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### **Spiritualism, Sorcery, And Witchcraft in the Bible**

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1. **Do you know that God commanded Israel that those who practice sorcery or witchcraft should not be permitted to live?** EXO 22:18 “You shall not permit a **sorceress** to live.
2. **Do you know that to seek to communicate with spirits or with the dead is to become defiled and unfit to appear before God to worship Him?** LEV 19:31 ‘Give no regard to **mediums and familiar spirits**; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.
3. **Do you know that God cuts off from among His people all who turn to mediums for help?** LEV 20:6 ‘And the person who turns to **mediums and familiar spirits**, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people.
4. **Do you know that capital punishment by stoning was God's sentence on any man or woman who calls up spirits?** LEV 20:27 ‘A man or a woman who is a **medium, or who has familiar spirits**, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.’”
5. **Do you know that witchcraft, fortunetelling, crystal reading, necromancy, and palmistry are related to spiritism and are strongly condemned by God?** DEU 18:10 “There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter **pass through the fire**, or one who **practices witchcraft**, or a **soothsayer**, or one who **interprets omens**, or a **sorcerer**, 11 “or one who **conjures spells**, or a **medium**, or a **spiritist**, or one who **calls up the dead**.
6. **Do you know that it was because of their black magic and related practices that God destroyed the Canaanites?** DEU 18:10 “There shall not be found among you **anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire**, or one who **practices witchcraft**, or a **soothsayer**, or one who **interprets omens**, or a **sorcerer**, 11 “or one who **conjures spells**, or a **medium**, or a **spiritist**, or **one who calls up the dead**. 12 “For **all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord**, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.
7. **Do you know that Samuel's most effective way of impressing upon Saul the enormity of the sin of disobedience was by likening it to witchcraft?** ISA 15:23 For **rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft**, And stubbornness is as **iniquity** and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”
8. **Do you know that King Saul of Israel, when he was faithful to God, cleared all the spiritistic mediums out of the land?** ISA 28:3 Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had lamented for him and buried him in Ramah, in his own city. And **Saul had put the mediums and the spiritists out of the land**.
9. **Do you know that when King Saul later consulted a medium, it was only after his sins had made communication with God impossible?** ISA 28:6 And **when Saul inquired of the Lord, the Lord did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets.** 7 Then **Saul said to his servants, “Find me a woman who is a medium**, that I may go to her and inquire of her.” And his servants said to him, “In fact, there is a woman who is a **medium at En Dor**.”
10. **Do you know that Saul's loss of his crown and his untimely death were the direct judgment of God on him for his dealings in spiritism?** 1CH 10:13 So Saul **died for his unfaithfulness** which he had committed against the Lord, **because he did not keep the word of the Lord, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance**.
11. **Do you know that the list of wicked King Manasseh's sins includes consulting with spirit-mediums, fortune-tellers, and sorcerers!** 2CH 33:6 Also he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced **soothsaying**, used **witchcraft** and **sorcery**, and **consulted mediums and spiritists**. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.
12. **Do you know that one of the reasons God rejected Israel was because they practiced magic and communicated with evil spirits!** ISA 2:6 For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they are filled with **EASTERN WAYS**; They are soothsayers like the Philistines, And they are pleased with **the children of foreigners**.
13. **Do you know that it is insulting to God to consult the dead when you can inquire of Him?** ISA 8:19 And **when they say to you, “Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,” should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?**

14. **Did you know that a fortune-teller may be demon possessed, like the girl in Philippi out of whom Paul cast an unclean spirit in the name of Jesus? ACT 16:16** Now it happened, as we went to prayer, **that a certain slave girl POSSESSED WITH A SPIRIT OF DIVINATION met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.** 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” 18 And this she did for many days. But **Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.”** And he came out that very hour.
15. **Do you know that true Christians, like those at Ephesus, have nothing to do with black magic and its related practices? ACT 19:19** Also, **many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all.** And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.
16. **Did you know that sorcery is included in the works of the flesh listed in the Bible, and that those who practice it cannot enter the kingdom of God? GAL 5:19** Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 **idolatry, sorcery,** hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 **envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries,** and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
17. **Do you know that those who engage in sorcery will be shut out of heaven and banished forever from God? REV 21:8** “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, **sorcerers,** idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.” **REV 22:15** But outside are dogs and **sorcerers** and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.
18. **Do you know that the teachings of spiritism are doctrines of demons? 1TI 4:1** Now **the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,** 2 **speaking lies in hypocrisy,** having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,
19. **Do you know that demons are subject to God's greater power and tremble before Him? JAM 2:19** You believe that there is one God. You do well. **Even the demons believe—and tremble!**
20. **Do you know that the increase in following after subversive doctrines inspired by devils is one of the predicted signs of the last days and of the near approach of judgment? 1TI 4:1** Now the Spirit expressly says that **in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,** 2 **speaking lies in hypocrisy,** having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

