

The Spirit Of Jezebel

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Introduction

As I have had a few of my friends and/or fellow ministers review the following material, I have had two reactions.

One indicated that there were others in Scripture who exhibited the Spirit of Jezebel who are not mentioned in this booklet. This is true. However, it was not my purpose to attempt to include every example but merely an adequate representative group.

The second indicated that some might get the impression that women could not be saved or that one might need to belong to some particular group to attain God's ultimate prize.

Let me state categorically that I believe that anyone who has been used by the spirit of Jezebel or the spirit of Ahab can repent and be delivered from such spirits. I also believe that any woman has the potential to receive as great a reward as any man.

Finally, I believe that any group claiming to be the only right one is bordering on being cultic. Cults are not of God.

Part I

The Spirit of Jezebel

Said in a simplified way, the spirit of Jezebel is the spirit of rebellion. It is the same spirit that Satan manifested before his fall when he sought to exalt his throne above the stars. In other words, Satan desired to position himself in a position of authority higher than that which God had appointed him. We see most often the spirit of Jezebel exhibiting itself in women, but it is occasionally seen in men as well.

To look into the phenomenon of the Jezebel spirit we need to go into the Scriptures, and let's look at the woman Jezebel in the Bible and look at her characteristics. The first Jezebel we see is the wife of Ahab, a king in Israel. Ahab wanted a garden owned by Naboth, but Naboth would not sell it to him. As Ahab pouted in front of his wife Jezebel, she said, "Let me take care of this matter." She in essence was saying, let me exert your authority, or let me be in charge and I will give you what you want. This is essentially the same type of temptation that Satan brought to Jesus when he showed him all the kingdoms of the world and said "All these are given unto me, but I will give them unto you if you will bow down and worship me." Jesus, of course, defeated Satan by quoting, "It is written thou shall worship the Lord thy God and Him only shall thou serve." Unfortunately, Ahab failed his test and gave his authority over to Jezebel, as many men are doing today.

Now what did Jezebel do? Jezebel hired men of Belial to bring about a false accusation against Naboth and then she had him killed and took the garden and gave it to her husband. When the spirit of Jezebel manifests itself, it will often rebel against the authority or seek to usurp authority of the one over her. It will often bring about false accusations with the intent of destroying the accused. Sometimes this is actually physical destruction, and other times it is the destruction of the reputation of a Godly man.

The fact that the Jezebel spirit seeks to destroy the men of God can be seen in how she sought to kill Elijah and even Elijah ran for his life.

Part II

The Spirit of Jezebel in Eve

The spirit of Jezebel was manifested in Eve, for she listened to the serpent's deception when he said she would be as God. She then rebelled against God's command not to eat of the tree of knowledge of good and evil, or went ahead and partook of it without first checking with her husband, who was the direct authority over her. Then Adam played Ahab and went along with her rebellion and partook of the fruit as well. As a result, we have the fall of mankind.

As God begins to cast them out of the garden, He says to the woman, "Your desire shall be to your husband, but he shall rule over you." *See Genesis Chapter 3 verse 16.*

The word for desire there in the Hebrew comes from a word, which means to overwhelm. So it appears to be saying that the desire of the woman is to overwhelm or to rule over the man. So we see that this seed is in women and sometimes blossoms and makes itself manifest by taking control over the man. In the Western World this has gradually developed over centuries until at present women indirectly rule most marriages and control their husbands like they are little boys. Any resistance to this control is met with the destruction of the man's reputation, and his finances, and the removal of children from his jurisdiction and his care, and the man-made laws back up Jezebel in this rebellion.

