



# Kids' Prophecy Corner

The Apis Bull

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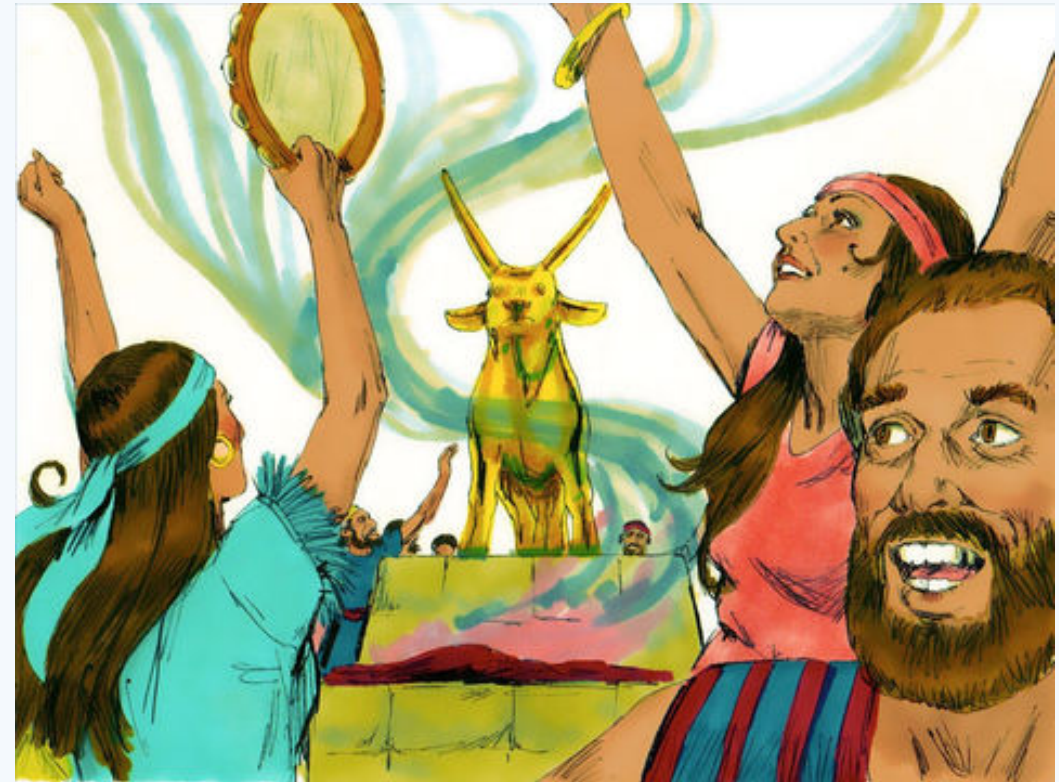
# The Story Of The Golden Calf

- Exodus 32 relates the story of the golden calf.
- Moses was on Mount Sinai for 40 days and the people wondered if he would ever come back. So they came to Aaron and demanded that gods be made to lead them. Being in **captivity** in Egypt for **400 years**, they came to worship idols like the Egyptians. They lost the knowledge of God's law and its precepts. They lost sight of the Sabbath.
- Because Aaron wanted peace and unity in the camp he told them to take off the golden earrings the women, boys, and girls were wearing and give them to him so they could be melted down to make an idol.
- The gold was melted down and shaped into a golden calf. The people responded by declaring 'These [be] thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt.' 'To morrow [is] a feast to the LORD.' declared Aaron. Early the next day, people sacrificed burnt offerings, ate, drank and started a wild, noisy party worshipping the golden calf.



# The Golden Calf Is The Apis Bull

- The Hebrew people chose a particular animal which supposedly represented **the form** and **character** of the true God. They chose the Apis Bull.
- In Egypt the Apis Bull was a sacred animal chosen to represent pharaohs. It had the attributes that all great kings would want to possess.
- So it was worshipped as a god because it symbolized **the courageous heart, great strength, and fighting spirit of the king.**
- Other characteristics were fertility, divinity and eternity.
- The Hebrews saw God the same way. A strong, courageous god with a fighting spirit who brought them out of Egypt. And they made an idol of Him and worshipped it.

