

What The Bible Says About:

The Occult

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Introduction – Satan was the anointed Cherub, according to the Bible.

Ezekiel 28:11-19

Moreover the word of the Lord came unto me, saying, [12] Son of man, take up a lamentation upon the king of Tyrus, and say unto him, Thus saith the Lord God; Thou sealest up the sum, full of wisdom, and perfect in beauty. [13] Thou hast been in Eden the garden of God; every precious stone was thy covering, the sardius, topaz, and the diamond, the beryl, the onyx, and the jasper, the sapphire, the emerald, and the carbuncle, and gold: the workmanship of thy tabrets and of thy pipes was prepared in thee in the day that thou wast created.

[14] **Thou art the anointed cherub that covereth;** and I have set thee so: thou wast upon the holy mountain of God; thou hast walked up and down in the midst of the stones of fire. [15] Thou wast perfect in thy ways from the day that thou wast created, till iniquity was found in thee.

[16] By the multitude of thy merchandise they have filled the midst of thee with violence, and thou hast sinned: therefore I will cast thee as profane out of the mountain of God: and I will destroy thee, O covering cherub, from the midst of the stones of fire.

[17] Thine heart was lifted up because of thy beauty, thou hast corrupted thy wisdom by reason of thy brightness: I will cast thee to the ground, I will lay thee before kings, that they may behold thee.

[18] Thou hast defiled thy sanctuaries by the multitude of thine iniquities, by the iniquity of thy traffick; therefore will I bring forth a fire from the midst of thee, it shall devour thee, and I will bring thee to ashes upon the earth in the sight of all them that behold thee. [19] All they that know thee among the people shall be astonished at thee: thou shalt be a terror, and never shalt thou be any more.

He rebelled:

Isaiah 14:12-14

How art thou fallen from heaven, O Lucifer, son of the morning! how art thou cut down to the ground, which didst weaken the nations! [13] For thou hast said in thine heart, I will ascend into heaven, I will exalt my throne above the stars of God: I will sit also upon the mount of the congregation, in the sides of the north: [14] I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will be like the most High.

He was defeated:

Luke 10:18

And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven.

He became the prince of the power of the air:

Ephes. 2:2

Wherein in time past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience:

Ephes. 6:11-12

Put on the whole armour of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. [12] For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.

John 12:31

Now is the judgment of this world: now shall the prince of this world be cast out.

John 14:30

Hereafter I will not talk much with you: for the prince of this world cometh, and hath nothing in me.

2 Cor. 4:4

In whom the god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not, lest the light of the glorious gospel of Christ, who is the image of God, should shine unto them.

Today Satan is in this position (prince of the power of the air) and has many ways of deceiving people. But the Bible says, "we are not ignorant of his devices".

2 Cor. 2:11

lest Satan should take advantage of us; for we are not ignorant of his devices.

One of Satan's devices is The Occult. In this lesson we are going to look into,

"What the Bible says about The Occult".

1. What is involved in the Occult?

Deut. 18:9-13

When thou art come into the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee, thou shalt not learn to do after the abominations of those nations. [10] There shall not

be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch, [11] Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer. [12] For all that do these things are an abomination unto the Lord: and because of these abominations the Lord thy God doth drive them out from before thee. [13] Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God.

(Vs. 13 The Amplified Bible) “You shall be blameless (and absolutely true) to the Lord your God.”

1. Divination – the act of foretelling future events, fortune telling, or discovering things secret or obscure, by supernatural means; unusual insight; etc. (The Living Webster Encyclopedic Dictionary)

That covers all of the following:

- 1) Ouija Boards (wedgie)
- 2) Pendulums
- 3) Crystal Balls

Basically, Divination discovers events without trying to influence them. There are two distinct areas of divining. The first depends on the skill of the agent reading and interpreting certain signs or omens. This is called artificial divination or augury. The diviner must use things and attempt to discern from these things the facts or events he wants to share. It is still an attempt to go beyond the natural to the supernatural to learn facts or events distant in time and space.

