al among God's people again.

II. God-given responsibility for His people towards those of another faith

- a. We are instructed to not allow false gods to dissuade us from the Truth
- b. We are not to mistake man-made idols and myths for the holy Word of God
- c. We are to worship God and God alone
- d. We are not to be haughty or judgmental with our faith

III. God's desire for ALL people

- a. Not to condemn, but to save
- b. Jesus is the only way