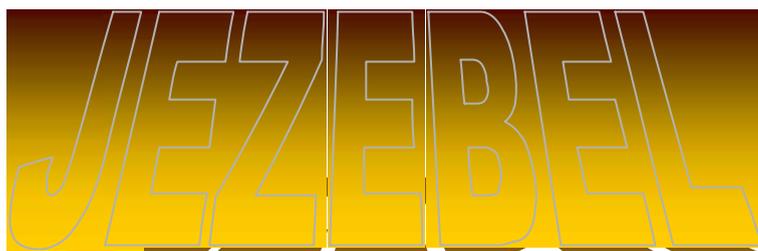


UNDERSTANDING



JEZEBEL

AND OTHER PRINCIPALITIES

LIKE ANTI-CHRIST, DEATH AND HELL

FOR ALL WHO DESIRE TO KNOW GOD

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UNDERSTANDING PRINCIPALITIES And JEZEBEL

Ephesians 6:12 - *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places.*

So, here we see, that the war we are fighting is not against men and women, but it is against principalities, against powers, and against the rulers of the darkness.

It was now about 12 years ago, that someone shared with me, that she had heard of a minister that said he would never counsel or minister to anyone, unless, he first broke the three legs of Satan.

And he described it as Satan at the top, with Jezebel beneath it, with anti-Christ off to the one side of it and death and hell off to the other. And as I began to look at that, I really felt something in my spirit got excited.

As I said earlier in my lessons, I am not a formula, or methodology type teacher. But, I think we can learn some things from this that will really help us in particular, as you and I deal with young people. A lot of the young people are dealing with these principalities and powers. And you show any young person the peace sign, they will know what it represents. They'll know.....they have seen it somewhere. And so, as I studied it more and more, the Lord taught me to draw a circle around it and as I did that, that is when I saw the Satanic peace sign. Paul says,

2 Corinthians 2:10-11 *"Now whom you forgive anything, I also forgive. For if indeed I have forgiven anything, I have forgiven that one for your sakes in the presence of Christ, lest Satan should take advantage of us; **for we are not ignorant of his devices.**"*

So, here tonight, we are going to be looking at some of the enemies devices.

ANTI-CHRIST

Anti-Christ can be summarized in one word.....REBELLION
Rebellion is the one trade mark word that shows what anti-Christ is all about.
And it says in

1 Samuel 15:22-23 - *Then Samuel said: "Has 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 heed than the fat of rams. **23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft**, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king."*

So, we see there that disobedience leads to rebellion.
And rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft before the Lord's eyes.
And so we see from this, that rebellion is so prevalent in our society
in our world today, we are dealing so much with this whole aspect of rebellion.

Now for many, many years, I felt that there was just one kind of rebellion.
I felt rebellion was just that that open, out-right, clear rebellion that we deal with.
But over the past few weeks, God has been showing me that there are three forms that rebellion can take.

The first one is the one, we are most aware of and that is

1. OPEN REBELLION

Open defiance.

Open disobedience.

"I will not do it! I don't want to do it and I won't do it!"

Or, an openly rebellious person will just openly come, and say,
"I challenge you on that! I do not agree with what you are saying!"

An illustration of OPEN REBELLION is found in **Numbers 16:1-5**:

*"1 Now Korah the son of Izhar, the son of Kohath, the son of Levi, with Dathan and Abiram the sons of Eliab, and On the son of Peleth, sons of Reuben, took men; 2 and they rose up before Moses with some of the children of Israel, two hundred and fifty leaders of the congregation, representatives of the congregation, men of renown. 3 **They gathered together against Moses and Aaron**, and said to them, "You take too much upon yourselves, for all the congregation is holy, every one of them, and the LORD is among them. Why then do you exalt yourselves above the assembly of the LORD?" 4 So when Moses heard it, he fell on his face; 5 and he spoke to Korah and all his company, saying, "Tomorrow morning the LORD will show who is His and who is holy, and will cause him to come near to Him. That one whom He chooses He will cause to come near to Him."*

Here, you read of the rebellion of Korah and how Korah got together the team to come and to defy Moses to speak against Moses.....to challenge Moses openly with their rebellion. And it is very interesting, how God dealt with Korah's rebellion.

Numbers 16:24-33 - *"Speak to the congregation, saying, 'Get away from the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram.'"*
25 Then Moses rose and went to Dathan and Abiram, and the elders of Israel followed him.
26 And he spoke to the congregation, saying, "Depart now from the tents of these wicked men! Touch nothing of theirs, lest you be consumed in all their sins."

27 So they got away from around the tents of Korah, Dathan, and Abiram; and Dathan and Abiram came out and stood at the door of their tents, with their wives, their sons, and their little children.

28 And Moses said: "By this you shall know that the LORD has sent me to do all these works, for I have not done them of my own will.

29 "If these men die naturally like all men, or if they are visited by the common fate of all men, then the LORD has not sent me.

30 "But if the LORD creates a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected the LORD."

31 Now it came to pass, as he finished speaking all these words, **that the ground split apart under them,**

32 **and the earth opened its mouth and swallowed them up, with their households and all the men with Korah, with all their goods.**

33 So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly.

God told Moses to tell Korah and his rebellious follower's, to go to one side of the camp and when they got to that side of the camp, God opened the earth, and He swallowed them. He destroyed them. And I want to tell you, that a rebellious child, or a rebellious person, God does not deal with them lightly.

And in one place in Deuteronomy, I think it is, you read that in the OT, if a family had a rebellious child, they would take him to the Elder's of the City and if that child would still not obey and come into line, they were **told to stone him to death.**

Deut 21:18-21 "If a man has a **stubborn and rebellious son who will not obey the voice of his father or the voice of his mother, and who, when they have chastened him, will not heed them,**

19 "then his father and his mother shall take hold of him and bring him out to the elders of his city, to the gate of his city.

20 "And they shall say to the elders of his city, 'This son of ours is **stubborn and rebellious; he will not obey our voice; he is a glutton and a drunkard.'**

21 "Then all the men of his city shall **stone him to death with stones; so you shall put away the evil from among you, and all Israel shall hear and fear."**

God knows the power of rebellion.

So, open rebellion is pretty easy to identify.

The second form of rebellion that I want to talk about is

2. SUBTLE, OR CUNNING OR CRAFTY REBELLION

This is usually used by the highly gifted individuals in the Body and in the world.

The highly talented.....the highly skilled individualsare usually the ones that fall in this trap of subtle, cunning, crafty rebellion.

An illustration of it is found in **2 Samuel 15:1-6** You read here of Absalom, who wanted to be King. But he didn't go to his father, David, and say, "Father David, I want to be king! Please hand over the kingship to me." What did he do. The Bible says here in Samuel 15, that he went to the gates of the city, and when people would go to see his father, then he would take them to the side and say, "You know, if I was king, I would do this for. I would do that for you! I will take care of you."

2 Samuel 15:1-6 *"After this it happened that Absalom provided himself with chariots and horses, and fifty men to run before him. 2 Now Absalom would rise early and stand beside the way to the gate. So it was, whenever anyone who had a lawsuit came to the king for a decision, that Absalom would call to him and say, "What city are you from?" And he would say, "Your servant is from such and such a tribe of Israel." 3 Then Absalom would say to him, "Look, your case is good and right; but there is no deputy of the king to hear you." 4 Moreover Absalom would say, "Oh, that I were made judge in the land, and everyone who has any suit or cause would come to me; then I would give him justice." 5 And so it was, whenever anyone came near to bow down to him, that he would put out his hand and take him and kiss him. 6 In this manner **Absalom acted toward all Israel who came to the king for judgment.**"*

And the Bible says here at the end of verse 6,

6 ...So Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel. 7 Now it came to pass after forty years that Absalom said to the king, "Please, let me go to Hebron and pay the vow which I made to the LORD."

So in that clever, crafty way, Absalom stole the hearts of the people And so a highly gifted individual, will usually use their gifting, their anointing and they will use it to try and get favor and to steal the hearts of the people. And in a very subtle way, they'll come and say, "Can I give this advise to you?" "You know, I sense that I have got to tell you this and this," but it is done in a wrong way.

And I believe that we must always remain teachable and open. But we need to be careful that we are not made to lose what God has given us.

The third form of rebellion is

3. SILENT REBELLION

And I would like you to add another Scripture and the Scripture is

Genesis 3:1-7- *Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden?'" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'"*

*4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.** 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings.*

Here, you read of the temptation of Eve.

And when Eve was tempted, as we saw in our earlier lesson on Spiritual Covering, when Eve was being attacked, Adam did not speak up to defend her. He remained silent. He showed SILENT REBELLION.

And that silent rebellion, allowed Eve to fall in the trap of the enemy.

We are going to see, shortly, how silent rebellion, provokes Jezebel to action.

And that is why the second example that I have given you of silent rebellion is King Ahab in

***1 Kings 21:1-4** - And it came to pass after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money." 3 But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!" 4 So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers."*

You read here that Ahab wanted Naboth's vineyard and Naboth said,

"NO! It's my inheritance. I don't want to sell it and I don't want to replace it."

So, instead of Ahab accepting what Naboth said, he went home and he went into silent rebellion.

And it said that,

***1 Kings 21:4** "And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food."*

He went into silent rebellion waiting for someone to react.

DO YOU KNOW THAT THERE IS INCREDIBLE VIOLENCE IN SILENCE!

One of the most powerful ways to punish a person is to be silent towards him.

God has created us for relationships. He has made us to have relationship with Him AND to have relationship with one another. So, when I cut my relationship with you and I become silent, I am punishing you and I am forcing you to react to me.

And sometimes, silent rebellion, can be far more violent than open rebellion because it is so subtle in the way that it works. And so we need to be aware of the power of silent rebellion.

