

Wonderfully Made Series
Study #6: First King's Witchcraft & Golgi Apparatus, Lysosomes, Mitochondria
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Remember, Israel was a true theocracy in which God was their king, but sadly they wanted a king like the other godless nations that surrounded them. These were the same nations in Canaan that Israel was supposed to destroy. These nations became a snare to them because they disobeyed God's explicit command to destroy them.

What was God's explicit instruction and promise to Israel before they went into the Canaan land?

Deuteronomy 7:16

16 And **thou shalt consume all** the people which the **LORD thy God shall deliver thee; thine eye shall have no pity upon them: neither shalt thou serve their gods; for that will be a snare unto thee.**

Sadly, Israel as a nation did everything that God told them not to do. Instead of killing all the nations that worshiped false gods, they worshiped the same false gods!

Judges 2:1-3

1 And an angel of the LORD came up from Gilgal to Bochim, and said, I made you to go up out of Egypt, and have brought you unto the land which I swore unto your fathers; and I said, I will never break my covenant with you.

2 And ye shall make no league with the inhabitants of this land; ye shall throw down their altars: but ye have **not obeyed my voice: why have ye done this?**

3 Wherefore I also said, I will not drive them out from before you; **but they shall be as thorns in your sides, and their gods shall be a snare unto you.**

What will happened to those who no longer follow the old pathways and have no love for the truth?

Those who disobey God's word and explicit directions will NOT receive the blessing of God but the curses. There are some who believe they can mingle with the world and Babylon and NOT receive the mark of the beast. This is a GREAT deception.

After Joshua died the people totally rebelled against God, the King of Israel, and worshiped the false gods of Baal and Ashtaroth.

Judges 2:10-13

10 And also all that generation were gathered unto their fathers: and there arose another generation after them, which knew not the LORD, nor yet the works which he had done for Israel.

11 And the children of Israel did evil in the sight of the LORD, and served **Baalim**:

12 And they forsook the LORD God of their fathers, which brought them out of the land of Egypt, and followed other gods, of the gods of the people that were round about them, and bowed themselves unto them, and provoked the LORD to anger.

13 And **they forsook the LORD, and served Baal and Ashtaroth.**

Baal was associated with sun worship and Ashtaroth was associated with moon worship. Israel abandoned their position and joined the ranks of the opposition because they wanted to be like the false worshiping nations around them.

After about 370 years of judges at the time of Samuel, the people of Israel wanted a king like the other nations. They no longer wanted God as their king. God warned them of all the curses that would happen as a result. They wanted a king anyway. So God gave them a king.

Who was the first king of Israel? Saul

Saul looked like a king, He was tall and handsome. At the beginning of being anointed king Saul was a humble man.

1 Samuel 9:2

2 And he had a son, whose name was Saul, a choice young man, and a goodly: and there was not among the children of Israel a goodlier person than he: from his shoulders and upward he was higher than any of the people.

1 Samuel 10:1

1 Then Samuel took a vial of oil, and poured it upon his head (Saul), and kissed him, and said, Is it not because the LORD hath anointed thee to be captain over his inheritance?

Kingship got to Saul's head. He got puffed up with pride and arrogancy. What followed was disobedience to God's explicit commands.

Pride will always lead to disobedience of God's Word. Because Saul was king, he believed he had certain priestly rights in which God did not give him.

For example:

1 Samuel 13:5-14

5 And the Philistines gathered themselves together to fight with Israel, thirty thousand chariots, and six thousand horsemen, and people as the sand which is on the sea shore in multitude: and they came up, and pitched in Michmash, eastward from Bethaven.

6 When the men of Israel saw that they were in a strait, (for the people were distressed,) then the people did hide themselves in caves, and in thickets, and in rocks, and in high places, and in pits.

7 And some of the Hebrews went over Jordan to the land of Gad and Gilead. As for Saul, he was yet in Gilgal, and all the people followed him trembling.

8 And he tarried seven days, according to the set time that Samuel had appointed: but Samuel came not to Gilgal; and the people were scattered from him.

9 And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

10 And it came to pass, that as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, behold, Samuel came; and Saul went out to meet him, that he might salute him.

11 And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: **I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering.**

13 And Samuel said to Saul, Thou hast done foolishly: thou hast not kept the commandment of the LORD thy God, which he commanded thee: for now would the LORD have established thy kingdom upon Israel for ever.

14 But now thy kingdom shall not continue: the LORD hath sought him a man after his own heart, and the LORD hath commanded him to be captain over his people, because thou hast not kept that which the LORD commanded thee.

God commands complete obedience. Saul made excuses and lies for his disobedience. The same is true with many professed Christians today who make excuses for not keeping the commandments of God. They make excuses when it comes to keep the true Sabbath of the Lord. They make excuses why they have to work on the Sabbath.

Saul's excuses as king kept the nation of Israel in a state of rebellion against God.

What was the explicit command from God to King Saul in the war with Amalekites?

1 Samuel 15:3

3 Now go and smite Amalek, and utterly destroy all that they have, and spare them not; but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling, ox and sheep, camel and ass.