Several examples of augury are given in the Old Testament. The use of things and practices were depended on to produce information and also to foretell the evil or beneficial character of a future event.

- (1) Arrows – Several arrows thrown into the air or tossed to the ground. The position of the fallen arrows were read or interpreted by the diviner.

Ezekiel 21:21

For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.

- (2) Sticks or rods – The same principle as the arrows.

Hosea 4:12

My people ask counsel at their stocks, and their staff declareth unto them: for the spirit of whoredoms hath caused them to err, and they have gone a whoring from under their God.

- (3) Liver or entrails of animals. The designs or a pattern on the liver was sign to them. See Ezekiel 21:21 above.
- (4) Astrologists (dividers of the heavens) – These would draw conclusions by the position of the sun and moon and planets in relation to the Zodiac and one another.

Isaiah 47:13

Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.

- (5) Prognosticators – Acquainted with the Moon phases. See Isaiah 47:13 above.
- (6) Stargazers – One who gazes at or studies the stars; especially an astrologer or astronomer. See Isaiah 47:13 above.

The second area of divination could be called inspirational. The diviner is under the influence or control of a spirit, which enables him to discern and speak. Many times things are seen, and the speech goes along with what is being seen.

- (1) Consulting Images.

1 Samuel 15:23

For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

Note: Rebellion and stubbornness are compared with the sin of witchcraft and idolatry.

Ezekiel 21:21

For the king of Babylon stood at the parting of the way, at the head of the two ways, to use divination: he made his arrows bright, he consulted with images, he looked in the liver.

Zech. 10:2

For the idols have spoken vanity, and the diviners have seen a lie, and have told false dreams; they comfort in vain: therefore they went their way as a flock, they were troubled, because there was no shepherd.

Note: Teraphim, a healer, a family idol; idols, images, or household gods were consulted as oracles by some of the ancient Hebrews.

- (2) Familiar Spirits.

Deut. 18:11

Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

1 Samuel 28:3

Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.

1 Samuel 28:7

Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

1 Samuel 28:9

And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

2 Chron. 33:6

And he caused his children to pass through the fire in the valley of the son of Hinnom: also he observed times, and used enchantments, and used witchcraft, and dealt with a familiar spirit, and with wizards: he wrought much evil in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

- (3) Necromancer – divination by means of pretended communication with the dead.

Leviticus 19:31

Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

Leviticus 20:6

And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

Deut. 18:11

Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

2 Kings 21:6

And he made his son pass through the fire, and observed times, and used enchantments, and dealt with familiar spirits and wizards: he wrought much wickedness in the sight of the Lord, to provoke him to anger.

Isaiah 8:19

And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

1 Chron. 10:13-14

So Saul died for his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it; [14] And enquired not of the Lord: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

- (4) Soothsayer – One who claims to have supernatural insight and to be able to foretell events.

We will take a closer look at some of these later in the study. They all come under the heading of divination. If you look up Python in Webster's Dictionary it says, "a soothsaying spirit".

2. Astrology – observer of the times.

Leviticus 19:26

Ye shall not eat any thing with the blood: neither shall ye use enchantment, nor observe times (divination or soothsaying).

(The Amplified Bible – You shall not eat anything with the blood; neither shall you use magic, omens or witchcraft, (or predict events by horoscope or signs and lucky days). Lev. 19:26

Note: The top of the Tower of Babylon was a sanctuary to the god Bel-Merodach and had Zodiac signs on it. There's a demon behind every idol.

The Tower of Babel

A Babylonian description of the tower of Babel discovered in 1876 indicates there was a grand court 900 x 1,156 ft. and a smaller one, 450 x 1,056 ft. , inside of which was a platform with walls about it having 4 gates on each side. In the center stood the tower with many small shrines at the base dedicated to various gods. The tower itself was 300 ft. high with decreased width in stages from the lowest to the highest point. Each was square. The 1st foundation stage 300 ft. square and 110 ft. high; the 2nd measured 260 ft. square and 60 ft. high; and the 3rd 200 ft. square and 20 ft. high; the 4th 170 ft. square and 20 ft. high; the 5th 140 ft. square and 20 ft. high; the 6th 110 ft. square and 20 ft. high and the 7th 80 ft. long, 60 ft. wide, and 50 ft. high. On the top platform measuring 60 x 80 ft. was a sanctuary for the god Bel-Merodach and signs of the Zodiac.