SO, ANTI-CHRIST IS, PRIMARILY,

- REBELLION.
- IT'S OPEN REBELLION
- IT'S CUNNING, CRAFTY, AND SUBTLE REBELLION
- AND IT IS SILENT REBELLION

JEZEBEL

And I need to make a correction.
Most of the notes, I saw in my one earlier teaching that there was where I said the Jezebel Spirit.

JEZEBEL IS NOT A SPIRIT.

IT IS A WORLD PRINCIPALITY AND A WORLD POWER!

And we will see that, when we study Jezebel in more detail.

So, I want to say that Jezebel is a world principality and a world power.
Jezebel can be summarized in one word-----WITCHCRAFT!
Witchcraft is the one word that describes a Jezebel Principality.

I want you to see in ***Revelations 2:20 "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols."***

God was speaking to the Church and He addressed Jezebel WITHIN THE CHURCH!
And this principality often works through religious or Godly people
because it is so subtle....it is so slythat it can very, very easily affect the Body

Now Jezebel is provoked by Ahab.
The two compliment one another.
You'll usually find, that if Ahab is not present, Jezebel doesn't react.
And if Jezebel is not around, Ahab won't react.
And so I want to say, Ahab can be summarized as silent rebellion.
It can be a self pity.
It is subtle witchcraft that gets Jezebel to react.
If you want to summarize Ahab in one word.....
IT'S A NICE PITY PARTY!!!

Have you ever had a nice pity party....

"Woe is me! I can't get what I want."

"I've tried to get it in the way that God ordained for me to get it."

"So, because I can't get it in the right way, I am going to get it in another way."

Husband and wife have an argument.

The wife can see that she is losing.

She acts silent.

She acts super spiritual.

And what she does is that she then punishes her husband until he comes and says,

"What's wrong? What have I done? I'm sorry! I apologize.

And she has provoked him to actionby her silence.

What I found...and I am being very transparent with you, right now.....

Is two years in a row, I had people that I taught for extended periods of time call me JEZEBEL and accused me of operating in Jezebel. The first year, I was highly offended and I just ignored it. The second year, I said, "God, MAYBE, You are trying to show me something. And what the Lord showed me was because of my rejection due to my past, I wanted to always please man.

So, I was very fearful of man. When I should have disciplined someone, I stuffed it!

And I kept silent. They did it, again, and I stuffed it- again.

But after they had done the thing to me about 18 times, enough pressure had build up for me to explode and bewitch him with my reaction.

Because I was not just quietly correcting them in a Godly way,

I was doing it with a force of the 18 corrections that I never did previously.

And so I saw, "Yes, that was how Jezebel was using me!"

And how Ahab and Jezebel were having a field day in my life.

And so that is just one illustration that I can give you.

Secondly,

Jezebel comes in.

She sees Ahab lying - in silence and she says, in **verse 5**

1 Kings 21:5 *"But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?"*

BINGO! She took the bait. I've got her hooked. Now she is going to work for me! You see, the silent rebellion worked.

And then he tells her the whole story and she says at the end,

1 Kings 21:7 *"Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; **I will give you** the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."*

When have we heard those words, "I WILL.....?"

Ezekiel 28 - THE FALL OF SATAN!

Are you beginning to see that we are not dealing with a little, minor, spirit. We are dealing with a Major Principality!

And then we see that when that happens.....

he achieves his goal

Jezebel reacts

She challenges his authority and leadership

And she begins to undermine the authority of her husband.

He sold his authority with his silent rebellion.

And so Jezebel writes a letter in Ahab's name.

She seals it with Ahab's seal

And she doesn't even send it to Naboth.

She sends it to his Elders and Nobles.

So, do you see that Jezebel misuses leadership and authority.

Jezebel then hides behind a religious deed or a very good deed.

Something that seems so good – will be the camouflage.

And this time, Jezebel says,

1 Kings 21:9 *"She wrote in the letters, saying, **Proclaim a fast,**"*

Oh, how religious can you get hiding behind a fast!

And then she says,

1 Kings 21:9 *"...and seat Naboth with high honor among the people;"*

Then Jezebel pleases the flesh of Ahab

Jezebel misuses people

And tries to destroy the righteous in order to get what her flesh desires.

HOW DID THIS PRINCIPALITY MISUSE PEOPLE?

It says in **verse 10**

1 Kings 21:10 *"And seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, "You have blasphemed God and the king." Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die."*

SO, THE ULTIMATE GOAL IS TO GET A FLESHLY DESIRE AND TO DESTROY A RIGHTEOUS PERSON.

And we know that through the

- manipulation of misusing the Leadership and authority,
- hiding behind the religious deeds,
- misusing the people's words,

Jezebel gets Naboth killed and can give Ahab the vineyard.

There are **three key words** that will show you when Jezebel is around

- 1. domination**
- 2. intimidation**
- 3. manipulation**

God never dominates. He directs us.

God never intimidates us. God inspires us.

God never manipulates us. He always motivates us and leads us by His Holy Spirit.

If God, does not have the right to dominate, intimidate or manipulate us, what right do we have to do it to one another. If we do that, we are using **WITCHCRAFT**. Because if I have to dominate you ...intimidate you....or manipulate you, I am over-riding your free will and therefore, I am using witchcraft. It is as easy as that....for us to fall into Jezebel's traps.

And something else, I want to show you.

A little spelling lesson.

What does dominate start with?	D
What does intimidate start with?	I
What does manipulate start with?	M

What do you get? **DIM**

Jezebel always DIMS your vision for what God has called you to do.

I cannot tell you, how many people are battling to have clarity of what God's will is in their lives. It's like they are confusedalmost like in a mist....not able to see!. What has really happened is Jezebel has come in and she has dominated, intimidated and manipulated and stolen your vision!

And what does Proverbs say, " <i>where there is no vision the people perish.</i> "
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DEATH AND HELL

Death and hell comes to steal, to kill and to destroy!
To steal, kill and destroy our vision, our life, our health, our excitement,
anything that God has given to us.

Jesus said in **John 10:10** - ***"The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly."***

Jesus recognized the work of Death and Hell.
Also, He said in **Matthew 16:18** - ***"And I also say to you that you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hell shall not prevail against it."***

So Jesus recognized, that there are Gates of Hell that come against us ---
as His Church.

HOW DOES THE ENEMY STEAL, KILL AND DESTROY?

How do the gates of hell come against us with Death and Hell?
First of all through

1. ACCUSATION

The enemy is called the "accuser of the brethren."

Revelations 12:10 *"Then I heard a loud voice saying in heaven, "Now salvation, and strength, and the kingdom of our God, and the power of His Christ have come, for the accuser of our brethren, who accused them before our God day and night, has been cast down."*

He loves to come and accuse us.
I want to tell you that when the enemy reminds you of your past,
you remind him of his future.
God is going to bind him up and through him in the pit.
There is no where in the Bible, that we are told to bind the DEVIL...to bind Satan.

We are told to **James 4:7** *"Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you."*

And we are told in **Matthew 12:29** *"Or how can one enter a strong man's house and plunder his goods, unless he first binds the strong man? And then he will plunder his house"*

But we are not told to bind the devil
You see, the DEVIL is not omni-present.
Satan cannot be everywhere at the same time.
So what he does, is he sends out principalities, powers, rulers of darkness and evil spirits and they do the work.

VISION

**And one day in a vision I saw a group of intercessors, binding Satan.
Satan was sitting there laughing at them and saying,
“Carry on! Carry on! Carry on! I am not doing anything! Jezebel is doing it!
Death and Hell is doing it!”**

So, if we just bind him, we are going to have little victory.
But, if we will discern, WHO he has sent out to do the work, and bind that force, we are going to become much, much more victorious.

The next thing after accusationthrough words of the mouth, or intimidating thoughts, what that leads to is

2. ISOLATION

We begin to feel, “I’m not good enough to be a part of the Church!”
“I’m not good enough to be a part of that group or that group” and we begin to isolate ourselves. And Death and Hell loves to get you to the point where you are in isolation. When you are isolated, you are an open target for the enemy to come against you. And so, that is why , so much in the Preparation Training Course, so far, I’ve kept telling you, “We are not called to be lone rangers!”
We cannot survive being spiritual lone rangers.

God has made it that we are to be inter-dependent.....inter-dependent on Him
.....AND inter-dependent on one another in the Body. As much as we don’t like it, and it is often pretty painful, that is the way God has orchestrated it.

After ISOLATION:

3. YOUR MIND GETS BOMBARDED WITH DOUBT S

And you start to doubt your salvation.
You start to doubt your calling.
You start to doubt so many things.
And as doubt comes in, FEAR comes along.
And you become to be fearful.
And when fear grips your heart, TORMENT starts to take over.
And there are so many, today, being tormented by the enemy.
Tormented to the point, where they are ready to COMMIT SUICIDE.

And a lot of the suicide among our young people, today, is simply, the torment of not knowing who they are, where they are going, what God has called them to, they don't have the blessing of their mother and their father, they don't even know their parents, many times.

And I was so grieved, a few years ago, as I heard a Counselor sharing. He had just done a Youth Seminar, on counseling with youth. And he asked, mainly, Christian young people, can you draw up a slogan for your generation.....a slogan that would represent what your young people are experiencing....or how they feel. And the slogan was "**LIFE SUCKS AND THEN YOU DIE!**" That is what the young people said, "Life has no meaning and then you just die!" Do you see how they have been killed, destroyed and stolen from their destiny in God.

Lastly, another manifestation of Death and Hell is

4. SICKNESS & INFIRMITY

Another way that Death and Hell will come and attack is once your mind is in terror, in torment, in doubt, in fear, you open yourself up for physical attack. Most doctors will tell you, that nearly all sicknesses begin in the mind.... they are psychosomatic. And that is why one doctor says, "Don't you even see it, this disease? It's simply dis-ease in your mind. It is a lack of peace in your mind.

