

## Demise of Python - Acts 16C

**Acts 16:16-24 - And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying: 17 The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation. 18 And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour. 19 And when her masters saw that the hope of their gains was gone, they caught Paul and Silas, and drew them into the marketplace unto the rulers, 20 And brought them to the magistrates, saying, These men, being Jews, do exceedingly trouble our city, 21 And teach customs, which are not lawful for us to receive, neither to observe, being Romans. 22 And the multitude rose up together against them: and the magistrates rent off their clothes, and commanded to beat them. 23 And when they had laid many stripes upon them, they cast them into prison, charging the jailor to keep them safely: 24 Who, having received such a charge, thrust them into the inner prison, and made their feet fast in the stocks.**

**Paul & company were going through Philippi ministering.**

**Acts 16:16 And it came to pass, as we went to prayer, a certain damsel possessed with a spirit of divination met us, which brought her masters much gain by soothsaying:**

**Acts 13 referred to Elymas the sorcerer.**

**Acts 8 summarized about Simon Magus.**

**Acts 19 summarized about the 7 Sons of Sceva & people turning to Jesus & burning their occult books.**

**spirit of divination - Strongs #4436 puywn Puthon *poo'-thone* from Putho (the name of the region where Delphi, the seat of the famous oracle, was located) AV-divination 1; 1**

**1) in Greek mythology the name of the Pythian serpent or dragon that dwelt in the region of Pytho at the foot of Parnassus in Phocis, and was said to have guarded the oracle at Delphi and been slain by Apollo 2) a spirit of divination**

**Acts 17:22 Then Paul stood in the midst of Mars' hill, and said, Ye men of Athens, I perceive that in all things ye are too superstitious.**

**Exodus 8:1 And the LORD spake unto Moses, Go unto Pharaoh, and say unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Let my people go, that they may serve me.**

**Break off ungodly predictions in Jesus' name, including personal prophesies, horoscopes, fortune telling, etc.**

**Acts 16:17** The same followed Paul and us, and cried, saying, These men are the servants of the most high God, which shew unto us the way of salvation.

Explained how the demon was saying it was the same as Paul trying to hook the people.

Explained how demons are given grounds to take over the people invoking them like sangomas.

**Luke 10:19** Behold, I give unto you power to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy: and nothing shall by any means hurt you.

**Acts 16:18** And this did she many days. But Paul, being grieved, turned and said to the spirit, I command thee in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her. And he came out the same hour.

We do not usually cast demons out of unbelievers, we bind them in Jesus' name.

Similar to the Spiritual show down in Egypt & on Mount Carmel.

We break off in Jesus' name the legal grounds for the demons to stay.

**Mark 8:23-25** Jesus prayed twice to heal a blind man.

**Deuteronomy 18:9-14** referred to & explained later.

Python serpent or dragon demon like Kundalini. Ask for God's serpent of the Lord to devour them.

**Exodus 7:12** For they cast down every man his rod, and they became serpents: but Aaron's rod swallowed up their rods.

**2 Corinthians 11** Paul's "in perils of " chapter referred to.

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Like now, many places do not allow proselitising about Jesus.

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Explained of the jail system there then.

Balaam spirit of false prophesy similar.

**Mark 9:29** And He (Jesus) said unto them, This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.

**Deuteronomy 18:10,11** 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.

1 Samuel 28:9 And the woman said unto him, Behold, thou knowest what Saul hath done, how he hath cut off those that have familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land: wherefore then layest thou a snare for my life, to cause me to die?

1 Chronicles 10:13,14 So Saul died for 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 enquired not of the LORD: therefore he slew him, and turned the kingdom unto David the son of Jesse.

Leviticus 19:31 Regard not them that have familiar spirits, neither seek after wizards, to be defiled by them: I *am* the LORD your God.

Not seek after wizards - Harry Potter, Gandolph, The Hobbit, etc.

Isaiah 8:19 And when they shall say unto you, Seek unto them that have familiar spirits, and unto wizards that peep, and that mutter: should not a people seek unto their God? for the living to the dead?

Many time David enquired of the Lord what to do.

As Born Again Believers we have God's Holy Spirit to lead & guide us.

Acts 15 referred to the Judahizers trying to get Christians off base.

Acts 15:20 But that we write unto them, that they abstain from pollutions of idols, and *from* fornication, and *from* things strangled, and *from* blood.

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