



Welcome To  
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# Abominations :

## Divination & the Occult



Deuteronomy 18:10 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.



# Occult Abominations



- Child Sacrifice
- Divination
- Astrology (observer of times)
- Enchanter/ Charmer
- Witch/Wizard (Familiar Spirits)
- Necromancy

# Divination : Latin “Divinare”

Inspired by “A” god

## Divination

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**Divination** (from Latin *divinare*, 'to foresee, to foretell, to predict, to prophesy')<sup>[2]</sup> is the attempt to gain insight into a question or situation by way of an occultic, standardized process or ritual.<sup>[3]</sup> Used in various forms throughout history, diviners ascertain their interpretations of how a querent should proceed by reading signs, events, or omens, or through alleged contact with a supernatural agency.<sup>[4]</sup>

## BAKER’S EVANGELICAL DICTIONARY

Communication with a deity for the purpose of determining the deity's knowledge, resulting in clarification of a decision or discernment of the future. Two forms of divination developed in the ancient Near East, one using inductive manipulation of natural or human phenomena and the other taking intuitive forms of inner revelation.



# Difference Between Divination & Prophecy ?



- Ezekiel 21:21-22
- 21 For the king of Babylon will stop at the fork in the road, at the junction of the two roads, to seek an omen: He will cast lots with arrows, he will consult his idols, he will examine the liver.
- 22 Into his right hand will come the lot for Jerusalem, where he is to set up battering rams, to give the command to slaughter, to sound the battle cry, to set battering rams against the gates, to build a ramp and to erect siege works.

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## IS THE SOURCE!



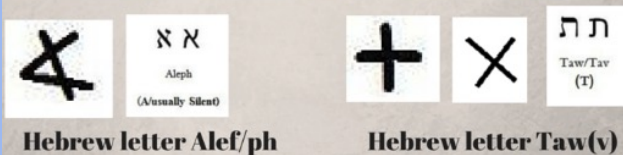
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- 11 Will the men of Keilah deliver me up into his hand? will Saul come down, as thy servant hath heard? O LORD God of Israel, I beseech thee, tell thy servant. And the LORD said, He will come down.
- 12 Then said David, Will the men of Keilah deliver me and my men into the hand of Saul? And the LORD said, They will deliver thee up.
- 13 Then David and his men, which were about six hundred, arose and departed out of Keilah, and went whithersoever they could go. And it was told Saul that David was escaped from Keilah; and he forbore to go forth.





# By Urim and Thummim “Revelation’ & Truth

Numbers 27:21 And he shall stand before Eleazar the priest, who shall ask counsel for him **after the judgment of Urim** before the LORD: at his word shall they go out, and at his word they shall come in, both he, and all the children of Israel with him, even all the congregation.



# David Enquires



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# The “Host of Heaven”, other Gods



- Deuteronomy 8:19 And it shall be, if thou do at all forget the LORD thy God, and walk after other gods, and serve them, and worship them, I testify against you this day that ye shall surely perish.
- Deuteronomy 4:19 And lest thou lift up thine eyes unto heaven, and when thou seest the sun, and the moon, and the stars, even all the host of heaven, shouldest be driven to worship them, and serve them, which the LORD thy God hath divided unto all nations under the whole heaven.
- Deuteronomy 17:3 And hath gone and served other gods, and **worshipped them**, either the sun, or moon, or any of **the host of heaven**, which I have not commanded;

# The Prophecy difference: “The Word Of the Lord Came”

Genesis 15:1 ¶After these things **the word of the LORD came** unto Abram in a vision, saying, Fear not, Abram: I am thy shield, and thy exceeding great reward.

Genesis 15:4 And, behold, **the word of the LORD came** unto him, saying, This shall not be thine heir; but he that shall come forth out of thine own bowels shall be thine heir.

