# The Occult Identified and Condemned

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# **Strong's Definitions**

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#### **ASTROLOGER**

**OT:825 'ashshaph** (ash-shawf'); from an unused root (probably meaning to lisp, i.e. practice enchantment); a conjurer: KJV-astrologer.

#### **CHALDEANS**

**OT:3778 Kasdiy** (kas-dee'); (occasionally with enclitic) Kasdiymah (kas-dee'- maw); towards the Kasdites: KJV-into Chaldea), patronymically from **OT:3777** (only in the plural); a Kasdite, or descendant of Kesed; by implication, a Chaldaean (as if so descended); also an astrologer (as if proverbial of that people: KJV-Chaldeans, Chaldees, inhabitants of Chaldea.

**OT:3777 Kesed** (keh'-sed); from an unused root of uncertain meaning; Kesed, a relative of Abraham: KJV-Onesed.

## CHARMER

**OT:2267 cheber** (kheh'-ber); from **OT:2266**; a society; also a spell: KJV-+ charmer (-ing), company, enchantment, X wide.

**OT:2266 chabar** (khaw-bar'); a primitive root; to join (literally or figuratively); specifically (by means of spells) to fascinate: KJV-charm (-er), be compact, couple (together), have fellowship with, heap up, join (self, together), league.

## **DIVINER/DIVINATION**

**OT:7081 qecem** (keh'-sem); from **OT:7080**; a lot: also divination (including its fee), oracle: KJV-(reward of) divination, divine sentence, witchcraft.

**OT:7080 qacam** (kaw-sam'); a primitive root; properly, to distribute, i.e. determine by lot or magical scroll; by implication, to divine: KJV-divine (-r, -ation), prudent, soothsayer, use [divination].

**NT:4436 Puthon** (poo'-thone); from Putho (the name of the region where Delphi, the seat of the famous oracle, was located); a Python, i.e. (by analogy, with the supposed diviner there) inspiration (soothsaying): KJV-divination.

#### **DREAMER**

**OT:2472 chalowm** (khal-ome'); or (shortened) chalom (khal-ome'); from **OT:2492**; a dream: KJV-dream (-er).

**OT:2492** chalam (khaw-lam'); a primitive root; properly, to bind firmly, i.e. (by implication) to be (causatively to make) plump; also (through the figurative sense of dumbness) to dream: KJV-(cause to) dream (-er), be in good liking, recover.

## **ENCHANTMENT**

**OT:5172 nachash** (naw-khash'); a primitive root; properly, to hiss, i.e. whisper a (magic) spell; generally, to prognosticate: KJV-X certainly, divine, enchanter, (use) X enchantment, learn by experience, X indeed, diligently observe.

#### MEDIUMS/FAMILIAR SPIRIT



**OT:178 'owb** (obe); from the same as **OT:1** (apparently through the idea of prattling a father's name); properly, a mumble, i.e. a water skin (from its hollow sound); hence a necromancer (ventriloquist, as from a jar): KJV-bottle, familiar spirit.

**OT:1 'ab** (awb); a primitive word; father, in a literal and immediate, or figurative and remote application): KJV-chief, (fore-) father ([-less]), X patrimony, principal. Compare names in "Abi-".

#### **IDOL**

**OT:5566 cemel** (seh'-mel); or cemel (say'-mel); from an unused root meaning to resemble; a likeness: KJV-figure, idol, image

**NT:1495 eidololatreia** (i-do-lol-at-ri'-ah); from **NT:1497** and **NT:2999**; image-worship (literally or figuratively): KJV-idolatry.

**NT:1497 eidolon** (i'-do-lon); from **NT:1491**; an image (i.e. for worship); by implication, a heathen god, or (plural) the worship of such: KJV-idol.

**NT:1491 eidos** (i'-dos); from NT:1492; a view, i.e. form (literally or figuratively): KJV-appearance, fashion, shape, sight.

NT:2999 latreia (lat-ri'-ah); from NT:3000; ministration or God, i.e. worship: KJV-(divine) service.

