**Witchcraft/Magic**

**The Bible has a lot to say about witchcraft. Witchcraft and its many cousins, such as fortune-telling and necromancy, are Satan’s counterfeits to holy spirituality. The Bible expressly condemns all forms of witchcraft. Since early times, people have sought supernatural experiences God did not endorse. Let’s see what the bible specifically says:**

[**Leviticus 19:31**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+19%3A31&version=ESV) **“Do not turn to mediums or necromancers; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them: I am the Lord your God.**

[**Exodus 22:18**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Exodus+22%3A18&version=ESV) **“You shall not permit a sorceress to live.**

[**Leviticus 20:27**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+20%3A27&version=ESV) **“A man or a woman who is a medium or a necromancer shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones; their blood shall be upon them.”**

[**Deuteronomy 18:9-12**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+18%3A9-12&version=ESV) **“When you come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations. There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer or a charmer or a medium or a necromancer or one who inquires of the dead, for whoever does these things is an abomination to the Lord. And because of these abominations the Lord your God is driving them out before you.**

[**Leviticus 20:6**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+20%3A6&version=ESV) **“If a person turns to mediums and necromancers, whoring after them, I will set my face against that person and will cut him off from among his people.**

[**Galatians 5:19-21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A19-21&version=ESV) **Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

[**Revelation 21:8**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+21%3A8&version=ESV) **But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the detestable, as for murderers, the sexually immoral, sorcerers, idolaters, and all liars, their portion will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death.”**

[**Isaiah 8:19**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+8%3A19&version=ESV) **And when they say to you, “Inquire of the mediums and the necromancers who chirp and mutter,” should not a people inquire of their God? Should they inquire of the dead on behalf of the living?**

[**Deuteronomy 18:10**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Deuteronomy+18%3A10&version=ESV) **There shall not be found among you anyone who burns his son or his daughter as an offering, anyone who practices divination or tells fortunes or interprets omens, or a sorcerer**

[**2 Chronicles 33:6**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Chronicles+33%3A6&version=ESV) **And he burned his sons as an offering in the Valley of the Son of Hinnom, and used fortune-telling and omens and sorcery, and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger.**

[**1 Samuel 15:23**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Samuel+15%3A23&version=ESV) **For rebellion is as the sin of divination, and presumption is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has also rejected you from being king.”**

[**Galatians 5:20-21**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A20-21&version=ESV) **Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.**

[**Revelation 22:15**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Revelation+22%3A15&version=ESV) **Outside are the dogs and sorcerers and the sexually immoral and murderers and idolaters, and everyone who loves and practices falsehood.**

[**1 Chronicles 10:13-14**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=1+Chronicles+10%3A13-14&version=ESV) **So Saul died for his breach of faith. He broke faith with the Lord in that he did not keep the command of the Lord, and also consulted a medium, seeking guidance. He did not seek guidance from the Lord. Therefore the Lord put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David the son of Jesse.**

[**Acts 19:19**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Acts+19%3A19&version=ESV) **And a number of those who had practiced magic arts brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted the value of them and found it came to fifty thousand pieces of silver.**

[**2 Kings 21:6**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Kings+21%3A6&version=ESV) **And he burned his son as an offering and used fortune-telling and omens and dealt with mediums and with necromancers. He did much evil in the sight of the Lord, provoking him to anger.**

[**Isaiah 47:8-14**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+47%3A8-14&version=ESV) **Now therefore hear this, you lover of pleasures, who sit securely, who say in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me; I shall not sit as a widow or know the loss of children”: These two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day; the loss of children and widowhood shall come upon you in full measure, in spite of your many sorceries and the great power of your enchantments. You felt secure in your wickedness, you said, “No one sees me”; your wisdom and your knowledge led you astray, and you said in your heart, “I am, and there is no one besides me.” But evil shall come upon you, which you will not know how to charm away; disaster shall fall upon you, for which you will not be able to atone; and ruin shall come upon you suddenly, of which you know nothing. Stand fast in your enchantments and your many sorceries, with which you have labored from your youth; perhaps you may be able to succeed; perhaps you may inspire terror. ...**

[**Galatians 5:20**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Galatians+5%3A20&version=ESV) **Idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions,**

[**Isaiah 19:3**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Isaiah+19%3A3&version=ESV) **And the spirit of the Egyptians within them will be emptied out, and I will confound their counsel; and they will inquire of the idols and the sorcerers, and the mediums and the necromancers;**

[**Micah 5:12**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Micah+5%3A12&version=ESV) **And I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no more tellers of fortunes;**

[**2 Kings 23:24**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=2+Kings+23%3A24&version=ESV) **Moreover, Josiah put away the mediums and the necromancers and the household gods and the idols and all the abominations that were seen in the land of Judah and in Jerusalem, that he might establish the words of the law that were written in the book that Hilkiah the priest found in the house of the Lord.**

[**Leviticus 19:26**](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Leviticus+19%3A26&version=ESV) **“You shall not eat any flesh with the blood in it. You shall not interpret omens or tell fortunes.**