

18. What contrast do we see between God and the Devil in these Scriptures: Deut. 7:9 and John 8:44?

Lying/Deception vs. Truth/Faithfulness

19. According to John 8:39 and 42, what two things does a child of God do?

1. do the deeds of Abraham.
2. Love Me (JC)

20. List several people who were dishonest in the Bible.

Cain, Abraham, Jacob, David, Lawyer, Ananias & Sapphira, Rich Men who withheld wages (Jam. 5:4)

21. What are some reasons why people are dishonest?

Peer Pressure; Norms of friends, society; one's own appetite, pride, ignorance.

22. How would you define greed according to Luke 12:15-21?

Desire for things that becomes so strong that it crowds out spiritual priorities.

Occultism

OBJECTIVE:

URGE CHRISTIANS TO BE ALERT TO
THE INFLUENCES OF THE OCCULT.

Deut. 18:11, NASB

11 ... or one who calls up the dead.

Deut. 18:11, ASV, KJV

11 ... or a necromancer.

9. "One who calls up the dead".

a. "necromancer" KJV, ASV, RSV; "consults the dead" NIV

b. "necromancy" [nek-ruh-man-see] - "1. the practice of claiming to foretell the future by alleged communication with the dead 2. black magic" W.NWD

Isa. 44:7, 24-28

7 'And **who is like Me?** Let him proclaim and declare it; Yes, let him recount it to Me in order, From the time that I established the ancient nation. And let them declare to them the things that are coming And the events that are going to take place.

24 Thus says the LORD, your Redeemer, and the one who formed you from the womb, "I, the LORD, am the maker of all things, Stretching out the heavens by Myself, And spreading out the earth all alone,

25 Causing the omens of boasters to fail, Making fools out of diviners, Causing wise men to draw back, And turning their knowledge into foolishness.

26 Confirming the word of His servant, And performing the purpose of His messengers. It is I who says of Jerusalem, 'She shall be inhabited!' And of the cities of Judah, 'They shall be built.' And I will raise up her ruins again.

27 "It is I who says to the depth of the sea, 'Be dried up!' And I will make your rivers dry.

28 "It is I who says of Cyrus, 'He is My shepherd! And he will perform all My desire.' And he declares of Jerusalem, 'She will be built,' And of the temple, 'Your foundation will be laid.'"

- **Highlight** the question and draw line to the answer in the text.
- Underline why the predictions of the occult prognosticators was futile.
- **Highlight** how the Lord was causing this futility.

Jer. 10:1-2, 6

1 **1** Hear the word which the LORD speaks to you, O house of Israel.

2 Thus says the LORD, **2** “Do not learn the way of the nations, And do not be terrified by the signs of the heavens Although the nations are terrified by them;

3 For the **customs of the peoples are delusion**; Because it is wood cut from the forest, The work of the hands of a craftsman with a cutting tool.

6 **There is none like Thee, O LORD**; Thou art great, and great is Thy name in might.

- Number the two things God tells Israel.
- **Highlight** the reason why.
- **Highlight** where there confidence should lie.
- Compare translations on vs. 3.

"..CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLE ARE VAIN..." KJV

"FOR THE CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLES ARE FUTILE...: NKJV

"..CUSTOMS OF THE PEOPLE ARE VANITY..." ASV, ESV

Dan. 1:20

20 And as for every matter of wisdom and understanding about which the king consulted them, he found them **ten times better than all the magicians and conjurers** who were in all his realm.

- **Highlight** what the king discovered about Daniel's counsel.

Dan. 2:1-5, 10-11

2:1 ¶ Now in the second year of the reign of Nebuchadnezzar, Nebuchadnezzar had dreams; and his spirit was troubled and his sleep left him.

2 Then the king gave orders to call in the magicians, the conjurers, the sorcerers and the Chaldeans, to tell the king his dreams. So they came in and stood before the king.

3 And the king said to them, "I had a dream, and my spirit is anxious to understand the dream."

4 Then the Chaldeans spoke to the king in Aramaic: "O king, live forever! Tell the dream to your servants, and we will declare the interpretation."