**NT:3000 latreuo** (lat-ryoo'-o); from latris (a hired menial); to minister (to God), i.e. render, religious homage: KJV-serve, do the service, worship (per).

#### **MAGICIAN**

**OT:2748 chartom** (khar-tome'); from the same as **OT:2747**; a horoscopist (as drawing magical lines or circles): KJV-magician.

**OT:2747 cheret** (kheh'-ret); from a primitive root meaning to engrave; a chisel or graver; also a style for writing: KJV-graving tool, pen. \*\*\*. charit. See **OT:2754. OT:2754 chariyt** (khaw-reet'); or charit (khaw-reet'); from the same as **OT:2747**; properly, cut out (or hollow), i.e. (by implication) a pocket: KJV-bag, crisping pin.

#### NECROMANCER

**OT:1875 darash** (daw-rash'); a primitive root; properly, to tread or frequent; usually to follow (for pursuit or search); by implication, to seek or ask; specifically to worship: KJV-ask, X at all, care for, X diligently, inquire, make inquisition, [necro-] mancer, question, require, search, seek [for, out], X surely.

## SOOTHSAYER, OBSERVER OF TIMES

**OT:6049 `anan** (aw-nan'); a primitive root; to cover; used only as a denominative from **OT:6051**, to cloud over; figuratively, to act covertly, i.e. practise magic: KJV-X bring, enchanter, Meonemin, *observe (-r of) times*, *soothsayer*, sorcerer.

**OT:6051 `anan** (aw-nawn'); from **OT:6049**; a cloud (as covering the sky), i.e. the nimbus or thunder-cloud: KJV-cloud (-y).

## SORCERER, WITCHCRAFT

OT:3785 kesheph (keh'-shef); from OT:3784; magic: KJV-sorcery, witchcraft.

**OT:3784 kashaph** (kaw-shaf'); a primitive root; properly, to whisper a spell, i.e. to inchant or practise magic: KJV-sorcerer, (use) witch (-craft).

**OT:3786 kashshaph** (kash-shawf'); from **OT:3784**; a magician: KJV-sorcerer. **NT:3097 magos** (mag'-os); of foreign origin [**OT:7248**]; a Magian, i.e. Oriental scientist; by implication a magician: KJV-sorcerer, wise man.



**OT:7248 Rab-mag** (rab-mawg'); from **OT:7227** and a foreign word for a Magian; chief Magian; Rab-mag, a Bab. official: KJV-Rab-mag.

**OT:7227 rab** (rab); by contracted from **OT:7231**; abundant (in quantity, size, age, number, rank, quality): KJV-(in) abound (-undance, -ant, -antly), captain, elder, enough, exceedingly, full, great (-ly, man, one), increase, long (enough, [time]), (do, have) many (-ifold, things, a time), ([ship-]) master, mighty, more, (too, very) much, multiply (-tude), officer, often [-times], plenteous, populous, prince, process [of time], suffice (-lent).

**OT:7231 rabab** (raw-bab'); a primitive root; properly, to cast together [compare OT:7241], i.e. increase, especially in number; also (as denominative from OT:7233) to multiply by the myriad: KJV-increase, be many (-ifold), be more, multiply, ten thousands.

NT:5331 pharmakeia (far-mak-i'-ah); from NT:5332; medication ("pharmacy"), i.e. (by extension) magic (literally or figuratively): KJV-sorcery, witchcraft.

**NT:5332 pharmakeus** (far-mak-yoos'); from pharmakon (a drug, i.e. spell-giving potion); a druggist ("pharmacist") or poisoner, i.e. (by extension) a magician: KJV-sorcerer.

#### SPELL

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#### SPIRITIST/WIZARD

**OT:3049 yidde` oniy** (yid-deh-o-nee'); from **OT:3045**; properly, a knowing one; specifically, a conjurer; (by impl) a ghost: KJV-wizard.

