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Isaac was **familiar** with burnt offerings (even though he lived hundreds of years before God gave the Mosaic Law).

- **Genesis 22:7:** "And Isaac spake unto Abraham his father, and said, My father: and he said, Here am I, my son. And he said, Behold the fire and the wood: but where is the lamb for a burnt offering?"

Under the Mosaic Law, witchcraft was demonic. It involved a person who had a relationship with a **familiar** spirit (a demon).

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Under the Mosaic Law, people weren't allowed to give any heed to those who had **familiar** spirits (demons). They were forbidden from going to them for help (which was what Saul did when he went to the witch at Endor).

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Under the Mosaic Law, people who had a relationship with **familiar** spirits (demons) were to be put to death. (This is a reference to witchcraft.)

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Moses was **familiar** with bees.

- **Deuteronomy 1:44:** "And the Amorites, which dwelt in that mountain, came out against you, and chased you, as bees do, and destroyed you in Seir, even unto Hormah."

The nations who lived in Canaan before the Israelites conquered it had people who consulted with **familiar** spirits. (This was a type of witchcraft.) That was an abomination to God.

- **Deuteronomy 18:9-12:** "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. 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. 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."

Jephthah was very **familiar** with Israel's history.

- **Judges 11:14-16, 21-23:** "And Jephthah sent messengers again unto the king of the children of Ammon: And said unto him, Thus saith Jephthah, Israel took not away the land of Moab, nor the land of the children of Ammon: But when Israel came up from Egypt, and walked through the wilderness unto the Red sea, and came to Kadesh; ... And the Lord God of Israel delivered Sihon and all his people into the hand of Israel, and they smote them: so Israel possessed all the land of the Amorites, the inhabitants of that country. And they possessed all the coasts of the Amorites, from Arnon even unto Jabbok, and from the wilderness even unto Jordan. So now the Lord God of Israel hath dispossessed the Amorites from before his people Israel, and shouldest thou possess it?"

It seems the Philistines weren't **familiar** with the Mosaic Law. (They transported the Ark of the Covenant back to Israel on an ox cart, which was a direct violation of what God commanded.)

- **1 Samuel 6:7-8:** "Now therefore make a new cart, and take two milch kine, on which there hath come no yoke, and tie the kine to the cart, and bring their calves home from them: And take the ark of the Lord, and lay it upon the cart; and put the jewels of gold, which ye return him

for a trespass offering, in a coffer by the side thereof; and send it away, that it may go."

During Saul's reign, he removed from Israel 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 his servants to find him someone who had a relationship with **familiar** spirit (a demon), they told him about the witch at Endor.

- **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."

Saul believed the witch who had a **familiar** spirit could enable him to talk to dead people. (He wasn't wrong.)

- **1 Samuel 28:8:** "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."

The city watchmen was **familiar** with Ahimaaz (someone who was famous for bringing good news). He told David that he

recognized the way that he ran.

- **2 Samuel 18:27:** "And the watchman said, Me thinketh the running of the foremost is like the running of Ahimaaz the son of Zadok. And the king said, He is a good man, and cometh with good tidings."

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."
- **2 Chronicles 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."

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 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."

One of the reasons God killed Saul was because he inquired of a **familiar** spirit (demon).

- **1 Chronicles 10:13:** "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;"

When Satan presented himself before God and He asked if he had considered Job, it seems Satan was indeed **familiar** with him.

- **Job 1:8-10:** "And the Lord said unto Satan, Hast thou considered my servant Job, that there is none like him in the earth, a perfect and an upright man, one that feareth God, and escheweth evil? Then Satan answered the Lord, and said, Doth Job fear God for nought? Hast not thou made an hedge about him, and about his house, and about all that he hath on every side? thou hast blessed the work of his hands, and his substance is increased in the land."

Job was **familiar** with giants. (It seems they were known for moving quickly.)

- **Job 16:14:** "He breaketh me with breach upon breach, he runneth upon me like a giant."

Job was **familiar** with the story of Adam and Eve.

- **Job 31:33:** "If I covered my transgressions as Adam, by hiding mine iniquity in my bosom:"

Job was **familiar** with the behemoth (which was a type of dinosaur). God said the animal still existed during his time.

- **Job 40:15:** "Behold now behemoth, which I made with thee; he eateth grass as an ox."

Job was **familiar** with the leviathan (a dragon). He knew how impossible it was to defeat.

- **Job 41:1:** "Canst thou draw out leviathan with an hook? or his tongue with a cord which thou lettest down?"

God used the leviathan (an animal Job was **familiar** with) to illustrate His greatness and power in a way that was easy to understand. If Job was completely unable to fight the leviathan (which was one of God's creatures), then God was even more out of reach.

- **Job 41:10:** "None is so fierce that dare stir him up: who then is able to stand before me?"

The psalmist was **familiar** with dragons.

- **Psalm 44:19:** "Though thou hast sore broken us in the place of dragons, and covered us with the shadow of death."

Asaph was **familiar** with dragons. (Both Asaph and the book of Job describe them as being aquatic animals.)

- **Psalm 74:13:** "Thou didst divide the sea by thy strength: thou brakest the heads of the dragons in the waters."

Asaph was **familiar** with leviathan.

- **Psalm 74:14:** "Thou brakest the heads of leviathan in pieces, and gavest him to be meat to the people inhabiting the wilderness."

It's wrong to seek messages from those who have **familiar** spirits (demons). (Instead we should seek God, and what He has to tell us.)

- **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?"

When the Lord arrived in Egypt, people would seek after those who had relationships with **familiar** spirits (demons).

