

Jezebel at Home, in the Church, and in the World

There is a multitude of slain, a great number of bodies, countless corpses—they stumble over the corpses—Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot, the mistress of sorceries, who sells nations through her harlotries, and families through her sorceries. (Nahum 3:4)

Characteristics of Jezebel (for Biblical basis see 1Kings 16:29 through 2Kings 9:37 and tape of 6/15/02)

- Fiercely independent/intensely ambitious – only appears submissive or servant-like to gain power
- Seeks to control/dominate/destroy those under her “domain” – there are no limits to her wickedness in pursuit of domination
 - e.g. Herodias dancing seductively for King Herod to win John the Baptist’s head on a platter (John being the first coming of the Elijah spirit) – Matt 14:6-11)
- Manipulator/schemer/Deceiver/Liar/Slanderer
 - Manipulation in itself is wrong – coupled with malice it becomes evil
 - “Individuals given to a Jezebel spirit have a conscience that has been seared – calling good “evil” and evil “good” (John Paul Jackson – “Unmasking the Jezebel Spirit”)
 - To get Naboth’s vineyard (1Kings 21:8-10), she proclaimed a fast (veiled spirituality) but then planted false witnesses resulting in Naboth’s death
 - She has a deeply rooted animosity and hatred toward those who disagree with her will and her desires
- Seduces/Charms/Flatters those in power – maligns, accuses, condemns, and undermines those in the way
- Rebellious/Stirs up strife – *(there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do wickedness in the sight of the Lord, because **Jezebel his wife stirred him up** – 1Kings 21:25*
 - Rebellion is the core of their being – really rebelling against God, exalting their will over His
 - That’s why God equates rebellion with witchcraft (*For **rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry** -- 1Samuel 15:23.*
- Encourages sexual immorality/lust/perversion/incest
- Spiritual blindness/Religious Spirit/Apostasy/Idolatry/Humanism/Spiritism/Occultism/Antichrist
- Backbiting/Gossip/Sharp Tongue – pits one against another
- Jealousy/Envy – never satisfied
- Demanding/Possessive/Selfish/Stingy
- Emasculates men, devalues every person she controls – and defiles everything she touches
- Exhibits false gifts that are perceived to be real – especially in the realm of prophecy
- Requires an Ahab to open the doors of power and authority -- which she later usurps – “*you **allow** (i.e. give authority) that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols” (Rev. 2:20)*
 - In taking on a foreign queen from Tyre, Ahab violated (i.e. compromised) God’s orders
- The Jezebel spirit is “more attracted to the uniqueness of the female psyche in its sophisticated ability to manipulate without physical force (although it can inhabit men as well)
- The Jezebel spirit targets women who are embittered against men

Jezebel in Men

- The Jezebel spirit can also operate through men
- It is especially attracted to worship leaders and pastors in the church
- In a pastor, it will manifest as very authoritarian and unyielding in his control of the church
- The worship leader or pastor with a Jezebel spirit will usually be lured into maintaining several flirtatious relationships with women in the church – and sometimes they will fall into adultery

Jezebel in the Home

- Name “Jezebel” literally means “without cohabitation” (i.e. refuses to cohabit with anyone unless she can control and dominate the relationship)
- Therefore, all husbands of Jezebels become Ahabs if they remain in the relationship (or were Ahabs beforehand)
- Jezebel publicly humiliates her husband with her sharp tongue to show who’s in charge
- She employs sexual immorality/perversion to “possess” men
 - The essence of the Ahab nature is to outwardly be the “head” of something (i.e. family, church, country), but who in reality cedes all power and authority to Jezebel
- The man who is married to a Jezebel wife will exhibit one of two responses: he will either be fearful in other relationships, or he will resent women in general (and perhaps abuse them) – Frances Frangipane, “The Jezebel Spirit”
 - Secretly, he will despise and hate his Jezebel wife, but has become dependent on her and afraid of her so he will usually suffer in silence
 - The Ahab husband avoids confrontation and lets his wife have her own way
- She seeks to dominate & destroy the functionality of the family to ensure that her husband and her children will not be able to function on their own without her
 - Within the family unit, she uses charm, smiles, soothing touches, threats, temper tantrums, anger or anything else that’s necessary to get her way (Richard Ing, “Spiritual Warfare”)
- Daughters reared by a Jezebel mother may manifest masculine or overtly aggressive behavior
 - Becoming like their mother, they may repress their true femininity, regarding it as a detriment
 - In turn, they may begin to operate with a Jezebel spirit
 - They will find it difficult to trust men, as well as God the Father -- they are often man-haters
 - Many become interested in witchcraft as a means of gaining control over people and obtaining power
- Sons of a Jezebel mother will become confused about their masculinity or become sexually aggressive and seek to subdue women
 - They may become overbearing tyrants themselves – even abusive toward women motivated by their resentment of their mother
 - Other sons may overreact and run from other women when they are older
 - Of, they may respond to their unfulfilled needs for a father’s affection and authority by being attracted to the same sex
 - Jezebel’s sons often become soft, self-centered, lazy and momma’s boys in order to survive
 - Many feel rejected and become cry-babies