Part III

The Spirit of Jezebel in Hagar

Hagar became Abraham's second wife only after Sarah could not conceive and Sarah suggested that Abraham take her as a wife. Hagar should have respected Sarah as the first and the senior woman in the household. Instead, after she conceived, she despises Sarah. *See Genesis 16:4-6.*

Eventually, because of her failure to observe proper order and respect, the

order that God had placed in the household, God confirmed to Abraham that she would have to be put out of the household. *See Genesis 21:9-12.*

Here we find an important lesson. Men must maintain proper order in the household. Anyone who cannot rule his own household properly is unqualified to rule the Church of God. *See 1st Timothy 3:5.* We see that those who rebel against the proper order and refuse to be corrected must be separated for the benefit of the household. This is what Jesus meant when he said, “And if thy right eye offend thee, pluck it out.... And if thy right hand offends thee, cut it off.... For better it is to enter Heaven having one eye or one hand than the whole body be cast in hellfire.” Rebellion against God’s authority must be dealt with and if uncorrectable, then it must be removed.

Part IV

The Spirit of Jezebel in Potiphar’s Wife

Joseph, having been sold by his brothers, came to be a servant in Potiphar’s house. When the master was away, the wife asked Joseph to have sexual relations with her. Joseph refused to commit the sin of adultery: *Having sexual relations with another man’s wife.* But she grabbed his coat as he fled. Later, when Potiphar came home, she claimed Joseph tried to rape her. This false accusation is one of the manifested traits of Jezebel.

It has been said that Hell has no fury like a woman scorned. While this may be an exaggeration, it illustrates how this aspect of the spirit of Jezebel will manifest itself when a woman feels rejected by a man. She will seek to destroy his reputation, or the man himself. I know of several men who have been in situations where this particularly nasty aspect of Jezebel nature manifested itself to attempt to destroy ministries.

Sometimes single men who have not been married are not aware of the subtle and deceptive nature that can come out through women when the rebellious, Jezebelic nature begins to make its appearance. Who will not believe an emotional woman who is crying real tears? “After all, why would she lie?” they say. Motivated by the Jezebelic spirit, they will lie, but out of revenge.

Part V

The Spirit of Jezebel in Zipporah

Zipporah was Moses' first wife. She was a Midianite and as such perhaps did not understand Jewish laws and customs. Moses had met God at the burning bush. God showed him that He would do miracles through him as he obeyed. He told Moses to throw the rod down and it became a snake. He told him to pick it up by the tail and when he did, it became a rod again. God told Moses to put his hand in his bosom and he did. When he took it out at God's command it was white and leprous. God told him to put it in again; Moses obeyed and his hand was healed.

God then sent Moses back to Egypt to set the children of Israel free, but then the Bible records in Exodus chapter 4, "The Lord met him in the way and sought to kill him." Why would the Lord seek to kill the man he just sent on an important mission? The hint is included in the passage. Zipporah cut off the foreskin of her son and cast it at his feet and said "A bloody husband thou art to me because of the circumcision." Apparently Moses had failed to circumcise his son. It is probable that Zipporah had argued with him over it, thinking that she did not want her son mutilated. She did not understand its full significance as the sign of the covenant between God and the descendants of Abraham. Moses apparently, like many men in the USA today, was a "peace at any price" type of man. He didn't want to upset his wife over the issue, therefore did not do the necessary thing. Zipporah was exhibiting the Jezebel spirit that sometimes manifests itself in women when they desire to take control out of the hands of their husbands. Only when faced with the choice of watching her husband die by the hand of the Lord did she relent and circumcise the child. This story shows two very important things:

The first is that making our covenant with God is vitally important. For New Testament believers, that is through water Baptism. *See Colossians 2:11-12.* Secondly, it is vitally important for the man to be the head of the household and obey God, not his wife.

Part VI

The Jezebel Spirit in Achan

Achan was a man who exhibited the Jezebel spirit in that he rebels against the authority over him. Joshua was the leader in Israel at that time and he gave strict orders after hearing from God that all the silver and gold and iron that they captured in Jericho was to go into the Lord's treasury. Achan, however, saw a Babylonish garment and some silver and a wedge of gold and hid it in his tent. The Babylonian's garment represents false religion. See Revelation chapter 17 and 18 where it describes Babylon the great whore and mother of harlots. The silver represents a desire for money and position that is not appointed by God and the gold represents the desire to glorify oneself.