And I want to say, that Death and Hell, usually attacks, just before a vision is about to be birthed. A can tell you testimony after testimony of the past few years.....that just as I am about to launch a new phase of ministry, I have been so attacked that have almost had my life taken from me. My life and my vision, was almost stolen.

The second time that Death and Hell attacks is just after the birth. If it cannot abort the vision before it comes to birth, **then directly after it's come to birth** ...it will attack it.

I want to almost make a promise to you, right now. You know that there are some promises in God's Word, that we....we don't put them in the promise box too quickly. And it will be a promise like.....all those that desire to live a Godly life, will be persecuted. That is not a whoop-tee-doo, happy, exciting promise. But it is reality!

And I want to make a promise..... that many of you following this School, are going to be challenged by Death and Hell.to come and steal what you have learned.

I remember one time that I had taught and this brother was absolutely ecstatic. He was so revived and excited. And I had just taught on this Death and Hell. And the next morning, he work up and someone had thrown a beer bottle through the windshield of his van and it was like a thousand dollars of damage. I want to tell you, almost all that blessing, just got stolen from him immediately.

Last year, I found out at the beginning of the year, every time I went out to minister, when I returned the day after that ministry, most times I had to go straight to the doctors and get a shot for a migraine headache. I would get attacked with such a violent migraine headache, that I would be flat on my back, ill.

When it happened three, four times, I began to recognize the pattern and I started to see what was going on. And so I alerted my intercessors and said, "Please pray! I'm going to give you my schedule. And when I end up with a ministry session, take authority over Death and Hell. And since then, I have hardly been attacked once with that. Do you see that once you start to identify the enemy, you know how to deal with him. The exciting thing about Satan is that he cannot create. So once you start to see his ways, you begin to get victory.

UNDERSTANDING JEZEBEL 1

A Course for All Who Desire to Know God
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PURPOSE OF THIS LESSON

In this lesson we will learn:

- ◆ How Jezebel works through a religious person.
- ◆ How Jezebel operates as an international principality.
- ◆ How Jezebel tries to destroy the prophetic voice.
- ◆ How Jezebel operates.
- ◆ Biblical examples of Jezebel in operation.
- ◆ How to have protection from Jezebel.
- ◆ How Jezebel enters our life.
- ◆ How to identify Jezebel.
- ◆ How Jezebel will affect us, our family, and future generations.
- ◆ How we can get released from the influence of Jezebel.

JEZEBEL WORKS THROUGH A RELIGIOUS PERSON

1 Kings 16:30-31 *Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that **he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshipped him.** (NKJ)*

- ◆ Jezebel came from a family who worshipped Baal.

Revelation 2:20 *“Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. (NKJ)*

- ◆ This letter is addressed to a church.
- ◆ Jezebel is a principality, not a person, and it operates through men and women.

JEZEBEL IS AN INTERNATIONAL PRINCIPALITY (EPH. 6:12)

Isaiah 47:5, 7 5 *“Sit in silence, go into darkness, Daughter of the Babylonians; **no more will you be called queen of kingdoms.** 7 **You said, ‘I will continue forever — the eternal queen!’** But you did not consider these things or reflect on what might happen. (NIV)*

- ◆ This principality is seen as the queen, mistress or The Lady of Kingdoms.

Isaiah 47:9 *But these two things shall come to you in a moment, in one day: the loss of children, and widowhood. They shall come upon you in their fullness **because of the multitude of your sorceries, for the great abundance of your enchantments.** (NKJ)*

- ◆ Shows that it works together with other principalities.

2 Kings 9:22 *Now it happened, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, “Is it peace, Jehu?” So he answered, **“What peace, as long as the harlotries of your mother Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?”***

- ◆ It is called Jezebel because she continually used witchcraft.

JEZEBEL DESTROYS THE PROPHETIC VOICE

1 Kings 18:4 *For it was so, when **Jezebel cut off the prophets of the LORD,** that Obadiah took an hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water. (KJV)*

- ◆ Jezebel tries to attack and destroy the prophetic voices as they speak God's word and not Jezebel's word.

HOW JEZEBEL OPERATES

The following scriptural example shows how Jezebel operates.

- ◆ Jezebel is provoked by Ahab. These two complement one another. Ahab represents self-pity, silent rebellion, subtle witchcraft and it provokes Jezebel to take action.

1 Kings 21:1-4 *And it came to pass after these things that Naboth the Jezreelite had a vineyard which was in Jezreel, next to the palace of Ahab king of Samaria. 2 So Ahab spoke to Naboth, saying, "Give me your vineyard, that I may have it for a vegetable garden, because it is near, next to my house; and for it I will give you a vineyard better than it. Or, if it seems good to you, I will give you its worth in money."*
3 *But Naboth said to Ahab, "The LORD forbid that I should give the inheritance of my fathers to you!"* **4** *So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." **And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food.** (NKJ)*

- ◆ Jezebel will always undermine authority.

1 Kings 21:5-7 *But Jezebel his wife came to him, and **said to him, "Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?"** 6 He said to her, "Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, 'Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you another vineyard for it.' And he answered, 'I will not give you my vineyard.'" 7 Then **Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."** (NKJ)*

- ◆ Ahab achieves his goal. Jezebel reacts, challenges and misuses his authority and the leadership authority of the elders and nobles.

1 Kings 21:8-9 ***I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.** 9 And she wrote in the letters, saying, **Proclaim a fast**, and set Naboth on high among the people: (KJV)*

- ◆ Jezebel spirit hides behind a religious or good deed.

1 Kings 21:9 *And she wrote in the letters, saying, **Proclaim a fast**, and set Naboth on high among the people: (KJV)*

- ◆ Jezebel pleases the flesh of Ahab.

1 Kings 21:10 *and **set two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him**, saying, "You have blasphemed God and the king." Then take him out, and **stone him, that he may die.***

- ◆ Jezebel misuses people and tries to destroy the righteous in order to get what her flesh desires.
- ◆ Jezebel gets what she wants through manipulation.

1 Kings 21:11-15 *So the men of his city, the elders and nobles who were inhabitants of his city, did as Jezebel had sent to them, as it was written in the letters which she had sent to them. 12 They proclaimed a fast, and seated Naboth with high honor among the people. 13 And two men, scoundrels, came in and sat before him; and the scoundrels witnessed against him, against Naboth, in the presence of the people, saying, "Naboth has blasphemed God and the king!" Then they took him outside the city and stoned him with stones, so that he died. 14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, "Naboth has been stoned and is dead." 15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth had been stoned and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, "Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give you for money; for Naboth is not alive, but dead." (NKJ)*

- ◆ The leaders were manipulated by Jezebel to use false authority. Naboth is stoned and dies and then Jezebel instructs Ahab to take possession of Naboth's land. Jezebel gets what she wants and fulfills the fleshly desires of her husband.

BIBLICAL EXAMPLES OF THE JEZEBEL IN OPERATION

Here are some illustrations of the various ways in which Jezebel works.

Esther 3 *After these things King Ahasuerus promoted Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, and advanced him and set his seat above all the princes who were with him.*

2 And all the king's servants who were within the king's gate bowed and paid homage to Haman, for so the king had commanded concerning him. But Mordecai would not bow or pay homage.

3 Then the king's servants who were within the king's gate said to Mordecai, "Why do you transgress the king's command?"

4 Now it happened, when they spoke to him daily and he would not listen to them, that they told it to Haman, to see whether Mordecai's words would stand; for Mordecai had told them that he was a Jew.

5 When Haman saw that Mordecai did not bow or pay him homage, Haman was filled with wrath.

*6 But he disdained to lay hands on Mordecai alone, for they had told him of the people of Mordecai. Instead, **Haman sought to destroy all the Jews** who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus—the people of Mordecai.*

7 In the first month, which is the month of Nisan, in the twelfth year of King Ahasuerus, they cast Pur (that is, the lot), before Haman to determine the day and the month, until it fell on the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar.

8 **Then Haman said to King Ahasuerus,** “There is a certain people scattered and dispersed among the people in all the provinces of your kingdom; their laws are different from all other people’s, and they do not keep the king’s laws. Therefore it is not fitting for the king to let them remain.

9 “If it pleases the king, **let a decree be written** that they be destroyed, and I will pay ten thousand talents of silver into the hands of those who do the work, to bring it into the king’s treasuries.”

10 So the king took his signet ring from his hand and gave it to Haman, the son of Hammedatha the Agagite, the enemy of the Jews.

11 And the king said to Haman, “The money and the people are given to you, to do with them as seems good to you.”

12 Then the king’s scribes were called on the thirteenth day of the first month, and a decree was written according to all that Haman commanded—to the king’s satraps, to the governors who were over each province, to the officials of all people, to every province according to its script, and to every people in their language. **In the name of King Ahasuerus it was written, and sealed with the king’s signet ring.**

13 And the letters were sent by couriers into all the king’s provinces, to destroy, to kill, and to annihilate all the Jews, both young and old, little children and women, in one day, on the thirteenth day of the twelfth month, which is the month of Adar, and to plunder their possessions. 14 A copy of the document was to be issued as law in every province, being published for all people, that they should be ready for that day. 15 The couriers went out, hastened by the king’s command; and the decree was proclaimed in Shushan the citadel. So the king and Haman sat down to drink, but the city of Shushan was perplexed. (NKJ)

- ◆ Jezebel operated through Haman to misuse leadership and authority.

Daniel 6 *It pleased Darius to set over the kingdom one hundred and twenty satraps, to be over the whole kingdom;*

2 and over these, three governors, of whom Daniel was one, that the satraps might give account to them, so that the king would suffer no loss.

