

FAMILIAR SPIRITS

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Genuine witchcraft involved people who had a relationship with **familiar spirits** (demons). (This is because demons have supernatural power.)

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- **Leviticus 20:27:** "A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them."

Under the Mosaic Law, people weren't allowed to seek those who had **familiar spirits** (demons) and use their services. Those who did were cursed. (King Saul broke this commandment when he sought the witch at Endor.)

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- **Deuteronomy 18:10-11:** "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. Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer."

Under the Mosaic Law, people who had **familiar spirits** (demons) were to be put to death. (This is a reference to witchcraft.) People who have a relationship with demons, and who use that relationship to do supernatural things, are very dangerous.

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Under the Mosaic Law, it was an abomination for people to consult with **familiar spirits**.

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The pagan nations that lived in Canaan before the Israelites

conquered it had people who consulted with **familiar spirits**. (This is a reference to witchcraft.)

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During the reign of Saul, he removed from the land those who had **familiar spirits** (which was what the Mosaic Law required).

- **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."

When Saul asked the witch who had a **familiar spirit** (demon) to bring up a dead person so he could talk to him, she said that this would put her life at risk.

- **1 Samuel 28:8-9:** "And Saul disguised himself, and put on other raiment, and he went, and two men with him, and they came to the woman by night: and he said, I pray thee, divine unto me by the familiar spirit, and bring me him up, whom I shall name unto thee. 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?"

Manasseh dealt with **familiar spirits** (demons).

- **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."

The reason Josiah put away those who worked with **familiar spirits** (demons) was so that he might obey the words of the book of the Mosaic Law.

- **2 Kings 23:24:** "Moreover the workers with familiar spirits, and the wizards, and the images, and the idols, and all the abominations that were spied in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, did Josiah put away, 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."

It's wrong to seek messages from those who have **familiar spirits** (demons). (Going to demons for instruction is a *very bad idea*.)

- **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?"

God said that when He came to Egypt, people would seek those who had relationships with **familiar spirits** (demons).

- **Isaiah 19:1, 3:** "The burden of Egypt. Behold, the Lord rideth upon a swift cloud, and shall come into Egypt: and the idols of Egypt shall be moved at his presence, and the

heart of Egypt shall melt in the midst of it. ... And the spirit of Egypt shall fail in the midst thereof; and I will destroy the counsel thereof: and they shall seek to the idols, and to the charmers, and to them that have familiar spirits, and to the wizards."