These three things were hidden in the midst of his tent. This symbolizes that there are those who desire religious tradition over God's truth. They desire fame, and position, and wealth and they desire vainglory. These things are in their hearts and they become a snare, not only to themselves, but to those around them as well. Because of this Jezebelic rebellion against authority, over 30 men were killed as they battled the men of Ai. Only after they stoned Achan and his family and then burned them and their stuff with fire, were they able to have victory. Sometimes the reason a family or church fails to have victory is because there are those in the midst who desire religious tradition rather than God's truth. Jesus said the traditions of man make the word of God of non-effect.

Other times it is because they are robbing God of His tithe or seeking promotion to a position that God has not given them. When it seems that God is killing us, we need to check ourselves and our families and our churches to see where the problem is. If we can rid ourselves of the Jezebelic rebellion, we can have victory!

Part VII

The Spirit of Jezebel in Michal

Michal was David's first wife, and she was the daughter of Saul. There came a day when David was bringing the ark back to Zion, he danced before the Lord with all his might. *See 2nd Samuel Chapter 6*. Michal despised David, feeling that he was not upholding the dignity of a king. She, therefore, took it upon herself to rebuke him as if he was her child, and because of this she never had children. God is not pleased with the rebellion and superiority of the Jezebelic spirit.

Part VIII

The Spirit of Jezebel in Saul

Saul was Israel's first king. He was chosen by God for the job and was anointed by the Prophet Samuel, yet he refused to completely obey God. He obeyed part way, but not all the way. He also makes excuses for his lack of patience, and blames others for his failure. *See 1st Samuel Chapter 15 verses 1-23*. In verses 22 and 23, the Prophet Samuel says, "Hath the Lord *as great* delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams. For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, and stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because thou hast rejected the word of the Lord, he hath also rejected thee from being king."

When one rejects the God given authority above them and chooses to go their own way and do their own thing, they are exhibiting the Spirit of Jezebel.

Part IX

The Spirit of Jezebel in Babylon, the Great Harlot

Babylon, the Great Harlot, is the greatest manifestation of the spirit of Jezebel. The only entity that outdoes Babylon, the Great Harlot is Satan himself. Why? Because it is a religious institution that has helped propagate the spirit of Jezebel down through the years. In verse 7 of Revelation Chapter 18, it says, “For she sayeth in her heart, I sit a queen and am no widow and shall see no sorrows.” In other words she is a sitting queen, a ruling queen, even though she is not a widow, which means her husband is alive. If she is ruling and her husband is alive, it means she has taken authority from him. Still, she believes there will be no punishment. But the next verse says “Therefore shall a plague come one day and death, and mourning, and famine and she shall be utterly burned with fire, for strong is the Lord who judges her.”

In chapter 17 verse 1, she is called a great whore. In verse 5, it says, “On her forehead was a name written. Mystery Babylon the great, the mother of harlots and abominations of the earth.” The next verse goes on to say “And I saw the woman drunken with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyr’s of Jesus. This wicked religious institution, with its rulings down through the ages, sought to keep the common man away from the truth that would make him free. She has set her own traditions up to be equal with Scripture and all the while she continues to violate Scripture and go directly against the commandments of God. Rules and traditions that she has put into place have helped to foster the means for women to openly manifest the Jezebel Spirit.

In Chapter 18 verse 2, we read “And Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and is become the habitation of devils, and the hold of every foul spirit, and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird.” In verse 3, we see the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her. This is one of the traits of Jezebel, to attempt to cause natural or spiritual fornication.