OT:3045 yada` (yaw-dah'); a primitive root; to know (properly, to ascertain by seeing); used in a great variety of senses, figuratively, literally, euphemistically and inferentially (including observation, care, recognition; and causatively, instruction, designation, punishment, etc.) [as follow]: KJV-acknowledge, acquaintance (-ted with), advise, answer, appoint, assuredly, be aware, [un-] awares, can [-not], certainly, comprehend, consider, X could they, cunning, declare, be diligent, (can, cause to) discern, discover, endued with, familiar friend, famous, feel, can have, be [ig-] norant, instruct, kinsfolk, kinsman, (cause to let, make) know, (come to give, have, take) knowledge, have [knowledge], (be, make, make to be, makeself) known, + be learned, + lie by man, mark, perceive, privy to, X prognosticator, regard, have respect, skilful, shew, can (man of) skill, be sure, of a surety, teach, (can) tell, understand, have [understanding], X will be, wist, wit, wot.

## **Occult Practices Described and Condemned**

Ex 7:11-12 But Pharaoh also called the wise men and the sorcerers; so the magicians of Egypt, they also did in like manner with their enchantments. 12For every man threw down his rod, and they became serpents. But Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.



Ex 20:3-4 You shall have no other gods before Me. 4"You shall not make for yourself a carved image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth;

Ex 22:18 You shall not permit a sorceress to live.

Lev 19:26 'You shall not eat anything with the blood, nor shall you practice divination or soothsaying.

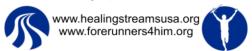
Lev 19:31 'Give no regard to mediums and familiar spirits; do not seek after them, to be defiled by them: I am the LORD your God.

Lev 20:6-7 And the person who turns to mediums and familiar spirits, to prostitute himself with them, I will set My face against that person and cut him off from his people. 7Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am the LORD your God.

Lev 20:27 'A man or a woman who is a medium, or who has familiar spirits, shall surely be put to death; they shall stone them with stones. Their blood shall be upon them.'

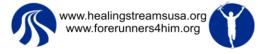
Deut 18:9-14 "When you come into the land which the LORD your God is giving you, you shall not learn to follow the abominations of those nations. 10There shall not be found among you anyone who makes his son or his daughter pass through the fire, or one who practices witchcraft, or a soothsayer, or one who interprets omens, or a sorcerer, 11or one who conjures spells, or a medium, or a spiritist, or one who calls up the dead. 12For all who do these things are an abomination to the LORD, and because of these abominations the LORD your God drives them out from before you. 13You shall be blameless before the LORD your God. 14For these nations which you will dispossess listened to soothsayers and diviners; but as for you, the LORD your God has not appointed such for you.

- 1 Sam 28:6-12 And when Saul inquired of the LORD, the LORD did not answer him, either by dreams or by Urim or by the prophets. 7Then Saul said to his servants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, that I may go to her and inquire of her." And his servants said to him, "In fact, there is a woman who is a medium at En Dor." 8So Saul disguised himself and put on other clothes, and he went, and two men with him; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Please conduct a seance for me, and bring up for me the one I shall name to you." 9Then the woman said to him, "Look, you know what Saul has done, how he has cut off the mediums and the spiritists from the land. Why then do you lay a snare for my life, to cause me to die?" 10And Saul swore to her by the LORD, saying, "As the LORD lives, no punishment shall come upon you for this thing." 11Then the woman said, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" And he said, "Bring up Samuel for me." 12When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out with a loud voice. And the woman spoke to Saul, saying, "Why have you deceived me? For you are Saul!"
- 2 Kings 21:5-6 And he [Manasseh] built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger.
- 2 Kings 23:5-6 Then he [Joash] removed the idolatrous priests whom the kings of Judah had ordained to burn incense on the high places in the cities of Judah and in the places



all around Jerusalem, and those who burned incense to Baal, to the sun, to the moon, to the constellations, and to all the host of heaven.

