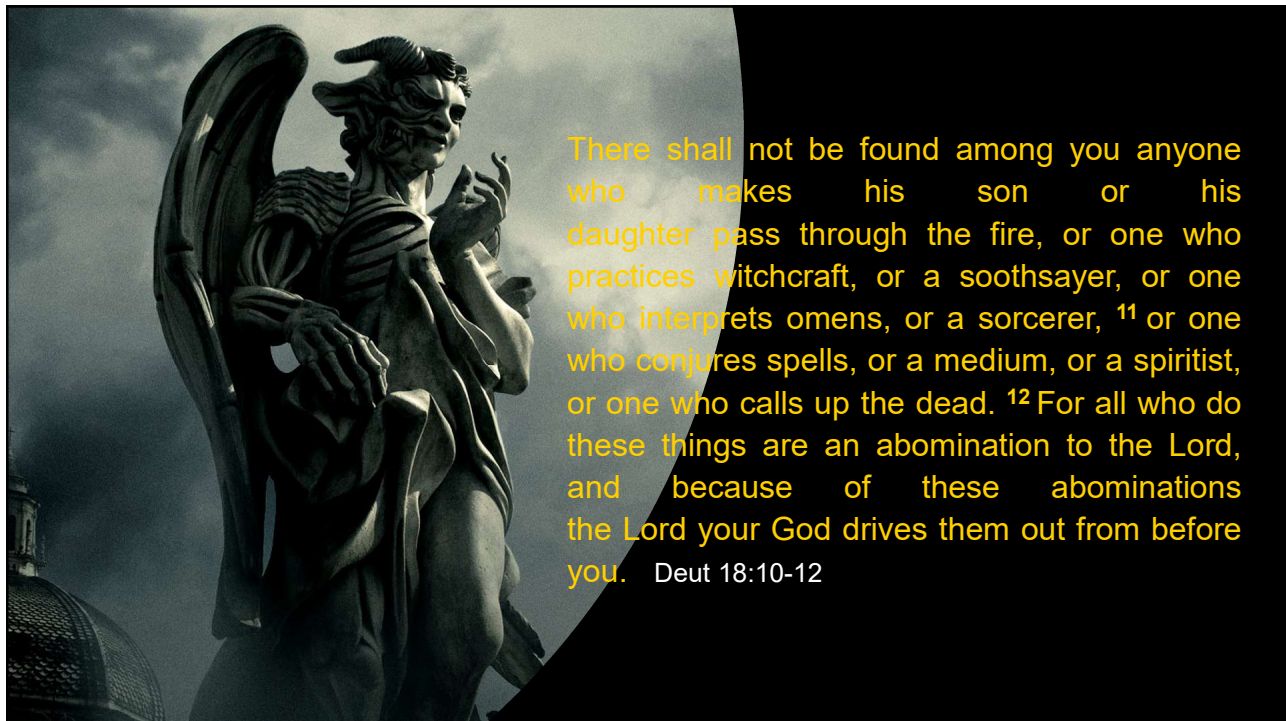
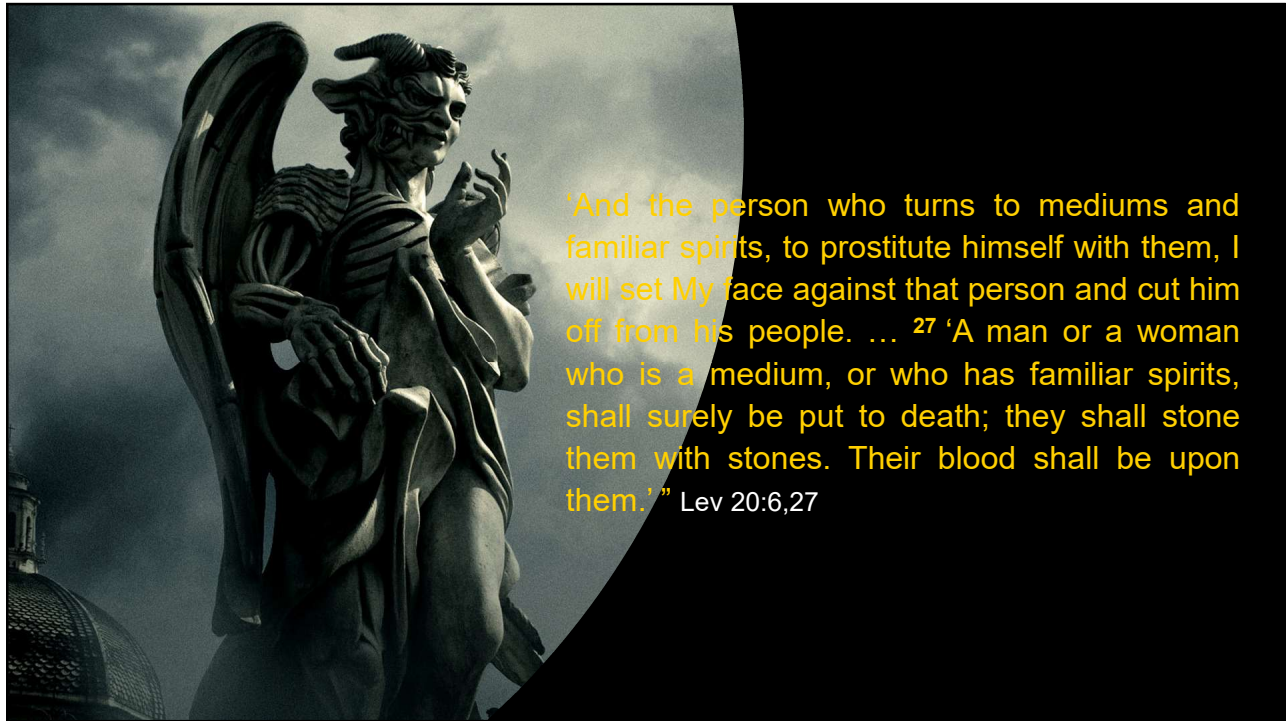