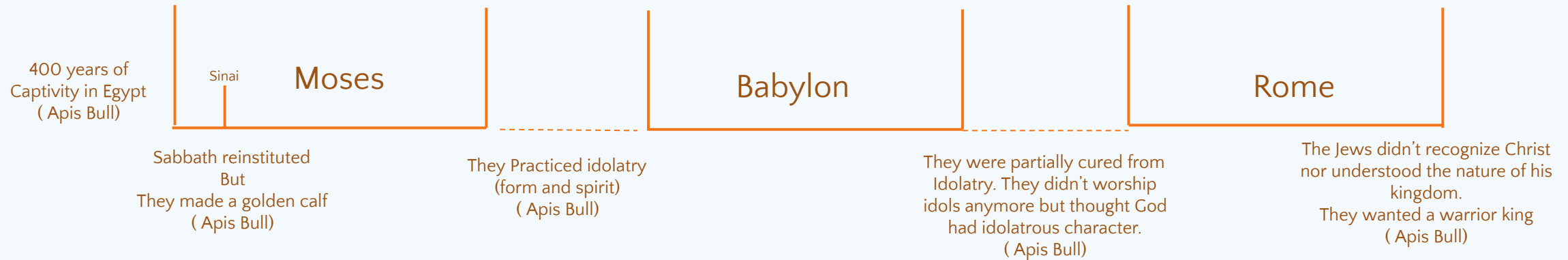


# The Jewish Nation's Conservative Mindset is The Apis Bull

- Idolatry was such a big issue in the lives of the Israelites that God had to bring them into captivity in Babylon for 70 years.
- After the captivity, they were partially cured from idolatry. They no longer made images (the form) but held on to the characteristics (the spirit).
- This is why they isolated themselves from other nations. They thought they were too peculiar to mingle with others. And most importantly, they kept the Sabbath and the ordinances of Moses perfectly.
- But when Christ came they couldn't recognize Him. Why? Jesus didn't look like a king, He was a poor carpenter. He didn't act like a king instead, He ate with sinners! He didn't deliver them from the Romans' yoke; instead he gave his life. And on Sabbaths He healed people and ate in the field!
- This wrong view of the Messiah was held by most Israelites and even the disciples. But the most stubborn were the Pharisees who had **a conservative mindset**. They upheld the writings of Moses so intensely (the spirit) that they couldn't understand who Christ really was and the nature of His kingdom. Christ wasn't that strong, courageous king with a fighting spirit who would deliver them from the captivity of the Romans.
- Christ was patient and wanted people to come out of **idolatry**. So through out his ministry He spoke in **parables**, comparing the natural kingdom with the spiritual kingdom, so His followers could grasp the nature of His kingdom.

