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ANVIL

The goldsmith created idols with an **anvil**. (In other words, idols aren't gods.)

- **Isaiah 41:7:** "So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the sodering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved."

AUL

Under the Mosaic Law, if a Hebrew servant completed his six years of service and didn't want to leave, his master was to bore a hole through his year with an **aul**. (This had to be done in the presence of judges, who served as witnesses. It meant the servant would serve his master forever and never leave.)

- **Exodus 21:2, 5-6:** "If thou buy an Hebrew servant, six years he shall serve: and in the seventh he shall go out free for nothing. … And if the servant shall plainly say, I love my master, my wife, and my children; I will not go out free: Then his master shall bring him unto the judges; he shall also bring him to the door, or unto the door post; and his master shall bore his ear through with an aul; and he shall serve him for ever."
- **Deuteronomy 15:12, 16-17:** "And if thy brother, an Hebrew man, or an Hebrew woman, be sold unto thee, and serve thee six years; then in the seventh year thou shalt let him go free from thee. … And it shall be, if he say unto thee, I will not go away from thee; because he loveth thee and thine house, because he is well with thee; Then thou shalt take an aul, and thrust it through his ear unto the door, and he shall be thy servant for ever. And also unto thy maidservant thou shalt do likewise."

BELLOWS

God said the **bellows** were burned. (In other words, although He sent His judgments upon the Jews, they refused to repent. The dross of their sin remained and wasn't burned away.)

- **Jeremiah 6:28-30:** "They are all grievous revolters, walking with slanders: they are brass and iron; they are all corrupters. The bellows are burned, the lead is consumed of the fire; the founder melteth in vain: for the wicked are not plucked away. Reprobate silver shall men call them, because the LORD hath rejected them."

When God spoke against Babylon, He compared their **bellows** to that of a bull. (In other words, God was going to punish them because they rejoiced when they destroyed Judah.)

- **Jeremiah 50:10-11:** "And Chaldea shall be a spoil: all that spoil her shall be satisfied, saith the LORD. Because ye were glad, because ye rejoiced, O ye destroyers of mine heritage, because ye are grown fat as the heifer at grass, and bellow as bulls;"

BROOM

God said that He was going to destroy Babylon, and sweep it away. (A "besom" is a **broom**).

- **Isaiah 14:22-23:** "For I will rise up against them, saith the LORD of hosts, and cut off from Babylon the name, and remnant, and son, and nephew, saith the LORD. I will also make it a possession for the bittern, and pools of water: and I will sweep it with the besom of destruction, saith the LORD of hosts."

BRUSH

The illness of Epaphroditus, and his close **brush** with death, was actually the fault of the Philippian church. Epaphroditus got sick doing the work they failed to do.

- **Philippians 2:25-26, 30:** "Yet I supposed it necessary to send to you Epaphroditus, my brother, and companion in labour, and fellowsoldier, but your messenger, and he that ministered to my wants. For he longed after you all, and was full of heaviness, because that ye had heard that he had been sick. … Because for the work of Christ he was nigh unto death, not regarding his life, to supply your lack of service toward me."

FAN

God said that in the millennium, oxen and donkeys would eat food that had been winnowed with a shovel and **fan**. (In other words, they would eat high-quality food.)

- **Isaiah 30:23-24:** "Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures. The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan."

One day Israel will **fan** the Gentile nations, and the whirlwind will scatter them. (In other words, God will one day use Israel to send His judgment upon other nations.)

- **Isaiah 41:15-16:** "Behold, I will make thee a new sharp threshing instrument having teeth: thou shalt thresh the mountains, and beat them small, and shalt make the hills as chaff. Thou shalt fan them, and the wind shall carry them away, and the whirlwind shall scatter them: and thou shalt rejoice in the LORD, and shalt glory in the Holy One of Israel."

God said the wind which was coming upon Jerusalem wasn't going to **fan** His people. (Instead it was going to punish them.)

- **Jeremiah 4:11, 13:** "At that time shall it be said to this people and to Jerusalem, A dry wind of the high places in the wilderness toward the daughter of my people, not to fan, nor to cleanse, … Behold, he shall come up as clouds,

and his chariots shall be as a whirlwind: his horses are swifter than eagles. Woe unto us! for we are spoiled."

God said He was going to **fan** the Jews in the gates of the land. (This seems to refer to a judgment upon them.)

- **Jeremiah 15:7:** "And I will fan them with a fan in the gates of the land; I will bereave them of children, I will destroy my people since they return not from their ways."

When God spoke against Babylon, He said He was going to send fanners to Babylon who would **fan** her. (This was an act of judgment and destruction.)

