

Twelve Forbidden Practices

Enchantments--practice of magical arts (Ex. 7:11,22; 8:7,18; Lev. 19:26; Dt. 18:10; 2Chr. 33:6; 2Ki. 17:17; 21:6; Isa. 47:9,12; Jer. 27:9; Dan. 1:20)

Witchcraft--practice of dealing with evil spirits (Ex. 22:18; Dt. 18:10; 1Sam. 15:23; 2Chr. 33:6; 2Ki. 9:22; Mic. 5:12; Nah. 3:4; Gal. 5:19-21)

Sorcery--same as witchcraft (Ex. 7:11; Isa. 47:9,12; 57:3; Jer. 27:9; Dan. 2:2; Mal. 3:5; Acts 8:9-11; 13:6-8 Rev. 9:21; 18:23; 21:8; 22:15)

Soothsaying--same as witchcraft (Isa. 2:6; Dan. 2:27; 4:7; 5:7,11; Mic. 5:12)

Divination--the art of mystic insight or fortunetelling (Num. 22:7; 23:23; Dt. 18:10-14 2Ki. 17:17; 1Sam. 6:2; Jer. 14:14; 27:9; 29:8; Ezek. 12:24; 13:6-7,23; 21:22-29; 22:28; Mic. 3:7; Zech. 10:2; Acts 16:16)

Wizardry--same as witchcraft. A wizard is a male and a witch is a female who practices witchcraft. Both were to be destroyed in Israel (Ex. 22:18; Lev. 19:31; 20:6,27; Dt. 18:11; 1Sam. 28:3,9; 2Ki. 21:6; 23:24; 2Chr. 33:6; Isa. 19:3)

Necromancy--divination by means of pretended communication with the dead (Dt. 18:11; Isa. 8:19; 1Sam. 28; 1Chr. 10:13)

Magic--any pretended supernatural art or practice (Gen. 41:8,24; Ex. 7:11,22; 8:7,18-19; 9:11; Dan. 1:20; 2:2,10,27; 4:7,9; 5:11; Acts 19:19)

Charm--to put a spell upon (same as enchantment, Dt. 18:11; Isa. 19:3)

Prognostication--to foretell by indications, omens, signs, etc. (Isa. 47:13)

Observing times--same as prognostication (Lev. 19:26; Dt. 18:10; 2Ki. 21:6; 2Chr. 33:6)

Astrology and star gazing--divination by stars (Isa. 47:13; Jer. 10:2; Dan. 1:20; 2:2,10; 4:7; 5:7-15)

All the above practices were and still are carried on in connection with demons, called familiar spirits. All who forsook God and sought help from these demons were to be destroyed (Lev. 19:31; 20:6; Dt. 18:11; 1Sam. 28; 2Ki. 21:6; 23:24; 1Chr. 10:13; 2Chr. 33:6; Isa. 8:19; 19:3; 29:4. See 1Tim. 4:1-8 2Th. 2:8-12 Mt. 24:24; Rev. 13; 16:13-16; 19:20). Luke 12:29