- Isa 2:6 For You have forsaken Your people, the house of Jacob, Because they are filled with eastern ways; They are soothsayers like the Philistines, And they are pleased with the children of foreigners.
- Isa 2:8 Their land is also full of idols; They worship the work of their own hands, That which their own fingers have made.
- Isa 8:19-20 And when they say to you, "Seek those who are mediums and wizards, who whisper and mutter," should not a people seek their God? Should they seek the dead on behalf of the living? 20To the law and to the testimony! If they do not speak according to this word, it is because there is no light in them.
- Isa 19:3 The spirit of Egypt will fail in its midst; I will destroy their counsel, And they will consult the idols and the charmers, The mediums and the sorcerers.
- Isa 47:9 But these two things shall come to you In a moment, in one day: The loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness Because of the multitude of your sorceries, For the great abundance of your enchantments.
- Isa 47:12-13 "Stand now with your enchantments And the multitude of your sorceries, In which you have labored from your youth-- Perhaps you will be able to profit, Perhaps you will prevail. 13You are wearied in the multitude of your counsels; Let now the astrologers, the stargazers, And the monthly prognosticators Stand up and save you From what shall come upon you.
- Isa 57:13 When you cry out, Let your collection of idols deliver you. But the wind will carry them all away, A breath will take them. But he who puts his trust in Me shall possess the land, And shall inherit My holy mountain."
- Jer 10:1-3 Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel. 2Thus says the LORD: "Do not learn the way of the Gentiles; Do not be dismayed at the signs of heaven, For the Gentiles are dismayed at them. 3For the customs of the peoples are futile;
- Ezek 13:20 Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: "Behold, I am against your magic charms by which you hunt souls there like birds. I will tear them from your arms, and let the souls go, the souls you hunt like birds.
- Ezek 21:21 For the king of Babylon stands at the parting of the road, at the fork of the two roads, to use divination: he shakes the arrows, he consults the images, he looks at the liver.
- Dan 2:27-28 Daniel answered in the presence of the king, and said, "The secret which the king has demanded, the wise men, the astrologers, the magicians, and the soothsayers cannot declare to the king. 28But there is a God in heaven who reveals secrets...
- Mic 5:12 I will cut off sorceries from your hand, And you shall have no soothsayers.



Matt 7:22-23 Many will say to Me in that day, 'Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in Your name, cast out demons in Your name, and done many wonders in Your name?' 23"And then I will declare to them, 'I never knew you; depart from Me, you who practice lawlessness!'

Acts 8:9-11 But there was a certain man called Simon, who previously practiced sorcery in the city and astonished the people of Samaria, claiming that he was someone great, 10to whom they all gave heed, from the least to the greatest, saying, "This man is the great power of God." 11And they heeded him because he had astonished them with his sorceries for a long time.

Acts 13:6-11 Now when they had gone through the island to Paphos, they found a certain sorcerer, a false prophet, a Jew whose name was Bar-Jesus, 7who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, an intelligent man. This man called for Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God. 8But Elymas the sorcerer (for so his name is translated) withstood them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith. 9Then Saul, who also is called Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, looked intently at him 10and said, "O full of all deceit and all fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease perverting the straight ways of the Lord? 11And now, indeed, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you shall be blind, not seeing the sun for a time." And immediately a dark mist fell on him, and he went around seeking someone to lead him by the hand.

Acts 16:16-18 Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour.

Acts 19:19-20 Also, many of those who had practiced magic brought their books together and burned them in the sight of all. And they counted up the value of them, and it totaled fifty thousand pieces of silver. 20So the word of the Lord grew mightily and prevailed.

Rom 1:22-25 Professing to be wise, they became fools, 23and changed the glory of the incorruptible God into an image made like corruptible man--and birds and four-footed animals and creeping things. 24Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, 25who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

1 Cor 10:21 You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons; you cannot partake of the Lord's table and of the table of demons.

Gal 5:19-21 Now the works of the flesh are evident, which are: adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lewdness, 20idolatry, sorcery, hatred, contentions, jealousies, outbursts of wrath, selfish ambitions, dissensions, heresies, 21envy, murders, drunkenness,



revelries, and the like; of which I tell you beforehand, just as I also told you in time past, that those who practice such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

Rev 16:14 For they are spirits of demons, performing signs, which go out to the kings of the earth and of the whole world, to gather them to the battle of that great day of God Almighty.

Rev 18:23 The light of a lamp shall not shine in you anymore, and the voice of bridegroom and bride shall not be heard in you anymore. For your merchants were the great men of the earth, for by your sorcery all the nations were deceived.