- **Jeremiah 51:2:** "And will send unto Babylon fanners, that shall fan her, and shall empty her land: for in the day of trouble they shall be against her round about."

John the Baptist said that the Messiah would come with a **fan** in His hand. (This was a reference to judgment.)

- **Matthew 3:11-12:** "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance. but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly purge his floor, and gather his wheat into the garner; but he will burn up the chaff with unquenchable fire."
- **Luke 3:16-17:** "John answered, saying unto them all, I indeed baptize you with water; but one mightier than I cometh, the latchet of whose shoes I am not worthy to unloose: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost and with fire: Whose fan is in his hand, and he will throughly

purge his floor, and will gather the wheat into his garner; but the chaff he will burn with fire unquenchable."

GOAD, GOADS

Shamgar used an ox **goad** to kill 600 Philistines. (An ox goad was a long wooden stick which was used to prod oxen.)

- **Judges 3:31:** "And after him was Shamgar the son of Anath, which slew of the Philistines six hundred men with an ox goad: and he also delivered Israel."

When the Israelites tried to defend themselves against a Philistine invasion in the second year of Saul's reign, they used a file to sharpen their **goads**. (In other words, they tried to wage war using farming tools.)

- **1 Samuel 13:20-21:** "But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock. Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads."

HAMMER, HAMMERS

After Sisera fell asleep, Jael killed him with a **hammer**.

- **Judges 4:21:** "Then Jael Heber's wife took a nail of the tent, and took an hammer in her hand, and went softly unto him, and smote the nail into his temples, and fastened it into the ground: for he was fast asleep and weary. So he died."
- **Judges 5:26:** "She put her hand to the nail, and her right hand to the workmen's hammer; and with the hammer she smote Sisera, she smote off his head, when she had pierced and stricken through his temples."

When the first temple was built, no **hammer** noise was heard at its construction site. (This was because the stones were prepared before they were brought to the site).

- **1 Kings 6:7:** "And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building."

Asaph said God's enemies were breaking down carved work with **hammers**. (This may refer to destroying carved work within the temple.)

- **Psalm 74:6-7:** "But now they break down the carved work thereof at once with axes and hammers. They have cast fire into thy sanctuary, they have defiled by casting down the dwelling place of thy name to the ground."

The carpenter created idols with a **hammer**. (In other words, idols aren't gods.)

- **Isaiah 41:7:** "So the carpenter encouraged the goldsmith, and he that smootheth with the hammer him that smote the anvil, saying, It is ready for the sodering: and he fastened it with nails, that it should not be moved."
- **Isaiah 44:12:** "The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint."

God said that pagans fastened their idols with nails and **hammers** so that they didn't move. (In other words, idols aren't gods.)

- **Jeremiah 10:4:** "They deck it with silver and with gold; they fasten it with nails and with hammers, that it move not."

The word of God is like a **hammer** that breaks rock into pieces.

- **Jeremiah 23:29:** "Is not my word like as a fire? saith the LORD; and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?"

When God spoke against Babylon, He said the **hammer** of the whole earth (Babylon) was cut asunder. (In other words, Babylon was going to be destroyed.)

- **Jeremiah 50:23:** "How is the hammer of the whole earth cut asunder and broken! how is Babylon become a

desolation among the nations!"

LADDER

When Jacob stopped at a certain place while traveling from Beersheba to Haran, he dreamed there were angels of God ascending and descending upon a **ladder** that reached up to Heaven. (Jacob named the place "Bethel", which means "House of God".)

- **Genesis 28:12, 19:** "And he dreamed, and behold a ladder set up on the earth, and the top of it reached to heaven: and behold the angels of God ascending and descending on it. … And he called the name of that place Bethel: but the name of that city was called Luz at the first."

Jacob interpreted his dream of the **ladder** that reached up to Heaven to mean that God was in that place.

- **Genesis 28:16-17:** "And Jacob awaked out of his sleep, and he said, Surely the LORD is in this place; and I knew it not. And he was afraid, and said, How dreadful is this place! this is none other but the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

NEEDLE

It's easier for a camel to go through the eye of a **needle** than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. (In other words, it takes a miracle.)

- **Matthew 19:24:** "And again I say unto you, It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."
- **Mark 10:25:** "It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."
- **Luke 18:25:** "For it is easier for a camel to go through a needle's eye, than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God."

PITCHFORK

When the Israelites tried to defend themselves against a Philistine invasion in the second year of Saul's reign, they used file to sharpen their forks. (This may have been a **pitchfork** that was used for hay.) It seems the Israelites tried to defend themselves using farming tools.