In verse 4, we have a warning to all believers “And I heard another voice from heaven saying come out of her my people, that you be not partakers of her sins so that you receive not of her plagues.” Many are entrenched in her or her daughter harlots, and are thereby, stunted in their

spiritual growth. Verse 23 tells us “The voice of the bridegroom and the bride shall be heard no more at all in thee.” Everyone should read Revelation Chapter 17 and 18 in their entirety in one sitting. It should be obvious who this great harlot is.

If we study history we can also see why she has martyred many of God’s apostles and prophets who would bring out the truth to the people. They warn of who she is and they would have delivered the people from bondage, so she has martyred them. She is the ultimate institution of the Jezebel Spirit.

Part X

Government and the Spirit of Jezebel

Government in Western Countries, especially the USA, have gone a long way to enhance the power of the Jezebel Spirit. How? Through no fault divorce, which gives the woman the power to divorce her husband for any reason. If she is not happy, she can divorce her man. She may not be happy because she can’t go to the malls and shop as often as she wants to. It doesn’t matter the reason. When she is unhappy she can get a no fault divorce.

The government will usually allow the wife to keep the house, and control the children, and require the now ex-husband to pay for the child support and/or alimony until all children reach the age of 18. The government further threatens to jail anyone who refuses to pay the exorbitant amounts, which can be one fourth or more of his future income. The government also has the means to track the men through their social security numbers in the United States and extract the money from their pay checks prior to them getting paid. This, of course, is just a precursor to the type of total control the government will have when the Mark of the Beast is fully in place. Consequently, men realize that once they have allowed the government in, the wife is given the upper hand. He cannot be head of his house. He can only perform as the figurehead as long as the Jezebel Spirit will allow him to, and at its own whim.

Part XI

Jezebel's Leash

Some women, through whom the Spirit of Jezebel manifests, allow their husbands only a short leash. This means that they make it clear in the beginning of the marriage that they are in charge by saying all decisions are to be made jointly. This of course, means that the man cannot make any decisions independently and thereby is controlled by her. When men fall in love they are under the control of the romantic spirit. This makes them worship the woman with whom they are in love, and thereby, give away their rights to manhood, and headship, and authority in marriage. These men start off as strongly henpecked husbands from the very beginning.

On the other hand, there are women who have the seed of the Spirit of Jezebel in them who allow their husbands a much longer leash. This means they are much freer to make many decisions themselves, still they are on a leash and when they run to the end of it they will feel the chain about their neck begin to choke them. These women allow their husbands to do and decide many things. Still, there are a few areas in which they reserve their right to be the boss. When the husband violates these, they can expect the wrath of Jezebel to descend and the man will then realize that he is in jeopardy of losing his wife, children, house, and future finances.

To avoid this, the man must not begin by submitting his marriage to the government, which would then have ultimate control. Government in the Western World almost always backs the woman, and indirectly, the Jezebel Spirit.

Part XII

The Spirit of Jezebel in Vashtai

In the book of Esther, we read that the King Ahasuerus is having a big feast for many important men in his kingdom. At a certain point he sent word and commanded his wife, Vashtai to come with the crown royal to show the princes her beauty. However, Queen Vashtai refused to come. The king, being very angry, confers with his wise men as to what he should do.

Memucan answered before the king and the princes, “Vashtai the queen hath not done wrong to the king only, but also to all the princes and to all the people in all the provinces of King Ahasuerus. For indeed this deed of the queen shall come abroad unto all women so that they shall despise their husbands in their eyes when it should be reported. The King Ahasuerus commanded Vashtai the Queen to be brought in before him, but she came not. Likewise, shall the ladies of Persia, Medes, say this day unto all kings and princes who have heard of the deed of the queen? Thus shall there arise too much contempt and wrath.” *Esther Chapter 1:16-19.*

In verse 17, he begins to give the solution. “If it please the King, let there go a royal command from him. Let it be written among the laws of the Persians of the Medes and let it not be altered that Vashtai come no more before the King Ahasuerus and let the king give her royal estate to another that is better than she. A decree, which he shall make, shall be published throughout his empire, for it is great. All wives shall give their husbands honor, both to great and to small.” *Esther Chapter 1: 19-20.*