The builders evidently finished the tower, for the work was stopped on the city only. (Genesis 11: 4, 8). One ancient Babylonian tablet reads, "The building of this illustrious tower offended the gods. In a night they threw down what they had built. They scattered them abroad and made strange their speech. Their progress was impeded. They wept hot tears for Babylon".

The builders were supposed to have been giants who waged war with the gods. Nimrod, himself is called "a mighty one" and the giants in Gen. 6:4 are called "mighty men." These came from the fallen angels and daughters of men after the flood (Gen. 6:4) (Dakes Annotated Bible)

Isaiah 47:9-15

But these two things shall come to thee in a moment in one day, the loss of children, and widowhood: they shall come upon thee in their perfection for the multitude of thy sorceries, and for the great abundance of thine enchantments.

[10] For thou hast trusted in thy wickedness: thou hast said, None seeth me. Thy wisdom and thy knowledge, it hath perverted thee; and thou hast said in thine heart, I am, and none else beside me.

[11] Therefore shall evil come upon thee; thou shalt not know from whence it riseth: and mischief shall fall upon thee; thou shalt not be able to put it off: and desolation shall come upon thee suddenly, which thou shalt not know.

[12] Stand now with thine enchantments, and with the multitude of thy sorceries, wherein thou hast laboured from thy youth; if so be thou shalt be able to profit, if so be thou mayest prevail.

[13] Thou art wearied in the multitude of thy counsels. Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, the monthly prognosticators, stand up, and save thee from these things that shall come upon thee.

[14] Behold, they shall be as stubble; the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame: there shall not be a coal to warm at, nor fire to sit before it. [15] Thus shall they be unto thee with whom thou hast laboured, even thy merchants, from thy youth: they shall wander every one to his quarter; none shall save thee.

Note: Horoscopes are big business today. Almost every newspaper in America runs the daily horoscopes.

3. **An Enchanter – Magician**, This is a general term that can be used to describe any and all phases of sorcery.
4. **Witch** – Sorcerer casting spells with drug potion, a drug user. Drug abuse is sorcery. The root word for sorcery in the Old Testament probably means, "to cut" roots and herbs for charms and spells.

Deut. 18:10

There shall not be found among you any one that maketh his son or his daughter to pass through the fire, or that useth divination, or an observer of times, or an enchanter, or a witch,

Exodus 22:18

Thou shalt not suffer a witch to live.

Isaiah 49:9

That thou mayest say to the prisoners, Go forth; to them that are in darkness, Shew yourselves. They shall feed in the ways, and their pastures shall be in all high places.

Isaiah 49:12

Behold, these shall come from far: and, lo, these from the north and from the west; and these from the land of Sinim.

Jeremiah 27:9

Therefore hearken not ye to your prophets, nor to your diviners, nor to your dreamers, nor to your enchanter, nor to your sorcerers, which speak unto you, saying, Ye shall not serve the king of Babylon:

Note: Alcohol is a liquid barbiturate.

In the New Testament the word-translated sorcery is also translated witchcraft, drugs, potions and poisons. It is the Greek word, “pharmakos” from which we get the word, “pharmacy”. Sorcery in ancient times was an act of administering drugs and giving of magical potions. Women played the larger part as magicians and sorceress because the men’s work was either hunting or fighting and it was the women’s role to heal the sick and wounded.

5. Charmer – Hypnotist.

Note: You have to surrender your will to the Hypnotist. Your will should only be surrendered to God. When you surrender your will to a man, no matter how many degrees he has, he becomes your god and can take control of your will.

