



Destroying the Root *of* Witchcraft

Scripture: Galatians 5:19-21

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Primary Scriptures

19 Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness,

20 Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies,

21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God.



Primary Scriptures

Micah 5:10-15 - And it shall come to pass in that day, saith the LORD, that I will cut off thy horses out of the midst of thee, and I will destroy thy chariots: ¹¹ And I will cut off the cities of thy land, and throw down all thy strongholds:

¹² And I will cut off witchcrafts out of thine hand; and thou shalt have no more soothsayers: ¹³ Thy graven images also will I cut off, and thy standing images out of the midst of thee; and thou shalt no more worship the work of thine hands.

¹⁴ And I will pluck up thy groves out of the midst of thee: so will I destroy thy cities.





Please Note!!!

- **Moreover all these curses shall come upon thee, and shall pursue thee, and overtake thee, till thou be destroyed; because thou hearkenedst not unto *the voice of the LORD thy God*. Deut 28:45**
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- Economic & Financial curses
- Family & Reproductive curses
- Physical & Health curses
- Agricultural & Environmental curses



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- Mental & Emotional Distress
- Defeat by Enemies
- Loss & Frustrated Labor
- Social & National Reversal, Captivity, Displacement & Exile, and Spiritual/Judicial Consequences.



Please Note!!!

- **John 3:18, 36:** The person who rejects Christ remains under condemnation, and *“the wrath of God abideth on him.”*
- **Romans 1:18:** “the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men.”
- **1 Corinthians 16:22:** *“If any man love not the Lord Jesus Christ, let him be Anathema Maranatha.”* “Anathema” means being accursed or devoted to judgment.



Central Statement

- ***Ground or Personal Level:*** where the casting out of demons from an individual (commonly called deliverance) is practiced.
- ***Occult Level:*** which deals with demonic activity occurring in objects, as practiced in Satanism, **witchcraft**, shamanism, curandero, and Freemasonry.
- ***Territorial Level:*** spiritual warfare that deals with powerful principalities and powers over houses, neighborhoods, cities, territories, regions, and nations



Witchcraft and Rebellion

“For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king.”

1 SAMUEL 15:23 KJV



The Heart of Witchcraft

- **This verse does not mean rebellion and witchcraft are identical in every sense.**
- **It compares them because both reject God's authority.**
- **Rebellion seeks to establish the human will where the divine will should govern.**



The Heart of Witchcraft

- **Witchcraft can affect committed Christians and churches.**
- **Its main signs in the church are legalism and carnality.**
- **Curses are presented as a major instrument of witchcraft.**
- **It can appear in families, marriages, ministries, and churches.**
- **Witchcraft is portrayed as both human and demonic.**



Important Note!!

**As the bird by wandering, as
the swallow by flying, so the
curse causeless shall not
come. Proverbs 26:2**



Important Note!!

- Proverbs 26:2 teaches that an *undeserved curse* has no rightful place to rest because the spiritual realm operates according to divine laws and principles.
- The wicked may watch for disobedience, compromise, or vulnerability and attempt to exploit such violations as grounds for accusation, condemnation, or attack.



Understanding the Root

- **Witchcraft operates in the realm of darkness.**
- **When a person is manipulated into doing what he or she does not want to do, this is witchcraft.**



Deception and Seduction

Nahum describes Nineveh's guilt:

**“Because of the multitude of the whoredoms
of the well favoured harlot, the mistress of
witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her
whoredoms, and families through her
witchcrafts**

NAHUM 3:4, KJV



Nahum's Associations

- ***Seduction:*** the image is of a harlot who attracts and entices.
- ***Deception:*** Nineveh's influence corrupted others rather than leading them into truth.
- ***Control and domination:*** nations and families were drawn under corrupt influence.
- ***Public consequence:*** witchcraft was not merely a private matter; it affected families and nations.



A Careful Reading of Nahum

- The passage uses strong figurative language to describe Nineveh's spiritual and political corruption.
- It does not authorize a teacher to call every influential person a witch.
- It shows that witchcraft can be connected with manipulation, seduction, deception, and corruption.
- A person involved may need to repent of personal practice and of misleading, controlling, exploiting, or recruiting others.