- **1 Samuel 13:20-21:** "But all the Israelites went down to the Philistines, to sharpen every man his share, and his coulter, and his axe, and his mattock. Yet they had a file for the mattocks, and for the coulters, and for the forks, and for the axes, and to sharpen the goads."

PLOWSHARES

In the millennium, nations will beat their swords into **plowshares**. (This means nations will no longer wage war against one another.)

- **Isaiah 2:4:** "And he shall judge among the nations, and shall rebuke many people: and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks: nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war any more."

PLUMBLINE

In the vision that God showed to Amos, the Lord held a **plumbline** in His hand. (This was a line that was used to measure a wall, to determine if it was straight.)

- **Amos 7:7:** "Thus he shewed me: and, behold, the LORD stood upon a wall made by a plumbline, with a plumbline in his hand."

God told Amos that He was going to set a **plumbline** in the midst of Israel. (This means He was going to hold Israel accountable to His standard, and would judge them for not meeting it.)

- **Amos 7:8:** "And the LORD said unto me, Amos, what seest thou? And I said, A plumbline. Then said the LORD, Behold, I will set a plumbline in the midst of my people Israel: I will not again pass by them any more:"

SHOVEL, SHOVELS

God commanded the Israelites to make **shovels** for use with the tabernacle altar.

- **Exodus 27:3:** "And thou shalt make his pans to receive his ashes, and his shovels, and his basons, and his fleshhooks, and his firepans: all the vessels thereof thou shalt make of brass."

The **shovels** that were made for the altar of burnt offering were to be fashioned out of brass.

- **Exodus 38:3:** "And he made all the vessels of the altar, the pots, and the shovels, and the basons, and the fleshhooks, and the firepans: all the vessels thereof made he of brass."

When the priests offered sacrifices on the altar of burnt offerings, they used **shovels**.

- **Numbers 4:14:** "And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, even the censers, the fleshhooks, and the shovels, and the basons, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put to the staves of it."

When it was time to move the tabernacle, Aaron and his sons were required to take the **shovels** that were used to offer sacrifices and wrap them up in a cloth. (The goal was to hide the holy instruments so they couldn't be seen while they were being transported.)

- **Numbers 4:14:** "And they shall put upon it all the vessels thereof, wherewith they minister about it, even the censers, the fleshhooks, and the shovels, and the basons, all the vessels of the altar; and they shall spread upon it a covering of badgers' skins, and put to the staves of it."

Hiram made the **shovels** for the first temple. (It seems they were made of brass.)

- **1 Kings 7:40:** "And Hiram made the lavers, and the shovels, and the basons. So Hiram made an end of doing all the work that he made king Solomon for the house of the LORD:"
- **1 Kings 7:45:** "And the pots, and the shovels, and the basons: and all these vessels, which Hiram made to king Solomon for the house of the LORD, were of bright brass."
- **2 Chronicles 4:11:** "And Huram made the pots, and the shovels, and the basons. And Huram finished the work that he was to make for king Solomon for the house of God;"
- **2 Chronicles 4:16:** "The pots also, and the shovels, and the fleshhooks, and all their instruments, did Huram his father make to king Solomon for the house of the LORD of bright brass."

The Chaldees carried away to Babylon the brass **shovels** that were used to in the temple.

- **2 Kings 25:14:** "And the pots, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away."

- **Jeremiah 52:18:** "The caldrons also, and the shovels, and the snuffers, and the bowls, and the spoons, and all the vessels of brass wherewith they ministered, took they away."

In the millennium, oxen and donkeys will eat food that's been winnowed with a **shovel** and a fan. (In other words, they will eat high-quality food.)

- **Isaiah 30:23-24:** "Then shall he give the rain of thy seed, that thou shalt sow the ground withal; and bread of the increase of the earth, and it shall be fat and plenteous: in that day shall thy cattle feed in large pastures. The oxen likewise and the young asses that ear the ground shall eat clean provender, which hath been winnowed with the shovel and with the fan."

SICKLE

In ancient times, corn was harvested with a **sickle**.

- **Deuteronomy 16:9:** "Seven weeks shalt thou number unto thee: begin to number the seven weeks from such time as thou beginnest to put the sickle to the corn."

Under the Mosaic Law, if an Israelite went to his neighbor's field, he wasn't allowed to harvest their standing corn with a **sickle**. (However, they were allowed to harvest some corn by hand and eat it, which is exactly what the disciples did.)

- **Deuteronomy 23:25:** "When thou comest into the standing corn of thy neighbour, then thou mayest pluck the ears with thine hand; but thou shalt not move a sickle unto thy neighbour's standing corn."