### OCCULTISM/WITCHCRAFT

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- I. **All forms of the occult – divination, necromancy, astrology, hypnotism, fortune-telling, magic, etc. – are forbidden by God.**
  1. **LEV 19:26** ‘**You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying.** 27 ‘**You shall not shave around the sides of your head, nor shall you disfigure the edges of your beard.** 28 ‘**You shall not make any cuttings in your flesh for the dead, nor tattoo any marks on you: I am the Lord.** 31 ‘**Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.**
  2. **LEV 20:6** ‘**And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people.** 27 ‘**A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. THEIR BLOOD SHALL BE UPON THEM.’**”
  3. **DEU 18:9** “When you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, **you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations.** 10 “**There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,** 11 “**or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.** 12 “For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and **because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you.** 13 “You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. 14 “For **these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners;** but as for you, the Lord your God has not appointed such for you.
  4. **2KI 23:24** Moreover **Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might perform the words of the law** which were written in the book that Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of the Lord.
  5. **JER 10:2** **Thus says the Lord: “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.**
- II. **Interest in the occult is not a recent development.**

- A. Witchcraft was openly and widely practiced in Old Testament times.
1. **ISA 8:19** And **when they say to you, “Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter;” should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?**
  2. **ISA 19:3** **The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, And they will consult the idols and the charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers.**
  3. **ISA 29:4** **You shall be brought down, You shall speak out of the ground; Your speech shall be low, out of the dust; Your voice shall be like a medium’s, out of the ground; And your speech shall whisper out of the dust.**
  4. **EZE 21:21** **“For the king of Babylon stands at the parting of the road, at the fork of the two roads, to use divination: he shakes the arrows, he consults the images, he looks at the liver.**
  5. **HOS 4:12** **My people ask counsel from their wooden idols, And their staff informs them. For the spirit of harlotry has caused them to stray, And they have played the harlot against their God.**
  6. **MIC 3:6** **“Therefore you shall have night without vision, And you shall have darkness without divination; The sun shall go down on the prophets, And the day shall be dark for them. 7 So the seers shall be ashamed, And the diviners abashed; Indeed they shall all cover their lips; For there is no answer from God.”**
  7. **MIC 5:12** **I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers.**
- B. It was still rampant in the early church.
1. Simon the magician. **ACT 8:9** But **there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria,** claiming that he was someone great, 10 to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, “This man is the great power of God.” 11 And **they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.**
  2. Elymas the sorcerer. **ACT 13:8** But **Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.**
  3. The girl at Philippi. **ACT 16:16** Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl **possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.**
  4. The city of Ephesus. **ACT 19:19** Also, **many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all.** And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.
- C. The Word of God testifies that there will be an increased curiosity in the occult in the latter days. **1TI 4:1** Now **the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,** 2 **speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,**
- III. **What force or power is at work in the supernatural manifestations of the occult?**
- A. The teachings of spiritism are doctrines of demons! **1TI 4:1** Now **the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons,**
- B. Not all miracles are of God. Satan can also perform lying signs and wonders.
1. **EXO 7:9** “When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, ‘Show a miracle for yourselves,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.’ ” 10 So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the Lord commanded. And **Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.** 11 **But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.** 12 **For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods.**
  2. **EXO 8:7** And the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt. 17 And they did so. For **Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast.** All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 18 Now **the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not. So there were lice on man and beast.** 19 **Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.”** But Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the Lord had said.
  3. **DEU 13:1** **“If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,** 2 **“and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’** 3 **“you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the Lord your God is testing you to know whether you love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.** 4 “You shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. 5 **“But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams**

**shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the Lord your God,** who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.

