

A SHORT VORT

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ונשמרתם מאד לנפשתיכם כי לא ראיתם כל תמונה (ד:טו)
פן תשחיתון ועשיתם לכם פסל (ד:טז)

"You shall greatly beware for your souls, for you did not see any manner of form" (4:15)
"Lest you act corruptly and make yourselves a carved image" (4:16)

Why does the Torah make every effort to warn us to steer clear of the sin of idolatry? The Meshech Chochmah (Rabbi Meir Simcha HaCohen M'Divinsk 1843-1926) answers that although Moshe had brought forth great miracles to the Israelites, bringing the Manna, splitting the Red Sea and conquering the great Emorite king. While alive, those who saw Moshe remembered him as a simple human being. However, as Moshe's generation were committed to die in the desert, the new generation entering the Land of Israel, will have less to base their memories of Moshe on. The Torah was concerned that this new generation would consider Moshe to be transcendent and Divine, which could eventually lead them to lose faith in G-d. Already, when beginning to complain, the Israelites began to equate Moshe with G-d, as it says in Bamidbar 21:5 – "And the nation spoke against G-d and Moshe". Therefore, the emphasis of the Pesukim to steer clear of the danger of idolatry becomes obvious.

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