2 Samuel 7:4 ¶And it came to pass that night, that **the word of the LORD came** unto Nathan, saying,

2 Samuel 24:11 For when David was up in the morning, **the word of the LORD came** unto the prophet Gad, David's seer, saying,

1 Kings 6:11 ¶And **the word of the LORD** came to Solomon, saying,

1 Kings 13:20 And it came to pass, as they sat at the table, that **the word of the LORD came** unto the prophet that brought him back:

1 Kings 16:1 ¶Then the **word of the LORD came** to Jehu the son of Hanani against Baasha, saying,

1 Kings 17:2 And **the word of the LORD came** unto him, saying,

1 Kings 17:8 ¶And **the word of the LORD** came unto him, saying,

1 Kings 18:1 ¶And it came to pass after many days, that **the word of the LORD** came to Elijah in the third year, saying, Go, shew thyself unto Ahab; and I will send rain upon the earth.



# When the Inquiry becomes divination!



- Gideon after defeating the Midianites collects great spoil, gold and remakes an ephod
- Judges 8:26 And the weight of the golden earrings that he requested was a thousand and seven hundred shekels of gold; beside ornaments, and collars, and purple raiment that was on the kings of Midian, and beside the chains that were about their camels' necks.
- 27 And Gideon made an ephod thereof, and put it in his city, even in Ophrah: and all Israel went thither a whoring after it: which thing became a snare unto Gideon, and to his house.

Divination usually initiated by man

True Prophecy is initiated by God

Divination Seeks a Predetermined Outcome!

True Prophecy is open to Gods Direction



# Balak Seeks A Curse

## Deir Alla Inscription

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The **Deir 'Alla Inscription** (or **Bal'am Son of Be'or Inscription**), known as KAI 312, was discovered during a 1967 excavation in [Deir 'Alla, Jordan](#). It is currently at the [Jordan Archaeological Museum](#). It is written in a peculiar Northwest Semitic dialect, and has provoked much debate among scholars and had a strong impact on the study of [Canaanite and Aramaic inscriptions](#).<sup>[1][2]</sup> The excavation revealed a multiple-chamber structure that had been destroyed by an earthquake during the Persian period, on the wall of which was written a story relating visions of Bal'am, son of Be'or, a "seer of the gods", who may be the same [Balaam](#) mentioned in [Numbers 22–24](#) ↗ and in other passages of the Bible. The Deir Alla inscription describes Bal'am in a manner which differs from that given in the [Book of Numbers](#). Bal'am's god is associated with the goddess [Ashtar](#), a god named Shgr, and "Shaddayin" (שדין, perhaps meaning gods and goddesses).<sup>[3]</sup> It also features the word "[Elohin](#)" (perhaps with different vowels, like "ilāhīn"), taken to mean "gods" in the plural rather than the Hebrew deity.

- Numbers 22:5 He sent messengers therefore unto Balaam the son of Beor to Pethor, which is by the river of the land of the children of his people, to call him, saying, Behold, there is a people come out from Egypt: behold, they cover the face of the earth, and they abide over against me:
- 6 Come now therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people; for they are too mighty for me: peradventure I shall prevail, that we may smite them, and that I may drive them out of the land: for I wot that he whom thou blessest is blessed, and he whom thou cursest is cursed.
- 7 And the elders of Moab and the elders of Midian departed **with the rewards of divination in their hand**; and they came unto Balaam, and spake unto him the words of Balak.

# Balaam Says “LORD” but speaks to “God” ?

## Transliterated Word

'elohiym

## Phonetic Spelling

el-o-heem' 

## Definition

### 1. (plural)

- a. rulers, judges
- b. divine ones
- c. angels
- d. gods

### 2. (plural intensive - singular meaning)

- a. god, goddess
- b. godlike one
- c. works or special possessions of God
- d. the (true) God
- e. God

## TDNT Entry

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## Parts of Speech

Noun Masculine

- Numbers 22:8 And he said unto them, Lodge here this night, and I will bring you word again, as the **LORD (JEHOVAH)** shall speak unto me: and the princes of Moab abode with Balaam.
- 9 And **God (ELOHIM)** came unto Balaam, and said, What men are these with thee?
- 10 And Balaam said unto God, Balak the son of Zippor, king of Moab, hath sent unto me, saying,
- 11 Behold, there is a people come out of Egypt, which covereth the face of the earth: come now, curse me them; peradventure I shall be able to overcome them, and drive them out.
- 12 And God said unto Balaam, Thou shalt not go with them; thou shalt not curse the people: for they are blessed.



