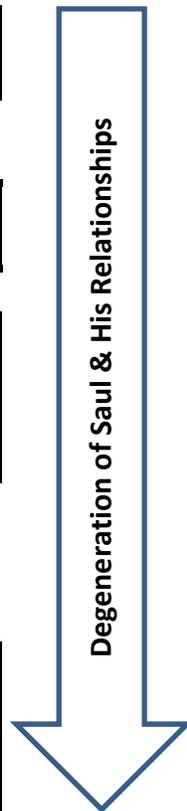


The Spirit World

The Witch of Endor

1. The Real Battles in Life are Spiritual & Invisible Eph 6:10-12, 2Cor 4;18
2. The Witch of Endor – 1Sam 28:1-14
3. Sorcery (Including witches) was cut off in the land v3,9. Saul was Biblical.
4. What does the Bible say about witches?
 - a. Ex 22:18
 - b. Lev 19:31(note 28 & context)
 - c. Deut 18:9-12
 - d. Gal 5:20
5. Why did Saul then seek a witch? Why does anyone seek anyone in the occult?
They want supernatural guidance, but don't know or are estranged from the Lord.
6. Study Saul's interactions with Samuel in **1Samuel**:

Chapter	Synopsis
9	Saul meets Samuel for the first time, and the Lord identifies him as the 1st king.
10	Samuel anoints Saul. Saul prophesieth (v11-12) in a positive manner.
11	Saul's first victory. Note he identifies with Samuel's name (v7).
12	Samuel reproves Israel.
13	Samuel officially fires Saul as king (v13-14) for improperly offering the burnt offering, and then lying about it to make himself look good.
14	Jonathan & armour bearer incident
15	Saul does not follow instructions with Amalekites. Samuel identifies him as a "witch" (v23); He also tears Samuel's mantle (v27); Samuel finishes the job for Saul (v32-33). Samuel mourned for Saul (v35) until death.
16	David selected and anointed as king. Note he is ruddy=red (v12). Spirit of the Lord departs from Saul & replaced by evil spirit (v14).
17	David kills Goliath
18	Saul in evil spirit, seeks to kill David (the true Anointed of the Lord)
19	Saul oddly prophesies to Samuel (cf. Mk 5:1-5,15; 2Sam6:14-16,20) Note: One way street- Bible does not mention any reply from Samuel.
25	Samuel Died
28	Saul visits the Witch of Endor who brings up Samuel.



7. By the time Saul sought insight from the witch, his relationship with the Lord & Samuel were degenerated to nothing; though Samuel mourned for him until his death.
8. 1Sam28:15-20: In light of the items above, is this really Samuel?
 - a. What are the arguments against?
 - b. What are the arguments for?