4. **MAT 24:24** “For **false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.**
  5. **2TH 2:9** **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders.**
  6. **REV 13:13** **He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men.** 14 And **he deceives those who dwell on the earth by those signs which he was granted to do in the sight of the beast,** telling those who dwell on the earth to make an image to the beast who was wounded by the sword and lived.
  7. **REV 16:14** For **they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.**
  8. **REV 19:20** Then **the beast was captured, and with him the false prophet who worked signs in his presence, by which he deceived those who received the mark of the beast and those who worshiped his image.** These two were cast alive into the lake of fire burning with brimstone.
- C. Occult involvement may lead to demon possession.
1. **ACT 13:8** But **Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.** 10 and **said, “O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord?”**
  2. **ACTS 16:16** Now it happened, **as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling.** 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” 18 And this she did for many days. But **Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour.**
- D. Scripture says that they "sold their souls" to the devil by their occult practices!
1. **2KI 17:17** And **they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord,** to provoke Him to anger.

#### IV. **The Bible clearly states that it is in the realm of deception that these workers of iniquity operate.**

1. **JER 14:14** And **the Lord said to me, “The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.**
  2. **JER 27:9** “Therefore **do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your soothsayers, or your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, “You shall not serve the king of Babylon.”** 10 **For they prophesy a lie to you,** to remove you far from your land; and I will drive you out, and you will perish.
  3. **JER 29:8** For **thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel: Do not let your prophets and your diviners who are in your midst deceive you, nor listen to your dreams which you cause to be dreamed.** 9 For **they prophesy falsely to you in My name;** I have not sent them, says the Lord.
  4. **ZEC 10:2** For **the idols speak delusion; The diviners envision lies, And tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; They are in trouble because there is no shepherd.**
  5. **2CO 11:13** For **such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ.** 14 And **no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.** 15 Therefore **it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness,** whose end will be according to their works.
  6. **2TH 2:7** For **the mystery of lawlessness is already at work; only He who now restrains will do so until He is taken out of the way.** 8 And then the lawless one will be revealed, whom the Lord will consume with the breath of His mouth and destroy with the brightness of His coming. 9 **The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,** 10 and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved. 11 And **for this reason God will send them strong delusion, that they should believe the lie,** 12 **that they all may be condemned who did not believe the truth** but had pleasure in unrighteousness.
  7. **REV 18:23** “**The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore,** and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, **for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.**
- A. It is true that fortune-tellers can reveal much; but their power is limited.

1. **EXO 7:9** “When Pharaoh speaks to you, saying, ‘Show a miracle for yourselves,’ then you shall say to Aaron, ‘Take your rod and cast it before Pharaoh, and let it become a serpent.’ ” 10 So Moses and Aaron went in to Pharaoh, and they did so, just as the Lord commanded. And **Aaron cast down his rod before Pharaoh and before his servants, and it became a serpent.** 11 **But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.** 12 For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. **But Aaron’s rod swallowed up their rods.**
  2. **EXO 8:7** And **the magicians did so with their enchantments, and brought up frogs on the land of Egypt.**
  3. **DAN 1:20** And **in all matters of wisdom and understanding about which the king examined them, he found them ten times better than all the magicians and astrologers who were in all his realm.**
  4. **EXO 8:17** And they did so. For **Aaron stretched out his hand with his rod and struck the dust of the earth, and it became lice on man and beast.** All the dust of the land became lice throughout all the land of Egypt. 18 Now **the magicians so worked with their enchantments to bring forth lice, but they could not.** So there were lice on man and beast. 19 Then the magicians said to Pharaoh, “This is the finger of God.” But Pharaoh’s heart grew hard, and he did not heed them, just as the Lord had said.
  5. **DAN 2:2** Then **the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams.** So they came and stood before the king. 10 **The Chaldeans answered the king, and said, “There is not a man on earth who can tell the king’s matter; therefore no king, lord, or ruler has ever asked such things of any magician, astrologer, or Chaldean.** 27 **Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, “The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king.**
  6. **DAN 4:7** Then **the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation.**
  7. **DAN 5:7** The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.” 8 Now **all the king’s wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation.** 15 “Now **the wise men, the astrologers, have been brought in before me,** that they should read this writing and make known to me its interpretation, **but they could not give the interpretation of the thing.**
- B. God challenged the people to see if the power of their astrologers was greater than that of God.
1. **ISA 47:12** “**Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries,** In which you have labored from your youth—**Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail.** 13 You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; **Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, And the monthly prognosticators Stand up and save you From what shall come upon you.** 14 Behold, they shall be as stubble, The fire shall burn them; They shall not deliver themselves From the power of the flame; It shall not be a coal to be warmed by, Nor a fire to sit before!
- V. **What are the consequences for involvement in the occult?**
- A. Under the Law (Old Testament), the punishment was death by stoning.
    1. **EXO 22:18** “**You shall not permit a sorceress to live.**
    2. **LEV 20:27** “**A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death;** they shall stone them with stones. **Their blood shall be upon them.**”
    3. **DEU 13:5** “But **that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the Lord your God,** who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, **to entice you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.**
  - B. Saul died because he participated in a seance (1 Samuel chapter 28), and the kingdom was taken from him.
    1. **1CH 10:13** So **Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the Lord, because he did not keep the word of the Lord, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. 14 But he did not inquire of the Lord; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.**
  - C. Those guilty of practicing witchcraft shall have no peace, and they shall not escape judgment.
    1. **2KI 9:22** Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, “Is it peace, Jehu?” So he answered, **“What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?”**
    2. **ISA 57:20** But **the wicked are like the troubled sea, When it cannot rest, Whose waters cast up mire and dirt.** 21 “There is no peace,” Says my God, “for the wicked.”