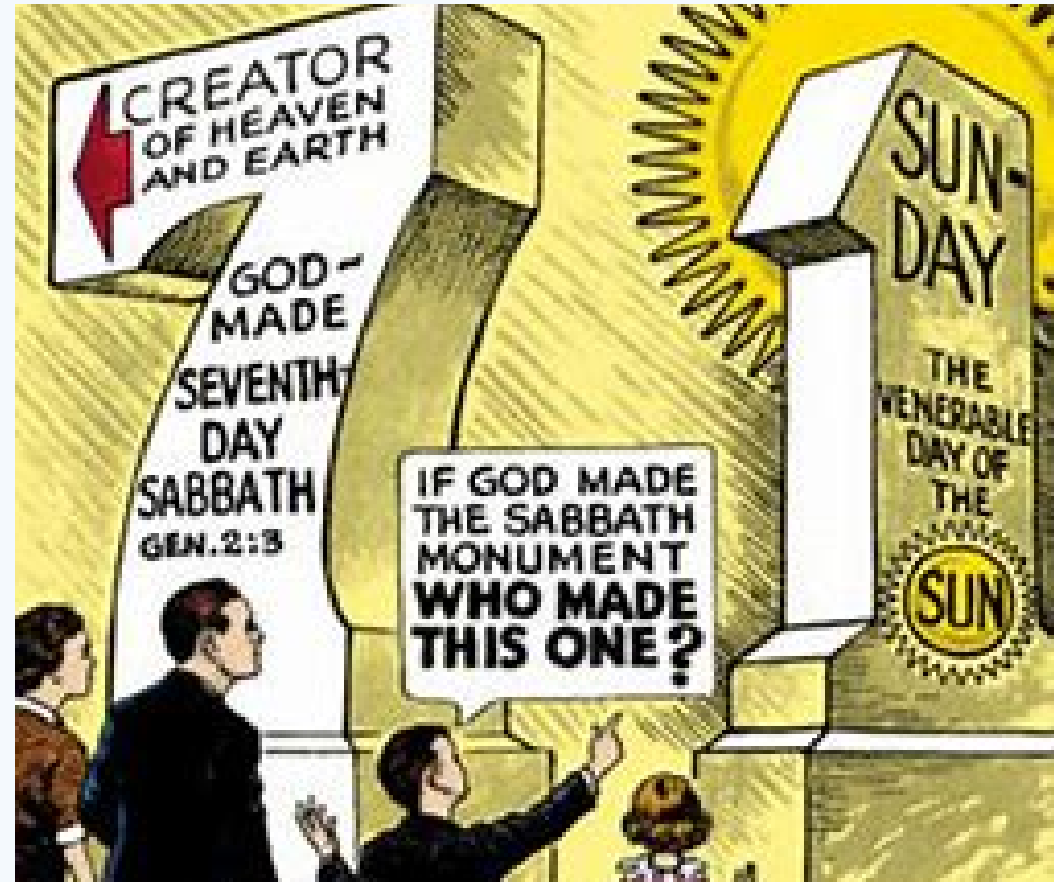


# We can represent the Idolatry of Ancient Israel this way:



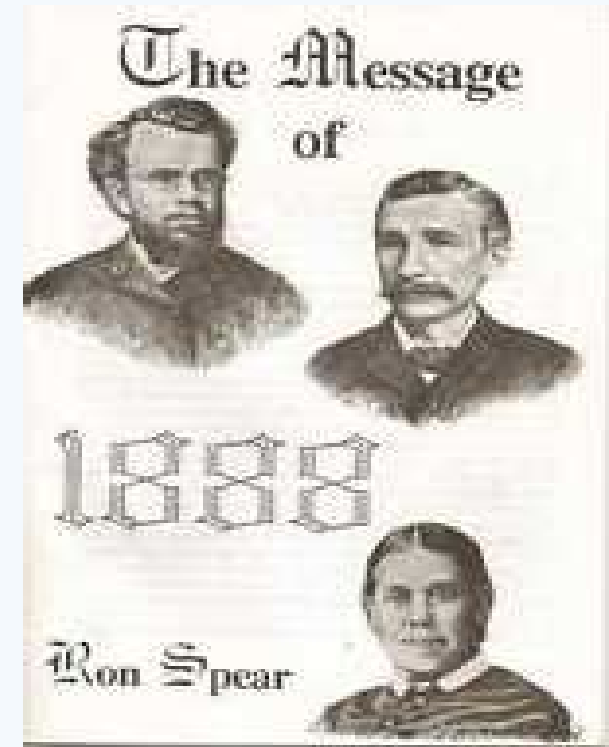
# Sunday Worship Is The Apis Bull

- Just as the Israelites who were in captivity for 400 years in Egypt, and lost sight of the Sabbath, the same happened to the protestants.
- During 1260 years the protestants were oppressed by the papacy and lost sight of the Sabbath. They worshipped on Sunday which was a day set apart for the sun god. So they were in idolatry and idolatry is the Apis bull.
- But during Millerite history, God raised up Ellen G. White who instructed the Millerites/ Adventists to keep the Sabbath. So the **idolatry** of Sunday worship was fixed.