5 The king answered and said to the Chaldeans, "The command from me is firm: if you do not make known to me the dream and its interpretation, you will be torn limb from limb, and your houses will be made a rubbish heap

- Highlight the proposition the magicians, astrologers, and conjurers made to the king.
- Number four things the occultists said to the king after his refusal.

10 The Chaldeans answered the king and said, **1** There is not a man on earth who could declare the matter for the king, inasmuch as **2** no great king or ruler has ever asked anything like this of any magician, conjurer or Chaldean.

11 "Moreover, the thing which the king **3** demands is difficult, and **4** there is no one else who could declare it to the king except gods, whose dwelling place is not with mortal flesh."

Dan. 2:16-20, 26-28

16 So Daniel went in and requested of the king that he would give him time, in order that he might declare the interpretation to the king. 17 Then Daniel went to his house and informed his friends, Hananiah, Mishael and Azariah, about the matter, 18 in order that they might request compassion from the God of heaven concerning this mystery, so that Daniel and his friends might not be destroyed with the rest of the wise men of Babylon. 19 Then the mystery was revealed to Daniel in a night vision. Then Daniel blessed the God of heaven; 20 Daniel answered and said, "Let the name of God be blessed forever and ever, For wisdom and power belong to Him.

26 The king answered and said to Daniel, whose name was Belteshazzar, "Are you able to make known to me the dream which I have seen and its interpretation?"

- Highlight what Daniel was able to do in contrast to the occultists.
- Highlight how Daniel was able to do this.

27 Daniel answered before the king and said, "As for the mystery about which the king has inquired, neither wise men, conjurers, magicians, nor diviners are able to declare it to the king.

28 "However, there is a God in heaven who reveals mysteries, and He has made known to King Nebuchadnezzar what will take place in the latter days. This was your dream and the visions in your mind while on your bed.

Acts 8:5-13

5 And Philip went down to the city of Samaria and began proclaiming Christ to them. 6 And the multitudes with one accord were giving attention to what was said by Philip, as they heard and saw the signs which he was performing. 7 For in the case of many who had unclean spirits, they were coming out of them shouting with a loud voice; and many who had been paralyzed and lame were healed. 8 And there was much rejoicing in that city. 9 Now there was a certain man named Simon, who formerly was practicing magic in the city, and astonishing the people of Samaria, claiming to be someone great; 10 and they all, from smallest to greatest, were giving attention to him, saying, "This man is what is called the Great Power of God." 11 And they were giving him attention because he had for a long time astonished them with his magic arts. 12 But when they believed 1 Philip preaching the good news about the kingdom of God and the name of Jesus Christ, they were being baptized, men and women alike. 13 And even Simon himself believed; and after being baptized, he continued on with Philip; and as he observed 2 signs and great miracles taking place, he was constantly amazed.

- **Highlight** what was said about Simon working magic.
- **Underline** what the impact of his magic on the people.
- Number what two things Philip did to change this.
- **Highlight** was indicates Simon knew he was a fraud.
- Can a Christian be a magician?
NO
- Compare other translations for "magic arts" in vs. 11.

"SORCERY,"
"SORCERIES," KJV/
NKJV/ASV

Acts 13:6-12

6 And when they had gone through the whole island as far as Paphos, they found a certain magician, a Jewish false prophet whose name was Bar-Jesus, 7 who was with the proconsul, Sergius Paulus, a man of intelligence. This man summoned Barnabas and Saul and sought to hear the word of God.

8 But Elymas the magician (for thus his name is translated) was opposing them, seeking to turn the proconsul away from the faith.

9 But Saul, who was also known as Paul, filled with the Holy Spirit, fixed his gaze upon him,

10 and said, "You who are full of all deceit and fraud, you son of the devil, you enemy of all righteousness, will you not cease to make crooked the straight ways of the Lord?"

11 And now, behold, the hand of the Lord is upon you, and you will be blind and not see the sun for a time." And immediately a mist and a darkness fell upon him, and he went about seeking those who would lead him by the hand.

12 Then the proconsul believed when he saw what had happened, being amazed at the teaching of the Lord.

- Highlight what indicates Elymas connected his magic with the supernatural.

SORCERER, ASV/KJV

- Underline how he used his magical arts.
- Highlight how did Paul describe this "magician".
- Highlight to what did Paul attribute his own supernatural power.