Finally in verse 22, it says, “For he sent letters unto all the kings’ provinces and to every provinces according to the writing thereof and to every people after their language that EVERY MAN SHOULD BEAR RULE IN HIS OWN HOUSE. That it should be published according to the language of every people.” This story makes it very clear. A woman who rebels against her husband’s authority deserves to be put away. Every man should bear rule his own house. Nevertheless, the Jezebel Spirit has so permeated the Western Society that those words sound like radical suggestions.

Part XIII

The Jezebel Spirit in Samson's Wife

Samson took a wife of the Philistines. When he put forth the riddle to the young men at the feast, they could not discern the meaning of the riddle, so the men threatened his wife. She began to weep and beg Samson for the answer to the riddle. One of the ways that women with the Jezebelic Spirit have learned to control men is by crying and weeping. She further said, "Then thou dost hate me and lovest me not." Another tactic used is claiming that the husband does not love them unless they do what the wife wants.

This is manipulation and control. This is another tactic used by the Jezebelic Spirit. It is interesting that Samson's first answer was "Behold, I have not told it to my father nor my mother, shall I tell it to thee?" It was seen that from this answer that he certainly was closer to his father and mother than he was to his own wife, so if he hadn't told them why should he tell his wife? The Scripture says, "She wept before him seven days." Another tactic used by the Jezebelic Spirit is to wear the man down with constant nagging until he gives in and lets her have her way. Men must be warned of the various tactics of the Jezebelic Spirit.

Part XIV

The Jezebel Spirit in Delilah

Samson then loved a woman named Delilah. *See Judges Chapter 16.* "And the lords of the Philistines came up unto her, and said unto her, Entice him and see wherein his great strength lieth, and by what means we may prevail against him..." *Judges Chapter 16:5.*

At first, Samson would not tell her the truth, but after she nagged and nagged him, the Scripture says in verse 16 "And it came to pass when she pressed him daily with her words and urged him so that his soul was vexed

unto death...” The next verse says that he “...told her all his heart.” When Delilah made him sleep on her knees (notice that his head is placed lower than hers), she called in a man and had him shave off the seven locks of hair upon his head and she began to afflict him.

Seven is God’s number for perfection. The hair was a type of covering of the anointing of God’s Spirit and that is why Samson was so powerful. When Delilah learned the secret, she removed his proper covering. She then began to afflict him.

This is Jezebel’s purpose: Jezebel desires to remove the proper covering of Christ and his anointing as the authority over the man and be head over the man herself. The Philistines then were able to take him captive, and blind him, and bound him with fetters of brass, and made him work in their prison. The Jezebel Spirit seeks to blind the man to his obligation to serve only God and to bind the man, making him a prisoner of the evil Jezebelic spirits that are often manifested through the woman.

Part XV

The Jezebel Spirit in Absalom

As we have said in the general sense, the Jezebel Spirit is that spirit that seeks to usurp authority. As such, we see it manifest in the man, Absalom, who was King David’s son. In 1st Samuel Chapter 14:25, it says “But in all Israel there was none to be so much praised as Absalom for his beauty.” In 2nd Samuel 15: 4-6, we see that Absalom stole the hearts of the men of Israel by constantly indicating that he would be more fair than his father David, and be friendlier to the subjects of Israel. Many times wives who are mothers will steal the hearts of their children to themselves and away from the father by purposely going along with and supporting them in things to which the father would object.

By allowing the children to see their tears of sorrow, they develop the emotion of hatred in the children for their father because they feel he is guilty of harming their mother. The husband is then informed that he must submit to her wishes if he is to prevent the children from being taken away.