# **Deception, False Prophets and Discernment**

Gen 3:4-5 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil."

Deut 18:20-22 But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.' 21"And if you say in your heart, 'How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?'-- 22when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.

Deut 13:1-5 "If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder, 2and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods'--which you have not known--'and let us serve them,' 3"you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. 4You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice, and you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him. 5But that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, to entice you from the way in which the LORD your God commanded you to walk. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.

1 Sam 15:20-23 And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." 22Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."

Prov 14:12 There is a way that seems right to a man, But its end is the way of death.



- Isa 5:20-21 Woe to those who call evil good, and good evil; Who put darkness for light, and light for darkness; Who put bitter for sweet, and sweet for bitter! 21Woe to those who are wise in their own eyes, And prudent in their own sight!
- Jer 14:14 And the LORD said to me, "The prophets prophesy lies in My name. I have not sent them, commanded them, nor spoken to them; they prophesy to you a false vision, divination, a worthless thing, and the deceit of their heart.
- Jer 27:9 Therefore do not listen to your prophets, your diviners, your dreamers, your soothsayers, or your sorcerers, who speak to you, saying, "You shall not serve the king of Babylon."
- Ezek 12:24 For no more shall there be any false vision or flattering divination within the house of Israel.
- Ezek 22:26 Her priests have violated My law and profaned My holy things; they have not distinguished between the holy and unholy, nor have they made known the difference between the unclean and the clean...
- Zech 10:2 For the idols speak delusion; The diviners envision lies, And tell false dreams; They comfort in vain. Therefore the people wend their way like sheep; They are in trouble because there is no shepherd.
- Matt 5:18 For assuredly, I say to you, till heaven and earth pass away, one jot or one tittle will by no means pass from the law till all is fulfilled.
- Matt 24:5 For many will come in My name, saying, 'I am the Christ,' and will deceive many.
- Matt 24:24 For false christs and false prophets will rise and show great signs and wonders to deceive, if possible, even the elect.
- 2 Cor 11:13-15 For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into apostles of Christ. 14And no wonder! For Satan himself transforms himself into an angel of light. 15Therefore it is no great thing if his ministers also transform themselves into ministers of righteousness, whose end will be according to their works.
- Gal 1:8-9 But even if we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel to you than what we have preached to you, let him be accursed. 9As we have said before, so now I say again, if anyone preaches any other gospel to you than what you have received, let him be accursed.
- Eph 5:11-12 And have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness, but rather expose them. 12For it is shameful even to speak of those things which are done by them in secret.
- Eph 6:12-13 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.



- Col 2:8-9 Beware lest anyone cheat you through philosophy and empty deceit, according to the tradition of men, according to the basic principles of the world, and not according to Christ.
- 1 Tim 4:1-2 Now the Spirit expressly says that in latter times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and doctrines of demons, 2speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their own conscience seared with a hot iron,
- 2 Thess 2:9-10 The coming of the lawless one is according to the working of Satan, with all power, signs, and lying wonders, 10and with all unrighteous deception among those who perish, because they did not receive the love of the truth, that they might be saved.
- Heb 4:12-13 For the word of God is living and powerful, and sharper than any twoedged sword, piercing even to the division of soul and spirit, and of joints and marrow, and is a discerner of the thoughts and intents of the heart. 13And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.
- James 4:7-8 Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you. 8Draw near to God and He will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners; and purify your hearts, you double-minded.
- 1 John 2:18 Little children, it is the last hour; and as you have heard that the Antichrist is coming, even now many antichrists have come, by which we know that it is the last hour.
- 1 John 2:22 Who is a liar but he who denies that Jesus is the Christ? He is antichrist who denies the Father and the Son.
- 1 John 4:1-3 Beloved, do not believe every spirit, but test the spirits, whether they are of God; because many false prophets have gone out into the world. 2By this you know the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesses that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is of God, 3and every spirit that does not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh is not of God. And this is the spirit of the Antichrist, which you have heard was coming, and is now already in the world.