Categories of Witchcraft

There are two categories of witchcraft:

**Fleshly or Carnal
Witchcraft**

Occult Witchcraft



Fleshly or Carnal Witchcraft

Fleshly or carnal witchcraft is practiced in many ways, such as:

- 1. Stubbornly pursuing someone to cause destruction or damage. Exodus 14:22–27**
- 2. Attempting to read the mind of another person and misinterpreting intentions. 1 Samuel 17:28–29**



Fleshly or Carnal Witchcraft

- 3. Attempting to prove your worth through the manipulation of others. 2 Samuel 15:2–6; 1 Samuel 18:20–21; 1 Kings 21:7–16**
- Attempting to prove your worth through manipulation occurs when, instead of allowing character, truth, and God's calling to establish your value, you control perceptions, exploit relationships, undermine others, or engineer circumstances so that you appear more important, powerful, deserving, or indispensable than someone else.



Fleshly or Carnal Witchcraft

4. Wishing that other people's blessings are yours and your failures are theirs. 1 Samuel 18:6–9

- **Envy turns another person's blessing into a personal offense, causing you to desire their honor for yourself while secretly preferring that their success diminish so that your own worth might appear greater.**



Fleshly or Carnal Witchcraft

5. Rebellion against God and His appointed authority. 1 Samuel 15:15–24

- Rebellion against God and His legitimately appointed authority becomes spiritually dangerous when a person knowingly rejects God's command, substitutes personal judgment for divine instruction, and then attempts to disguise disobedience with religious justification.**



Fleshly or Carnal Witchcraft

- **Attempting to influence someone negatively to do something against his will. Genesis 39:7–12**
- **Charismatic witchcraft: The attempt to manipulate, dominate, intimidate, or control another person by misusing spiritual influence, claimed revelation, religious authority, or charismatic gifts. Acts 8:9–11**
- **Taking what belongs to someone forcefully or unlawfully. 1 Kings 21:1**



Occult Witchcraft baalam jezebel

Occult witchcraft is described as a practice through the aid of satanic power:

- To monitor a person's destiny with the aid of satanic power.**
- To attack or oppress a subject with failure and setbacks.**
- To gather against the light through spiritual aid. 2 Corinthians 4:3–4**



Occult Witchcraft

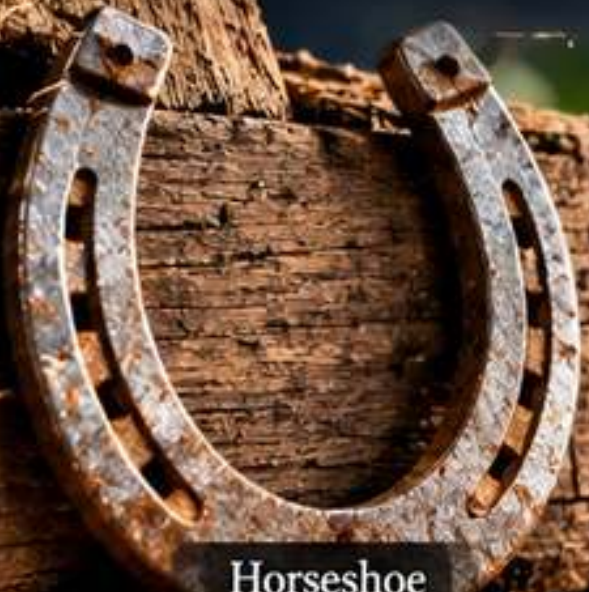
- They renew their covenant with Satan through bloodshed.
- They place their mark and signature on their subject.
- They can forcefully initiate people through blood relations, such as sex or food.
- They can place false blessings on people as a way of enticing them to join them.

Superstitious Objects

BELIEFS • TRADITIONS • FALSE SECURITY

*"Learn not the way of the heathen, and be not
dismayed at the signs of heaven."*

JEREMIAH 10:2 (KJV)



Horseshoe
(Good Luck)



Four-leaf Clover
(Good Fortune)



Rabbit's Foot
(Luck & Protection)



Evil Eye Amulet
(Protection)



Hamsa Hand
(Against Evil)



Lucky Coins & Figurines
(Prosperity)



Red String
(Protection & Good Luck)



Lucky Bamboo
(Wealth & Good Fortune)



Crystals & Gemstones
(Healing, Energy & Protection)



Dreamcatcher
(Protection)

*Good
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Remember:

*The problem is not the object itself,
but the belief and trust placed in it.*

Superstitious Items in the Virgin Islands

Common Objects Associated with Folk Beliefs and Superstition

*Our Culture
Our People
Our Choices*
Trust in God



Red Cloth or Red Ribbon

Used for protection or to ward off jumbies.



