

Our Fathers Who Aren't In Heaven Part 4
King Saul & The Witch of Endor - Elijah Carried Into Heaven

In 1829, the Scottish Bible scholar Edward Irving, in a lecture entitled "The Second Advent of Our Lord," stated that:

Instead of looking to that glorious event [the Lord's appearing], and to all the circumstances connected therewith, the church has nearly forgotten it, and instead of it, to take up with miserable substitutes, such as that every man should think but of the day of his death; from which consideration there comes not joy nor strength, but weakness and oppression....

King Saul and the Witch of Endor

Leviticus 20:6 " I will set my face against the person who turns to mediums and spiritists to prostitute himself by following them, and I will cut him off from his people.

Leviticus 19:31 " Do not turn to mediums or seek out spiritists, for you will be defiled by them. I am the LORD your God.

Deuteronomy 18:10 Let no one be found among you who sacrifices his son or daughter in the fire, who practices divination or sorcery, interprets omens, engages in witchcraft, **11** or casts spells, or who is a medium or spiritist or who consults the dead.

2 Kings 23:24 Furthermore, Josiah got rid of the mediums and spiritists, the household gods, the idols and all the other detestable things seen in Judah and Jerusalem. This he did to fulfill the requirements of the law written in the book that Hilkiah the priest had discovered in the temple of the LORD.

We have to continue to read with the understanding: *that the few difficult verses have to be understood in the light of the many clear verses on the same subject.*

1 Samuel 12:18 Then Samuel called upon the LORD, and that same day the LORD sent thunder and rain. So all the people stood in awe of the LORD and of Samuel.

Psalm 99:6 Samuel was among those who called on his name; they called on the LORD and he answered them.

1 Samuel 15:1 Now Samuel died, and all Israel assembled and mourned for him; and they buried him at his home in Ramah.

35: Until the day Samuel died, he did not go to see Saul again.....

Hebrews 11:32 list of "all those who died", **verse 35**so that they might gain a better resurrection.

1 Samuel 28:1 In those days the Philistines gathered their forces to fight against Israel. Achish said to David, "You must understand that you and your men will accompany me in the army." **2** David said, "Then you will see for yourself what your servant can do." Achish replied, "Very well, I will make you my bodyguard for life." **3** Now Samuel WAS DEAD, and all Israel had mourned for him and buried him in his own town of Ramah. Saul had expelled the mediums and spiritists from the land.**4** The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all the Israelites and set up camp at Gilboa. **5** When Saul saw the Philistine army, he was afraid; terror filled his heart. **6** He inquired of the LORD, but the LORD did not answer him by dreams or Urim or prophets. **7** Saul then said to his attendants, "Find me a woman who is a medium, so I may go and inquire of her." There is one in Endor," they said. **8** So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman. "Consult a spirit for me," he said, "and bring up for me the one I name." **9** But the woman said to him, "Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and spiritists from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?" **10** Saul swore to her by the LORD, "As surely as the LORD lives, you will not be punished for this." **11** Then the woman asked, "Whom shall I bring up for you?" "Bring up Samuel," he said.

1 Samuel 28:12 When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul, "Why have you deceived me? You are Saul!"

13 The king said to her, "Don't be afraid. What do you see?" The woman said, "I see a spirit coming up out of the ground."

1 Chronicles 10:13 So Saul died from his transgression which he committed against the Lord, even against the word of the Lord, which he kept not, and also for asking counsel of one that had a familiar spirit, to enquire of it. **14** and did not inquire (darash-ask with authority and power) of the LORD. So the LORD put him to death and turned the kingdom over to David son of Jesse.

1 Samuel 15:23 For rebellion is like the sin of divination, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he has rejected you as king."

1 Samuel 31:5 When the armor-bearer saw that **Saul was dead**, he too fell on his sword and **died with him**. **6** So Saul and his three sons and his armor-bearer and **all his men died together** that same day.

Elijah Carried Into Heaven:

2 Kings 2:11 As they were walking along and talking together, suddenly a chariot of fire and horses of fire appeared and separated the two of them, and Elijah went up to heaven in a whirlwind.

16b.....Perhaps the Spirit of the LORD has picked him up and set him down on some mountain or in some valley."**17** But they persisted (with Elisha) until he was too ashamed to refuse. So he said, "Send them." And they sent fifty men, who searched for three days but did not find him.

2 Kings 2:11 simply means that God supernaturally moved Elijah from one place to another place, similar to what He did later with Philip in Acts and for Jesus in some records in The Gospels.

Acts 8:39 When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord suddenly took Philip away, and the eunuch did not see him again, but went on his way rejoicing. **40a** Philip, however, appeared at Azotus.....