3. **MAL 3:5** And I will come near you for judgment; **I will be a swift witness Against sorcerers, Against adulterers, Against perjurers, Against those who exploit wage earners and widows and orphans, And against those who turn away an alien—Because they do not fear Me,**” Says the Lord of hosts.
- D. Their souls shall be rejected by God.
1. **LEV 20:6** ‘And **the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people.**
  2. **2KI 17:17** And **they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord,** to provoke Him to anger.
  3. **ISA 2:6** For **You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they are filled with eastern ways; They are soothsayers like the Philistines,** And they are pleased with the children of foreigners.
- E. They shall be refused entrance into the kingdom, and their end shall be the lake of fire.
1. **GAL 5:19** Now **the works of the flesh are evident,** which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20 **idolatry, sorcery,** hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
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  3. **REV 22:14** **Blessed are those who do His commandments, that they may have the right to the tree of life,** and may enter through the gates into the city. 15 But **outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.**
- VI. Is it really that serious an offense?
- A. In scripture, witchcraft is paralleled to rebellion (disobedience) against God.
1. **ISA 15:23** For **rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry.** Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, He also has rejected you from being king.”
- B. God says it is an abomination in His sight.
1. **DEU 18:9** “When **you come into the land which the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations.** 10 “**There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer,** 11 “or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12 “For all who do these things are an abomination to the Lord, and because of these abominations the Lord your God drives them out from before you. 13 “You shall be blameless before the Lord your God. 14 “For **these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the Lord your God has not appointed such for you.**
- C. God says they "sold their souls" to the devil by their divination.
1. **2KI 17:17** And **they caused their sons and daughters to pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and soothsaying, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the Lord,** to provoke Him to anger.
- D. It is not only spiritually defiling (Leviticus 19:31); but it has a bad influence on others as well.
1. **NAH 3:4** **Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, The mistress of sorceries, Who sells nations through her harlotries, And families through her sorceries.** 5 “**Behold, I am against you,**” says the Lord of hosts; “I will lift your skirts over your face, I will show the nations your nakedness, And the kingdoms your shame. 6 **I will cast abominable filth upon you, Make you vile, And make you a spectacle.** 7 It shall come to pass that all who look upon you Will flee from you, and say, ‘Nineveh is laid waste! Who will bemoan her?’ Where shall I seek comforters for you?” 19 **Your injury has no healing, Your wound is severe.** All who hear news of you Will clap their hands over you, For upon whom has not your wickedness passed continually?
- E. It greatly displeases and angers God.
1. **2KI 21:5** And **he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord.** 6 Also **he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums.** **He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.**
  2. **2CH 33:6** Also **he caused his sons to pass through the fire in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom; he practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft and sorcery, and consulted mediums and spiritists.** He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.

VII. **Christians must separate themselves from black magic, and they must destroy all evidence of their former involvement in the occult. ACT 19:19** Also, **many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all.** And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver.

A. In faithfulness to God, the land was ridded of all mediums and spiritists.

1. **ISA 28:3** Now Samuel had died, and all Israel had lamented for him and buried him in Ramah, in his own city. And **Saul had put the mediums and the spiritists out of the land.** 9 Then the woman said to him, “Look, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the spiritists from the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?”
2. **2KI 23:24** Moreover **Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might perform the words of the law** which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord.