Beads (e.g., Jumbie Beads)

Worn or carried for protection or good luck.



Bapoo (Jumbie in a Bottle)

Placed on trees or property to keep people away.



Herbs, Roots and Powders

Used in charms or packets for protection or influence.



Salt or Rice at Doorways

Believed to distract or keep jumbies away.



Crossed Shoes Beneath the Bed

A folk remedy against jumbies.



Quartered Limes

Placed in corners for protection.



Candles (Specific Colors)

Used for protection, luck, or a desired outcome.



Horseshoes

Hung for good luck or protection.



Clothing Turned Inside Out

Worn or hung to confuse or ward off jumbies, especially at night.



Certain Trees (e.g., Silk-Cotton/Kapok)

Associated with jumbies in Virgin Islands folklore.



Charms, Amulets or Talismans

Carried for protection, prosperity or to repel harmful spirits.

Objects may change, but our trust is in God.

Isaiah 8:19 — "Should not a people seek unto their God?"



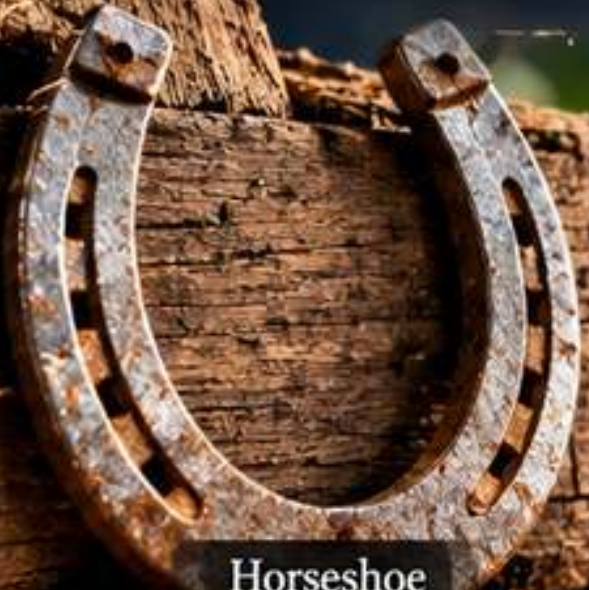
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What The Devil Don't Want You To Know!

The spiritual danger is not necessarily in the cloth, bead, bottle, candle, herb, or charm itself, but in transferring trust from God to an object believed to possess supernatural power to protect, predict, attract, repel, manipulate, or control.



What The Devil Don't Want You To Know!

**Witchcraft seeks to obscure
the significance of Jesus'
crucifixion.**



What The Devil Don't Want You To Know!

The enemy seeks to diminish the message of the cross because the cross proclaims what the powers of darkness do not want humanity to understand: through Christ's death, sin was dealt with, Satan's accusations were answered, principalities and powers were disarmed, and the believer's victory was secured.



What The Devil Don't Want You To Know!

Blotting out the handwriting of ordinances
that was against us... nailing it to his cross;
And having spoiled principalities and powers,
he made a shew of them openly, triumphing
over them in it

Col 2:14-15





What The Devil Don't Want You To Know!

The cross is Christ's decisive victory over sin and the powers of darkness; therefore, anything that obscures the sufficiency of Christ's crucifixion seeks to divert attention from the very place where principalities and powers were defeated and Christ's triumph was openly demonstrated.





How to Uproot Witchcraft Powers

- **Witchcraft powers can be uprooted, destroyed, and scattered through a biblical response.**
- **First, surrender your life totally to Jesus by accepting Him as Lord and personal Saviour.**
- **Yield totally to the will of the Lord Jesus by living in holiness.**



How to Uproot Witchcraft Powers

- **By engaging in spiritual warfare.**
- **Through spiritual insights and sensitivity to the Holy Ghost.**
- **Through a life yielded to God rather than to fear or spiritual performance.**



How to Uproot Witchcraft Powers

- **Fervency in prayer and in serving God.**
- **Gaining victory over your thoughts and your dreams.**
- **Effectiveness in using the sword of the Spirit, the Word of God. Revelation 13:10**
- **These are practical responses in spiritual warfare.**



Weapons of Warfare

- **Each warfare has weapons and tools of warfare; so also in spiritual warfare.**
- **To engage witchcraft powers, overcome them, and destroy their root, believers need powerful spiritual weapons.**