3 Then this Daniel distinguished himself above the governors and satraps, because an excellent spirit was in him; and the king gave thought to setting him over the whole realm.

4 So the governors and satraps sought to find some charge against Daniel concerning the kingdom; but they could find no charge or fault, because he was faithful; nor was there any error or fault found in him.

5 Then these men said, "We shall not find any charge against this Daniel unless we find it against him concerning the law of his God."

6 So these governors and satraps thronged before the king, and said thus to him: "King Darius, live forever!

7 "All the governors of the kingdom, the administrators and satraps, the counselors and advisors, have consulted together to establish a royal statute and to make a firm decree, that whoever petitions any god or man for thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions.

8 "Now, O king, establish the decree and sign the writing, so that it cannot be changed, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

9 Therefore King Darius signed the written decree.

10 Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days.

11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God.

12 And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: "Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?" The king answered and said, "The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter."

13 So they answered and said before the king, "That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day."

14 And the king, when he heard these words, was greatly displeased with himself, and set his heart on Daniel to deliver him; and he labored till the going down of the sun to deliver him.

15 Then these men approached the king, and said to the king, "Know, O king, that it is the law of the Medes and Persians that no decree or statute which the king establishes may be changed."

16 So the king gave the command, and they brought Daniel and cast him into the den of lions. But the king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Your God, whom you serve continually, He will deliver you."

17 Then a stone was brought and laid on the mouth of the den, and the king sealed it with his own signet ring and with the signets of his lords, that the purpose concerning Daniel might not be changed.

18 Now the king went to his palace and spent the night fasting; and no musicians were brought before him. Also his sleep went from him.

19 Then the king arose very early in the morning and went in haste to the den of lions.

20 And when he came to the den, he cried out with a lamenting voice to Daniel. The king spoke, saying to Daniel, "Daniel, servant of the living God, has your God, whom you serve continually, been able to deliver you from the lions?"

21 Then Daniel said to the king, "O king, live forever!

22 "My God sent His angel and shut the lions' mouths, so that they have not hurt me, because I was found innocent before Him; and also, O king, I have done no wrong before you."

23 Then the king was exceedingly glad for him, and commanded that they should take Daniel up out of the den. So Daniel was taken up out of the den, and no injury whatever was found on him, because he believed in his God.

24 And the king gave the command, and they brought those men who had accused Daniel, and they cast them into the den of lions—they, their children, and their wives; and the lions overpowered them, and broke all their bones in pieces before they ever came to the bottom of the den.

25 Then King Darius wrote: To all peoples, nations, and languages that dwell in all the earth: Peace be multiplied to you.

26 I make a decree that in every dominion of my kingdom men must tremble and fear before the God of Daniel. For He is the living God, and steadfast forever; his kingdom is the one which shall not be destroyed, and His dominion shall endure to the end.

27 He delivers and rescues, and He works signs and wonders in heaven and on earth, who has delivered Daniel from the power of the lions.

28 So this Daniel prospered in the reign of Darius and in the reign of Cyrus the Persian. (NKJ)

◆ Jezebel worked through the jealous princes.

Matthew 14:1-12 At that time Herod the tetrarch heard the report about Jesus

2 and said to his servants, "This is John the Baptist; he is risen from the dead, and therefore these powers are at work in him."

3 For Herod had laid hold of John and bound him, and put him in prison for the sake of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife.

4 Because John had said to him, "It is not lawful for you to have her."

5 And although he wanted to put him to death, he feared the multitude, because they counted him as a prophet.

6 **But when Herod's birthday was celebrated, the daughter of Herodias danced before them and pleased Herod.**

7 **Therefore he promised with an oath to give her whatever she might ask.**

8 **So she, having been prompted by her mother, said, "Give me John the Baptist's head here on a platter."**

9 And the king was sorry; nevertheless, because of the oaths and because of those who sat with him, he commanded it to be given to her.

10 So he sent and had John beheaded in prison.

11 And his head was brought on a platter and given to the girl, and she brought it to her mother.

12 Then his disciples came and took away the body and buried it, and went and told Jesus. (NKJ)

◆ Jezebel worked through Herodias.

Matthew 26:59-66 Now the chief priests, the elders, and all the council sought false testimony against Jesus to put Him to death, but found none. Even though many false witnesses came forward, they found none. But at last two false witnesses came forward

61 and said, "This fellow said, 'I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days.'"

62 And the high priest arose and said to Him, "Do You answer nothing? What is it these men testify against You?"

63 *But Jesus kept silent. And the high priest answered and said to Him, "I put You under oath by the living God: Tell us if You are the Christ, the Son of God!"*

64 *Jesus said to him, "It is as you said. Nevertheless, I say to you, hereafter you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Power, and coming on the clouds of heaven."*

65 *Then the high priest tore his clothes, saying, "**He has spoken blasphemy!** What further need do we have of witnesses? Look, now you have heard His blasphemy!*

66 *"What do you think?" They answered and said, "**He is deserving of death.**" (NKJ)*

◆ Jezebel used the chief priests and council.

Acts 6:8-15 & 7:59-60 *And Stephen, full of faith and power, did great wonders and signs among the people.*

9 *Then **there arose some from what is called the Synagogue of the Freedmen** (Cyrenians, Alexandrians, and those from Cilicia and Asia), disputing with Stephen.*

10 *And they were not able to resist the wisdom and the Spirit by which he spoke.*

11 *Then **they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."***

12 *And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council.*

13 *They also set up false witnesses who said, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law;*

14 *"for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us."*

15 *And all who sat in the council, looking steadfastly at him, saw his face as the face of an angel. 7:59 *And they stoned Stephen as he was calling on God and saying, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit."* 60 *Then he knelt down and cried out with a loud voice, "Lord, do not charge them with this sin." And when he had said this, he fell asleep. (NKJ)**

◆ Jezebel was functioning through these religious people.

We see in four of these instances that Jezebel worked through men.

PROTECTION FROM JEZEBEL

We will now examine some ways to experience protection from Jezebel:

1 Samuel 15:22-23 *Then Samuel said: "Has 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 heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, he also has rejected you from being king."* (NKJ)

- ◆ Rebellion is witchcraft; and stubbornness is idolatry. Obedience to the Holy Spirit protects us from Jezebel:
- ◆ Jezebel enters through our busy-ness and acting in the flesh. When we get too busy, we aren't sensitive to what the Lord is saying.
- ◆ Stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Stubbornness says, 'I will do it my way.' Self and pride enter in as idols and then try to manipulate.

Galatians 3:1-5 *O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you that you should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ was clearly portrayed among you as crucified? 2 This only I want to learn from you: Did you receive the Spirit by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? 3 Are you so foolish? Having begun in the Spirit, are you now being made perfect by the flesh? 4 Have you suffered so many things in vain—if indeed it was in vain? 5 Therefore He who supplies the Spirit to you and works miracles among you, does He do it by the works of the law, or by the hearing of faith? (NKJ)*

- ◆ Paul says to the church, 'Who has bewitched you?' They became bewitched by falling into legalism. Legalism is a curse.

One example of legalism is the routine of our quiet time. We must spend quality time with God, but not in a legalistic way.

Matthew 6:5-7 *"And when you pray, you shall not be like the hypocrites. For they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the corners of the streets, that they may be seen by men. Assuredly, I say to you, they have their reward. 6 "But you, when you pray, go into your room, and when you have shut your door, pray to your Father who is in the secret place; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you openly. 7 "And when you pray, do not use vain repetitions as the heathen do. For they think that they will be heard for their many words. (NKJ)*

HOW THE JEZEBEL ENTERS OUR LIFE

We will now examine some of the ways that Jezebel gains access into our lives.

- ◆ Method replaces sensitivity to the Lord's voice.
- ◆ Tradition replaces revelation.
- ◆ Disobedience replaces obedience.
- ◆ Flesh replaces Spirit.

Galatians 5:16-23 *This I say then, Walk in the Spirit, and ye shall not fulfil the lust of the flesh. 17 For the flesh lusteth against the Spirit, and the Spirit against the flesh: and these are contrary the one to the other: so that ye cannot do the things that ye would. 18 But if ye be led of the Spirit, ye are not under the law. 19 Now **the works of the flesh are manifest**, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, 20 **Idolatry, witchcraft**, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, 21 Envyings, murders, drunkenness, revellings, and such like: of the which I tell you before, as I have also told you in time past, that they which do such things shall not inherit the kingdom of God. 22 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, gentleness, goodness, faith, 23 Meekness, temperance: against such there is no law. (KJV)*

- ◆ Curses replace blessings (through legalism).
- ◆ Bondage replaces liberty.
- ◆ Law replaces faith.

APPLICATION OF LESSON

1. How does Jezebel work through religious people according to:

1 Kings 16:30-31

Revelations 2:20-21

2. How does Jezebel operate as an international principality according to:

Isaiah 47:5-9

1 Kings 18:4

2 Kings 9:22

3. How does Jezebel work. Use scriptures to validate your answer.

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4. How did Jezebel work through:

Haman (**Esther 3**)

Herodias (**Matthew 14:1-12**)

The Chief Priests (**Matthew 26:59-66**)

5. What is as witchcraft?

What is as idolatry?

6. Obedience to what protects us from Jezebel?

7. How can Jezebel work through us in the following ways?

Busyness

Stubbornness

Legalism

Tradition

Method

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HOW TO IDENTIFY JEZEBEL

- ◆ Three key words that show when Jezebel is in operation.
- ◆ Domination—God directs.
- ◆ Intimidation—God inspires.
- ◆ Manipulation—God motivates and leads by His Spirit.
- ◆ The source will reveal the fruit and the fruit will reveal the source.
- ◆ These three characteristics (domination, intimidation, manipulation) operate in the following ways:
- ◆ Words—The mouth of intimidation replaces the rod of correction.