When God spoke against Babylon, He commanded her enemies to cut off the one who handled the **sickle**. (In other words, He wanted to remove from Babylon those who sowed their seed and harvested their crops, which would leave them with no food.)

- **Jeremiah 50:16:** "Cut off the sower from Babylon, and him that handleth the sickle in the time of harvest: for fear of the oppressing sword they shall turn every one to his people, and they shall flee every one to his own land."

God said that when the Gentile nations gather in the valley of Jehoshaphat (during the tribulation), they will be utterly slaughtered. The Lord compared that battle to a ripe harvest

that will be reaped with a **sickle**.

- **Joel 3:12-14:** "Let the heathen be wakened, and come up to the valley of Jehoshaphat: for there will I sit to judge all the heathen round about. Put ye in the sickle, for the harvest is ripe: come, get you down; for the press is full, the fats overflow; for their wickedness is great. Multitudes, multitudes in the valley of decision: for the day of the LORD is near in the valley of decision."

In ancient times, a **sickle** was used to harvest crops.

- **Mark 4:29:** "But when the fruit is brought forth, immediately he putteth in the sickle, because the harvest is come."

The apostle John said that the Lord Jesus had a sharp sickle in His hand. An angel told Jesus to use His sickle to reap, because the time of reaping (the tribulation) had come, and the harvest on the earth was ready.

- **Revelation 14:14-16:** "And I looked, and behold a white cloud, and upon the cloud one sat like unto the Son of man, having on his head a golden crown, and in his hand a sharp sickle. And another angel came out of the temple, crying with a loud voice to him that sat on the cloud, Thrust in thy sickle, and reap: for the time is come for thee to reap; for the harvest of the earth is ripe. And he that sat on the cloud thrust in his sickle on the earth; and the earth was reaped."

The apostle John said that the second angel was also holding a sharp **sickle**. The third angel told the second angel to thrust

his sickle on the earth, because its grapes were fully ripe. (This seems to be talking about the wicked, not about actual grapes.)

- **Revelation 14:17-19**: "And another angel came out of the temple which is in heaven, he also having a sharp sickle. And another angel came out from the altar, which had power over fire; and cried with a loud cry to him that had the sharp sickle, saying, Thrust in thy sharp sickle, and gather the clusters of the vine of the earth; for her grapes are fully ripe. And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God."

Nothing good seems to have happened to those who were reaped with a **sickle** during the tribulation. Being included in that harvest seems to lead to death.

- **Revelation 14:19:** "And the angel thrust in his sickle into the earth, and gathered the vine of the earth, and cast it into the great winepress of the wrath of God."

TONGS

God commanded the Israelites to make snuffdishes for the tabernacle. (The burnt fragments of wick from the candlestick, which were retrieved by **tongs**, were put here.)

- **Exodus 25:38:** "And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold."

The **tongs** that God commanded the Israelites to make for the tabernacle were to be made of pure gold.

- **Exodus 25:38:** "And the tongs thereof, and the snuffdishes thereof, shall be of pure gold."

When it was time to move the tabernacle, Aaron and his sons were commanded to put a blue cloth on the **tongs** that were used inside the tabernacle. (This was to prevent those holy objects from being seen while they were moved.)

- **Numbers 4:9:** "And they shall take a cloth of blue, and cover the candlestick of the light, and his lamps, and his tongs, and his snuffdishes, and all the oil vessels thereof, wherewith they minister unto it:"

Solomon made gold **tongs** for the temple.

- **1 Kings 7:49:** "And the candlesticks of pure gold, five on the right side, and five on the left, before the oracle, with the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs of gold,"
- **2 Chronicles 4:21:** "And the flowers, and the lamps, and the tongs, made he of gold, and that perfect gold;"

The seraphim used **tongs** to take a live coal from the altar.

- **Isaiah 6:6:** "Then flew one of the seraphims unto me, having a live coal in his hand, which he had taken with the tongs from off the altar:"

In ancient times, some idols were made by a smith using **tongs**, coals, and hammers.

- **Isaiah 44:12:** "The smith with the tongs both worketh in the coals, and fashioneth it with hammers, and worketh it with the strength of his arms: yea, he is hungry, and his strength faileth: he drinketh no water, and is faint."

TOOL, TOOLS

God told the Israelites that if they used a **tool** on a stone, that stone was polluted and couldn't be used to make an altar to Him.

- **Exodus 20:25:** "And if thou wilt make me an altar of stone, thou shalt not build it of hewn stone: for if thou lift up thy tool upon it, thou hast polluted it."
- **Deuteronomy 27:5:** "And there shalt thou build an altar unto the LORD thy God, an altar of stones: thou shalt not lift up any iron tool upon them."
- **Joshua 8:31:** "As Moses the servant of the LORD commanded the children of Israel, as it is written in the book of the law of Moses, an altar of whole stones, over which no man hath lift up any iron: and they offered thereon burnt offerings unto the LORD, and sacrificed peace offerings."

