

# Witchcraft: Public Enemy No. 1

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### I. Introduction

- A. Three words for aspects of satanic power
  - 1. *Divination* (fortune-telling): operates by revelation
  - 2. *Sorcery*: operates through objects causing physical results
  - 3. *Witchcraft*: is essentially a *dominating* force
- B. Soulful realm is different from the spiritual
  - 1. 1 Cor. 2:14—Soulful man can't receive things of God
  - 2. James 3:14–15—Earthly, soulful, *demonic* wisdom
    - a. Human manipulation of others is soulful
    - b. Danger of coming under the influence of witchcraft

### II. Witchcraft In The U.S. Today

- A. Two kinds of witches
  - 1. Knowing
  - 2. Unknowing
    - Derek's examples of unknown witches
- B. Witchcraft is the number one homebreaker in the world
  - 1. Broken homes are in direct proportion to witchcraft in U.S.
  - 2. Many men fail in two spiritual responsibilities
    - a. In the home and in the work of the Lord (church)
    - b. Greatest single problem threatening the U.S.
  - 3. In U.S., women dominate the home and the church
  - 4. Power of witchcraft holds men down spiritually
- C. Political influence of witchcraft
  - 1. Two streams in U.S.: God's truth vs. Satan's counterfeit
  - 2. Example of Abraham Lincoln's contact with spiritualism—The curse over the White House and the presidency

### III. Brief Picture Of Witchcraft In Scriptures

- A. Acts 8:5–24—Philip in Samaria and Simon the sorcerer
  - 1. v. 10–11—Samaria was controlled by witchcraft
  - 2. Conflict: powers of witchcraft vs. deliverance ministry
- B. Acts 13:6–11—Paul and Barnabas vs. Elymas the sorcerer
  - 1. v. 7—Occult people try to get near political power and authority
  - 2. v. 8—They seek to hinder the preaching of the truth
  - 3. v. 10—Paul's strong language to the sorcerer
- C. Acts 16:16–18—Paul and Silas in Philippi
  - 1. Spirit of python (divination) in the girl
  - 2. v. 17—Two things to notice about what she said
  - 3. Significance of the uproar caused by deliverance
- D. Acts 19:11–19—Paul and people of Ephesus
  - 1. v. 12—Evil spirits and physical disease are interrelated
  - 2. v. 13–16—The defeat of the Jewish exorcists
  - 3. v. 18–19—Burning of occult books: needed in most homes
    - Deut. 7:26—Warning of “the cursed thing” in a home

- E. Gal. 1:6–9—Galatians believe a false gospel
- F. Gal. 3:1—This put them under the power of witchcraft
- G. The evidence for their bewitchment—v. 10: They observed times (astrology and horoscopes)
- H. 2 Tim. 3:6–9—False teachers who deceive and seduce
  1. Comparison to Jannes and Jambres: Egyptian magicians
  2. v. 9—Open conflict between forces of Satan and Christ
- I. 2 Tim. 3:13—Seducers (magicians) will get worse

#### **IV. Old Testament Examples Of Occult Power**

- A. Exodus 7–8—Moses vs. the Pharaoh’s magicians
  1. The move of God is opposed by Satan through occult power
  2. Satan’s servants can mimic the supernatural power of God
  3. Satan’s final resistance of Israel’s exodus: occult power
- B. Num. 22–24—Balak, Kings of Moab and Balaam the magician
- C. 1 Kings 18—Elijah vs. the 850 prophets of Baal
  1. Elijah’s presence restrained the power of Satan
  2. Rev. 13:13—Fire from heaven by false prophet’s power
- D. Old and New Testament: Satan opposes God’s key plans with occult power
- E. Two cities of witchcraft: Nineveh and Babylon
  1. Nahum 3:4—Nineveh, a center of witchcraft—Witchcraft sells nations and families to Satan
  2. Is. 47:1–14—Babylon also a center for Satan’s power
  3. Rev. 18:1–24—Babylon: New Testament symbol of the false Church
  4. Conflict coming between true church and false church

#### **V. The Epitome Of Witchcraft: Jezebel**

- A. Mentioned 7 times in Old Testament, 1 time in New Testament
  1. 1 Kings 16:30–31—Jezebel’s influence over King Ahab
  2. 1 Kings 18:4—She cut off the prophets of the Lord
  3. 1 Kings 19:2–3—She caused even Elijah to fear
  4. 1 Kings 21:5–16—She procured the death of Naboth
  5. 1 Kings 21:25–26—Her evil domination of Ahab
  6. 1 Kings 9:22—Jezebel was a harlot and a witch
  7. 1 Kings 9:30–31—She tried to dominate Jehu
- B. 1 Sam. 15:23—Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft
- C. A witch will never genuinely submit to her husband