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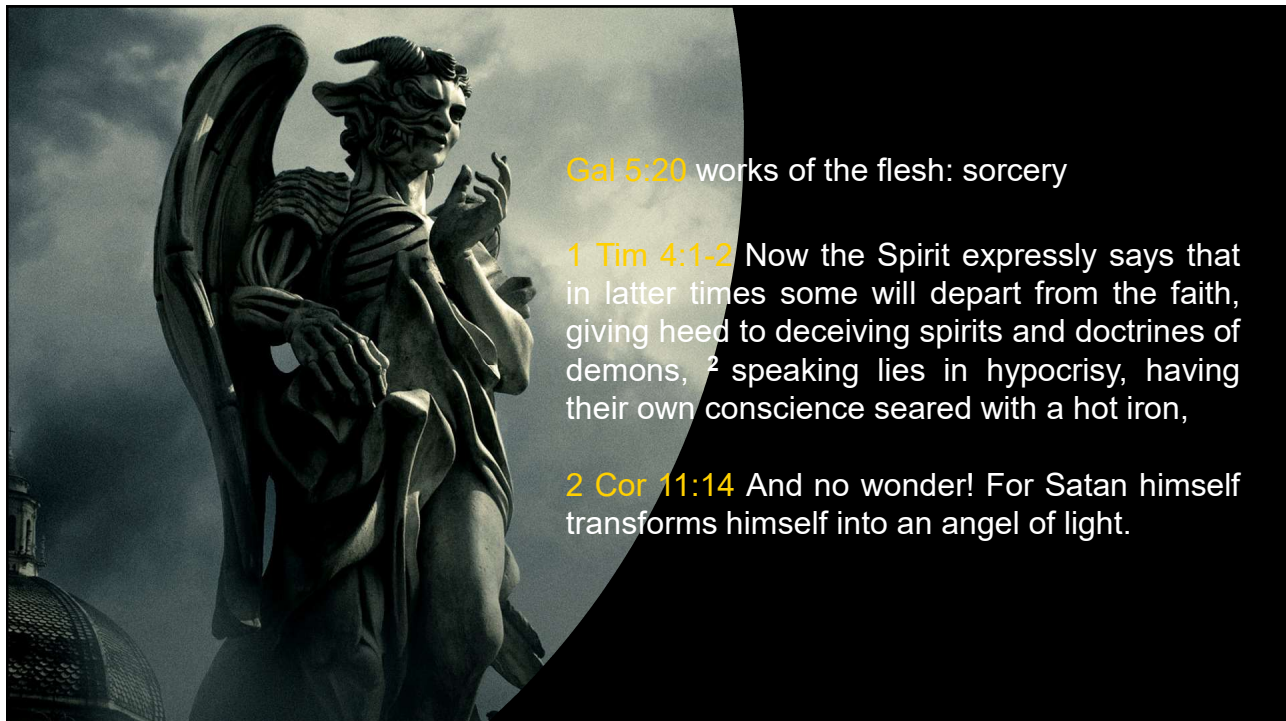


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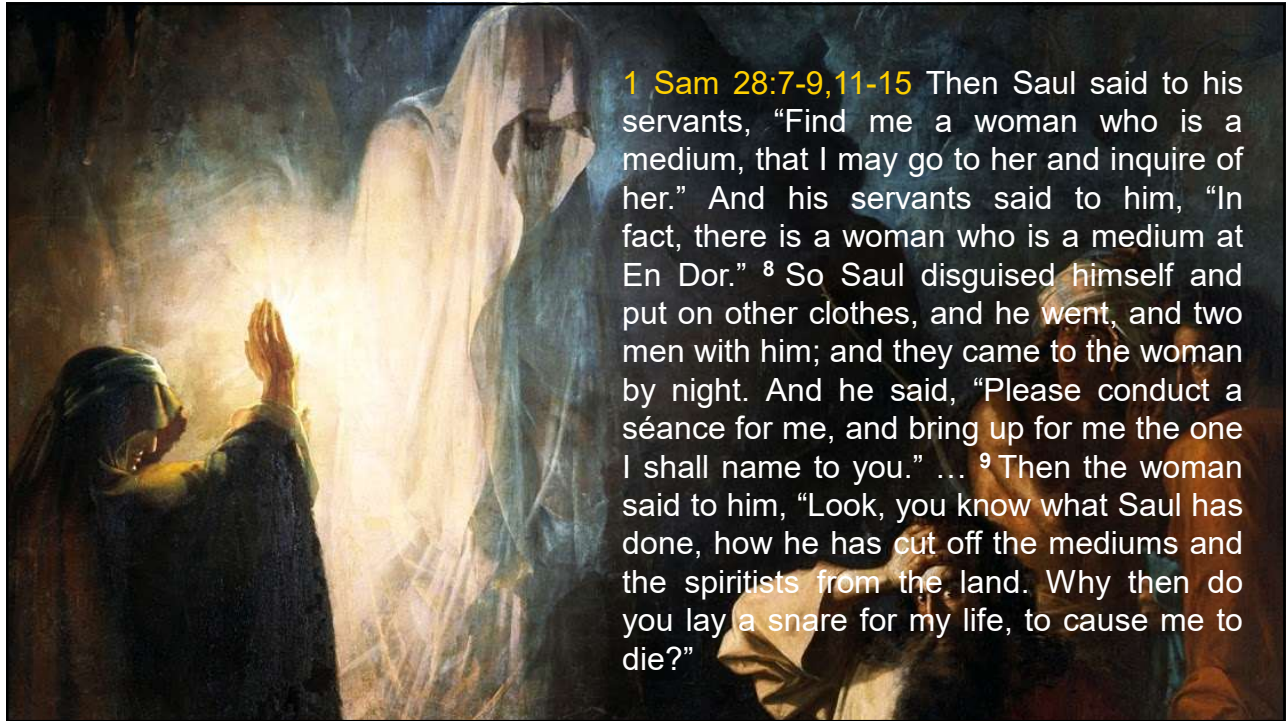


**Gal 5:20** works of the flesh: sorcery

**1 Tim 4:1-2** Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, <sup>2</sup> speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,

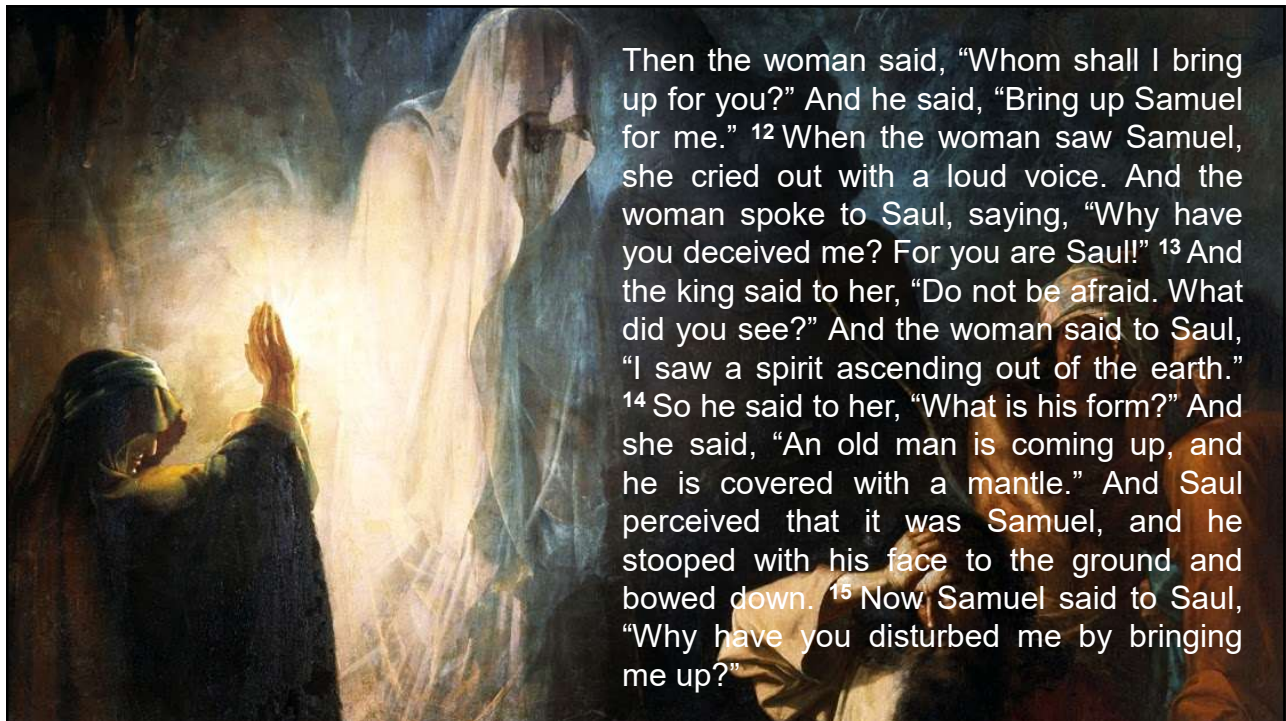
**2 Cor 11:14** And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light.