Did Saul follow God's commands that were so clearly given?

1 Samuel 15:8-9

8 And he took Agag the king of the Amalekites alive, and utterly destroyed all the people with the edge of the sword.

9 But Saul and the people spared Agag, and the best of the sheep, and of the oxen, and of the fatlings, and the lambs, and all that was good, and would not utterly destroy them: but every thing that was vile and refuse, that they destroyed utterly.

Saul did not destroy the king of Agag nor did he destroy all of the sheep and oxen.

What was God's and Samuel's reaction to Saul's disobedience?

1 Samuel 15:10-11

10 Then came the word of the LORD unto Samuel, saying,

11 It repenteth me that I have set up Saul to be king: for he is turned back from following me, and hath not performed my commandments. And it grieved Samuel; and he cried unto the LORD all night.

What was Saul's reaction when he saw Samuel?

1 Samuel 15:13

13 And Samuel came to Saul: and Saul said unto him, Blessed be thou of the LORD: I have performed the commandment of the LORD.

Saul lied to himself and Samuel believing that his disobedience was obedience. This is self-deception! This is exactly what many professed modern Christians do. Those in Babylon and drinking the wine of Babylon are telling others and themselves that they are being obedient to God's commandments when in fact it is the opposite!

Proverbs 28:13

13 He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.

What did Samuel ask Saul?**1 Samuel 15:14**

14 And Samuel said, What meaneth then this bleating of the sheep in mine ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?

What was Saul's excuse?**1 Samuel 15:15**

15 And Saul said, They have brought them from the Amalekites: for the people spared the best of the sheep and of the oxen, **to sacrifice unto the LORD thy God; and the rest we have utterly destroyed.**

What did Samuel call Saul's disobedience?**1 Samuel 15:22-23**

22 And Samuel said, Hath the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.
23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, he hath also rejected thee from being king.

Rebellion = witchcraft & Stubbornness = iniquity and idolatary

In other words, it is better to obey than to worship and praise while in rebellion!

Saul rejected as being king over Israel. This was a decree to Saul from God.

1 Samuel 15:26-28

26 And Samuel said unto Saul, I will not return with thee: for thou hast rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD hath rejected thee from being king over Israel.
27 And as Samuel turned about to go away, he laid hold upon the skirt of his mantle, and it rent.
28 And Samuel said unto him, The LORD hath rent the kingdom of Israel from thee this day, and hath given it to a neighbour of thine, that is better than thou.

Because of Saul's rebellion the spirit of the Lord left him.

1 Samuel 28:3-6

3 Now Samuel was dead, and all Israel had lamented him, and buried him in Ramah, even in his own city. And Saul had put away those that had familiar spirits, and the wizards, out of the land.
4 And the Philistines gathered themselves together, and came and pitched in Shunem: and Saul gathered all Israel together, and they pitched in Gilboa.
5 And when Saul saw the host of the Philistines, he was afraid, and his heart greatly trembled.
6 And when Saul enquired of the LORD, the LORD answered him not, neither by dreams, nor by Urim, nor by prophets.

Since Saul was not receiving anything from God, who did he seek for advice?

1 Samuel 28:7, 11, 14 - 19

7 Then said Saul unto his servants, Seek me a woman that hath a familiar spirit, that I may go to her, and enquire of her. And his servants said to him, Behold, there is a woman that hath a familiar spirit at Endor.

11 Then said the woman, Whom shall I bring up unto thee? And he said, Bring me up Samuel.

1 Samuel 28:14-19

14 And he said unto her, What form is he of? And she said, An old man cometh up; and he is covered with a mantle. And Saul perceived that it was Samuel, and he stooped with his face to the ground, and bowed himself.

15 And Samuel said to Saul, Why hast thou disquieted me, to bring me up? And Saul answered, I am sore distressed; for the Philistines make war against me, and God is departed from me, and answereth me no more, neither by prophets, nor by dreams: therefore I have called thee, that thou mayest make known unto me what I shall do.

16 Then said Samuel, Wherefore then dost thou ask of me, seeing the LORD is departed from thee, and is become thine enemy?

17 And the LORD hath done to him, as he spake by me: for the LORD hath rent the kingdom out of thine hand, and given it to thy neighbour, even to David:

18 Because thou obeyedst not the voice of the LORD, nor executedst his fierce wrath upon Amalek, therefore hath the LORD done this thing unto thee this day.

19 Moreover the LORD will also deliver Israel with thee into the hand of the Philistines: and to morrow shalt thou and thy sons be with me: the LORD also shall deliver the host of Israel into the hand of the Philistines.

Witchcraft claims it has the power to speak to the dead. Remember the dead know not anything. Witchcraft connects with the demonic spirits that take the form of those who are dead.

Saul's rebellion led to literal witchcraft! Saul became destitute of the spirit of God and possessed by demonic spirits. All witchcraft is led by Satan himself. The true people of God should have NOTHING to do with it. Satan will try to make it seem funny, amusing, and exciting.

