

level of this prediction was much higher than even very highly-rated spirit mediums usually achieve; and that the message the medium gave Saul was not one which would endear her to Saul or to his servants, or earn her a high fee! She told Saul what he had no doubt hoped he would not hear. In fact, if her purpose was to tell him what he wanted to hear, or to deceive him with a fraudulent message, she certainly did not do this. Instead, she told him what actually came to pass. This is quite inconsistent with what we know of practically all spirit mediums during the past 130 years, and argues for a supernatural factor which tended to operate against her natural character, her usual procedure, her pocketbook, and her well-being.

Deuteronomy 13:1-3 tells us that it is possible for someone to predict the future and to have the prediction come to pass, and yet to do so, not by God's Spirit, but by means of other powers and forces which tend to lead the people away from the true God to follow after and serve other gods. The only other supernatural powers that can do such things are Satanic and demonic.

Therefore we must conclude that unless this medium made a very accurate prediction by guesswork and chance, she must have opened or yielded herself to supernatural Satanic or demonic powers in order to obtain the information she channeled to Saul.

In the aftermath of the consultation, we find Saul terrified and faint with fear and hunger. The medium encourages him to strengthen himself with food before he returns to his camp in Gilboa.

*Verses 20-25* -- "Then Saul immediately fell full length upon the ground and was very afraid because of the words of Samuel [i.e., the words of Samuel, the spirit apparition]; also there was no strength in him, for he had eaten no food all day and all night. And the woman came to Saul and saw that he was terrified, and said to him, 'Behold, your maidservant has obeyed you, and I have taken my life in my hand, and have listened to your words which you spoke to me. So now also, please listen to the voice of your maidservant, and let me set a piece of bread before you, that you may eat and have strength when you go on your way.' But he refused and said, 'I will not eat.' However, his servants together with the woman urged him, and he listened to them. So he arose from the ground and sat on the bed. And the woman had a fattened calf in the house, and she