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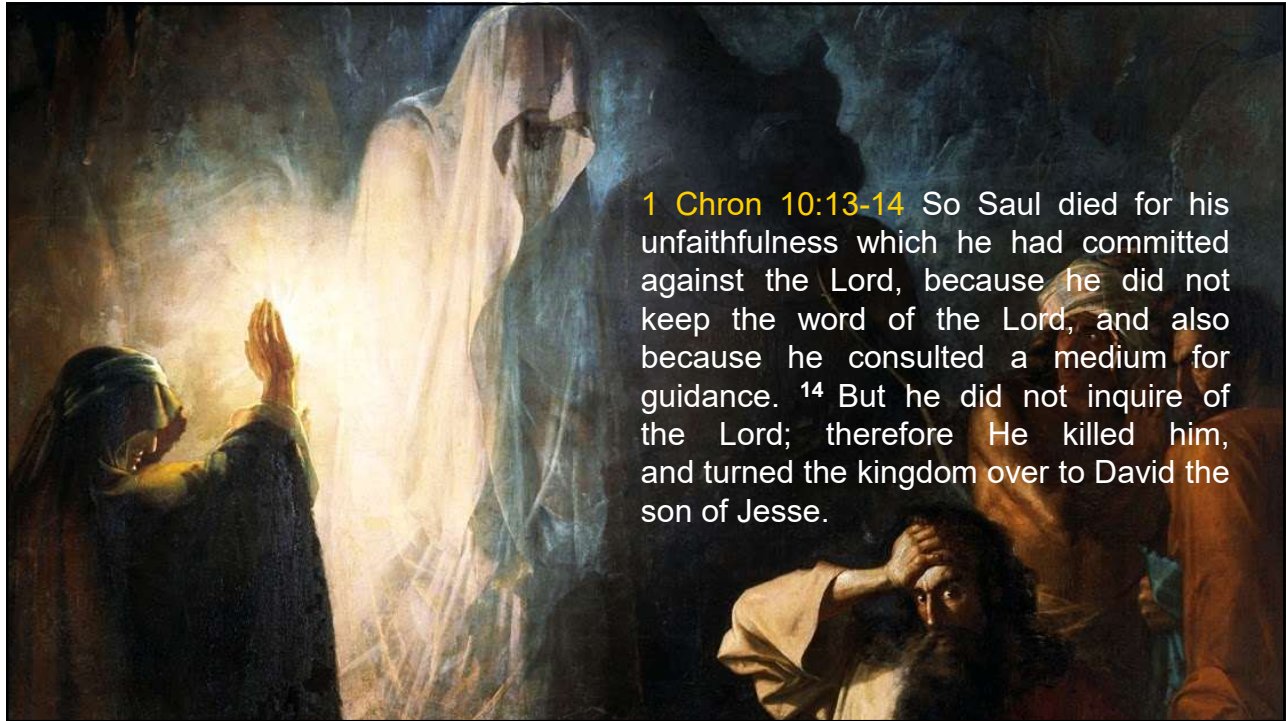
**1 Sam 28:7-9,11-15** Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "In fact, there is a woman who is a medium at En Dor." <sup>8</sup> So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes, and he went, and two men with him; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Please conduct a séance for me, and bring up for me the one I shall name to you." ... <sup>9</sup> 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?"

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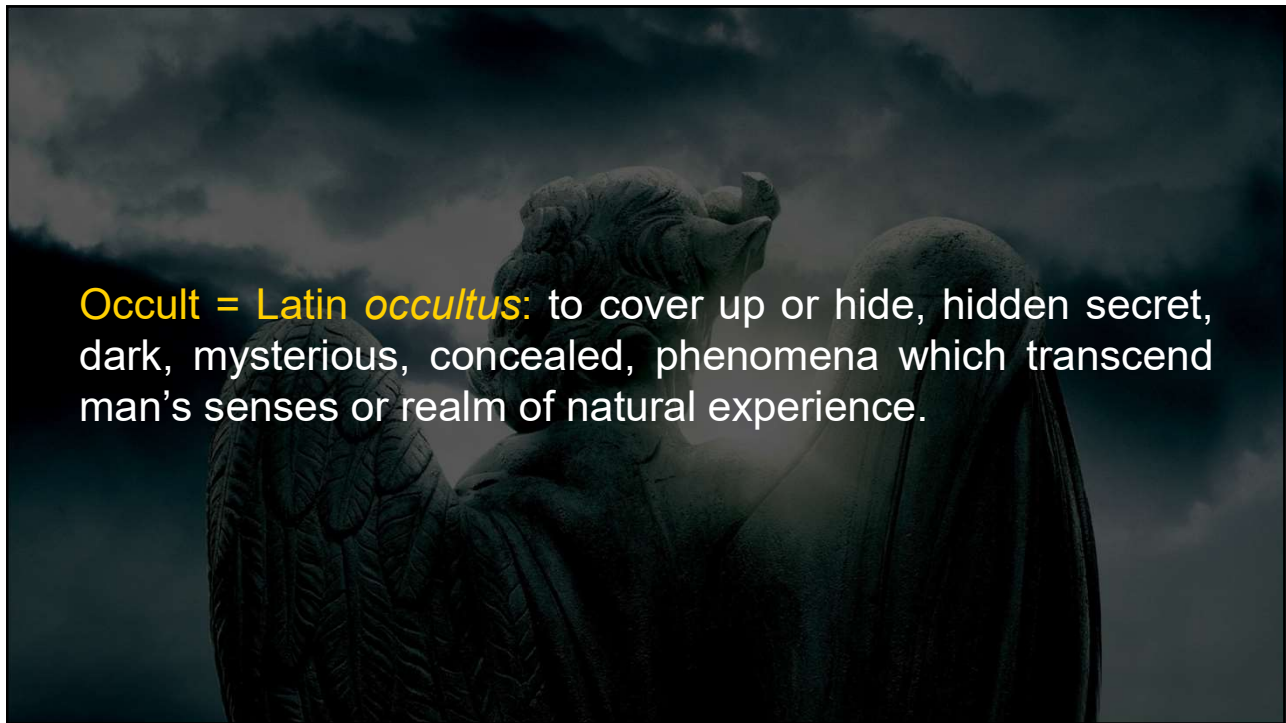
Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me." <sup>12</sup> When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!" <sup>13</sup> And the king said to her, "Do not be afraid. What did you see?" And the woman said to Saul, "I saw a spirit ascending out of the earth." <sup>14</sup> So he said to her, "What is his form?" And she said, "An old man is coming up, and he is covered with a mantle." And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground and bowed down. <sup>15</sup> Now Samuel said to Saul, "Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?"