B. Those who "repented not" of their sorceries will be subjected to further torment in judgment.

1. **REV 9:20** But **the rest of mankind, who were not killed by these plagues, did not repent of the works of their hands, that they should not worship demons, and idols of gold, silver, brass, stone, and wood,** which can neither see nor hear nor walk.
2. **REV 16:9** And **men were scorched with great heat, and they blasphemed the name of God who has power over these plagues; and they did not repent and give Him glory.**

#### **Astrology in the Old Testament**

1. **2KI 21:3** For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he raised up altars for Baal, and made a wooden image, as Ahab king of Israel had done; and **he worshiped all the host of heaven and served them.** 5 And **he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the Lord.**
2. **DEU 4:19** “And **take heed, lest you lift your eyes to heaven, and when you see the sun, the moon, and the stars, all the host of heaven, you feel driven to worship them and serve them,** which the Lord your God has given to all the peoples under the whole heaven as a heritage.
3. **DEU 17:2** “If there is found among you, within any of your gates which the Lord your God gives you, a man or a woman who has been wicked in the sight of the Lord your God, in transgressing His covenant, 3 **“who has gone and served other gods and worshiped them, either the sun or moon or any of the host of heaven, which I have not commanded,** 4 “and it is told you, and you hear of it, then you shall inquire diligently. And if it is indeed true and certain that such an abomination has been committed in Israel, 5 **“then you shall bring out to your gates that man or woman who has committed that wicked thing, and shall stone to death that man or woman with stones.**
4. **JOB 31:26** **If I have observed the sun when it shines, Or the moon moving in brightness, 27 So that my heart has been secretly enticed, And my mouth has kissed my hand; 28 This also would be an iniquity deserving of judgment, For I would have denied God who is above.**
5. **JER 10:2** **Thus says the Lord: “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them.**
6. **JER 27:9** “Therefore **do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your soothsayers, or your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, “You shall not serve the king of Babylon.”** 10 “For they prophesy a lie to you, to remove you far from your land; and I will drive you out, and you will perish.
7. **DAN 4:7** Then **the magicians, the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers came in, and I told them the dream; but they did not make known to me its interpretation.**
8. **DAN 2:1** Now in the second year of Nebuchadnezzar’s reign, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was so troubled that his sleep left him. 2 Then **the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams.** So they came and stood before the king. 3 And the king said to them, “I have had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to know the dream.” 4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic, “O king, live forever! Tell your servants the dream, and we will give the interpretation.”
9. **DAN 5:7** **The king cried aloud to bring in the astrologers, the Chaldeans, and the soothsayers. The king spoke, saying to the wise men of Babylon, “Whoever reads this writing, and tells me its interpretation, shall be clothed with purple and have a chain of gold around his neck; and he shall be the third ruler in the kingdom.”** 8 Now **all the king’s wise men came, but they could not read the writing, or make known to the king its interpretation.** 9 Then King Belshazzar was greatly troubled, his countenance was changed, and his lords were astonished.
10. **ZEP 1:5** **Those who worship the host of heaven on the housetops;** Those who worship and swear oaths by the Lord, But who also swear by Milcom;

#### **Magic in the Bible**

11. **EXO 7:11** But **Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments.**

12. **LEV 20:27** ‘A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.’ ”
13. **2KI 21:6** Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.
14. **ISA 47:12** “Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries, In which you have labored from your youth—Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail.”
15. **EZE 13:18** “and say, ‘Thus says the Lord God: “Woe to the women who sew magic charms on their sleeves and make veils for the heads of people of every height to hunt souls! Will you hunt the souls of My people, and keep yourselves alive? 20 ‘Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds.
16. **MIC 5:12** I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers.
17. **ACT 8:11-24**
18. **GAL 5:20** idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21 envy, murders, drunkenness, revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.
19. **REV 9:21** And they did not repent of their murders or their sorceries or their sexual immorality or their thefts.
20. **REV 21:8** “But the cowardly, unbelieving, abominable, murderers, sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars shall have their part in the lake which burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death.”
21. **REV 22:15** But outside are dogs and sorcerers and sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and whoever loves and practices a lie.