# The Adventist Conservative Mindset is the Apis Bull

- During the 1888 time-period Adventists became conservative. They kept the character of the Apis Bull just like the Jewish nation after the Babylonian captivity.
- The Jews thought they were peculiar and didn't mingle with other nations. The Adventists thought they were so peculiar that they didn't mingle with people who weren't like them. They isolated themselves.



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- The Jews wanted a warrior king because they didn't like other nations, the SDA's became

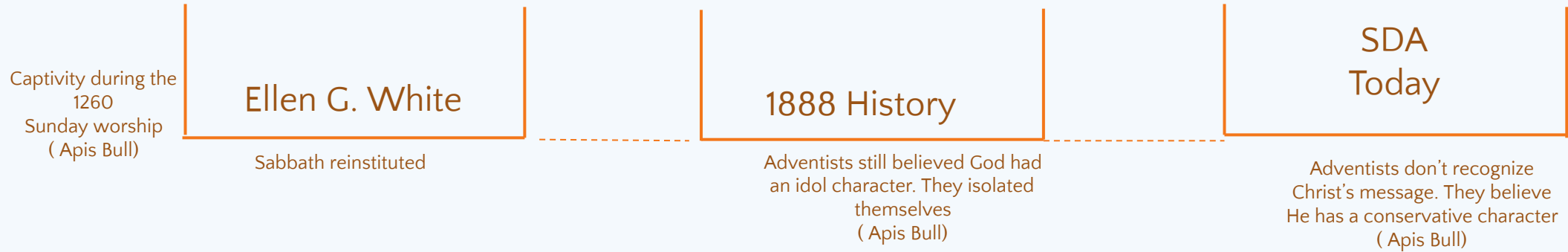
# The Adventist Conservative Mindset is the Apis Bull – continued

- Do you think Adventists in our time are in idolatry? Do they keep the Sabbath holy? Do they eat healthy? Do they listen to worldly music or watch worldly videos ?
- Although they behave the right way, they are in idolatry. In the time of Christ the Jewish nation couldn't recognize Him because they had a literal view of the Messiah: a strong, courageous king with a fighting spirit . Their conservative mindset prevented them from seeing how wrong they were and they could not accept the teaching of Christ in parables.
- Adventism today follows the same track. They read the Bible and Spirit of Prophecy literally. Their conservative mindset prevents them from seeing Christ's message for the last days which is given through Parable teaching. As a result most of them reject the message of equality and the movement as a whole.
- **Conservatism** is the idolatry, the apis bull of Adventism. People want to keep their faith heritage and are reluctant to changes.





# We can represent the Idolatry of Modern Israel this way:



# Answer The Following Questions

- From which nation does the idolatry of the Apis bull come?

Babylon

Egypt

- Why did the Israelites choose the Apis bull to represent God?

It has the characteristics of a king

They didn't have enough gold to make another idol

- Why did Aaron agree to make the Golden Calf? (answers can vary)

The Israelites wondered if Moses would come back

He wanted peace in the camp

# Answer The Following Questions

- What Do you need to form an Idol?
- After the Babylonian Captivity, did the Jewish nation have idols?
- What is the spirit (character) of the Apis Bull?

An image (form)  
and/Or character  
(spirit)

Wood, silver and  
Gold.

No, they are cured

Yes, their idols had no form. They just  
kept the character/spirit  
Of the Apis Bull. They were conservative.

A courageous heart,  
great strength, and  
fighting spirit

Death and  
Resurrection

# Answer The Following Questions

- Did the Jewish nation recognize Christ? Why?
- Was Sunday worship Idolatry? Explain.
- Who was raised up to cure the protestants from Sunday Worship?

Yes, that is why Christ had many followers

No, because he didn't have the characteristics of a courageous king.

No

Yes

William Miller/  
Samuel Snow

Ellen G. White

# Answer The Following Questions

- Were Adventists in the 1888 history in Idolatry? Explain.

Yes

No

- Are the Adventists in our time in Idolatry? Explain.

No

Yes

- What is the cure for idolatry today?

Parable teaching

Stop watching worldly movies



Thank You and  
God Bless!