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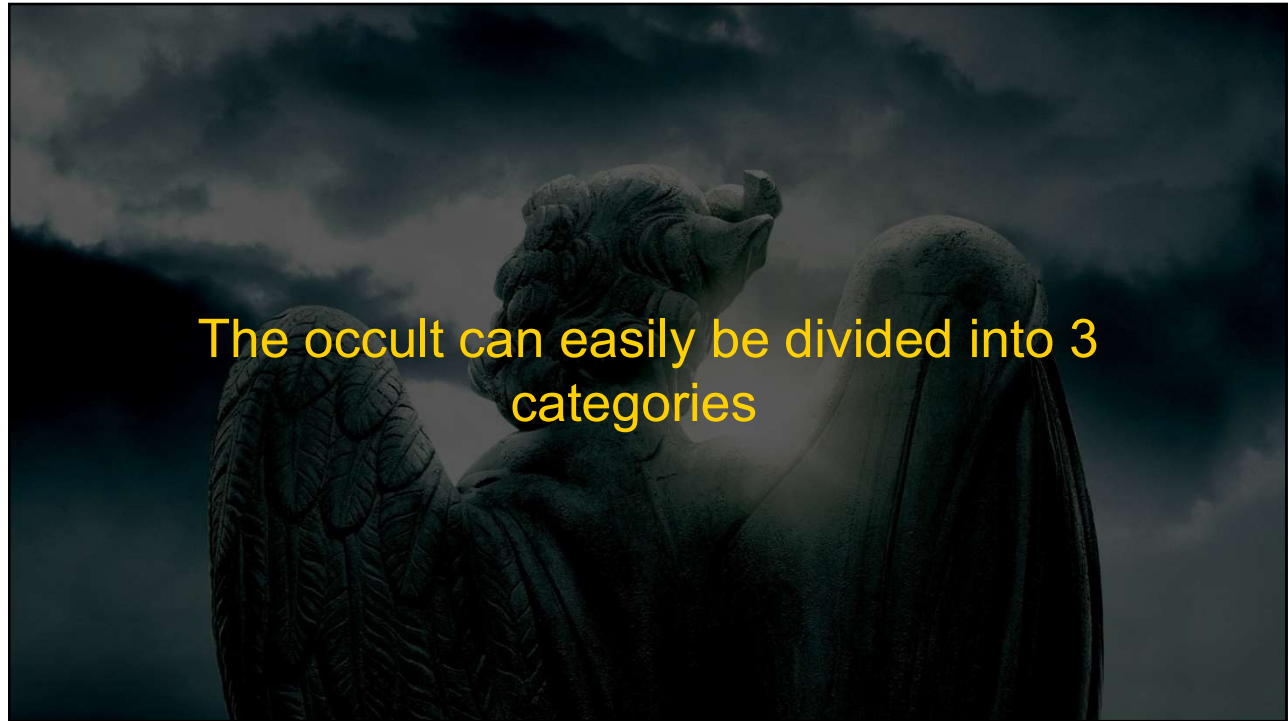
**1 Chron 10:13-14** So Saul died for his unfaithfulness which he had committed against the Lord, because he did not keep the word of the Lord, and also because he consulted a medium for guidance. <sup>14</sup> But he did not inquire of the Lord; therefore He killed him, and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.

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**Occult = Latin *occultus*:** to cover up or hide, hidden secret, dark, mysterious, concealed, phenomena which transcend man's senses or realm of natural experience.

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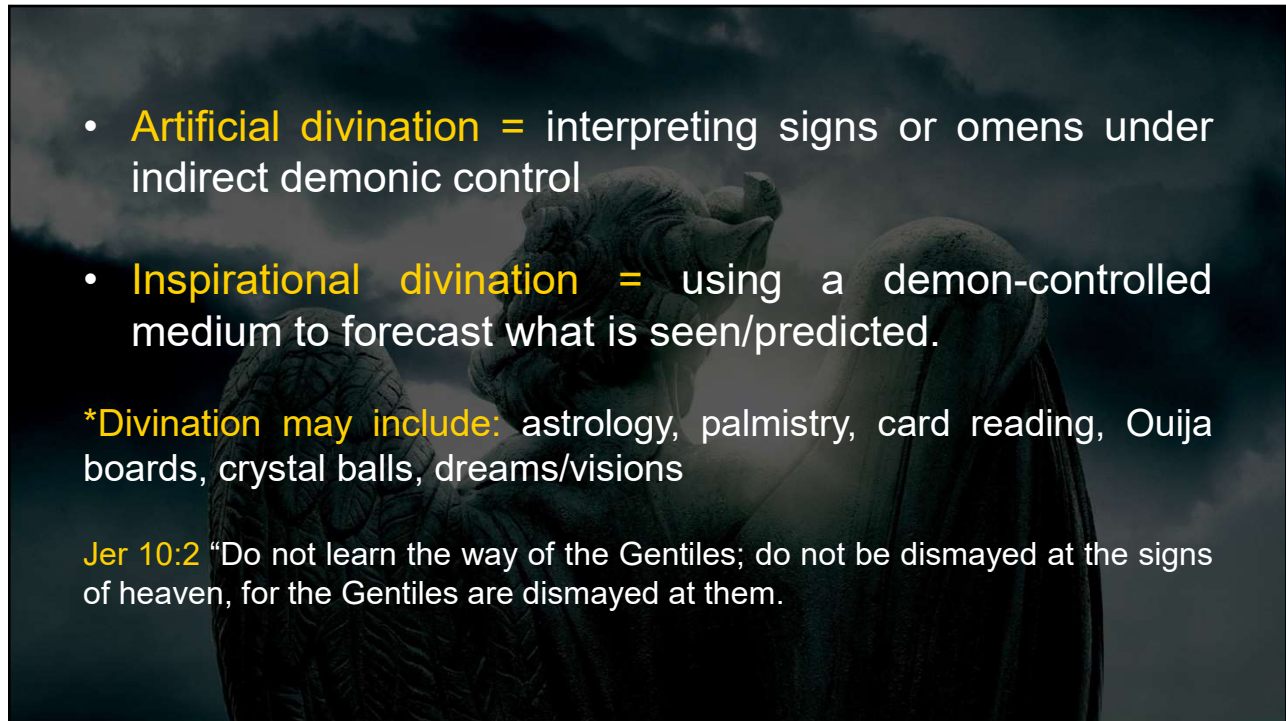
The occult can easily be divided into 3 categories

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1. **Divination** = Latin *divinare*: to foresee, foretelling the future

