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**Divination
Mediums
Familiar Spirits
Wizards**

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Divination, Mediums, Familiar Spirits, and Wizards.

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DIVINATION

Divination: means to determine by lot, a magical scroll or by an oracle (prophecy, vision, or prediction), something that brings a reward of some kind, by implication it can refer to

- A divine sentence.
- A soothsayer (somebody telling or predicting the future).

It carries the idea of seeking knowledge by supernatural means; the methods or practice of attempting to foretell the future or discovering the unknown through omens, oracles, or supernatural powers or premonition meaning, a feeling of foreboding about something that is going to happen.

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MEDIUMS, FAMILIAR SPIRITS, AND WIZARDS

Translations concerning occultic practices in the English Standard Bible compared with translations in the King James Bible.

You shall Not Seek after Mediums and Wizards.

- **Leviticus 19:31:** "Do not turn to mediums (familiar spirits in KJV) or wizards; do not seek them out, and so make yourselves unclean by them (to be defiled by them in KJV): I am the LORD your God.

Mediums (familiar spirits in KJV): the expression, "familiar spirits," is thought to have originated from the ability of ventriloquists to project and speak with different voices. It was and still is believed that:

- Spirits indwelt human bodies and used their voice to speak.
- Those who practised this craft were visited by an invisible spirit that was subject to their call to give them supernatural information.
- The spirits dwelling in the invisible world inhabited the bodies of those who practised this craft and enabled them to foretell things to come and reveal secret mysteries concerning a person's life.

Those who believe they have communication with spirits dwelling in the invisible world, and can communicate with them and thereby foretell the future fate of those who come to them are either spiritual religious imposters and pretenders, or truly deceived.

Wizards: is a word that carries the idea of cunningly knowing. In the context of (Lev. 19:31) it refers to cunning people that claim to have mystical and secret knowledge and the ability to foretell events that will come to pass in a person's life and tell them their fortunes (good or bad) and what will befall them in the afterlife. According to ancient tradition, these wizards ate or drank certain mixtures of herbs or surrounded themselves with burning incense, that produced fumes which sent them off into a mental trance, and then while in this state of heightened ecstasy foretold future events. The word wizard is another name that expresses the same things as a charmer, necromancer and medium and those who practise divination, but with differing manners of operation.

A MEDIUM AND FAMILIAR SPIRIT

- **Leviticus 20:27:** A man or a woman who is a medium (hath a familiar spirit in KJV) or a wizard shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones; their blood shall be upon them."

Here a medium is a person with a familiar spirit, it was supposed that those who practised this craft were visited by an invisible spirit who was subject to their call to give them supernatural information and the ability to foretell secret mysteries concerning a person's life and future things to come.

DIVINATION, ENCHANTER, SORCERER, MEDIUM, WIZARD AND NECROMANCER.

- **Deuteronomy 18:10-12:** 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 (observer of times KJV), or interprets omens, (enchanter in KJV) or a sorcerer (witch in KJV) ¹¹or a charmer or a medium or a wizard (consultant with familiar spirits in KJV) or a necromancer, ¹²for 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. (Deut. 18:10-12).

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Here, the titles: divination, enchanter, sorcerer, medium, wizard and necromancer all stem from the same family, since they all involve, having the ability to mystically speak of secret events, or predict future things to come concerning a person's life or of the world in general by the following three abominations:

1. Contacting mystical spirits that communicate to them (usually while they are in a trance like state).
2. Contacting the spirits of the departed, especially of a departed loved one.
3. Observing the heavens, the stars and various objects or events that are considered lucky or unlucky (i.e., a Roman general believed his army would have victory in battle, because an eagle with a twig in its mouth flew over the armies of his enemies and dropped the twig over them).

The one thing that those who practice divination and those who are referred to as an enchanter, sorcerer, medium, wizard or necromancer all have in common is that they are not speaking from the inspiration of God's Spirit, but speaking from:

- A mental trancelike state often induced by some form of drug or the fumes of incense.

- A heightened state of mental ecstasy brought on by meditation
- A strong belief that one has contact with spirits that dwell in a totally different realm to mortal mankind.

God's law clearly cautions the people of Israel that whoever seeks after those who claim to communicate with spirits would be stoned.