1 Samuel 17:1-16 *Now the Philistines gathered their armies together to battle, and were gathered together at Sochoh, which belongs to Judah; they encamped between Sochoh and Azekah, in Ephes Dammim.*
2 And Saul and the men of Israel were gathered together, and they encamped in the Valley of Elah, and drew up in battle array against the Philistines.
3 The Philistines stood on a mountain on one side, and Israel stood on a mountain on the other side, with a valley between them.
4 And a champion went out from the camp of the Philistines, named Goliath, from Gath, whose height was six cubits and a span.
5 He had a bronze helmet on his head, and he was armed with a coat of mail, and the weight of the coat was five thousand shekels of bronze.
6 And he had bronze greaves on his legs and a bronze javelin between his shoulders.
7 Now the staff of his spear was like a weaver's beam, and his iron spearhead weighed six hundred shekels; and a shield-bearer went before him.
8 Then he stood and cried out to the armies of Israel, and said to them, "Why have you come out to line up for battle? Am I not a Philistine, and you the servants of Saul? Choose a man for yourselves, and let him come down to me.
9 "If he is able to fight with me and kill me, then we will be your servants. But if I prevail against him and kill him, then you shall be our servants and serve us."
10 And the Philistine said, "I defy the armies of Israel this day; give me a man, that we may fight together." **11 When Saul and all Israel heard these words of the Philistine, they were dismayed and greatly afraid. (NKJ)**

Nehemiah 4:1-3 But it so happened, when Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, that he was furious and very indignant, and mocked the Jews. 2 And he spoke before his brethren and the army of Samaria, and said, "What are these feeble Jews doing? Will they fortify themselves? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they complete it in a day? Will they revive the stones from the heaps of rubbish—stones that are burned?" 3 Now Tobiah the Ammonite was beside him, and he said, "Whatever they build, if even a fox goes up on it, he will break down their stone wall." (NKJ)

Ezra 4:1-5 Now when the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin heard that the descendants of the captivity were building the temple of the LORD God of Israel, 2 they came to Zerubbabel and the heads of the fathers' houses, and said to them, "Let us build with you, for we seek your God as you do; and we have sacrificed to Him since the days of Esarhaddon king of Assyria, who brought us here." 3 But Zerubbabel and Jeshua and the rest of the heads of the fathers' houses of Israel said to them, "You may do nothing with us to build a house for our God; but we alone will build to the LORD God of Israel, as King Cyrus the king of Persia has commanded us." 4 Then the people of the land tried to discourage the people of Judah. They troubled them in building, 5 and hired counselors against them to frustrate their purpose all the days of Cyrus king of Persia, even until the reign of Darius king of Persia. (NKJ)

Genesis 3:1-6 Now the serpent was more cunning than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said to the woman, "Has God indeed said, 'You shall not eat of every tree of the garden'?" 2 And the woman said to the serpent, "We may eat the fruit of the trees of the garden; 3 "but of the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God has said, 'You shall not eat it, nor shall you touch it, lest you die.'" 4 Then the serpent said to the woman, "You will not surely die. 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat of it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." 6 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate. (NKJ)

Matthew 4:1-10 Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. 2 And when He had fasted forty days and forty nights, afterward He was hungry. 3 Now when the tempter came to Him, he said, "If You are the Son of God, command that these stones become bread." 4 But He answered and said, "It is written, 'Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceeds from the mouth of God.'"

5 Then the devil took Him up into the holy city, set Him on the pinnacle of the temple,

6 and said to Him, "If You are the Son of God, throw Yourself down. **For it is written:** 'He shall give His angels charge over you,' and, 'In their hands they shall bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.' "

7 Jesus said to him, "It is written again, 'You shall not tempt the Lord your God.'"

8 Again, the devil took Him up on an exceedingly high mountain, and showed Him all the kingdoms of the world and their glory.

9 And he said to Him, "All these things I will give You if You will fall down and worship me."

10 Then Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! For it is written, 'You shall worship the Lord your God, and Him only you shall serve.'" (NKJ)

Matthew 16:21-23 From that time Jesus began to show to His disciples that He must go to Jerusalem, and suffer many things from the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and be raised the third day.

22 Then Peter took Him aside and began to rebuke Him, saying, "Far be it from You, Lord; this shall not happen to You!"

23 But He turned and said to Peter, "Get behind Me, Satan! You are an offense to Me, for you are not mindful of the things of God, but the things of men." (NKJ)

◆ Tears and Emotionalism

2 Kings 20:1-3 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: 'Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.'" 2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, 3 "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight." **And Hezekiah wept bitterly.** (NKJ)

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Revelation 2: 20 "Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman **Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.** (NKJ)

2 Corinthians 11:3 But I fear, lest by any means, **as the serpent beguiled Eve through his subtilty, so your minds should be corrupted from the simplicity that is in Christ.** (KJV)

This can be a subtle form of manipulation often connected with fear.

- ◆ Silence - This is a subtle form of rebellion.

Genesis 3:6-7 So when the woman saw that the tree was good for food, that it was pleasant to the eyes, and a tree desirable to make one wise, **she took of its fruit and ate. She also gave to her husband with her, and he ate.** 7 Then the eyes of both of them were opened, and they knew that they were naked; and they sewed fig leaves together and made themselves coverings. (NKJ)

1 Kings 21:4 So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth the Jezreelite had spoken to him; for he had said, "I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers." **And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food.** (NKJ)

- ◆ Letters and messages that are used to intimidate rather than inspire.

1 Kings 19:1-3 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. 2 **Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."** 3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life, and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. (NKJ)

1 Kings 21:8-10 **And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth.** 9 She wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people; 10 and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to bear witness against him, saying, "You have blasphemed God and the king." Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die. (NKJ)

Ezra 4:11-16 **(This is a copy of the letter that they sent him)** To King Artaxerxes from your servants, the men of the region beyond the River, and so forth: 12 Let it be known to the king that the Jews who came up from you have come to us at Jerusalem, and are building the rebellious and evil city, and are finishing its walls and repairing the foundations. 13 Let it now be known to the king that, if this city is built and the walls completed, they will not pay tax, tribute, or custom, and the king's treasury will be diminished. 14 Now because we receive support from the palace, it was not proper for us to see the king's dishonor; therefore we have sent and informed the king, 15 that search may be made in the book of the records of your fathers. And you will find in the book of the records and know that this city is a rebellious city, harmful to kings and provinces, and that they have incited sedition within the city in former times, for which cause this city was destroyed. 16 We inform the king that if this city is rebuilt and its walls are completed, the result will be that you will have no dominion beyond the River. (NKJ)

Nehemiah 6:5-7 Then Sanballat sent his servant to me as before, the fifth time, with an open letter in his hand. 6 In it was written: It is reported among the nations, and Geshem says, that you and the Jews plan to rebel; therefore, according to these rumors, you are rebuilding the wall, that you may be their king. 7 And you have also appointed prophets to proclaim concerning you at Jerusalem, saying, 'There is a king in Judah!' Now these matters will be reported to the king. So come, therefore, and let us consult together. (NKJ)

◆ Finances

Matthew 17:24-27 When they had come to Capernaum, those who received the temple tax came to Peter and said, "Does your Teacher not pay the temple tax?" 25 He said, "Yes." And when he had come into the house, Jesus anticipated him, saying, "What do you think, Simon? From whom do the kings of the earth take customs or taxes, from their sons or from strangers?" 26 Peter said to Him, "From strangers." Jesus said to him, "Then the sons are free. 27 "Nevertheless, lest we offend them, go to the sea, cast in a hook, and take the fish that comes up first. And when you have opened its mouth, you will find a piece of money; take that and give it to them for Me and you."

Matthew 22:15-22 Then the Pharisees went and plotted how they might entangle Him in His talk. 16 And they sent to Him their disciples with the Herodians, saying, "Teacher, we know that You are true, and teach the way of God in truth; nor do You care about anyone, for You do not regard the person of men. 17 "Tell us, therefore, what do You think? Is it lawful to pay taxes to Caesar, or not?" 18 But Jesus perceived their wickedness, and said, "Why do you test Me, you hypocrites? 19 "Show Me the tax money." So they brought Him a denarius. 20 And He said to them, "Whose image and inscription is this?" 21 They said to Him, "Caesar's." And He said to them, "Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's, and to God the things that are God's." 22 When they had heard these words, they marveled, and left Him and went their way. (NKJ)

- ◆ God's perfect will versus His permissive will.
- ◆ Manipulation is used when we seek God's permissive will.
- ◆ The following references reveal the consequences of not seeking God's perfect will in various situations.

Joshua 9:14-16 Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; **but they did not ask counsel of the LORD.** 15 So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them. 16 And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors who dwelt near them. (NKJ)

Joshua prematurely entered into a treaty with the Gibeonites.

Genesis 16:1-2, 16:16 & 17:1 Now Sarai, Abram's wife, had borne him no children. And she had an Egyptian maidservant whose name was Hagar. 2 **So Sarai said to Abram, "See now, the LORD has restrained me from bearing children. Please, go in to my maid; perhaps I shall obtain children by her."** And Abram heeded the voice of Sarai. 16:16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram. 17:1 When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, "I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. (NKJ)

Abraham acted prematurely and Ishmael was born.

1 Samuel 8:1-20 Now it came to pass when Samuel was old that he made his sons judges over Israel.

2 The name of his firstborn was Joel, and the name of his second, Abijah; they were judges in Beersheba.

3 But his sons did not walk in his ways; they turned aside after dishonest gain, took bribes, and perverted justice.

4 Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah,

5 and said to him, "Look, you are old, and your sons do not walk in your ways. Now make us a king to judge us like all the nations."

