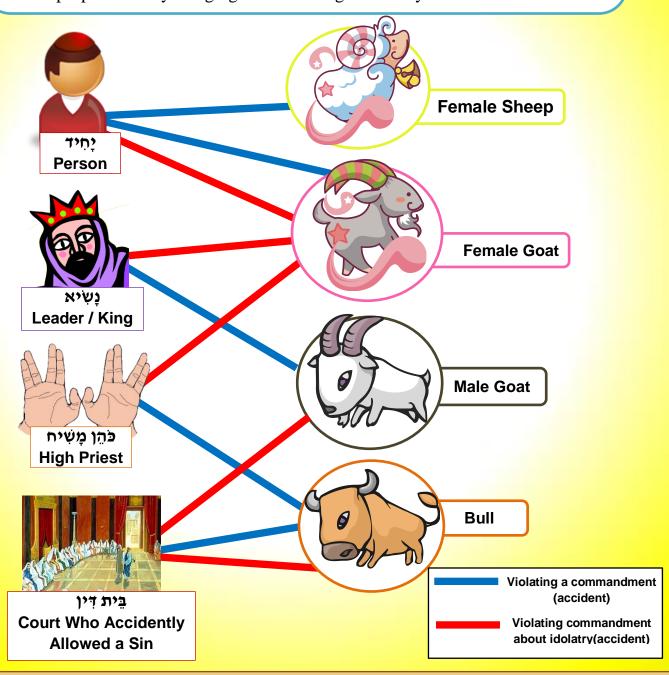
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The אָמָרָא discusses the קּרְבָּנוֹת (offerings) that must be brought by different types of people and groups who commit a sin by accident. The אָמָרָא discusses the offerings for two types of sins: 1) A regular Torah sin which is punishable by פָּרֵת (early death) if done on purpose and by bringing a sin-offering if done by accident; 2) Worshipping idols in a way that would that is punishable by בָּרֵת (early death) if done on purpose and by bringing a sin-offering if done by accident.



Worshipping Idols

Did you know that some ways of worshipping idols are worse than others? For some types of idol worship, one receives the בָּרֵת (early death) penalty if it is done on purpose, and one must bring a sin-offering if it is done by accident. For other types of idolatry, one does not receive these punishments.

So which types of idol worship are punishable by פָרֵת or a sin-offering?

- Slaughtering an animal as an offering to an idol
- Burning the animal for the idol
- Pouring a libation to an idol
- Bowing down to an idol

The following types of idol worship are **not** punishable by בַּרָת or a sin-offering?

- Hugging an idol
- Kissing an idol

(NOTE: If kissing or hugging an idol is its normal way of worship, one would be punished by בָּרֵת for these activities.)





An ancient Canaanite idol

Did You Know...

If someone worships an idol, his property is not destroyed. If an entire community worships an idol, their property is also destroyed.

A-מדות Moment

"When I grow up, I'm going to make lots of money, no matter what," declared Zevi.

"Careful Zevi. We learn in *daf yomi* that if a whole city worships idols, their property is destroyed. This is because the reason these people chose to live in such an evil city was probably because it offered them opportunity to make a lot of money. The pursuit of money no matter what the cost, even at the expense of the soul. That's why the money has to be destroyed."

"Wow, what a powerful lesson. Be careful of chasing money: it could lead to your downfall."

(מרגליות הים, סנהדרין קיא)

Games



Review Questions – 'יָבָמוֹת דַּף ט'

- 1. What offering must one bring for worshipping an idol by accident?
- 2. Give an example of idol worship for which one would receive בָּרֵת.
- 3. Whose property is destroyed for worshipping idols?