

## THE OT AND THE OCCULT

1. Some primary passages to consider:
  - A. Lev 19:26,31.
  - B. Deut 18:9-14 (or 18:9-22).
  - C. 2 Kings 17:26.
2. Types of occult activity which are forbidden:
  - A. Communication with the dead or with demonic spirits.
  - B. Divination of any sort. Would include:
    - (1) Astrology.
    - (2) Reading tea leaves.
    - (3) Palm reading.
    - (4) Crystal balls.
    - (5) Cutting open livers.
  - C. Magic (I'm not referring to an illusionist).
    - (1) Casting spells.
    - (2) Omens.
    - (3) Witchcraft of any sort.
  - D. Consulting mediums. Would include
    - (1) Psychics.
    - (2) Those who consult the dead.
  - E. Idolatry. Includes:
    - (1) Idolatrous images.
    - (2) Magic charms/amulets (e.g. New Age crystals).
  - F. Superstition.
3. But what if it works?
  - A. Deut 13: God is testing you.
  - B. Pharaoh's magicians did things with secret arts (Exod 7:11,22; 8:7)
4. What can demons possess?
  - A. Creatures, yes.
    - (1) Yet incompatible with pigs.
  - B. Objects--no Biblical evidence.
5. "Pleading the blood."
  - A. Jesus' blood, according to the NT, is for:
    - (1) Reconciliation with God.
    - (2) Forgiveness.
    - (3) Bodily healing.
  - B. There is no Biblical justification for the notion of "pleading the blood" to protect one from car accidents, etc.
6. What is the proper way to do spiritual warfare?
  - A. Eph 6:10-20. These have to do with focusing on God, not the devil.
    - (1) Put this armor on.
    - (2) Recognize that your struggle is not against flesh and blood.
    - (3) Resist and stand firm.
    - (4) How? with
      - (a) Truth.
      - (b) Righteousness
      - (c) The Gospel of peace.
      - (d) Faith.
      - (e) Salvation.
      - (f) The Word of God (the sword of the Spirit).
      - (g) Prayer.
      - (h) Be on the alert.
      - (i) Perseverance.
      - (j) Prayer for other Christians.

(k) Pray that the Gospel may be proclaimed boldly.

B. There is no justification for singing songs to the devil or addressing him during prayer.

7. A list of Scriptures addressing the topic.

Exod 7:11,22; 22:18; Lev 19:26,31; 20:6,27; Deut 13:1f; 18:9-14; 1 Sam 15:23; 28:3f; 2Kgs 9:22; 17:17; 21:6; 23:24; 1Chr 10:13; 2Chr 33:6; Isa 8:19; 19:3; 47:9-13; 57:3; Jer 27:9; Ezek 13:23; 21:21-23; Mic 3:6; 5:12; Nah 3:4; Mal 3:5; Acts 16:16; Gal 5:20; Rev 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15.

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- 02 EXO 7:22 But the magicians of Egypt did the same with their secret arts; and Pharaoh's heart was hardened, and he did not listen to them, as the LORD had said.
- 02 EXO 22:18 "You shall not allow a sorceress to live.
- 03 LEV 19:26 'You shall not eat *anything* with the blood, nor practice divination or soothsaying.
- 03 LEV 19:31 'Do not turn to mediums or spiritists; do not seek them out to be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.
- 03 LEV 20:6 'As for the person who turns to mediums and to spiritists, to play the harlot after them, I will also set My face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.
- 03 LEV 20:27 'Now a man or a woman who is a medium or a spiritist shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones, their bloodguiltiness is upon them.' "
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- 04 NUM 22:7 So the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed with the *fees for* divination in their hand; and they came to Balaam and repeated Balak's words to him.
- 04 NUM 23:23 "For there is no omen against Jacob, Nor is there any divination against Israel; At the proper time it shall be said to Jacob And to Israel, what God has done.
- 05 DEU 13:1 "If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder,
- 05 DEU 13:2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,'
- DEU 13:3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the \Lord\ your God is testing you to find out if you love the \Lord\ your God with all your heart and with all your soul.
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- 05 DEU 18:11 or one who casts a spell, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.
- 05 DEU 18:14 "For those nations, which you shall dispossess, listen to those who practice witchcraft and to diviners, but as for you, the LORD your God has not allowed you *to do* so.
- 09 1SA 15:23 "For rebellion is as the sin of divination, And insubordination is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He has also rejected you from *being* king." #
- 09 1SA 28:3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him and buried him in Ramah his own city. And Saul had removed from the land those who were mediums and spiritists.
- 09 1SA 28:7 Then Saul said to his servants, "Seek for me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "Behold, there is a woman who is a medium at En-dor."
- 09 1SA 28:9 But the woman said to him, "Behold, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off those who are mediums and spiritists from the land. Why are you then laying a snare for my life to bring about my death?"
- 12 2KI 9:22 And it came about, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, "Is it peace, Jehu?" And he answered, "What peace, so long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many?"