Do you see where rebellion will lead anybody who is not fully obedient to God's commandments? Demonic possession! As we see in Saul's case, rebellion led to excuses and self deception!

Let's learn more about God's creative power that is seen in our cells.

Golgi Apparatus

- The Golgi apparatus (also Golgi body or complex) is situated within the cell body (cytoplasm). It was identified by Camillo Golgi in 1897, after whom Golgi apparatus is named.
- Golgi Apparatus is typically comprised of a series of five to eight cup-shaped, membrane-covered sacs called cisternae that look something like a stack of deflated balloons.
- The Golgi apparatus "processes" substances and it plays an important role in absorbing or secreting substances. Therefore, each Golgi field has an absorptive and secreting side.
- Golgi Apparatus is the distribution and shipping department for the cell's chemical products.

- It modifies proteins and lipids (fats) that have been built in the endoplasmic reticulum and prepares them for export outside of the cell or for transport to other locations in the cell. Proteins and lipids built in the smooth and rough endoplasmic reticulum bud off in tiny bubble-like vesicles that move through the cytoplasm until they reach the Golgi complex.

Vesicles are transportation “vehicles” of the cell

Lysosomes

- These organelles have a round to oval vesicular form.
- “Organs” of the cell that perform the actual digestion, because they contain a number of special enzymes, which allow them to break down organelles that no longer function and foreign matter that has been absorbed.
- Lysosomes are formed in the endoplasmic reticulum and in the Golgi apparatus.

Mitochondria

- The energy suppliers of the cell and are therefore also designated as power plants.
- Foods such as sugar and fat, which reach the cell, are burned with oxygen in the mitochondria.

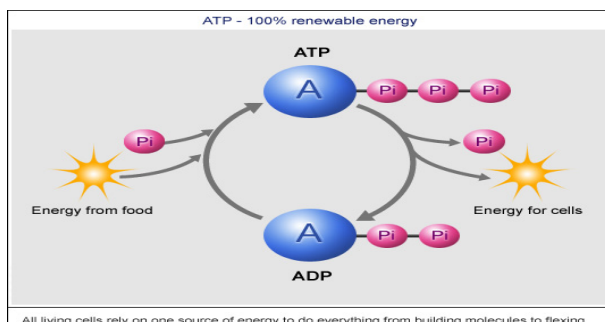
FUEL: ATP [Adenosine Triphosphate]

- Aerobic metabolism, produces the “fuel” ATP (adenosine triphosphate) from the basic foods of fats, carbohydrates and proteins, the energy necessary for all metabolic processes.
- ATP goes from the mitochondria to other areas in the cell, where it has a role to play in transporting substances through the cell membrane or moving muscles.

ATP to ADP

ATP consists of adenine, which contains nitrogen, the sugar ribose and three phosphate molecules (adenosine triphosphate), which are linked with each other. When a phosphate molecule is split, this releases energy and adenosine diphosphate (ADP) is produced from the adenosine triphosphate.

This can be transformed to ATP again using energy in the mitochondria. (see picture)



Cells that require a great deal of energy such as heart muscle cells, intestinal cells or kidney cells have many more mitochondria than bone or cartilage cells, which are comparatively **passive**.

In order to receive all that the cells provide we must be in obedience to the laws of the body.

Poisoning the cells with poisonous drugs is witchcraft and rebellion against the laws of the body.

Remember according to Revelation 18:23 all nations are deceived by sorcery = Pharmakia – a system of administering poisonous drugs.

Doctor Sentenced to 40 Years In Prison For Opioid Pill Mill Scheme, 10-3-19, Huff Post

Dr. Joel Smithers, 36, prescribed opioids to every patient who visited his Virginia office, totaling more than 500,000 doses over two years.

Prosecutors said Dr. Joel Smithers, 36, illegally prescribed controlled substances, including oxymorphone, oxycodone, hydromorphone and fentanyl, to every patient who visited his “pill mill” office in Martinsville from 2015 to 2017.

The majority of his patients traveled hundreds of miles one way to receive the addictive drugs, including from West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky — three states that have some of the highest opioid-involved overdose deaths in the country.

Many of his patients slept outside while waiting up to 12 hours to see him and urinated in the parking lot. His office would regularly remain open past midnight, prosecutors said.

Doctors, pharmacists among 41 busted for massive Houston-area pill mill scheme, Chron.com, August 28, 2019

Under the scheme, people pretending to be patients in pain went to see a doctor, who was in on the plan and would write a prescription for either oxycodone, hydrocodone or carisoprodol (sometimes all three, known as the "**Houston Cocktail**" to the feds).

In all, doctors dealt out more than 22 million pills in the Houston area, enough to give every Texan at least one dose each of either of the three prescriptions.

The reality is that the addiction of opioids did not start at the “pill mills”, but the addiction to opioids started in hospitals and doctor's offices who “legally” prescribe opioids.

This is all part of Babylon and is just the tip of the iceberg of what is going on with pharmakeia. Pharmacy and the prescription of poisonous drugs is one of the biggest scams in the world.

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