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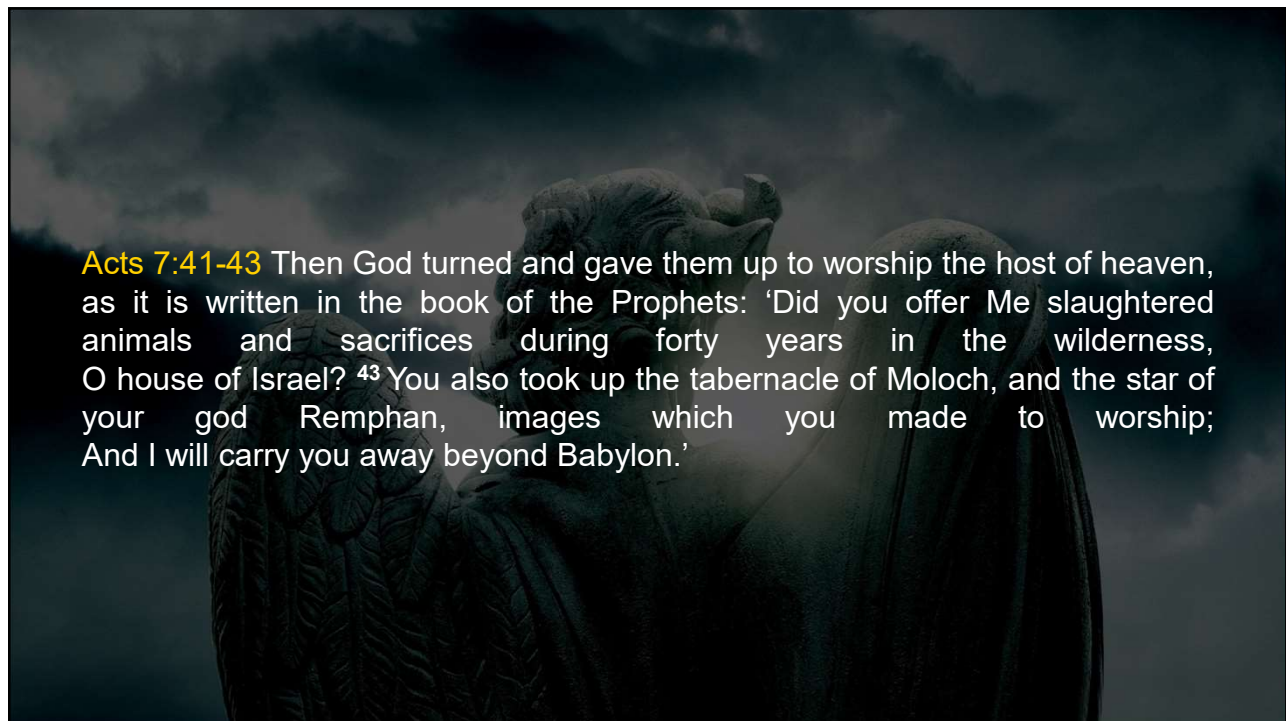


- **Artificial divination** = interpreting signs or omens under indirect demonic control
- **Inspirational divination** = using a demon-controlled medium to forecast what is seen/predicted.

**\*Divination may include:** astrology, palmistry, card reading, Ouija boards, crystal balls, dreams/visions

**Jer 10:2** “Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, for the Gentiles are dismayed at them.”

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**Acts 7:41-43** Then God turned and gave them up to worship the host of heaven, as it is written in the book of the Prophets: ‘Did you offer Me slaughtered animals and sacrifices during forty years in the wilderness, O house of Israel? <sup>43</sup> You also took up the tabernacle of Moloch, and the star of your god Remphan, images which you made to worship; And I will carry you away beyond Babylon.’

12

- Scripture forbids seeking to know the future through dreams and visions – especially employing the occult

King Saul in 1 Sam 28

**Jer 29:8-9** 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. <sup>9</sup>For they prophesy falsely to you in My name; I have not sent them, says the Lord.

**Zech 10:2** The diviners envision lies, and tell false dreams; they comfort in vain.

**Ezk 21:21-22** 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. <sup>22</sup>In his right hand is the divination for Jerusalem:

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**Acts 16:16-18** 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. <sup>17</sup>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." <sup>18</sup>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.

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- **God commanded the death penalty for this sin in the Old Testament:**

**Deut 17:3-5** 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, <sup>4</sup> 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, <sup>5</sup> 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.

**Is 47:13-14** Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, and the monthly prognosticators stand up and save you from what shall come upon you. <sup>14</sup> Behold, they shall be as stubble, the fire shall burn them; they shall not deliver themselves from the power of the flame;

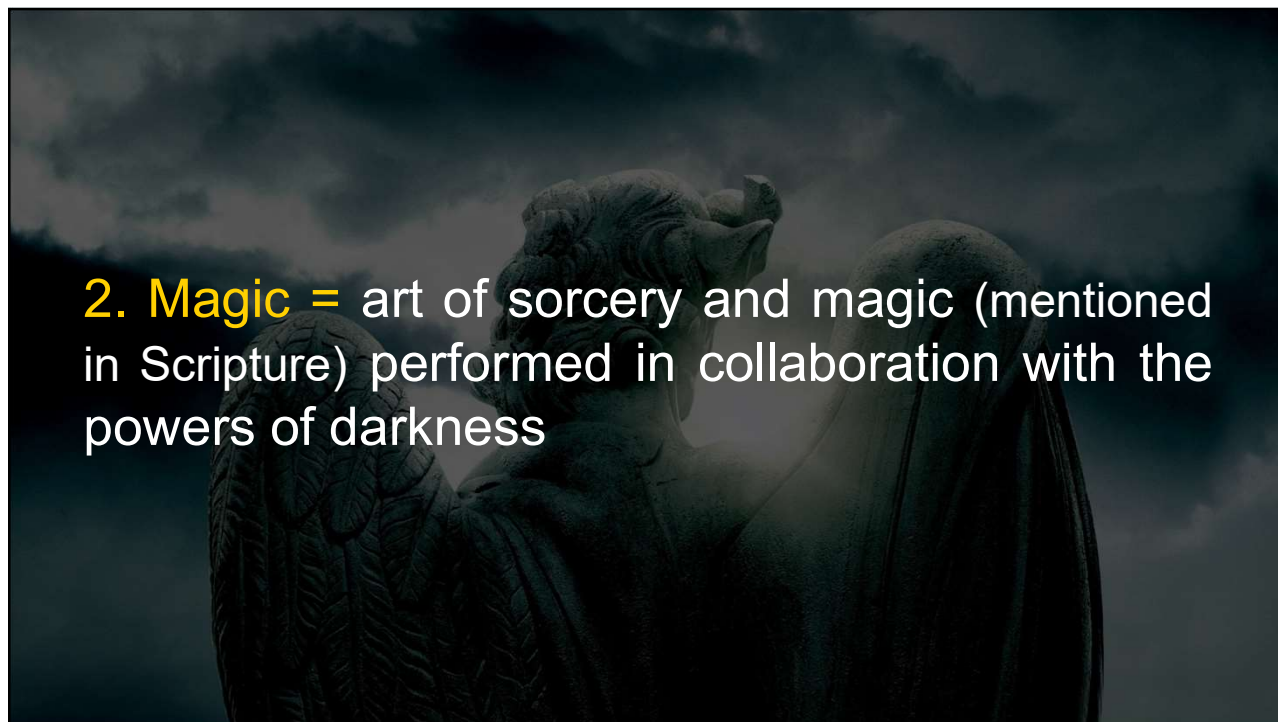
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- **God says His prophets are correct 100% of the time:**