- **Isaiah 19:3:** "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."

Some people who have a **familiar** spirit (demon) can speak. (However, it seems that their speech is abnormal.)

- **Isaiah 29:4:** "And thou shalt be brought down, and shalt speak out of the ground, and thy speech shall be low out of the dust, and thy voice shall be, as of one that hath a familiar spirit, out of the ground, and thy speech shall whisper out of the dust."

Jeremiah was **familiar** with dragons.

- **Jeremiah 14:6:** "And the wild asses did stand in the high places, they snuffed up the wind like dragons; their eyes did fail, because there was no grass."

Nebuchadnezzar was **familiar** with Jeremiah. The king wanted him to be treated favorably.

- **Jeremiah 39:11-12:** "Now Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon gave charge concerning Jeremiah to Nebuzaradan the captain of the guard, saying, Take him, and look well to him, and do him no harm; but do unto him even as he shall say unto thee."

Nebuzaradan was **familiar** with the fact that God had pronounced evil upon Judah and Jerusalem. It seems he had heard the words of the prophets.

- **Jeremiah 40:2-3:** "And the captain of the guard took Jeremiah, and said unto him, The LORD thy God hath pronounced this evil upon this place. Now the LORD hath brought it, and done according as he hath said: because ye have sinned against the LORD, and have not obeyed his voice, therefore this thing is come upon you."

God was **familiar** with the Edomites, and knew about their pride. (The sins of nations aren't hidden from God.)

- **Obadiah 1:1-3:** "The vision of Obadiah. Thus saith the Lord God concerning Edom; We have heard a rumour from the Lord, and an ambassador is sent among the heathen, Arise ye, and let us rise up against her in battle. Behold, I have made thee small among the heathen: thou art greatly despised. The pride of thine heart hath

deceived thee, thou that dwellest in the clefts of the rock, whose habitation is high; that saith in his heart, Who shall bring me down to the ground?"

The priests who Haggai spoke to were **familiar** with the Mosaic Law. They knew the answer to his question about holiness. (If something unclean touches something that's holy, it doesn't purify the thing that's unclean. Instead it pollutes the thing that's holy.)

- **Haggai 2:11-12:** "Thus saith the Lord of hosts; Ask now the priests concerning the law, saying, If one bear holy flesh in the skirt of his garment, and with his skirt do touch bread, or pottage, or wine, or oil, or any meat, shall it be holy? And the priests answered and said, No."

Jesus was **familiar** with Messianic prophecies. (He knew it was written that His disciples would flee when He was arrested.)

- **Matthew 26:31:** "Then saith Jesus unto them, All ye shall be offended because of me this night: for it is written, I will smite the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock shall be scattered abroad."

Jesus knew the rich young ruler who ran to Him seeking eternal life was **familiar** with God's commandments.

- **Mark 10:17, 19:** "And when he was gone forth into the way, there came one running, and kneeled to him, and asked him, Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life? ... Thou knowest the commandments, Do not commit adultery, Do not kill, Do not steal, Do not bear

false witness, Defraud not, Honour thy father and mother."

Jesus was **familiar** with the book of Isaiah.

- **Luke 4:17:** "And there was delivered unto him the book of the prophet Esaias. And when he had opened the book, he found the place where it was written,"

Some of the Jews were **familiar** with the miracles of Jesus.

- **John 11:37:** "And some of them said, Could not this man, which opened the eyes of the blind, have caused that even this man should not have died?"

When Judas went to betray Jesus, He didn't try to hide or flee. Instead Jesus went to a familiar place.

- **John 18:2:** "And Judas also, which betrayed him, knew the place: for Jesus oftentimes resorted thither with his disciples."

Felix was **familiar** with the doctrines and teachings of Christianity.

- **Acts 24:22:** "And when Felix heard these things, having more perfect knowledge of that way, he deferred them, and said, When Lysias the chief captain shall come down, I will know the uttermost of your matter."

Paul was **familiar** with the words of Isaiah.

- **Acts 28:25-27:** "And when they agreed not among themselves, they departed, after that Paul had spoken one word, Well spake the Holy Ghost by Esaias the prophet unto our fathers, Saying, Go unto this people, and say, Hearing ye shall hear, and shall not understand; and seeing ye shall see, and not perceive: For the heart of this people is waxed gross, and their ears are dull of hearing, and their eyes have they closed; lest they should see with their eyes, and hear with their ears, and understand with their heart, and should be converted, and I should heal them."

Paul's letter to the Romans was written to people who were **familiar** with the Mosaic Law.

- **Romans 7:1:** "Know ye not, brethren, (for I speak to them that know the law,) how that the law hath dominion over a man as long as he liveth?"

Paul taught that the Corinthian church should be **familiar** with the story of the Exodus.

- **1 Corinthians 10:1:** "Moreover, brethren, I would not that ye should be ignorant, how that all our fathers were under the cloud, and all passed through the sea;"

The Philippian church already knew about Timothy. They were **familiar** with him.

- **Philippians 2:19, 22:** "But I trust in the Lord Jesus to send Timotheus shortly unto you, that I also may be of good comfort, when I know your state. ... But ye know the proof of him, that, as a son with the father, he hath

served with me in the gospel."

Jesus is very **familiar** with the churches of this world. (In this passage, the seven golden candlesticks are symbolic of the churches. Who is walking in their midst? Jesus.)

- **Revelation 1:20:** "The mystery of the seven stars which thou sawest in my right hand, and the seven golden candlesticks. The seven stars are the angels of the seven churches: and the seven candlesticks which thou sawest are the seven churches."
- **Revelation 2:1:** "Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;"