- **Leviticus 20:27:** A man or a woman who is a medium or a wizard shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones; their blood shall be upon them."
- **Deuteronomy 18:10-11:** 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 ¹¹or a charmer or a medium or a wizard or a necromancer, ¹²for whoever does these things is an abomination to the LORD.

Those who trust in the words and predictions of a medium, or a wizard and those who practice divination, fortunetelling, interpreting omens and a sorcerer, charmer, or necromancer, and believe it to be the word of some divine spirit and trust and expect what has been said will come to pass according to the words and predictions spoken are according the law, guilty of gross sin, and bring judgment upon themselves. Everyone who confesses to believe in God, that has any part of any one of these practises not only manifest their total lack of faith and trust in God, but also make themselves an extreme offense to Him.

MEDIUM AND WIZARDS SHALL SURELY BE PUT TO DEATH

- **Leviticus 20:27:** "A man or a woman who is a medium (familiar spirit in KJV) or a wizard shall surely be put to death. They shall be stoned with stones; their blood shall be upon them."

Mediums (familiar spirit in KJV) and wizards: generally, speaking carries the idea of "a knowing one," and refers to the following two groups of people:

1. Those who claim to have a great amount of supernatural and secret knowledge and mystical or psychic insights of things concerning future events concerning a person's life and their destiny.
2. Those who claim to be gifted with the ability to contact departed spirits, especially a loved one of the customers paying for their services.

Many of these deceivers impose upon person who has paid for their services a false prediction, or future promise, and thereby cheat them out of their money that they have given them for personal supernatural information concerning themselves and their future life.

NOTE: following are the two types of men and woman that practise these deceptive arts:

1. Those who truly believe they have physic powers to receive supernatural knowledge from a spiritual world, and who truly believe they can contact departed spirits (i.e., the art of necromancy).
2. Those who knowingly pretend to have these powers and skilfully deceive others for fame, renown, and worldly riches.

A man or woman: who believes they can, or pretends they can disclose future events by means of wizardry, a familiar spirit and necromancy, and thereby usurping the gifts of God, are to be stoned to death. The woman mentioned in (Lev. 20:27) is probably mentioned for the following two reasons:

1. In ancient times these sorts of practices were more frequently committed by women than men. (1 Sam. 28:7) (Acts 16:16)
2. Men tend to show more mercy towards the female sex, and therefore naturally find it difficult to condemn them to death. This is most likely why Scripture says, "You shall not suffer a witch to live." (Exod. 22:18), meaning you shall not feel any mercy or sorrow in condemning such a woman to live.

TRANSLATIONS IN ENGLISH STANDARD AND KING JAMES BIBLE

Following are translations of the English Standard Bible compared with translations of King James Bible.

Medium: in the English Standard Bible, and in the King James Bible, is translated:

- Familiar spirit. (Lev. 20:27) (1 Sam. 28:3, 7, 9) (2 Kings 21:6).

Wizard: in the English Standard Bible, and in the King James Bible, is translated:

- Wizard. (Lev. 20:27).
- Consultant with familiar spirits. (Deut. 18:10-12).
- Wizards (2 Kings 21:6).

Tells fortunes: in the English Standard Bible, and in the King James Bible, is translated:

- Observer of times. (Deut. 18:10-12).

Interprets omens: in the English Standard Bible, and in the King James Bible, is translated to:

- Enchanter. (Deut. 18:10-12).

Sorcerer: in the English Standard Bible, and in the King James Bible, is translated:

- Witch. (Deut. 18:10-12).

Necromancers: in the English Standard Bible, and in the King James Bible, is translated:

- Wizards. (1 Sam. 28:3, 9).

Fortune-telling: in the English Standard Bible, and in the King James Bible, is translated:

- Observed times. (2 Kings 21:6).

Omens: in the English Standard Bible, and in the King James Bible, is translated:

- Enchantments. (2 Kings 21:6).

SUMMARY: translations of English Standard Bible compared with translations of King James Bible.

ESB	KJB.
Fortune-telling	Observed times.
Interprets omens	Enchanter.

Medium	Familiar spirit.
Necromancers	Wizards.
Omens	Enchantments.
Sorcerer	Witch.
Tells fortunes	Observer of times.
Wizard	Wizard, and consultant with familiar spirits.

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