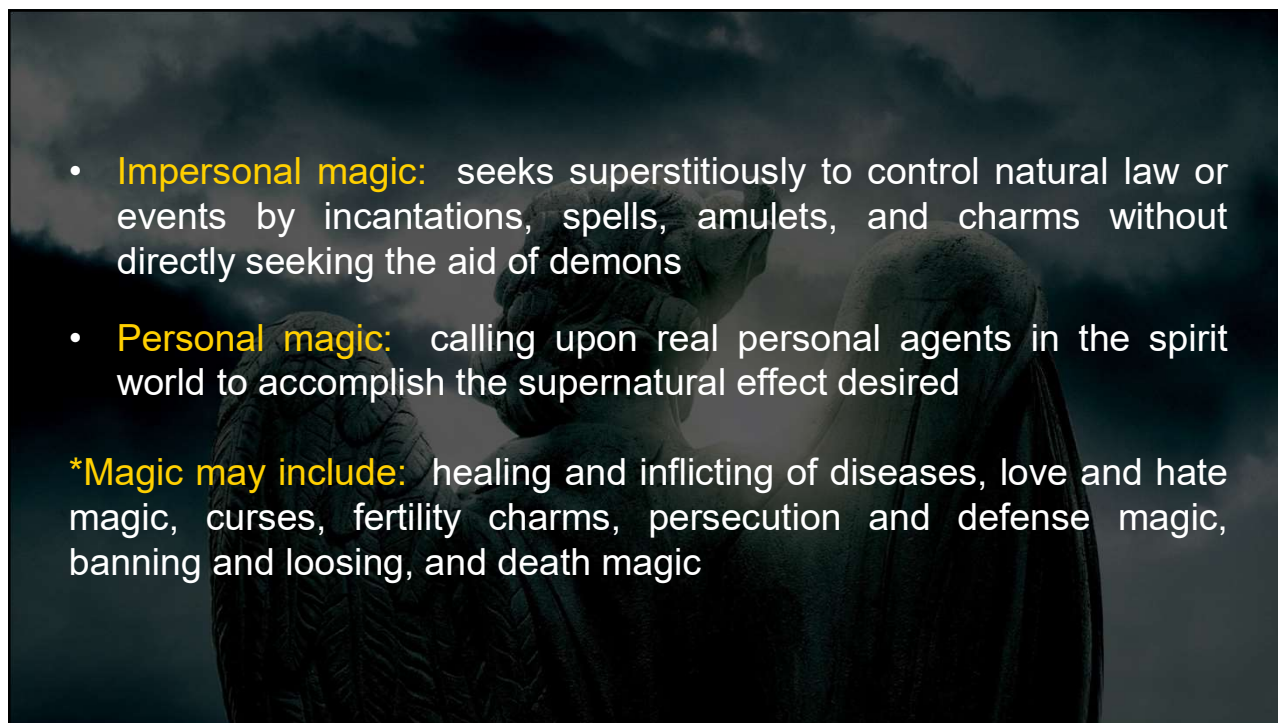
**Deut 18:20-22** But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.' <sup>21</sup> And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the Lord has not spoken?'— <sup>22</sup> when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

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18

**Magicians Jannes and Jambres worked miracles resisting God:** Ex 7-11

**2 Tim 3:8** Now as Jannes and Jambres resisted Moses, so do these also resist the truth: men of corrupt minds, disapproved concerning the faith;

**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.

**Dan 2:2,27** Then the king gave the command to call the magicians, the astrologers, the sorcerers, and the Chaldeans to tell the king his dreams. ...  
<sup>27</sup> 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.

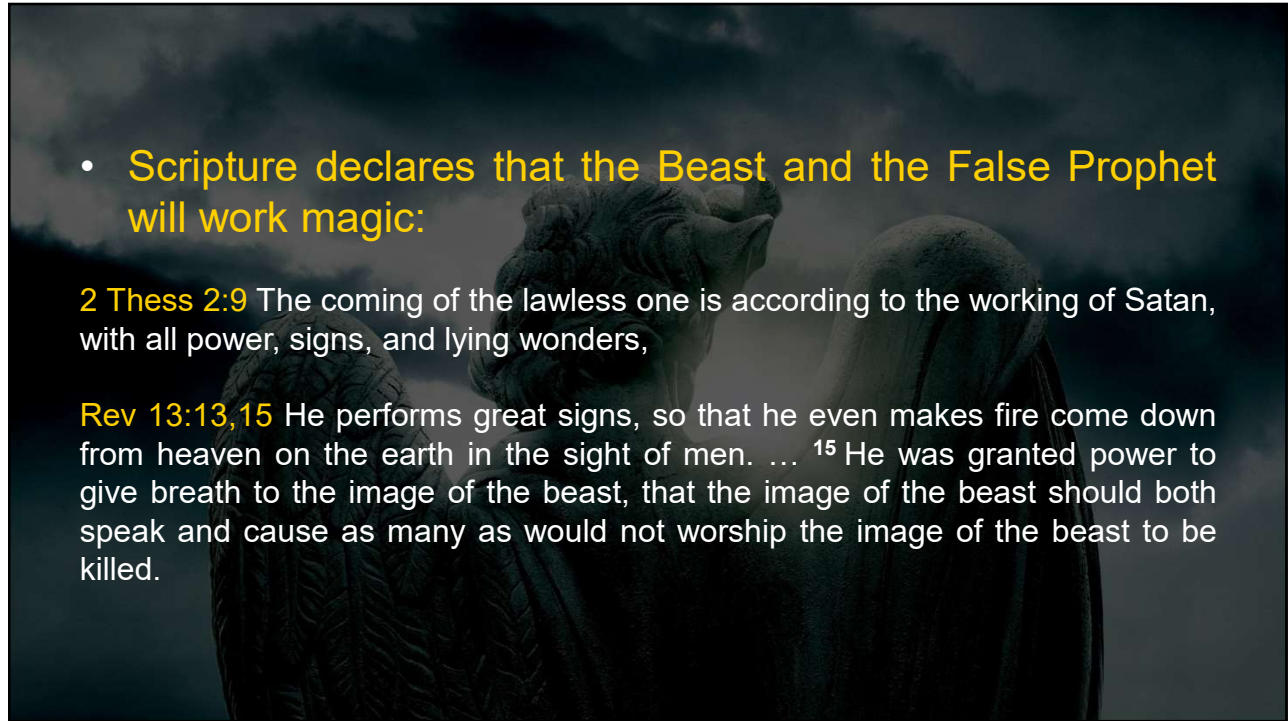
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• **Jesus declared that imitation Christians can work magic:**

**Mt 24:24** For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect

**Mt 7:22-23** Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' <sup>23</sup> And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

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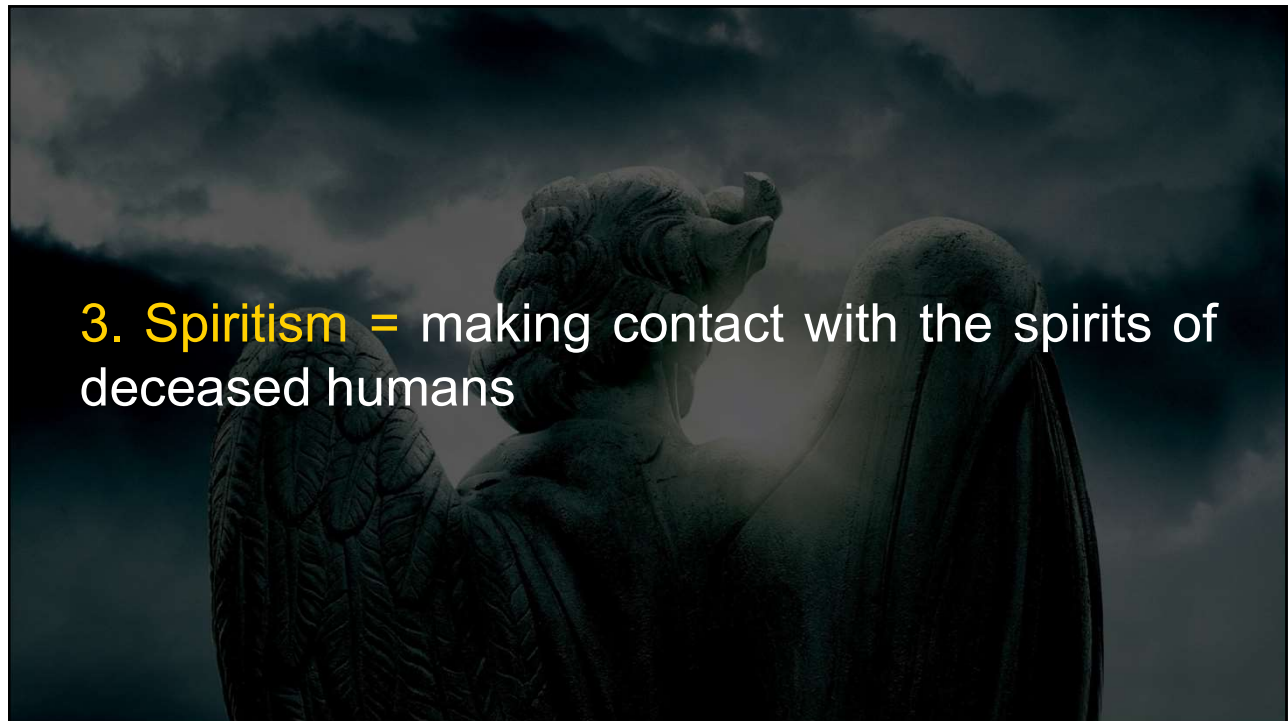