6. A Medium – a consulter with familiar spirits. A medium acts as a guide. They are really demon spirits. He uses a spirit guide, E.S.P.

When the dead appear it is a familiar spirit. Anytime someone thinks that a dead loved one speaks to them it is of the devil.

7. Wizard – male clairvoyant or Physic.

Galatians 5:19-21

Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, [20] Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, [21] Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have

also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.

8. **Necromancer** – consulter of the departed dead.

The Bible says there will be two last day outpourings.

1. **The Holy Spirit.**

Joel 2:28-29

And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: [29] And also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit.

2. **The unholy spirit.**

1 Tim. 4:1

Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

3. **Demon worship is forbidden.**

Deut. 32:16

They provoked him to jealousy with strange gods, with abominations provoked they him to anger.

1 Cor. 10:20-21

But I say, that the things which the Gentiles sacrifice, they sacrifice to devils, and not to God: and I would not that ye should have fellowship with devils. [21] Ye cannot drink the cup of the Lord, and the cup of devils: ye cannot be partakers of the Lord's table, and of the table of devils.

Note: You cannot serve two masters.

The following verses speak of the ending of all who do such things.

Rev. 21:8

But the fearful, and unbelieving, and the abominable, and murderers, and whoremongers, and sorcerers, and idolaters, and all liars, shall have their part in the lake which burneth with fire and brimstone: which is the second death.

Matthew 6:24

No man can serve two masters: for either he will hate the one, and love the other; or else he will hold to the one, and despise the other. Ye cannot serve God and mammon.

Since we cannot serve two masters then Christians should reject the following:

1. Stay away from drugs of all kinds (liquid or pills).
2. Don't allow yourself to be hypnotized.
3. Don't recognize Halloween. Witches don't celebrate Christmas.
4. Repent of all sins.
5. Confess Christ before men.
6. Renounce Satan and command him to depart from your life.
7. Now, walk in deliverance. You ask, "how"?

(1) Stay in the Word of God.

Psalm 119:9

Wherewithal shall a young man cleanse his way? by taking heed thereto according to thy word.

Psalm 119:11

Thy word have I hid in mine heart, that I might not sin against thee.

(2) Pray.

1 Thes. 5:17

Pray without ceasing.

(3) Join a fellowship of believers and faithfully attend and support it. Support it with your attendance, labor and finances.

Hebrews 10:25

Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching.

Psalm 107:32

Let them exalt him also in the congregation of the people, and praise him in the assembly of the elders

Psalm 100:1-5

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. [2] Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. [3] Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the

sheep of his pasture. [4] Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. [5] For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.

(4) Submit to God and resist the devil.

James 4:7

Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.

If you have been or are thinking of partaking in the occult read the following and pray for God's forgiveness.

God desires to save you.

1 John 1:7

But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

Romans 5:8

But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

Luke 19:10

For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost.

1 Tim. 2:4

Who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.

Titus 2:11

For the grace of God that bringeth salvation hath appeared to all men,

2 Peter 3:9

The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance.

John 3:16

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

You must do the following:

1. Recognize that you are a sinner:

Romans 3:23

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God;

2. Repent – to change the mind for better morally; to change the attitude toward sin.
3. Be converted – change your conduct; make a change in direction and begin a new walk toward God.

If you have not yet surrendered your life to God, you should do it now. It is simply calling upon the Lord for forgiveness. Just pray and ask God to forgive you of all your sins. You could pray the following:

Heavenly Father, I come to you in the name of and through the blood of Jesus Christ. I know that I am a sinner and lost in sin. I repent of my sins and ask you to forgive me. I give you my heart and life. I confess my sins and ask you to lead me in a holy way. I want to serve you from now on. I give you my heart and my life.

Romans 10:9-10

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. [10] For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation.

Romans 10:13

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.

If you prayed that prayer and need counsel feel free to call or write me. We will pray for God to lead you to a good Bible preaching church. If you live in the Ft. Morgan, Colorado area we would love to meet you. God bless you.

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