**Narrator:** The people of Israel wanted a king. God gave them a handsome and tall king named Saul. King Saul was the first king of Israel. The prophet Samuel anointed Saul as king and Saul tried to help the king, but on several occasions, Saul disobeyed the commands of God.

The prophet Samuel sternly told King Saul.

**Samuel:** Saul listen!

[1 Samuel 15:22-23] To obey is better than sacrifice, and to heed is better than the fat of rams. 23For rebellion is like the sin of *WITCHCRAFT*, and arrogance like the evil of idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the Lord, he has rejected you as king.”

**Narrator:** It has been many years, and now…

[1 Sam 28] **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 *WITCHES* from the land.

**4**The Philistines assembled and came and set up camp at Shunem, while Saul gathered all Israel 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,

**Saul:** “Find me a woman who is a *WITCH*, so I may go and inquire of her.”

**Narrator:** The attendants said ““There is one in Endor.” **8**So Saul disguised himself, putting on other clothes, and at night he and two men went to the woman.

**Saul:** Consult a spirit for me and bring up for me the one I name.

**Witch:** Surely you know what Saul has done. He has cut off the mediums and *WITCHES* from the land. Why have you set a trap for my life to bring about my death?

**Saul:** As surely as the Lord lives, you will not be punished for this.

**Witch:** Whom shall I bring up for you?”

**Saul:** Bring up Samuel,

**Narrator:** **12**When the woman saw Samuel, she cried out at the top of her voice and said to Saul…

**Witch:** Why have you deceived me? You are king Saul!

**Saul:** Don’t be afraid. What do you see?

**Witch:** I see a ghostly figure coming up out of the earth.

**Saul:** What does he look like?

**Witch:** An old man wearing a robe is coming up.

**Narrator:** Then Saul knew it was Samuel, and he bowed down and prostrated himself with his face to the ground. **15**Samuel said to Saul…

**Samuel:** Why have you disturbed me by bringing me up?

**Saul:** I am in great distress. The Philistines are fighting against me, and God has departed from me. He no longer answers me, either by prophets or by dreams. So, I have called on you to tell me what to do.

**Samuel:** Why do you consult me, now that the Lord has departed from you and become your enemy? **17**The Lord has done what he predicted through me. The Lord has torn the kingdom out of your hands and given it to one of your neighbors—to David. **18**Because you did not obey the Lord or carry out his fierce wrath against the Amalekites, the Lord has done this to you today. **19**The Lord will deliver both Israel and you into the hands of the Philistines, and tomorrow you and your sons will be with me. The Lord will also give the army of Israel into the hands of the Philistines.

**Narrator:** **20**Immediately Saul fell full length on the ground, filled with fear because of Samuel’s words. His strength was gone, for he had eaten nothing all that day and all that night. **21**When the woman came to Saul and saw that he was greatly shaken, she said,

**Witch:** Look, your servant has obeyed you. I took my life in my hands and did what you told me to do.

**Narrator:** King Saul left the witch. The next day Saul and his 3 sons all died in battle.

Saul had heard the voice of a ghost.
Saul had enquired the knowledge of a witch.
But what Saul really needed was to hear & obey of the LORD.

The end.