- **Scripture declares that the Beast and the False Prophet will work magic:**

**2 Thess 2:9** The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders,

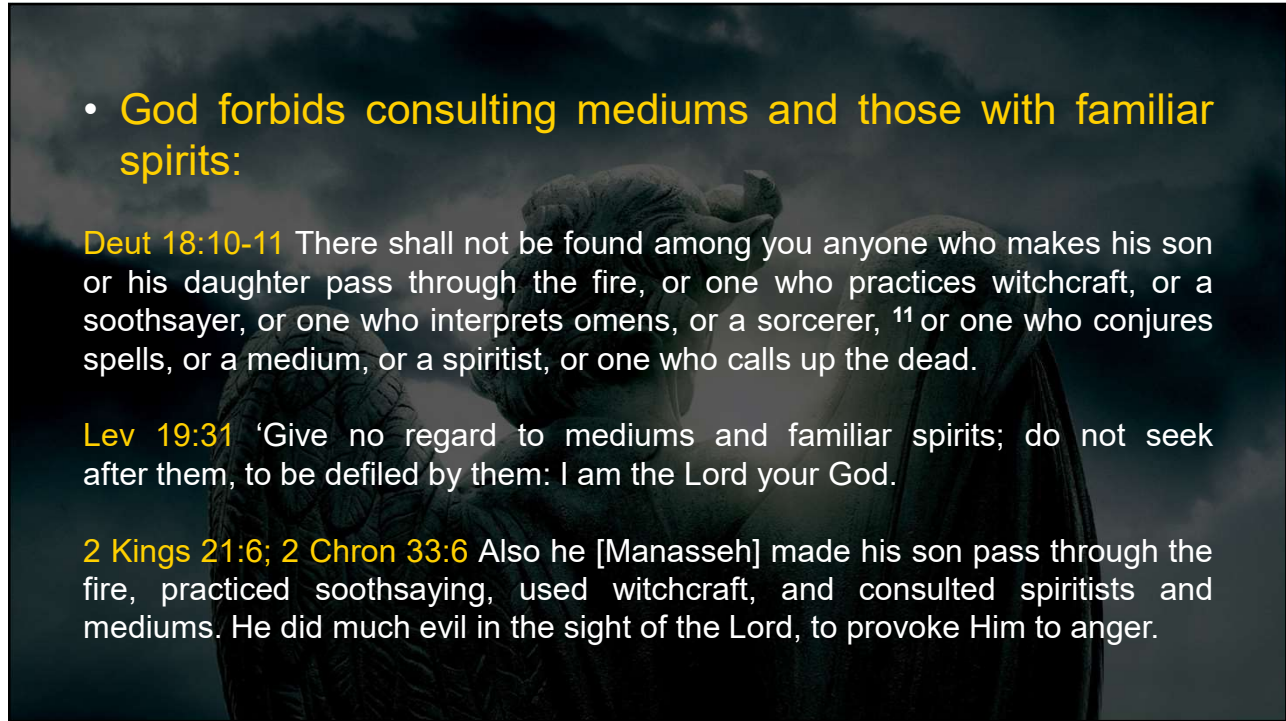
**Rev 13:13,15** He performs great signs, so that he even makes fire come down from heaven on the earth in the sight of men. ... <sup>15</sup> He was granted power to give breath to the image of the beast, that the image of the beast should both speak and cause as many as would not worship the image of the beast to be killed.

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**3. Spiritism =** making contact with the spirits of deceased humans

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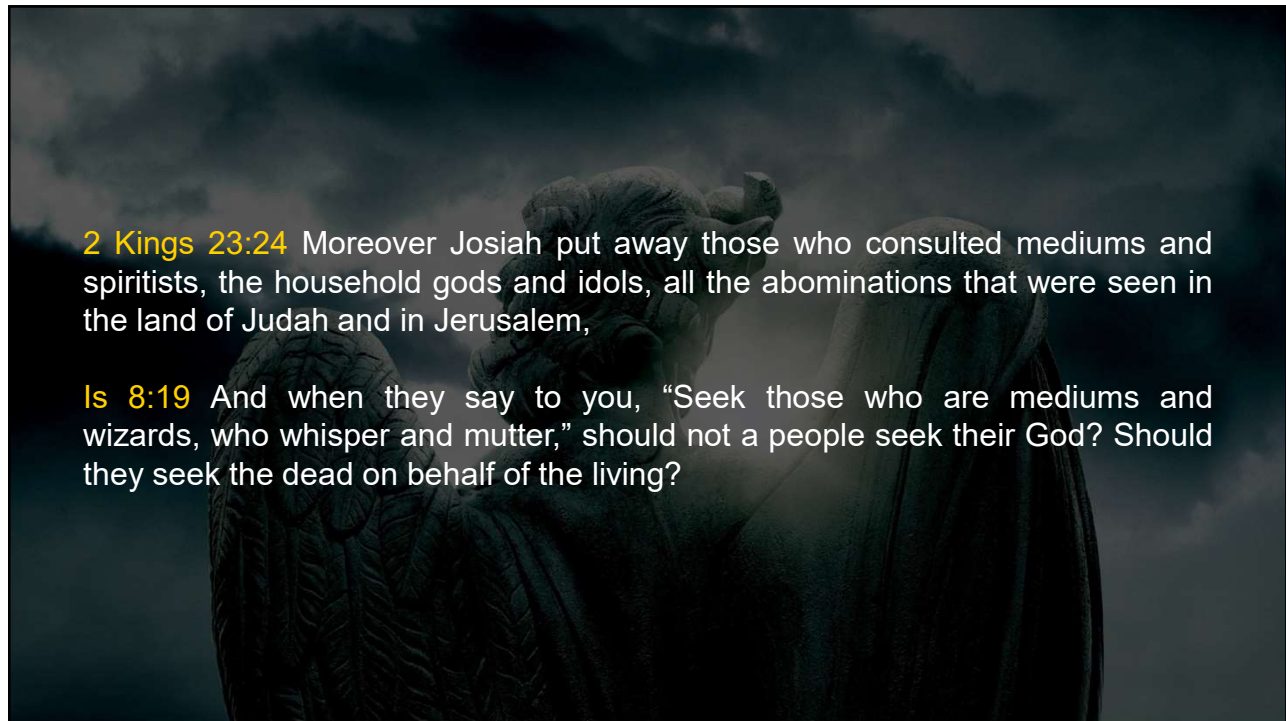
- **God forbids consulting mediums and those with familiar spirits:**

**Deut 18:10-11** 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, <sup>11</sup> or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead.