6 But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, "Give us a king to judge us." So Samuel prayed to the LORD.

7 And the LORD said to Samuel, "**Heed the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected Me, that I should not reign over them.**

8 "According to all the works which they have done since the day that I brought them up out of Egypt, even to this day—with which they have forsaken Me and served other gods—so they are doing to you also.

9 "Now therefore, heed their voice. However, you shall solemnly forewarn them, and show them the behavior of the king who will reign over them."

10 So Samuel told all the words of the LORD to the people who asked him for a king.

11 And he said, "**This will be the behavior of the king who will reign over you:** He will take your sons and appoint them for his own chariots and to be his horsemen, and some will run before his chariots.

12 "He will appoint captains over his thousands and captains over his fifties, will set some to plow his ground and reap his harvest, and some to make his weapons of war and equipment for his chariots.

13 "He will take your daughters to be perfumers, cooks, and bakers. 14 "And he will take the best of your fields, your vineyards, and your olive groves, and give them to his servants.

15 "He will take a tenth of your grain and your vintage, and give it to his officers and servants.

16 "And he will take your male servants, your female servants, your finest young men, and your donkeys, and put them to his work.

17 "He will take a tenth of your sheep. And you will be his servants. 18 "And you will cry out in that day because of your king whom you have chosen for yourselves, and the LORD will not hear you in that day." 19 Nevertheless the people refused to obey the voice of Samuel; and they said, "No, but we will have a king over us, 20 that we also may be like all the nations, and that our king may judge us and go out before us and fight our battles." (NKJ)

Israel demanded to have a king rather than obey God.

2 Kings 20:1-7 In those days Hezekiah was sick and near death. And Isaiah the prophet, the son of Amoz, went to him and said to him, "Thus says the LORD: '**Set your house in order, for you shall die, and not live.**'" 2 Then he turned his face toward the wall, and prayed to the LORD, saying, 3 "Remember now, O LORD, I pray, how I have walked before You in truth and with a loyal heart, and have done what was good in Your sight." And Hezekiah wept bitterly. 4 And it happened, before Isaiah had gone out into the middle court, that the word of the LORD came to him, saying, 5 "Return and tell Hezekiah the leader of My people, 'Thus says the LORD, the God of David your father: "I have heard your prayer, I have seen your tears; surely I will heal you. On the third day you shall go up to the house of the LORD. 6 "And I will add to your days fifteen years. I will deliver you and this city from the hand of the king of Assyria; and I will defend this city for My own sake, and for the sake of My servant David." 7 Then Isaiah said, "Take a lump of figs." So they took and laid it on the boil, and he recovered. (NKJ)

Hezekiah manipulated God and got His permissive will.

2 Kings 21:1-6 Manasseh was twelve years old when he became king, and he reigned fifty-five years in Jerusalem. His mother's name was Hephzibah. 2 **And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, according to the abominations of the nations whom the LORD had cast out before the children of Israel.** 3 For he rebuilt the high places which Hezekiah his father had destroyed; he raised up altars for Baal, and made a wooden image, as Ahab king of Israel had done; and he worshipped all the host of heaven and served them. 4 He also built altars in the house of the LORD, of which the LORD had said, "In Jerusalem I will put My name." 5 And he built altars for all the host of heaven in the two courts of the house of the LORD. 6 Also he made his son pass through the fire, practiced soothsaying, used witchcraft, and consulted spiritists and mediums. He did much evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke Him to anger. (NKJ)

Manasseh destroyed all the good that his father Hezekiah did.

- ◆ Jezebel makes you claim things in the flesh rather than in the Spirit.
- ◆ Jezebel makes you want to die.

1 Kings 19:1-4 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. **2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, “So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time.”** **3 And when he saw that, he arose and ran for his life,** and went to Beersheba, which belongs to Judah, and left his servant there. **4 But he himself went a day’s journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a broom tree. And he prayed that he might die, and said, “It is enough! Now, LORD, take my life, for I am no better than my fathers!”** (NKJ)

Elijah wanted to die.

Jonah 4:1-3 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. **2 So he prayed to the LORD, and said, “Ah, LORD, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful God, slow to anger and abundant in loving kindness, One who relents from doing harm.** **3 “Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!”** (NKJ)

Jonah seeks death after a great victory.

- Subtleties about Jezebel
- ◆ The righteous are destroyed or nearly destroyed.
- ◆ It makes you do the right thing in the wrong way.

1 Chronicles 13:1-4, 9-12 & 1 Chronicles 15:13 Then David consulted with the captains of thousands and hundreds, and with every leader. **2 And David said to all the assembly of Israel, “If it seems good to you, and if it is of the LORD our God, let us send out to our brethren everywhere who are left in all the land of Israel, and with them to the priests and Levites who are in their cities and their common-lands, that they may gather together to us;** **3 “and let us bring the ark of our God back to us, for we have not inquired at it since the days of Saul.”** **4 Then all the assembly said that they would do so, for the thing was right in the eyes of all the people.** **13:9 And when they came to Chidon’s threshing floor, Uzza put out his hand to hold the ark, for the oxen stumbled.** **10 Then the anger of the LORD was aroused against Uzza, and He struck him because he put his hand to the ark; and he died there before God.** **11 And David became angry because of the LORD’S outbreak against Uzza; therefore that place is called Perez Uzza to this day.** **12 David was afraid of God that day, saying, “How can I bring the ark of God to me?”**

15:13 *“For because you did not do it the first time, the LORD our God broke out against us, because we did not consult Him about the proper order.”(NKJ)*

- ◆ Jezebel hides behind other spirits, acting as smoke screens.

Isaiah 47:10 *“For you have trusted in your wickedness; you have said, ‘No one sees me’; your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you; and you have said in your heart, ‘I am, and there is no one else besides me.’ (NKJ)*

JEZEBEL AFFECT US, OUR FAMILY AND FUTURE GENERATIONS

Revelation 2:21-23 *“Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. 23 **“I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. (NKJ)***

Jezebel can bring judgment on Jezebel’s children.

Joshua 9:15-16 & 2 Samuel 21:1 *Then the men of Israel took some of their provisions; but they did not ask counsel of the LORD. 15 So Joshua made peace with them, and made a covenant with them to let them live; and the rulers of the congregation swore to them. 16 And it happened at the end of three days, after they had made a covenant with them, that they heard that they were their neighbors who dwelt near them. 2 Sam 21:1 **Now there was a famine in the days of David for three years, year after year; and David inquired of the LORD. And the LORD answered, “It is because of Saul and his bloodthirsty house, because he killed the Gibeonites.” (NKJ)***

Jezebel brings judgment on the land.

2 Samuel 11:14-15 and 12:14-15 *In the morning it happened that David wrote a letter to Joab and sent it by the hand of Uriah. 15 And he wrote in the letter, saying, “Set Uriah in the forefront of the hottest battle, and retreat from him, that he may be struck down and die.” 12:14 **“However, because by this deed you have given great occasion to the enemies of the LORD to blaspheme, the child also who is born to you shall surely die.”** 15 Then Nathan departed to his house. And the LORD struck the child that Uriah’s wife bore to David, and it became ill. (NKJ)*

When David used it, Bathsheba’s child died.

1 Kings 21:29 “See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house.” (NKJ)

We observe how Ahab’s family suffered.

Genesis 16:16-17:1 16:16 Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore Ishmael to Abram. **17:1** When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram and said to him, “I am Almighty God; walk before Me and be blameless. (NKJ)

Abram did not hear from God for 13 years.

HOW DO WE GET RELEASE FROM JEZEBEL?

- ◆ Repent.

1 Kings 21: 27-29 So it was, when Ahab heard those words, that he tore his clothes and put sackcloth on his body, and fasted and lay in sackcloth, and went about mourning. **28** And the word of the LORD came to Elijah the Tishbite, saying, **29** “See how Ahab has humbled himself before Me? Because he has humbled himself before Me, I will not bring the calamity in his days. In the days of his son I will bring the calamity on his house.”

1 John 1:9 If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Revelation 2:21 “And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

- ◆ Release through forgiveness.

Matthew 6:14-15 “For if you forgive men their trespasses, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. **15** “But if you do not forgive men their trespasses, neither will your Father forgive your trespasses. (NKJ)
John 20:23 “If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.” (NKJ)

- ◆ Amend your ways.

Jeremiah 7:3 Thus says the LORD of hosts, the God of Israel: “Amend your ways and your doings, and I will cause you to dwell in this place.

- ◆ Break this root of iniquity.

Revelation 2:22-23 *“Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. 23 “I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. (NKJ)*

- ◆ Fast and pray to get total release.

Esther 4:15-17 *Then Esther told them to reply to Mordecai: 16 “Go, gather all the Jews who are present in Shushan, and fast for me; neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. My maids and I will fast likewise. And so I will go to the king, which is against the law; and if I perish, I perish!” 17 So Mordecai went his way and did according to all that Esther commanded him. (NKJ)*
Matthew 17:21 *“However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.” (NKJ)*

- ◆ Break the curse of legalism.

Galatians 3:10 *For as many as are of the works of the law are under the curse; for it is written, “Cursed is everyone who does not continue in all things which are written in the book of the law, to do them.” (NKJ)*

- ◆ Learn to be still and wait on God.

1 Samuel 3:9-11 *Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down; and it shall be, if He calls you, that you must say, ‘Speak, LORD, for Your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place. 10 Now the LORD came and stood and called as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel answered, “Speak, for Your servant hears.” 11 Then the LORD said to Samuel: “Behold, I will do something in Israel at which both ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.
Isaiah 40:31 *But those who wait on the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (NKJ)**

Isaiah 52:11-12 *Depart! Depart! Go out from there, touch no unclean thing; go out from the midst of her, be clean, you who bear the vessels of the LORD. 12 **For you shall not go out with haste, nor go by flight;** for the LORD will go before you, and the God of Israel will be your rear guard.*

- ◆ Walk by faith in a new way.