Weapon I: The Word of God

- **“Is not my WORD as a fire? ... and like a hammer that breaketh the rock in pieces?”
— Jeremiah 23:29**
- **Micah 5:12: The Lord says He will cut off witchcraft.**
- **Hebrews 4:13 and Jeremiah 10:11.**



Weapon II: The Blood of Jesus

- **"They overcame him by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony." — Revelation 12:11**
- **"Because of the covenant of the blood I will set thy prisoners free." — Zechariah 9:11**
- **Also see Hebrews 9:22 and Hebrews 12:24.**
- **The blood of Jesus is a weapon of warfare.**



Weapon III: The Name of Jesus

- **God hath highly exalted Jesus and given Him a name above every name. — Philippians 2:9–11**
- **At the name of Jesus every knee should bow: in heaven, on earth, and under the earth.**
- **Every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**
- **Also see Proverbs 18:10; Romans 10:13; Joel 2:32.**



Weapon IV: Praise and Worship

- **"Let the high praises of God be in their mouth and a two-edged sword in their hand." — Psalm 149:6–9**
- **The passage speaks of executing the judgment written and concludes, "Praise ye the LORD."**
- **The high praises of God and worship are weapons of warfare.**
- **Also see 2 Chronicles 20:21–22 and Acts 16:25.**



OVERCOMING





Step 1: Recognize Sin

- **Agree with God's Word rather than defending, renaming, or combining the practice with Christianity.**



Step 1: Recognize Sin

- **Repentance is not merely fear of consequences.**
- **Repentance is a change of allegiance.**



Step 2: Repent

- **"God ... now commandeth all men every where to repent." Acts 17:30, KJV**
- **"Repent ye therefore, and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out." Acts 3:19, KJV**
- **Repentance means turning away from the practice and turning toward God.**



Step 3: Believe Jesus Christ

- **A person does not break from witchcraft by adopting a different spiritual technique.**
- **"I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me." John 14:6, KJV**
- **"If thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus ... thou shalt be saved." Romans 10:9, KJV**



Step 4: Confess the Practice

- **"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins." — 1 John 1:9, KJV**
- **Confess truthfully to God; when needed, speak with a mature and trustworthy Christian.**
- **Confession should not be forced, sensationalized, or used to expose someone publicly.**



Step 4: Confess the Practice

- **The confession in Acts 19 concerned actual deeds.**
- **Do not pressure people to confess imaginary acts, supposed ancestral sins, or accusations made without evidence.**



Step 5: Forsake the Practice

- **"Whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy." — Proverbs 28:13, KJV**
- **Forsaking witchcraft means stopping the practice.**
- **It may include ending rituals, consultations, spell work, paid instruction, recruitment, and divination.**
- **It includes ending reliance on witchcraft for protection, knowledge, healing, love, money, or control.**



Step 6: Renounce Its Authority

Renunciation is an honest act of allegiance to God, not a magical phrase:

- "Father, I confess that I have practiced, trusted, supported, or sought witchcraft. I acknowledge that it is contrary to Thy Word."
- "I repent and turn away from it. I reject its authority over my mind, decisions, relationships, body, possessions, and future."
- "I place my trust in Jesus Christ alone. Forgive me,





Step 7: Remove Materials

- **Acts 19:19 records that believers brought their books together and burned them.**
- **A person who has personally used books, tools, apps, written instructions, ritual objects, or other materials for witchcraft may voluntarily remove them from life.**
- **The purpose is separation from practice, not superstition.**



Step 7: Remove Materials

- **Do not treat an unfamiliar object as proof of witchcraft.**
- **Do not endanger yourself through unsafe disposal.**
- **Do not use destruction as a magical cleansing ritual.**



Step 8: Submit to God

**"Submit yourselves therefore to God." — James 4:7,
KJV**

- **This is the foundation of resisting the devil.**
- **Submit to God's Word, holiness, authority, and appointed way of salvation.**



Step 9: Resist the Devil

- **“Resist the devil, and he will flee from you.” — James 4:7, KJV**
- **“Whom resist steadfast in the faith.” — 1 Peter 5:9, KJV**
- **Resistance is not a performance or a contest with spiritual powers.**
- **It is steadfast faith in God, refusal to return to the former practice, and obedience to truth.**



Step 10: Draw Near to God

- **“Draw nigh to God, and he will draw nigh to you.”
James 4:8, KJV**
- **Build a life of prayer, Scripture, worship, fellowship, confession, and obedience.**
- **Freedom is not maintained by constant fear of witchcraft.**
- **Freedom is maintained by nearness to God and continued faith in Christ.**



