What is the Jezebel spirit?

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Question: "What is the Jezebel spirit?"

Answer: There is a variety of opinions about what constitutes a *Jezebel spirit*, everything from a sexually loose woman to someone—man or woman—who teaches false doctrine. The Bible does not mention a Jezebel spirit, although it has plenty to say about Jezebel herself.

Jezebel's story is found in 1st and 2nd Kings. She was the daughter of Ethbaal, king of Tyre/Sidon and priest of the cult of Baal, a cruel, sensuous and revolting false god whose worship involved sexual degradation and lewdness. Ahab, king of Israel, married Jezebel and led the nation into Baal worship (1 Kings 16:31). Their reign over Israel is one of the saddest chapters in the history of Yahweh's people.

There are two incidents in the life of Jezebel which characterize her and may define what is meant by the Jezebel spirit. One trait is her obsessive passion for domineering and controlling others, especially in the spiritual realm. When she became queen, she began a relentless campaign to rid Israel of all evidences of Yahweh worship. She ordered the extermination of all the prophets of Yahweh (1 Kings 18:4, 13) and replaced their altars with those of Baal. Her strongest enemy was Elijah who demanded a contest on Mount Carmel between the powers of Israel's Mighty One and the powers of Jezebel and the priests of Baal (1 Kings 18). Of course there was no contest, but despite hearing of the miraculous powers of Yahweh, Jezebel refused to repent and swore on her gods that she would pursue Elijah relentlessly and take his life. Her stubborn refusal to see and submit to the power of the living Elohim (Mighty One) would lead her to a hideous end (2 Kings 9:29-37).

The second incident involves a righteous man named Naboth who refused to sell to Ahab land adjoining the palace, rightly declaring that to sell his inheritance would be against Yahweh's command (1 Kings 21:3; Leviticus 25:23). While Ahab sulked and fumed on his bed, Jezebel taunted him and ridiculed him for his weakness, then proceeded to have the innocent Naboth framed and stoned to death. Naboth's sons were also stoned to death, so there would be no heirs and the land would revert to the possession of the king. Such a single-minded determination to have one's way, no matter who is destroyed in the process, is a characteristic of the Jezebel spirit.

So infamous was Jezebel's sexual immorality and idol worship that the Master Yeshua Himself refers to her in a warning to the church at Thyatira (Revelation 2:18-29). Most likely referring to a woman in the church who influenced it the same way Jezebel influenced Israel into idolatry and sexual immorality, Yeshua declares to the Thyatirans that she is not to be tolerated. Whoever this woman was, like Jezebel she refused to repent of her immorality and her false teaching, and her fate was sealed. The Master Yeshua cast her onto a sick bed, along with those who committed idolatry with her. The end for those who succumb to a Jezebel spirit is always death and destruction, both in the physical and the spiritual sense.

Perhaps the best way to define the Jezebel spirit is to say it characterizes anyone who acts in the same manner as Jezebel did, engaging in immorality, idolatry, false teaching and unrepentant sin. To go beyond that is to invite conjecture and can possibly lead to false accusations and divisiveness within the body of Messiah Yeshua.

Jezebel - in our society

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NOTE: This article has been modified to use the Hebrew names for the Father and His Son.

Yeshua speaking to the leadership (angels, i.e. messengers) of Thyatira saying "But I (Yeshua) hold against you that you allow that woman Izebel (Jezebel), who calls herself a prophetess (one who claims to be inspired), to teach and lead My servants astray to commit whoring and to eat *food* offered to idols." **Revelation 2:20**

"And it came to be, as though it had been a light matter for him to walk in the sins of Yarob'am (Jeroboam) son of Nebat, that he took as wife Izebel (Jezebel) the daughter of Ethba'al, sovereign of the Tsidonians (Zidonians). And he went and served Ba'al and bowed himself to it," **1 Kings 16:31**

"And it came to be, when Yehoram (Joram) saw Yěhu (Jehu), that he said, "Is there peace, Yěhu (Jehu)?" But he answered, "What peace, as long as the whorings of your mother Izebel (Jezebel) and her witchcraft are so many?" **2 Kings 9:22**

"And Yĕhu (Jehu) came to Yizre'ĕl (Jezreel), and Izebel (Jezebel) heard of it. And she put paint on her eyes and adorned her head, and looked through a window." **2 Kings 9:30**

Who was Jezebel?

Jezebel was an actual person. Jezebel, the Biblical character, first appears in First Kings 16, when she marries Ahab, king of Israel. Jezebel was the daughter of Ethbaal, the king and high priest of the Baal worshipping Sidonians. Baal worship was closely associated with obsessive sensuality and often involved sex acts. Jezebel, as a daughter of this perverse kingdom, was raised in an atmosphere where sex was a path to power and influence.