- Archaeologists discovered what they believed to be the palace of Jezebel, the chief priestess of the cult of Ashtoreth – in the walls of Jezebel’s palace were found jars of infant remains – the jars contained the inscription: “These make me tender and delicate” (Halley’s Bible Handbook)
 - Jezebel used child sacrifice to enhance her powers and her seductiveness
 - Today’s Jezebel sacrifice’s her children mentally, emotionally and spiritually to feed her insatiable desire for power

Jezebel in the Church

- Jezebel seeks to destroy the prophets – she killed all the prophets in Israel except the 100 who were hid by Obadiah (i.e. the Elijah Spirit today) as well as any who are especially anointed for ministry
 - She is a treacherous imposter with the Church, counterfeiting the true prophetic gift
 - “Every church that embraces a prophetic ministry will have to contend with the Jezebel spirit because this demonic spirit mimics the prophetic gifts and callings of God. This spirit actually comes to destroy the prophetic gift. Consequently, it works covertly and its activities are extremely treacherous.” (John Paul Jackson)
- The Jezebel spirit will usually seek to maneuver itself into leadership positions, especially in the prayer ministry (“*she calls herself a prophetess*” – Rev. 2:20)
- Jezebel also seeks to inhabit church secretaries, worship leaders and pastors’ wives
- The Jezebel spirit hates repentance (“*I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.*” – Rev. 2:21) – the Elijah spirit is all about repentance (“*repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand*”)
- Jezebel hates humility – she seeks to be first, not last (“*If anyone desires to be first, he shall be last of all and servant of all.*” – Mark 9:35)
- Jezebel hates prayer – especially in the spirit, because it binds her spirit
- Jezebel’s ultimate hatred is toward God Himself, since she is a worshiper of “other” gods – which are but fronts for Satan himself
- If the pastor does not fall for her traps, the Jezebel will take him down as well through planting lies about him behind his back
- The ultimate objective of a Jezebel in the church is to turn the church away from the anointing of Holy Spirit into an illicit relationship with Satan’s counterfeit spirits
- She will shower followers with attention and flattery, but will viciously attack any followers who resist her or even who ignore her
- The church that successfully wars against Jezebel will be given the “*morning star*” (i.e. divine authority and favor) and will be given “*power over the nations*” (Rev. 2:62-27)

Jezebel in the World

- It is the Jezebel spirit that is bringing the harlotry of “Mystery Babylon, the Mother of Harlots and of the Abominations of the Earth” into today’s world (Rev.17:5)
 - She is the “*woman arrayed in purple and scarlet color, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having a golden cup in her hand full of abominations and filthiness of her fornication.*” (Rev. 17:4)
 - She sits astride the Beast rising up from the sea – the Ahab spirit, the other ruler of “spiritual Babylon” (more about him next week)
 - Jezebel is a murdering spirit who is “*drunk with the blood of the saints*” (Rev. 17:6)

- Jezebel’s spirit flows unhindered throughout our entertainment industries
- Jezebel flaunts herself in the world of fashion, making our teenage daughters look like sluts
- Jezebel pours out through TV, movies, magazines, and fashion to lure men and women into “acts of immorality”
 - She is the spirit behind sexual promiscuity, pornography and homosexuality
- She is the cruel motivator behind abortion – the “child sacrifice” of our day
- The Jezebel spirit is also behind the plague of drug addiction in our world (the Pharmakaea spirit)
 - Drugs are related to witchcraft – during the Middle Ages witches used alchemy to produce potions and drugs to control the minds of others
- Since Elijah is coming “before the coming of the great and terrible day of the Lord” (Mal. 4:5-6) “to restore all things” (Matt. 17:11), so too is Jezebel coming to oppose the Elijah spirit – just as she came against the real Elijah (who ran and hid in a cave following his great triumph over the prophets of Baal – see 1Kings 19:1-3)
- And, of course, Jezebel is also behind the rise in Witchcraft in our world today
 - It is likely that the author of the Harry Potter series, J.K. Rowling, is a Jezebel
- The Jezebel spirit is Satan’s answer for a woman’s protection in a harsh, male-dominated world
 - The Jezebel spirit exploits the offenses a woman may have received from ungodly men, forcing the woman to utilize manipulation, sensuality and intimidation to make her way through life
 - This is the spirit that took over the feminist women’s liberation movement which had valid arguments but which opened the door to Jezebel through the rebellious desire for independence