### Fortune-Telling in the Bible

22. **LEV 19:31** ‘Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.
23. **ISA 28:3-20**
24. **2KI 21:6** Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke Him to anger.
25. **2KI 23:24** Moreover Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might perform the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord.
26. **ISA 8:19** And when they say to you, “Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter,” should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living?
27. **ISA 19:3** The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, And they will consult the idols and the charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers.
28. **ISA 44:25** Who frustrates the signs of the babblers, And drives diviners mad; Who turns wise men backward, And makes their knowledge foolishness;
29. **JER 14:14** And the Lord said to me, “The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.”
30. **JER 27:9** ‘Therefore do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your soothsayers, or your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, “You shall not serve the king of Babylon.”’
31. **EZE 13:3** Thus says the Lord God: “Woe to the foolish prophets, who follow their own spirit and have seen nothing! 8 Therefore thus says the Lord God: “Because you have spoken nonsense and envisioned lies, therefore I am indeed against you,” says the Lord God.
32. **EZE 21:21** “For the king of Babylon stands at the parting of the road, at the fork of the two roads, to use divination: he shakes the arrows, he consults the images, he looks at the liver.”

#### Occult Practices Check List

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| • Abstract art (under hallucinogenic stimulus)   | • Beltane (a Wiccan sabbat)                             | • Chakras  |
| • Acupuncture  | • Birth signs   | • Chanting of various kinds  |
| • Aeromancy (divination by the stars)  | • Black arts  | • Charms / charming for wart removal   |
| • Alchemy  | • Black magic (involving hidden powers for bad ends)    | • Cheiromancy (Palm-reading)   |
| • Amulets (tigers claw, sharks tooth, horseshoe over door, mascots, talisman (magic picture) | • Black mass  | • Chinese astrology  |
| • Ankh (a cross with a ring top used in satanic rites)                                       | • Blood subscriptions (pacts)                           | • Clairaudience (ability to hear voices and sounds super-normally - spirited voices alleging to be those of dead people giving advice or warnings) |
| • Apparitions - occultic   | • Candlemas (a Pagan sabbat on Feb 1)                   | • Clairsentience (supernormal sense perception)  |
| • Astral travel  | • Cantrip (a Wiccan spell)                              | • Clairvoyance (ability to see objects or events spontaneously or supernormally above their normal range of vision - second sight)                 |
| • Astrology  | • Cartomancy (using playing cards)                      |  |
| • Augury (interpreting omens)  | • Cauldron - feminine symbol of goddess                 |  |
| • Automatic writing  | • Centering   |  |
|  | • Chain letters   |  |
|  | • Channeling (mediumship of demon)                      |  |
|  | • Charming or enchanting (attempts to use spirit power) |  |