The man is then placed in the position of deciding whether to obey God and risk losing his wife and children, or obey his wife and keep his family together. Truly, as Jesus said, “He that forsaketh not all he hath cannot be my disciple.”

Part XVI

The Spirit of Ahab

The Scripture says in 1st Kings Chapter 21: 25-26 “For there was none likened to Ahab which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. He did very abominably in following idols...”

Many men become Ahabs by allowing their wives to stir them up to go against God’s commands. In addition, when a man begins to follow an idol in the form of his wife, he has become an Ahab. If he will do what his wife wants, rather than what God wants, then he is serving an idol and has become an Ahab. Ahab allowed his wife Jezebel to take his authority and to write letters in his name because of the vineyard that he wanted from Naboth.

Today, many men allow their wives to take authority in order to get what they want. Sometimes that can be just peace in the house. They feel that if they let the woman rule, they won’t have to fight her and they won’t have to fight her attempts to take their control. These are “peace at any price” type men, or in other words, Ahabs.

If men are to be men of God, then they must not allow the Spirit of Ahab to manifest itself within them!

Part XVII

The Spirit of Jezebel in the Jezebel of Revelation

"Notwithstanding, I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel which calls herself a prophetess to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication and to eat things sacrificed to idols, I gave her space to repent of her fornications, she repented not." *Revelation Chapter 2: 20-21*. The fact that she called herself a prophetess is indication that she is not really a prophetess. She desired a religious garment; that is a title, and perhaps money and self-glorification. She desired to be in a place above where God had placed her.

Notice she seduces his servants to commit fornication. Was this natural fornication or spiritual fornication? The text does not say, however we know that stubbornness is as idolatry and idolatry in Jeremiah Chapter 3 is equated with adultery. It could have been that she was causing the people to subtly worship her.

We must remember that Paul said in 2nd Corinthians Chapter 10 that he desired them to be chaste virgins unto Christ and therefore he did not do things that the false apostles were doing. He said "for you suffer if a man bring you into bondage, if a man devour you, if a man take of you, if a man exalt himself, if a man smite you in the face" 2nd *Corinthians Chapter 11:11-20*.

This Jezebel was obviously exalting herself, and therefore there was certainly spiritual fornication or adultery going on. Many women in the USA and the Western World are now exalting themselves and bringing their husbands into bondage. The bondage is not physical, and yet it is very real. It is the bondage of fear.

It is the fear of losing their family, and their wife, and children, and

house, and large portion of all future moneys earned unless they obey their wives. I have seen countless men who dare not make a decision of any type without consulting their wives. They are in bondage. Most would never admit it, and yet they are. Many miss God's perfect will for their lives because they seek to please a Jezebelic wife rather than pleasing God.

To wives, I will say what the Scripture says. "Wives, submit yourselves unto your own husbands as unto the Lord, for the husband is the head of the wife, even as Christ is the head of the church, and he is the savior of the body. Therefore, the church is subject unto Christ, so let wives be to their husbands in everything" *Ephesians Chapter 5:22-24*.

To husbands I will say what the Scripture says. "Husbands, love your wives, even as Christ also loved the church, and gave himself for it So ought men to love their wives as their own [selves]. He that loveth his wife loveth himself." *Ephesians Chapter 5:25-28*.

To all I would say "Obey them that have rule over you, and submit yourselves, for they watch for your souls as they that must give account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." *Hebrews Chapter 13:17*.

To men, I would also say, "For the Jezebelic spirit to continuously manifest itself in our wives, there must be a spirit of Ahab in us, that is a spirit that is willing to let her rule. We must be men and rule as God has called us to do."

In Conclusion

God does not desire that we manifest either the Jezebel spirit or the Ahab spirit. However, even if we have in the past, God has provided us grace.

“If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.”

We can repent, be forgiven and start afresh.

As we realize God’s truth, let us walk in it. Forgetting those things which are behind and pressing toward that which is before us. Let us press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Jesus Christ.