# The Angel of the LORD (Jehovah) (Goes to stop him)



- 13 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and said unto the princes of Balak, Get you into your land: for the LORD (Jehovah) refuseth to give me or **(my god)** leave to go with you.
- Numbers 22:20 And **God(Little god)** came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.
- 21 And Balaam rose up in the morning, and saddled his ass, and went with the princes of Moab.
- 22 ¶And **God's anger (Jehovah)** was kindled because he went: and the angel of the LORD stood in the way for an adversary against him. Now he was riding upon his ass, and his two servants were with him.
- 23 And the ass saw the angel of the LORD standing in the way, and his sword drawn in his hand: and the ass turned aside out of the way, and went into the field: and Balaam smote the ass, to turn her into the way

# Divination Cannot Work Against Gods people



- Numbers 23:18 And he took up his parable, and said, Rise up, Balak, and hear; hearken unto me, thou son of Zippor:
- 19 God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent: hath he said, and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?
- 20 Behold, I have received commandment to bless: and he hath blessed; and I cannot reverse it.
- 23 Surely there is no enchantment against Jacob, neither is there any divination against Israel: according to this time it shall be said of Jacob and of Israel, What hath God wrought!
- Numbers 24:1 ¶And when Balaam saw that it pleased the LORD to bless Israel, he went not, as at other times, to seek for enchantments, but he set his face toward the wilderness.



# Saul Can't hear from God .. So, he goes to a witch



- 1 Samuel 28:7 ¶Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.
- 11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.
- 12 And when the woman saw Samuel, she cried with a loud voice: and the woman spake to Saul, saying, Why hast thou deceived me? for thou art Saul.
- 13 And the king said unto her, Be not afraid: for what sawest thou? And the woman said unto Saul, I saw gods ascending out of the earth.

# So How Does God Speak ?



Hearing God's Voice

Hebrews 1:1 God, who at sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, 2 Hath **in these last days spoken unto us by his Son**, whom he hath appointed heir of all things, by whom also he made the worlds;



# God Speaks in Strange Ways



- Ezekiel 4:9 ¶Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof.
- 10 And thy meat which thou shalt eat shall be by weight, twenty shekels a day: from time to time shalt thou eat it.
- 11 Thou shalt drink also water by measure, the sixth part of an hin: from time to time shalt thou drink.
- 12 And thou shalt eat it as barley cakes, and thou shalt bake it with dung that cometh out of man, in their sight.
- 13 And the LORD said, Even thus shall the children of Israel eat their defiled bread among the Gentiles, whither I will drive them.

# The New Covenant Voice

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- 1 God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, 2 has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds;  
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# The Three Channels