Aaron used a graving **tool** to turn the golden earrings that the Israelites gave to him into a molten calf.

- **Exodus 32:4:** "And he received them at their hand, and fashioned it with a graving tool, after he had made it a molten calf: and they said, These be thy gods, O Israel, which brought thee up out of the land of Egypt."

Under the Mosaic Law, the upper and nether millstones were referred to as a man's life (because they were critical **tools** that his life depended upon).

- **Deuteronomy 24:6:** "No man shall take the nether or the

upper millstone to pledge: for he taketh a man's life to pledge."

Harp music can be an effective **tool** in spiritual warfare.

- **1 Samuel 16:23:** "And it came to pass, when the evil spirit from God was upon Saul, that David took an harp, and played with his hand: so Saul was refreshed, and was well, and the evil spirit departed from him."

When Solomon built the first temple, no noise of iron **tools** was heard at the construction site (because the stones were prepared before they were brought to the site).

- **1 Kings 6:7:** "And the house, when it was in building, was built of stone made ready before it was brought thither: so that there was neither hammer nor axe nor any tool of iron heard in the house, while it was in building."

If you have the right **tools** then you can produce a lot of food.

- **Proverbs 14:4:** "Where no oxen are, the crib is clean: but much increase is by the strength of the ox."

One of the **tools** the wicked use to bring evil to pass is their words.

- **Proverbs 16:30:** "He shutteth his eyes to devise froward things: moving his lips he bringeth evil to pass."

It's good to keep iron **tools** sharp, so they require less strength to use.

- **Ecclesiastes 10:10:** "If the iron be blunt, and he do not whet the edge, then must he put to more strength: but wisdom is profitable to direct."

We are a **tool** that God uses.

- **Isaiah 10:15:** "Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood."

Even though the Assyrian was a **tool** that God was using, he boasted against God and claimed that he was the one who was responsible for his victories.

- **Isaiah 10:13, 15:** "For he saith, By the strength of my hand I have done it, and by my wisdom; for I am prudent: and I have removed the bounds of the people, and have robbed their treasures, and I have put down the inhabitants like a valiant man: … Shall the axe boast itself against him that heweth therewith? or shall the saw magnify itself against him that shaketh it? as if the rod should shake itself against them that lift it up, or as if the staff should lift up itself, as if it were no wood."

God said that He created the smith who blows coals in the fire, in order to create a **tool** that can be used. (In other words, God is the one who creates the destroyer.)

- **Isaiah 54:16:** "Behold, I have created the smith that bloweth the coals in the fire, and that bringeth forth an instrument for his work; and I have created the waster to

destroy."

Babylon was a **tool** that God used against the nations.

- **Jeremiah 51:7:** "Babylon hath been a golden cup in the LORD's hand, that made all the earth drunken: the nations have drunken of her wine; therefore the nations are mad."

There are times when God reveals Himself to the wicked by destroying the **tools** they use to carry out their evil deeds.

- **Ezekiel 13:20-21:** "Wherefore thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against your pillows, wherewith ye there hunt the souls to make them fly, and I will tear them from your arms, and will let the souls go, even the souls that ye hunt to make them fly. Your kerchiefs also will I tear, and deliver my people out of your hand, and they shall be no more in your hand to be hunted; and ye shall know that I am the LORD."

Prayer and fasting are effective **tools** in exorcisms.

- **Matthew 17:21:** "Howbeit this kind goeth not out but by prayer and fasting."
- **Mark 9:29:** "And he said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting."

Faith is an important **tool** in spiritual warfare.

- **Luke 22:32:** "But I have prayed for thee, that thy faith fail not: and when thou art converted, strengthen thy

brethren."

- **1 John 5:4:** "For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith."

In the earliest days of the church, one of the major **tools** the apostles used was signs and wonders.

- **Acts 5:12, 14:** "And by the hands of the apostles were many signs and wonders wrought among the people; (and they were all with one accord in Solomon's porch. … And believers were the more added to the Lord, multitudes both of men and women.)"

Those who lay aside the Bible have cast away the **tool** that the Holy Spirit uses to change people, and have substituted it for something that He doesn't work through.

- **Ephesians 6:17:** "And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:"

The office of a deacon can be a powerful and effective **tool** for the gospel.

- **1 Timothy 3:13:** "For they that have used the office of a deacon well purchase to themselves a good degree, and great boldness in the faith which is in Christ Jesus."