Proverbs 3:5-6 *Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and lean not on your own understanding; 6 In all your ways acknowledge Him, and He shall direct your paths. (NKJ)*

1 Corinthians 2:1-5 *And I, brethren, when I came to you, did not come with excellence of speech or of wisdom declaring to you the testimony of God. 2 For I determined not to know anything among you except Jesus Christ and Him crucified. 3 I was with you in weakness, in fear, and in much trembling. 4 **And my speech and my preaching were not with persuasive words of human wisdom, but in demonstration of the Spirit and of power,** 5 that your faith should not be in the wisdom of men but in the power of God. (NKJ)*
Galatians 3:11 *But that no one is justified by the law in the sight of God is evident, for **“the just shall live by faith.”** (NKJ)*

- ◆ Be full of the Word.

John 15:7 *“If you abide in Me, and My words abide in you, you will ask what you desire, and it shall be done for you. (NKJ)*

Romans 10:17 *So then faith comes by hearing, and hearing by the word of God. (NKJ)*

- ◆ Don't compromise.

Daniel 3:16-18 *Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, “O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. 17 “If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. 18 “But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.” (NKJ)*

Daniel 6:10-13 *Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went home. And in his upper room, with his windows open toward Jerusalem, he knelt down on his knees three times that day, and prayed and gave thanks before his God, as was his custom since early days. 11 Then these men assembled and found Daniel praying and making supplication before his God. 12 And they went before the king, and spoke concerning the king's decree: “Have you not signed a decree that every man who petitions any god or man within thirty days, except you, O king, shall be cast into the den of lions?” The king answered and said, “The thing is true, according to the law of the Medes and Persians, which does not alter.” 13 So they answered and said before the king, “That Daniel, who is one of the captives from Judah, does not show due regard for you, O king, or for the decree that you have signed, but makes his petition three times a day.” (NKJ)*

- ◆ Learn to be humble

Philippians 2:5-11 *Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, 6 who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, 7 but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant, and coming in the likeness of men. 8 And being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself and became obedient to the point of death, even the death of the cross. 9 Therefore God also has highly exalted Him and given Him the name which is above every name, 10 that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, of those in heaven, and of those on earth, and of those under the earth, 11 and that every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. (NKJ)*

- ◆ Be willing to submit and die to self.

Matthew 26:38-39 *Then He said to them, "My soul is exceedingly sorrowful, even to death. Stay here and watch with Me." 39 He went a little farther and fell on His face, and prayed, saying, "O My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from Me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as You will." (NKJ)*

- ◆ Enter a Spirit led lifestyle.

Romans 8:14 *For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, these are sons of God. Ephesians 6:18* *Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, being watchful to this end with all perseverance and supplication for all the saints-- (NKJ)*

- ◆ Get to know God and His ways.

Isaiah 55:8-11 *"For My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways," says the LORD. 9 "For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are My ways higher than your ways, and My thoughts than your thoughts. 10 "For as the rain comes down, and the snow from heaven, and do not return there, but water the earth, and make it bring forth and bud, that it may give seed to the sower and bread to the eater, 11 So shall My word be that goes forth from My mouth; it shall not return to Me void, but it shall accomplish what I please, and it shall prosper in the thing for which I sent it.*

Daniel 11:32b *The people who know their God shall be strong, and carry out great exploits.*

Application of Lesson

1. What are the three main characteristics of Jezebel?
 - 1)
 - 2)
 - 3)

2. What form of domination, intimidation or manipulation is shown in the following?:
 - a) **1 Samuel 17:1-16**
 - b) **1 Kings 21:4**
 - c) **2 Corinthians 11:3**
 - d) **Genesis 3:6-7**
 - e) **Ezra 4:6-24**
 - f) **Matthew 17:24-27**

3. How was manipulation used in:
 - a) **Genesis 16:1-16**
 - b) **2 Kings 20:1-10**

4. Give an example of how Jezebel can make you want to die.

5. When David used a Jezebel tactic in **2 Samuel 11 and 12** what were the results?

6. How has this lesson on Jezebel helped you most?

INFORMATION ON THE SPIRIT OF JEZEBEL

Counsellor:

Jezebel's **name means**: 'unexalted; without cohabitation.

Her aim and characteristics:

Driven from inside by: perversion, rebellion, pride, arrogance, haughtiness, sorcery and witchcraft, etc.

Everything is done to **satisfy SELF** in every area: materialistic and in the physical (flesh). Also unteachable, independent, arrogant, etc.

It can manifest through women, as well as through men. When it manifests through men.

Hard-headedness _ "I will do as I please!"

Wants to **destroy** and remove the **true prophets** of God (**1 Kings 18:3-4**).

Resists the working of the Holy Spirit.

Always attempts to destroy and break down God-ordained leadership, and to satisfy SELF.

Abuse **authority** and leadership-positions (e.g. in the family, church, works, etc)

Always attempts to **infiltrate leadership**.

Instigates **fear** (e.g. in work-situation, children, marriage, relationships, etc.)

Goes hand in hand with **idolatry** and **witchcraft**, which were part and parcel of the life of queen Jezebel (**2 Kings 9:22**).

Draws forth the **Ahab-spirit** in others. (The Ahab-spirit 'sulks' because he cannot have his way, becomes depressed and angry. Refuses to speak ('stilstuipe') and tries thus to manipulate others).

It reacts in the flesh (e.g. threats, "tantrums", etc.).

Manipulates people on emotional level, trying to get them to do what Jezebel wants.

Takes cover behind **religious works**.

Lies and cheats.

Distorts the meaning of peoples' words.

When Jezebel gets control, e.g. in a church, such a body or organization can get destroyed.

- It starts manifesting in the flesh, with rigid laws.
- The flow of the Spirit gets hindered and obstructed.
- Disobedience replaces obedience.
- Works of the flesh replace inspiration by the Holy Spirit.
- It comes under the curse of the law.

MODUS OPERANDI OF A FALSE RELIGION

- They intimidate with an attitude of "we know it all".
- Praying incessantly and stays before the Lord.
- Very learned, have studied for many years and the laity can tell them nothing.
- Manipulate others with their theology.
- Manipulate others from out of the position of their leadership.
- Manipulate others with spiritual knowledge, experiences and *overspirituality*.
- They always hear from the Lord.
- "We are the men, and women must listen what we say" or vica versa.
- Legalistic and conservative. Goes toe cell-meetings, puts the leader or speaker in a bad light; or practices 'counsel-hopping'.
- Accuses with the purpose to hurt.
- Manipulates with tears.
- Humiliates, and runs down others, 'cuts' with the Word.
- Talkative.
- Sex, and as soon as desires are fulfilled, feelings of guilt.
- Rage and fury.
- Confusion (delusion, misleading).
- PMS – PERMANENT MARITAL STRESS!!
- Manipulates with money.
- Clever, manipulative speakers.

The Jezebel spirit controls persons, marriages, families, bloodlines, congregations, etc., with **5 cords**.

1. WITCHCRAFT
2. COMPROMISE
3. SEXUAL INIQUITY
4. DIM = DOMINATION, INTIMIDATION AND MANIPULATION
5. RELIGION

According to **Isaiah 47**, she is responsible for:

1. Senility in old age – **v6**
2. Drug abuse – **v9**
3. Occult, witchcraft – **v9**
4. Illegitimate sexual sins – **v8**
5. Fear – **v12** (works through e.g. mass-murderers, rapists, etc.)
6. Astrology – **v13**

A strong mother figure ➡ son will have a “false self” ➡ it will manifest in recklessness or revolution or breaking away. The man will try to throw off the smothering blanket of feminization.

If both parents are strong and compete for leadership ➡ psychological confusion ➡ false personalities in children. A strong, dominant mother/grandmother and passive father ➡ produces double-minded children/grandchildren.

THE SCRIPTURAL CONSEQUENCES WHERE THE JEZEBEL SPIRIT RULES:

Throw her on a bed of sickness:

- * Most cancers are Jezebelic judgment.

Murders her children:

- **Homosexuality**
- **Divorce is a product of Jezebel**
- **Female domination**
- **Persons coming from broken families, usually carries with them strong spirits of death.**

Extreme persecution – extreme judgment:

- Schizophrenia – **mental disturbed ness characterized by a lack of contact with reality and through the disintegration of personality.**
- Schizothymia – **preceding schizophrenia.**
Double-mindedness – James 1:7,8 – “**Has two souls**”.
- Doubt and instability. **A false personality which causes weakness and insecurity. “Jezebel’s child within”. The “child” is an alternative personality – weak and insecure, fearful, rebellious, sexually abnormal, or other characteristics against the true self.**

- Fruits :
 - ❑ **Manipulation**
 - ❑ **Domination**
 - ❑ **Intimidation**
 - ❑ **Homosexuality (Jezebel murders her sons' masculinity)**
 - ❑ **Obsession to control or to be in control**
 - ❑ **Blasphemy**
 - ❑ **Incest**

PRAYER OF RENUNCIATION AGAINST JEZEBEL SPIRIT (REV. 2:20-23)

Counsellor:

Father, today I stand before You in the Name of Jesus Christ, Your Son, on behalf of **myself**, as well as on behalf of my **ancestors**. I plead guilty for the fact that I have allowed the **Jezebel spirit** with her **5 cords** to work and **rule** through and over me, as well as that I have moved in the spirit of **Ahab** at times.

I choose to **submit** myself under Your Almighty Hand today, in order that You may lift me up again at the appointed time.

