

# Scripture References for Familiar Spirits

## **1 Timothy 4:1-3**

1 Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils;

2 Speaking lies in hypocrisy; having their conscience seared with a hot iron;

3 Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth.

## **Leviticus 19:31**

31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I am the Lord your God.

## **Leviticus 20:6**

6 And the soul that turneth after such as have familiar spirits, and after wizards, to go a whoring after them, I will even set my face against that soul, and will cut him off from among his people.

## **Leviticus 20:27**

27 A man also or woman that hath a familiar spirit, or that is a wizard, shall surely be put to death: they shall stone them with stones: their blood shall be upon them.

## **1 Samuel 28:7-9**

7 Then said Saul unto his servants, seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and inquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

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.

9 And the woman said unto him, behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

## **Isaiah 8:19**

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?

## **Isaiah 19:3**

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.

## **Isaiah 29:4**

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.

### **Deuteronomy 18:9-14**

9 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.

10 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,

11 Or a charmer, or a consulter with familiar spirits, or a wizard, or a necromancer.

12 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.

13 Thou shalt be perfect with the Lord thy God.

14 For these nations, which thou shalt possess, hearkened unto observers of times, and unto diviners: but as for thee, the Lord thy God hath not suffered thee so to do.

### **2 Kings 21:6**

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 Kings 23:24**

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 Hilkiyah the priest found in the house of the Lord.

### **1 Chronicles 10:13-14**

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 inquire of it;

14 And inquired not of the Lord: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

### **2 Chronicles 33:6**

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.

### **Familiar Spirits**

Hebrew *owb*: a mumble as from a water skin because of it's hollow sound; a bottle; a necromancer or ventriloquist.

Translated bottles (Job 32:19); and familiar spirits (Leviticus 19:31; 20:6,27; Deuteronomy 18:11; 1 Samuel 28:3-9; 2 Kings 21:6; 23:24; 1 Chronicles 10:13; 2 Chronicles 33:6; Isaiah 8:19; 19:3; 29:4). These are demon spirits possessing mediums—those who give their will to them, to imitate dead human beings, make predictions, promote doctrines (false d.), etc. (1 Timothy 4:1-7)

### **Seducing Spirits**

## **1 Timothy 4:1**

Greek: planos pneuma. Planos means: Roving, an impostor or misleader; deceiver, seducers.

Pneuma means: a current of air, i.e. breath (blast) or a breeze, a spirit (human) the rational soul, vital principle, mental disposition, etc. or (superhuman) an angel, demon or (divine) God, Christs; spirit, the Holy Spirit: ghost, life, spirit, mind.

It is clear when one reads 1 Timothy 4:1 in it's context that the translators gave these words their proper meaning. In this case Paul was saying that in the latter times there would be people led astray by roving, impostor, deceiver, and seducing demons. And that these people would be led into false doctrines. These are doctrines of devils. (Greek daimonion—a demonic being or devil).

As we have found in the Old Testament scriptures, these demons would be called "familiar spirits".

A familiar spirit or seducing spirit can manifest itself in more than one way.

(1) A familiar spirit is that power that works in a medium or necromancer and wizard. These are people who can consult with the dead and/or bring back the dead. (2) A familiar spirit can also work within a person giving them the impression that a god or God is talking to them or even making them believe that they have lived past lives.

The most important thing to keep in mind about familiar spirits is that **THEY ALWAYS PROPAGATE FALSE DOCTRINES!** In almost EVERY instance where a person today has a familiar spirit, the false doctrines of Reincarnation is propagated and one or more of the false doctrines described in Deuteronomy 18:9-14 are believed and taught by these individuals.