- Color therapy
- Concept therapy
- Conjuraton (summoning up a spirit by incantation)
- Coven (a community of witches)
- Crone, croning
- Crystal ball gazing
- Crystals
- Curses, pronouncing curses
- Death magic (where name of sickness plus a written spell is cast into coffin or grave)
- Demon worship
- Disembodied spirits
- Divination, Divining rod or twig or pendulum (Hosea 4:12)
- Dowsing or witching for water, minerals, under-ground cables, finding out the sex of unborn child using divining rod, pendulum, twig or planchette
- Drawing Down the Moon
- Dream interpretation (as with Edgar Cayce books)
- Druidism
- Dungeons and dragons
- Eastern meditation / religious - Gurus, Mantras, Yoga, Temples etc
- Earth Magick, Earth Power
- Ectoplasm (unknown substance from body of a medium)
- Enchanting
- Esbat
- E.S.P. (extra sensory perception)
- Evocation
- Familiar Spirit
- Findhorn Community
- Five-Fold Kiss
- Floating trumpets
- Fortune telling
- Gothic rock music
- Gris-Gris
- Gurus
- Gypsy curses
- Hallucinogenic drugs (cocaine, heroin, marijuana, sniffing glue etc)
- Hallows, Halloween, Samhain
- Handfasting (Wiccan wedding)
- Handwriting analysis (for fortune telling)
- Hard rock music - Kiss, Led Zeppelin, Rolling Stones
- Haruspicy (divination by entrails)
- Heavy metal music - AC/DC, Guns & Roses etc.
- Heathen, Pagan
- Hepatoscopy (examination of liver for interpretation)
- Heptagram
- Hex signs (hexagrams)
- Horoscopes
- Hydromancy (divination by viewing images in water)
- Hypnosis
- Idols
- Imbolc (Pagan sabbat Feb 2)
- Incantations, Invocations
- Iridology (eye diagnosis)
- Japanese flower arranging (sun worship)
- Jonathan Livingstone Seagull (Reincarnation, Hinduism)
- Kabbala (Cabala, Qaballa)
- Karma
- Lammas (Pagan sabbat Aug 1)
- Left-hand Path, Right-hand Path
- Levitation
- Lithomancy (divination by stones)
- Lucky charms / Zodiac signs / birthstones
- Mabon (Pagan sabbat autumn)
- Magic, Magick
- Mantras
- Martial arts (Aikido, Judo, Karate, Kung fu, Tae Kwan Do etc)
- Matthew Manning
- Meditation
- Mediums
- Mental suggestion
- Mental telepathy
- Mental therapy
- Mesmerism
- Metaphysics (study of spirit world)
- Mind control
- Mind Dynamics
- Mind mediumship
- Mind reading
- Moon-mancy
- Motorskopua (mechanical pendulum for diagnosing illness)
- Mysticism
- Necromancy (conjuring up spirits of the dead)
- Neo-Pagan rituals
- New Age religions
- Numerical symbolism
- Numerology
- OBE – Out-of-body experience
- Occultic games
- Occult letters of protection
- **Occult literature**, eg The Greater World, The 6th & 7th Book of Moses, The Other side, The book of Venus, Grimoire, Necronomicon, Pseudo-Christian works of Jacob Lorber, works by Edgar Cayce, Aleister Crowley, Jean Dixon, Levi Dowling, Arthur Ford (The Overt Worship of Spirit Beings), Johann Greber, Andrew Jackson Davis, Anton Le Vay, Ruth Montgomery, John Newborough, Eric Von Daniken, Dennis Wheatley. (**Burn These!!**)
- Omens
- Oneiromancy (divination by dreams)
- Ouija boards
- Pagan religious objects, artifacts, fetishes & relics
- Pagan rites (Voodoo, Sing sings, Corroborees, Fire walking, Umbahda, Macumba)
- Pallomancy (divination by pendulum)
- Palmistry
- PK (parakineses - control of objects by the power of the mind and will)
- Parapsychology (PS) - especially study of demonic activity
- Past-Life Regression
- Pendulum diagnosis
- Pentacle, Pentagram
- Philtre (Magick love potion)
- Phrenology (divining/analysis from the skull)
- Planchette (divining)
- Precognition (foreknowledge of the occurrence of events)
- Psionics (Psi, Prionistic)
- Psychic healing
- Psychic sight
- Psychography--use of heart shaped board
- Psychometry (telling fortunes by lifting or holding object belonging to the enquirer)
- Punk rock music
- Pyramidology (mystic powers associated w/ models of pyramids)
- Pyromancy (divination by fire)
- Rebirthing
- Reincarnation
- Rhabdomancy (casting sticks into the air for interpreting omens)
- Runes & the Futhark alphabet
- Samhain (Halloween)
- Satanism
- Seances
- Self hypnosis
- Scrying (divination from reflections)
- Shamanism
- Shapeshifting
- Showstone (Crystal Ball)
- Significant pagan days
- Silva Mind Control (SMC - Psychorientology)
- Skyclad (Naked for Pagan rites)
- Sorcery
- Spells, Spellcrafting
- Spirit knockings or rappings
- Star signs
- Stichomancy (fortune telling from random reference to books)
- Stigmata - ie occultic types only.
- Superstitions (self or parents or grandparents)
- Table tipping
- Talisman
- Tarot cards (22 picture cards for fortune telling)
- Tea-leaf reading (Tasseography)
- Third Eye (Psychic Eye)
- Thought transference, Telepathy
- TK (telekineses - objects move around room, instruments play, engines start...)
- Three-Fold Law (Gerald Gardner – Wicca)
- TM Transcendental Meditation
- Trances
- Transmigration
- Transmutation (in Alchemy)
- Travel of the soul
- UFO fixation
- Uri Geller
- Vampirism
- Visualization
- Vodou (Voodoo)
- Watchtowers (ceremonial Magick)

- White magic (invoking hidden powers for 'good ends')
- Witchcraft, Wicca, Wita
- Yoga
- Yule, Yule Log
- Zodiac signs, charms, birthdate