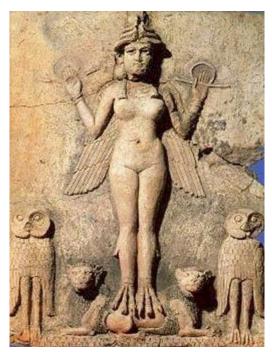




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Ahab, King of Israel, was completely subdued and dominated by Jezebel (a type of modern man). Jezebel then introduced the worship of Ashtoroth to Israel. This god/goddess, represented the Canaanite culture of the moon, was a power-hungry goddess of love and sensuality. Priestess-prostitutes filled her shrines and serviced her worshippers. The lure of these legal, readily available erotic encounters was more than the men of Israel would resist. By Jezebel's influence, most Israelites, the northern kingdom, left the worship of Yahweh for Baal and Ashtoroth. The prophet Elijah laments that only 7000 men in the entire nation were not swayed by her control.

SIDE NOTE: The pictures to the left depict various views of the goddess Ashtoroth sometimes spelled Ashtoreth.



Ashtoroth or Asteroth for the Philistine was the same as the Semite Astarte, both modelled from the Babylonian Ishtar, Her other counterparts are Isis and Hathor of Egypt, Kali of India, and Aphrodite and Demeter of Greece. The Roman counterpart was Diana the same as in Act 19:35. Indeed the same goddess in these days goes by the name of Mary.

SIDE NOTE: The picture to the left depicts the babylononian goddess Ishtar.

The Council of Ephesus, 431 AD had the cult of Diana the virgin goddess (in Greek = Artemis, in Phoenician = Astarte, her cult continued in Ephesus until 431) supplanted by the cult of Mary by the Roman Catholic Church to legitimize that Mary was the "mother of god" and the "mother of all" and not Diana that also had these attributes. They also gave to Mary all the other attributes of Diana such as: "queen of heaven" and "divine virgin" etcetera. Before 431 AD Mary was not recognized and so they effectively paganized Christianity at Ephesus and Diana, still alive, had her name

changed to that of Mary.

What kind of spirit?

<u>The Jezebel spirit is born of witchcraft and rebellion</u>. This demon is one of the most common spirits in operation today, both in the church and in the world, and it is a powerful enemy of the body of Messiah Yeshua/Jesus. She operates freely on sincere believers whose hearts are for Yahweh individually, and has also attained positions of power as powers and principalities within the Church. <u>This spirit establishes its stronghold primarily in women</u>; however, <u>many men have been victimized by it as well</u>, where it functions as a "**controlling**" **spirit**.

The spirit of Jezebel is behind the daughter of Democracy, i.e. Feminism.

<u>The Spirit of Jezebel is basically a controlling spirit</u> working through the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and <u>the pride of life</u>. It has, in general, two aims:

- To gain identity, glory, recognition, power, and satisfy the need for the "praises of men." This is a consequence of the desire for love and self-worth focused on SELF.
- Secondly the Jezebel spirit is a men hater and seeks to emasculate (to deprive men of their effectiveness, spirit or force) all men, and divest (to take away) them of their authority and power over others. It fosters a distrust and hatred of men in general. The "Jezebel spirit" is in a constant agitation, terribly aggressive, very determined, callous, controlling, selfish, power-hungry, manipulative, unrepentant, deceitful spirit, an overwhelmingly evil spirit, and those are mostly only it's good points! Indeed this spirit can be definitely named "Satan's woman".

There are two main types of the Jezebel spirit:

- The high-profile type is generally gregarious (very friendly and sociable), outspoken and highly visible. She is often seen as the "woman who wears the pants in the family".
- The low-profile type is soft-spoken, giving the illusion of being solicitous (1. Expressing an attitude of concern and consideration 2. Full of eagerness to do something 3. Paying very careful attention to details), motherly, protective, even appearing very submissive. The low-

profile type may be the most dangerous, as she is the most difficult to discern. <u>She relies</u> heavily on manipulation for her power, in extremely subtle performances.

Some Characteristics

Within these two main types there are two manifestations: the SEDUCER and the COOL.

The SEDUCER uses any type of seduction available to gain control and power, as a method of manipulation but <u>specializes in spiritual seduction to operate on both males and females</u>. <u>Her seduction usually uses subtle flattery and her seduction is spiritual fornication</u>. Men are particularly blind and easy victims to the subtleties of this seduction, as she flatters them with her attention. Women seduced by the Jezebel spirit are blinded to their own seduction, as they do not expect it, or are not aware of such manipulation.

A good example of the COOL Jezebel spirit personality can frequently be seen as the efficient (and often plain) executive assistant at the side of a powerful businessman or church leader. This Jezebel spirit often lacks a gregarious personality, but may be very outspoken and aggressive.

Some of this spirit's features are as follows:

Deceiver

This spirit works in "private," people outside her circle hardly know her maneuvering and are an easy pray for manipulation. Those that are possessed by her tend to defend her from any form of criticism. Like many men today defend feminism.