Fighting Jezebel

- A Jezebel victim typically will not be able to convince others of the wickedness of this particular Jezebel, because she has carefully and craftily made herself appear wonderful to those in power and in the outside world
- However, the Jezebel victim can frustrate Jezebel by ignoring her, refusing to react to her, and resisting doing what she wants
 - At this point, Jezebel will seek to totally destroy the victim and their reputation
 - However, this is also the time when her true nature is exposed, so if the victim is “wise as a serpent, yet gentle as a dove,” others will see this underlying nature as well
 - To do so, the victim must war “in the spirit, not in the flesh” and attack the Jezebel stronghold (2Cor. 10:3-6) and stir in the person to fully stir her up and bring her out to the surface
- When a Jezebelic stronghold is established in a person’s mind, it is similar to a computer becoming infected with a virus – it corrupts, re-routes and distorts the thinking process
 - Taking down the stronghold is similar to erasing the virus program and replacing it with pure, Holy Spirit programming
- God’s army must destroy Jezebels, because there is no other answer – we must refuse offers for a false peace based on compromise and fear
 - When Jehu came to destroy the original Jezebel, she “painted her eyes and adorned her head” – always looking to seduce and manipulate through her feminine wiles
 - Within the church, the Jezebel must be removed from her position of authority by the pastor – and him alone – it is not others’ responsibility

- This should be done with 2-3 witnesses because Jezebel will go to any length to then destroy the pastor
- A prophet's responsibility is only to reveal an individual who covertly operates in a Jezebel spirit (remember, the prophet Elijah ran from Jezebel; his successor Elisha realized that only kings had the authority to remove Jezebel)
- In destroying them, we are attacking the Jezebel spirit within a person, never the person herself
 - However, that person must be brought down to humility and repentance, and will only do so kicking and screaming all the way (*The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, A broken and a contrite heart—these, O God, You will not despise.* – Psalm 51:17)
 - If possible, deliverance after destruction is the only solution
- Must show no fear, because that's what Jezebel feeds on
 - *not in any way terrified by your adversaries, which is to them a proof of perdition* – Phil. 1:28
- Accusing someone of having a Jezebel spirit rarely works because that person truly believes that the Jezebel spirit is the Holy Spirit
 - The better approach is to address the issues/problems with witnesses
 - The infected person must be made to feel safe because fear is what drives the Jezebel spirit – a fear of losing control, of being taken advantage of, etc. etc.
 - When you attempt to deliver a person with a Jezebel spirit, they will be afraid of losing everything, for they see this spirit as their protector, thinking it is the Holy Spirit
- An Ahab husband needs to repent of his fears, and firmly (but with gentleness – i.e. the opposite of Jezebel's nature) set his home in order
 - The man wins the war against Jezebel by being Christ-like in all ways (*you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness.*” – Galatians 6:1)
- The woman conquers the sensual side of Jezebel by renouncing her feminine charms, which are “deceitful” (Prov. 31:30) and her “many persuasions” (Prov. 7:21) which are enticing and her “rebellion” which is as witchcraft
 - The woman must seek a “*gentle and quiet spirit*” (1Peter 3:4)

Ahab – The Real Problem

- Next week we will talk about the Ahab spirit because he is the more evil of the two
 - Ahab was the most evil king Israel ever had
 - He's the one who “allowed” Jezebel to do her thing
 - The Bible says that Eve was deceived, but that Adam sinned
 - So too are those with the Jezebel spirit deceived, while it is sinful Ahab who allows them to perform their wickedness and abominations – giving them authority and even encouragement
 - Ahab used Jezebel to accomplish what he really wanted (e.g. Naboth's vineyard) but didn't have the guts to do it himself