**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.

**2 Kings 21:6; 2 Chron 33:6** Also he [Manasseh] 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.

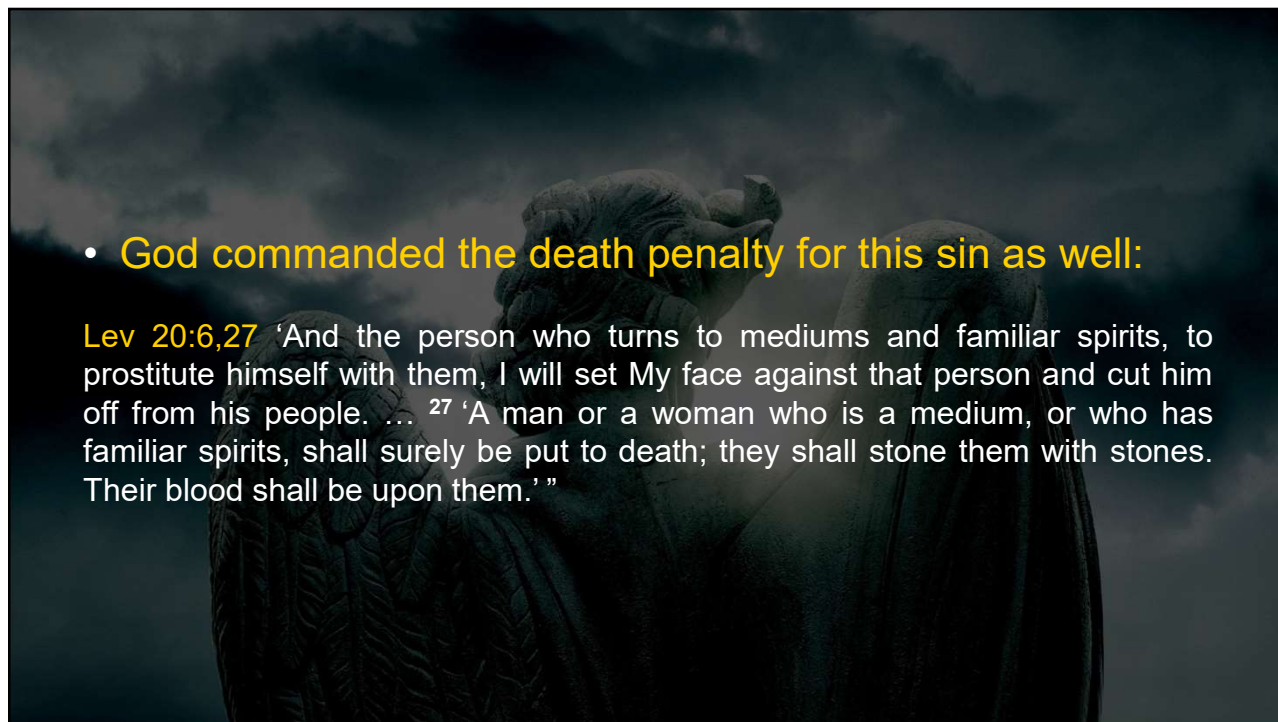
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**2 Kings 23:24** Moreover Josiah put away those who consulted mediums and spiritists, the household gods and idols, all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem,

**Is 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?

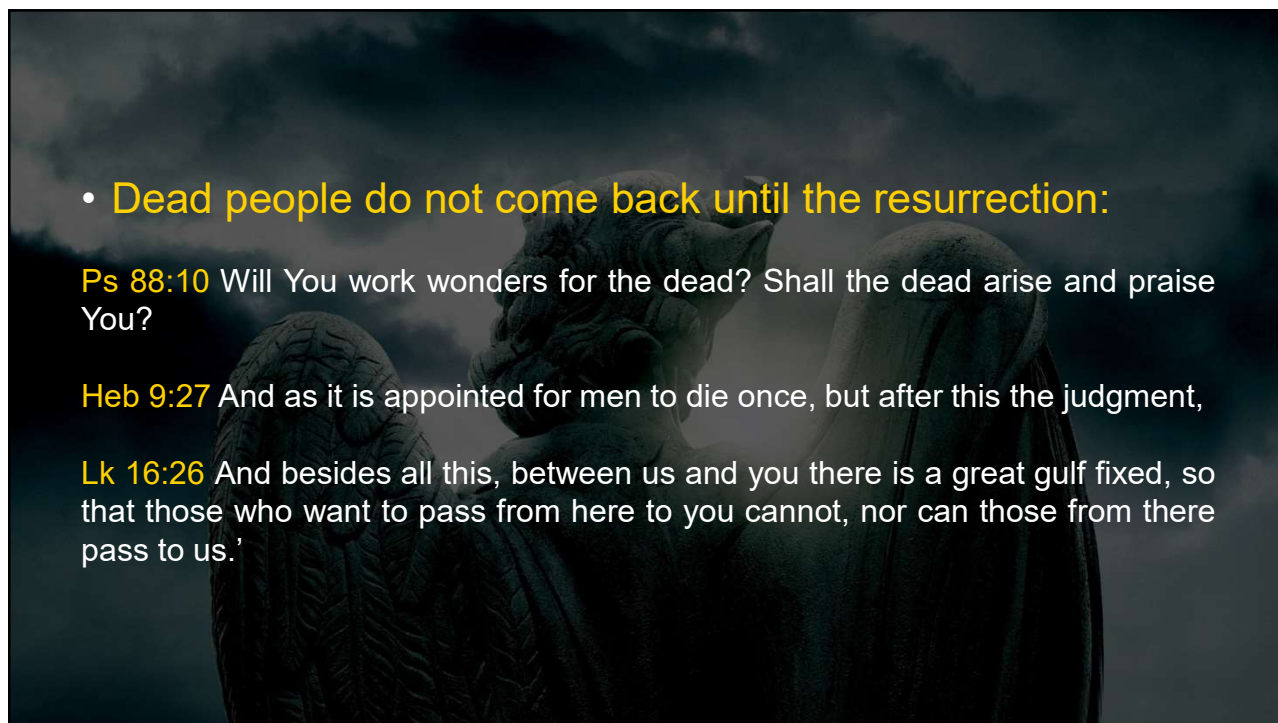
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- **God commanded the death penalty for this sin as well:**

**Lev 20:6,27** '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. ... <sup>27</sup> '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.' "

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- **Dead people do not come back until the resurrection:**

**Ps 88:10** Will You work wonders for the dead? Shall the dead arise and praise You?

**Heb 9:27** And as it is appointed for men to die once, but after this the judgment,

**Lk 16:26** And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.'

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Merrill Unger, *Demons in the World Today*, p. 38:

“Spiritistic phenomena may be conveniently divided into the following categories:

1. Physical phenomena: levitations, apports, and telekinesis
2. Psychic phenomena: spiritistic visions, automatic writing, speaking in a trance, materializations, table lifting, tumbler moving, excursions of the psyche
3. Metaphysical phenomena: apparitions, ghosts
4. Magic phenomena: magic persecution, magic defense
5. Cultic phenomena: spiritistic cults, spiritism among Christians”