- 12 2KI 17:17 Then they made their sons and their daughters pass through the fire, and practiced divination and enchantments, and sold themselves to do evil in the sight of the LORD, provoking Him.
- 12 2KI 21:6 And he made his son pass through the fire, practiced witchcraft and used divination, and dealt with mediums and spiritists. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD provoking *Him to anger*.
- 12 2KI 23:24 Moreover, Josiah removed the mediums and the spiritists and the teraphim and the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might confirm the words of the law which were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the LORD.
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- 23 ISA 8:19 And when they say to you, "Consult the mediums and the spiritists who whisper and mutter," should not a people consult their God? *Should they consult* the dead on behalf of the living?
- 23 ISA 19:3 "Then the spirit of the Egyptians will be demoralized within them; And I will confound their strategy, So that they will resort to idols and ghosts of the dead, And to mediums and spiritists.
- 23 ISA 47:9 "But these two things shall come on you suddenly in one day: Loss of children and widowhood. They shall come on you in full measure In spite of your many sorceries, In spite of the great power of your spells.
- 23 ISA 47:12 "Stand *fast* now in your spells And in your many sorceries With which you have labored from your youth; Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you may cause trembling.
- 23 ISA 47:13 "You are wearied with your many counsels; Let now the astrologers, Those who prophesy by the stars, Those who predict by the new moons, Stand up and save you from what will come upon you.
- 23 ISA 57:3 "But come here, you sons of a sorceress, Offspring of an adulterer and a prostitute.
- 24 JER 14:14 Then the LORD said to me, "The prophets are prophesying falsehood in My name. I have neither sent them nor commanded them nor spoken to them; they are prophesying to you a false vision, divination, futility and the deception of their own minds.
- 24 JER 27:9 "But as for you, 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.'
- 26 EZE 12:24 "For there will no longer be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.
- 26 EZE 13:6 "They see falsehood and lying divination who are saying, 'The LORD declares,' when the LORD has not sent them; yet they hope for the fulfillment of *their* word.
- 26 EZE 13:7 "Did you not see a false vision and speak a lying divination when you said, 'The LORD declares,' but it is not I who have spoken?" ""
- 26 EZE 13:9 "So My hand will be against the prophets who see false visions and utter lying divinations. They will have no place in the council of My people, nor will they be written down in the register of the house of Israel, nor will they enter the land of Israel, that you may know that I am the Lord GOD.
- 26 EZE 13:23 therefore, you women will no longer see false visions or practice divination, and I will deliver My people out of your hand. Thus you will know that I am the LORD. "
- 26 EZE 21:21 "For the king of Babylon stands at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination; he shakes the arrows, he consults the household idols, he looks at the liver.
- 26 EZE 21:22 "Into his right hand came the divination, 'Jerusalem,' to set battering rams, to open the mouth for slaughter, to lift up the voice with a battle cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to cast up mounds, to build a siege wall.
- 26 EZE 21:23 "And it will be to them like a false divination in their eyes; they have *sworn* solemn oaths. But he brings iniquity to remembrance, that they may be seized.

- 27 DAN 2:2 Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.
- 33 MIC 3:6 Therefore *it will be* night for you-- without vision, And darkness for you-- without divination. The sun will go down on the prophets, And the day will become dark over them.
- 33 MIC 5:12 "I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you will have fortunetellers no more.
- 34 NAH 3:4 *All* because of the many harlotries of the harlot, The charming one, the mistress of sorceries, Who sells nations by her harlotries And families by her sorceries.
- 39 MAL 3:5 "Then I will draw near to you for judgment; and I will be a swift witness against the sorcerers and against the adulterers and against those who swear falsely, and against those who oppress the wage earner in his wages, the widow and the orphan, and those who turn aside the alien, and do not fear Me," says the LORD of hosts.
- 44 ACT 16:16 And it happened that as we were going to the place of prayer, a certain slave-girl having a spirit of divination met us, who was bringing her masters much profit by fortunetelling.
- 48 GAL 5:20 idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, outbursts of anger, disputes, dissensions, factions,
- 66 REV 9:21 and they did not repent of their murders nor of their sorceries nor of their immorality nor of their thefts.
- 66 REV 18:23 and the light of a lamp will not shine in you any longer; and the voice of the bridegroom and bride will not be heard in you any longer; for your merchants were the great men of the earth, because all the nations were deceived by your sorcery.
- 66 REV 21:8 "But for the cowardly and unbelieving and abominable and murderers and immoral persons and sorcerers and idolaters and all liars, their part *will be* in the lake that burns with fire and brimstone, which is the second death."
- 66 REV 22:15 Outside are the dogs and the sorcerers and the immoral persons and the murderers and the idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices lying.