I sincerely **repent** that I, through my **lifestyle** and **behaviour**, have committed the following sins:

- Destroyed/opposed Your **true prophets** (e.g. your marriage partner, child, others, etc.)
- Destroyed/opposed Your **ordained authority-structures** (e.g. parents, teachers, marriage, government, etc.)
- Satisfied my **own ego**.
- **Opposed** the **work of the Holy Spirit** and obstructed the flow of Your Spirit.
- **Idolatry** (e.g. knowledge, own views, church, traditions, etc.)
- **Witchcraft** (e.g. the occult, emotional manipulation, etc.)
- Walked after the **desires of the flesh**.
- Evoked the **Ahab spirit** in others.
- Allowed the **Ahab spirit** to manifest through me.
- **Abused my authority** and leadership.
- Distorted other peoples' **words** to look good myself.

- **Distorted Your words**, even by speaking in Your Name that which You have not really spoken.
- **Opposed leaders**
- **Woman**: I have undermined and opposed my **husband, father, leaders, employers** and **parent's authority**.
- **Man**: I have not treated my **wife**, family-members (children), subordinates, parents, etc. according to Your precepts and I have not taken up my responsibility as priest, king and prophet.
- **Lies** and **underhandedness** / putting **blame** and **suspicion** on others.
- I have **dominated, intimidated and manipulated**
- I have not obeyed Your Word.
- I have, through my **behaviour**, discouraged others from following and obeying You.
- **Rebellion** in all its forms in my life!
- **Stubbornness**.
- **Pride, arrogance and argumentativeness**.
- **Falsely accusing others**, discouraging them and caused **bitterness** in them (e.g. marriage, family-members [children], employees, others).
- **Criticism**, lies and breaking down of others.
- That I have allowed a **desire for material wealth** to influence me to land myself and others in problems, whilst ignoring the warnings of the Holy Spirit.
- **Sexual immorality** in all its forms.
- **Manipulation** through **sex**.
- I have transferred this spirit to my children and descendants.
- I have attempted to **intimidate** others with **fear**.
- I have followed **tradition** instead of **revelation**.
- I have followed **law** in stead of the **Holy Spirit**.
- I have brought others into bondage (e.g. marriage, relationships, children, subordinates, etc.).
- I have tried to **control** others through a religious mask knowledge, secretiveness, works, long and empty prayers, 'unique' experiences and super-spirituality.
- **Anger outbursts** and the **confusion** I have created as a result thereof.
- That I have stepped on people to get what I wanted.

Father, I ask **forgiveness** for all these sins. I stand before You today on the grounds of Your mercy and the perfect work of the Cross of Jesus, as well as the reconciliation that He has worked for me, with You.

On these grounds, I want to ask You today that You will cleanse these hands of mine from all of these sins, even those sins I haven't realized yet. Please **cleanse my heart** also, Father!

I also stand before You and **petition** for every soul and the redemption of every other person whom I have ever polluted with my **behaviour**.

I humbly ask for forgiveness, for the fact that I have been a stumbling block for them, and I pray that You will remove this **foul mantle** I have worn up to now - and clothe me with new clothes, fragranced with Your love and acceptance.

I ask forgiveness for the fact that I drank from the **cup of Jezebel** and that I have allowed the following to control me:

1. **Occult spirits**
2. **Compromise** (idolatry) through ignoring Your discipline and not having respect for You.
3. **Immorality** and **idolatry**.
4. **Domination, intimidation and manipulation.**
5. **False religion.**

I now ask You to free and redeem me from these **5 cords** with which this spirit of Jezebel has controlled me for so long, in the Almighty Name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth.

Thank You for complete redemption through the Name and the Blood of Jesus, through the Sword of Your Word and the word of my testimony:

Rev. 12:11 - *"And they have overcome him by means of the Blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony."*

I also pray, Holy Spirit, that You will lead me on this new road and that You will help me in this process of **renewing of the mind** in all of these areas. I pray that You will take hold now of all the **branching** and **infiltration** and **working** of the Jezebel spirit in all parts of my **body** and **soul**, and pull it out of me until nothing remains!

Counsellor:

(Example of prayer:)

Take these **5 cords** and **cut** them one by one:

1. I now address you, Jezebel in the spiritual realm, and I declare that I recognize that cord of **OCCULTIC POWERS** between you and your seat in I now take the Sword of the Spirit and I sever this cord of **OCCULTIC POWERS** in the Almighty NAME OF JESUS CHRIST!

It is written in:

2 Sam. 22:32-37: *"For Who is God but the Lord? And Who is a Rock except our God? God is my strong Fortress; He guides the blameless in His way and sets him free. He makes my feet like the hinds'; He sets me secure and confident upon the heights. He trains my hands for war, so that my arms can bend a bow of bronze. You have also given me the shield of Your salvation; and Your condescension and gentleness have made me great. You have enlarged my steps under me, so that my feet have not slipped."*

2. I now address you, Jezebel in the spiritual realm, and I declare that I recognize that cord of **COMPROMISE** between you and your seat in I now take the Sword of the Spirit and I sever this cord of **COMPROMISE** in the Almighty Name of Jesus! It is written in:

Acts 24:14 - *"But this I confess to you, however, that in accordance with the Way, which they call a sect, I worship the God of our fathers, still persuaded of the truth of and believing in and placing full confidence in everything laid down in the Law of Moses or written in the prophets."*

And Matt. 22:37- "And He replied to him, you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind."

3. I now address you, Jezebel in the spiritual realm, and I declare that I recognize that cord of **IMMORALITY (IDOLATRY)** between you and your seat in I now take the Sword of the Spirit and I sever this cord of **IMMORALITY** in the Almighty Name of Jesus! It is written in:

Rev. 19:7 - *"Let us rejoice and shout for joy! Let us celebrate and ascribe to Him glory and honor, for the marriage of the Lamb at last has come, and His bride has prepared herself."*

4. I now address you, Jezebel in the spiritual realm, and I declare that I recognize that cord of **DOMINATION, INTIMIDATION AND MANIPULATION** between you and your seat in I now take the Sword of the Spirit and I sever this cord of **domination, intimidation and manipulation**, in the Almighty Name of Jesus! It is written in:

John 10:2-5 - *"But he who enters by the door is the shepherd of the sheep. The watchman opens the door for this man, and the sheep listen to his voice and heed it; and he calls his own sheep by name and brings them out. When he has brought his own sheep outside, he walks on before them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will never follow a stranger, but will run away from him because they do not know the voice of strangers or recognize their call."*

5. I now address you, Jezebel in the spiritual realm, and I declare that I recognize that cord of **FALSE RELIGION** between you and your seat inI now take the Sword of the Spirit and I sever this cord of **FALSE RELIGION** in the Almighty Name of Jesus! It is written in:

John 4:24 - "*God is a Spirit and those who worship Him must worship Him in spirit and in truth.*"

Counselee:

Father, in the Name of Jesus Christ Your Son, I now declare:

- a **divorce** with the spirit of Jezebel
- a **cancellation of all worship** she ever received through me, my ancestors or descendants
- **nullification** of any and every covenant ever made with her
- renunciation of the **Ahab** spirit

In the authority of the Name of Jesus Christ, I now take this seat in myself and hand it over to the Kingdom of God.

Father, in Jesus Name I ask that You will **remove the following curses** and results due to my ancestors' and my own involvement with this Jezebel spirit's activities:

1. Curse of a **bed of anguish and suffering**
2. **Downheartedness**
3. Curse of the **utmost judgement**
4. Curse of **death (Rev.2:22,23)**
5. Curse of **humiliation and nakedness**
6. Curse of **slavery**
7. Curse of **senility**
8. Curse of **homosexuality and lesbianism**
9. Curse of **cancer**
10. **Schizophrenia**
11. Curse of **divorce**
12. Curse of **female domination**
13. Curse of **male domination**
14. **Incest**
15. **Blasphemy**
16. Curse of **loss of children**
17. Loss of **marriage partner**
18. Curse of **disasters and evil**
19. **Loneliness and desolation**
20. Curse of **witchcraft**
21. Curse of **persecution**

I pray that You will **change** each one of these curses to **blessings** in my ancestor's, my own, and my descendant's lives, in the Name of Jesus.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, I now bind and rebuke the spirit of Jezebel from my life.

I speak **destruction** over the **altars** where the spirit of Jezebel received **worship** in my life, and I erect an altar there for God. It is written:

"David built there an altar to the Lord and offered burnt offerings and peace offerings. So the Lord heeded the prayers for the land, and Israel's plague was stayed." 2 Sam.22:25.

The stronghold in my life where Jezebel has lived, is now destroyed and a throne for Christ Jesus erected there.

In the Name of Jesus Christ, I now speak **withering and death** over all **fruits of manipulation** through the spirit of **witchcraft** in my life.

I pray that You will remove **all leaven** that caused me to walk under the control of this spirit, from my habits of **thinking, my will, emotions and body**.

Father, in Jesus Precious Name, I pray that the **spirit of Elijah** will rise up within me to expose the spirit of Jezebel in the Body of Christ. I pray Father, that the hearts of the fathers will be turned towards the children according to **Malachi 4:5,6**.

I pray that the disobedient will be turned towards the wisdom of the righteous - that You will enable me to outwork Godly principles to handle problems in my life.

I pray that more and more **spiritual fathers and mothers** will come forth out of our midst to show the way and to take Your children by the hand and to lead them on paths of righteousness.

I pray Father, that You will see to it that, through Your Spirit, I will be prepared as part of Your Bride without spot or wrinkle.

Thank You, Abba Father, for Your great mercy and grace. Please seal this prayer now with the precious Blood of Jesus Christ and thank You that You have heard me and that You free me!

AMEN.