Step 11: Walk in the Spirit

- **“Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh.” Galatians 5:16, KJV**
- **The believer must not return to the works of the flesh.**
- **The Spirit produces love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, meekness, and temperance. Galatians 5:22–23**
- **Walk in the Spirit through a new pattern of life.**



Step 12: Remain in Fellowship

- **“Exhort one another daily ... lest any of you be hardened through the deceitfulness of sin.” Hebrews 3:13, KJV**
- **A person should not be isolated after repentance.**
- **Fellowship should provide truth, prayer, correction, restoration, and accountability.**
- **It must not become a setting for fear, public humiliation, manipulation, or dependence upon a leader.**



A Practical Prayer I

Father, I come to Thee through Jesus Christ.

- **I believe that Jesus Christ died for our sins, was buried, and rose again.**
- **I repent of my sins and surrender myself to Thy will.**
- **I thank Thee for the promise of the Holy Ghost.**
- **Fill me with Thy Spirit and endue me with power from on high.**



A Practical Prayer II

- **Help me to wait upon Thee, pray faithfully, obey Thy Word, walk in the Spirit, bear spiritual fruit, and witness boldly for Jesus Christ.**
- **Keep me humble, holy, and useful for Thy glory.**
- **In Jesus Christ's name, Amen.**
- **This prayer is not a formula.**



A Practical Prayer III

- Keep me humble, holy, and useful for Thy glory.
- In Jesus Christ's name, Amen.
- This prayer is not a formula.



The Final Power Conclusion

- The biblical pattern is not a mechanical formula; it is a life of faith and surrender.
- Repent. Believe. Wait on God. Pray. Receive the Holy Ghost. Yield to His leading. Obey the Word. Witness boldly. Walk in the Spirit. Serve for God's glory.
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- "Ye shall receive power ... and ye shall be witnesses unto me." — Acts 1:8, KJV



Prayers to Uproot Witchcraft Powers

- Numbers 23:23: "For there is no sorcery against Jacob, nor any divination against Israel. ... Oh, what God has done!" — NKJV
- Micah 5:11–12: "I will cut off sorceries from your hand, and you shall have no soothsayers." — NKJV
- These passages can be used as prayer scriptures.



Prayer Scriptures: Exodus 22:18

- Exodus 22:18: "You shall not permit a sorceress to live." — NKJV
- Luke 10:19: "Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy."
- "Nothing shall by any means hurt you." — Luke 10:19



Prayer Scriptures: Psalm 91:13

- Psalm 91:13: "You will tread on the lion and the adder; the young lion and the serpent you will trample underfoot."
- Mark 16:18: "They will pick up serpents with their hands; and if they drink any deadly poison, it will not hurt them."
- "They will lay their hands on the sick, and they will recover." — Mark 16:18



Prayer Scriptures: Romans 16:20

- Romans 16:20: "The God of peace will soon crush Satan under your feet. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you."
- Revelation 11:5: "If anyone would harm them, fire pours from their mouth and consumes their foes."
- "If anyone would harm them, this is how he is doomed to be killed." — Revelation 11:5



Prayer Scriptures: Luke and Ezekiel

- Luke 21:17–18: "You will be hated by all for my name's sake. But not a hair of your head will perish."
- Ezekiel 2:6: "Be not afraid of them, nor be afraid of their words, though briers and thorns are with you and you sit on scorpions."
- "Be not afraid of their words, nor be dismayed at their looks, for they are a rebellious house." — Ezekiel 2:6



Prayer Scriptures: Romans 8 I

- "If God is for us, who can be against us?" — Romans 8:31
- "He who did not spare his own Son but gave him up for us all, how will he not also with him graciously give us all things?"
- "Who shall bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies."
- "Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised."



Prayer Scriptures: Romans 8 III

- "Who shall separate us from the love of Christ?" — Romans 8:35
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- Romans 8:31–39 gives a confession of assurance in Christ.
- Christ Jesus died, was raised, reigns at God’s right hand, and intercedes for believers.



Prayer Scriptures: Hebrews 13

- "Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have." — Hebrews 13:5
- "I will never leave you nor forsake you." — Hebrews 13:5
- "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?" — Hebrews 13:6



Final Conclusion

"And now also the axe is laid unto the root of the trees: therefore every tree which bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire."

MATTHEW 3:10, KJV