## Old Testament Dreams, Urim, & Prophets

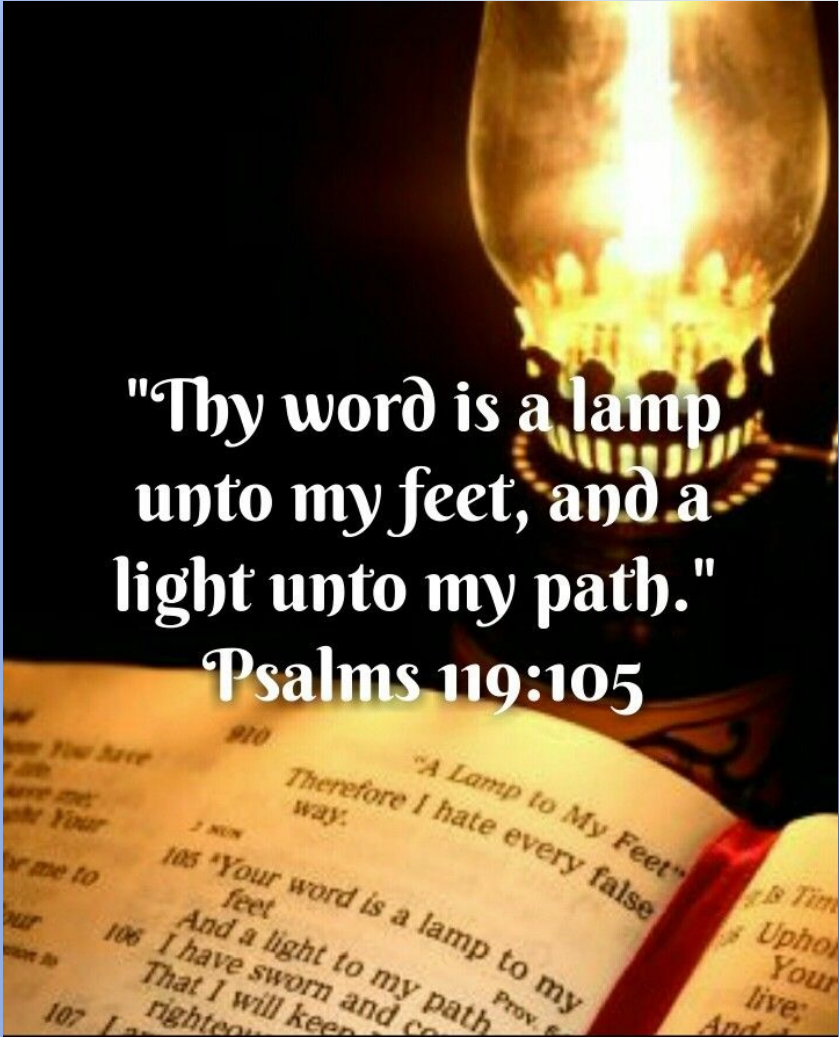


I will go on to  
Visions and Revelations  
from the Lord

2 Corinthians 12: 1

- Acts 2:16 But this is that which was spoken by the prophet Joel;
- 17 And it shall come to pass in the last days, saith God, I will pour out of my Spirit upon all flesh: and your sons and your daughters shall **prophecy**, and your young men shall see **visions**, and your old men shall dream dreams:
- 18 And on my servants and on my handmaidens **I will pour out in those days of my Spirit**; and they shall prophesy:

# Revelation & Truth



"Thy word is a lamp  
unto my feet, and a  
light unto my path."

Psalms 119:105

John 16: 13 Howbeit when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: **for he shall not speak of himself**; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and **he will shew you things to come.**

Revelation 4:1 ¶After this I looked, and, behold, a door was opened in heaven: and the first voice which I heard was as it were of a trumpet talking with me; which said, Come up hither, and **I will shew thee things which must be hereafter.**

2 And immediately I was in the spirit: and, behold, a throne was set in heaven, and one sat on the throne.



# Listening for direction



*Be led  
by the  
Holy Spirit*

- Isaiah 30:21 And thine ears shall hear a word behind thee, saying, This is the way, walk ye in it, when ye turn to the right hand, and when ye turn to the left.
- Romans 8:14 For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God.
- Galatians 5:18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law.

# The still small voice!



*After the earthquake  
a fire, but the LORD  
was not in the fire;  
and after the fire  
a still small voice.*

*1 Kings 19:12*

- 1 Kings 19:11 And he said, Go forth, and stand upon the mount before the LORD. And, behold, the LORD passed by, and a great and strong wind rent the mountains, and brake in pieces the rocks before the LORD; but the LORD was not in the wind: and after the wind an earthquake; but the LORD was not in the earthquake:
- 12 And after the earthquake a fire; but the LORD was not in the fire: and after the fire a still small voice.