Man-Hater

The Jezebel spirit hates men and majors in destroying them. She cannot have a true Godly relationship with men; because her desire is to strip them of all their perceived power and then destroy them, to emasculate them emotionally and spiritually.

Un-submitted

The Jezebel spirit reviles (despises and shows no respect for) authority over her. Building on "dislike of authority" (especially of men since they are frequently the authority figure) coupled with rebellion, she hates anyone placed in authority over her (particularly men), and seeks to destroy them and take their power. The Jezebel spirit sees herself as the "goddess on the pedestal."

Power-Hungry

The Jezebel spirit is extremely power-hungry, respecting only power stronger than her own. She disdains or considers herself superior to anyone she perceives as having no power, or power less than hers. She works through her conquest to attain power over others.

Intelligent

This spirit from hell is very intelligent and finds very challenging to control and manipulate intellectually able people. She is able to manipulate them so well that actually they worship her.

Hard Worker

The Jezebel spirit frequently sees themselves as being "super achievers," which sadly is admired both in the church and business world. She is also a master in hindering others to achieve anything, kind of: doing everything she can to prevent others from achieving their set goals and then criticizes them for not having achieved these aims.

Self Worship

Internally the Jezebel spirit worships herself even though externally she may portray a picture of humility and submission. She is very proud of herself and extremely vain, and in her pride can only talk about herself. They are usually very attractive and they use that to seduce their victims.

Jealous

She cannot suffer others getting attention over herself and she will do all she can to prevent others receiving attention and recognition. If one gets between the Jezebel spirit and the person she is trying to control, she'll attack most viciously, trying her best to destroy that relationship with that person. She will try and destroy his reputation, undermine his authority and generally stop at nothing to separate anyone from her intended "victim." Beware!

Manipulator

The Jezebel spirit uses other people as objects, where it suits her need, to gain control, influence and power. Once she has gained the control desired, she generally rejects and tosses the people aside. If they are in her family, she does this emotionally.

Oueen Bee

The Jezebel spirit demands worship from others (the "queen-bee" syndrome). She must have dominance and control in her home. Other family members exist just to please her. The Jezebel spirit requires "worship" from her family and followers … to be their "goddess".

Domineering

The Jezebel spirit is extremely authoritarian ("bossy") by nature, though subtly with the low profile type. She is easily offended if her authority is questioned, and will often respond with extreme anger at even the slightest offence. She demands blind loyalty.

Unrealistic Expectations of Others

Her expectations of others are always unrealistic, because others cannot meet her demand for complete submission. If they do try, she despises them and casts them aside when she has what she wants out of them. Anyone attempting to relate to a person with this spirit is literally in a "no-win situation." Nothing pleases this spirit.

Perfectionist

Perfectionism is a common characteristic of the Jezebel spirit, generating self-hatred in the victim, and a despising of others around her who fail to meet her exaggerated standards. This is part of the "unrealistic expectations" she has toward herself and others, but it is also an excuse for disrespect toward others, especially those in authority since they don't "measure up" so she doesn't have to show respect, of course.

Seduction, Control, Manipulation

Control and manipulation are the strongest parts of the Jezebel nature. These are "spirits of witchcraft" and are extremely dangerous! Nearly everything the Jezebel spirit does utilizes one or both spirits to attain her goal. The Jezebel spirit is the ultimate manipulator. The adulterous woman says: "This is the way of an adulterous woman: She shall eat and wipe her mouth, and say, 'I have not done wickedness.' " (Proverbs 30:20)

The first step in someone who has the Jezebel spirit is they work to control their victim by seduction. She will use flattery, smooth prophetic sayings, pleasant words and seducing tears. She views children in a marriage as tools and weapons to manipulate hubby and family.

She knows how to use deep emotional hurts and wounds to manipulate and control as she creates apparent deep ties with others. Jezebel loves to pull people unto herself and away from those who can truly speak into their lives. The Jezebel spirit flows best in a whirlwind of confusion and turmoil, where she works best.

Shark

The Jezebel spirit is like a shark; she is most vicious and dangerous. She circles the lives of others looking for teachable, seducible, controllable, "disciples" of her own. The Jezebel spirit likes to birth spiritual children of her own as she looks for disciples to eat from her own table. She will look for those that are in rebellion, who are weak, wounded, or those who are contending, bucking, and fighting any established spiritual authority.

Possessive

The Jezebel spirit is very possessive and domineering; she wants to control over others. The Jezebel spirit loves power, "Give me, give me, give me." You see, money is not really the issue with this spirit; it's Power and Authority that she's after. She likes to be in control of others life because she draws her strength from controlling others. She spiritually drains her victims. She uses faults or weaknesses she perceives in the person she is attempting to control to create feelings of shame or guilt, and therefore ultimately submission to her will. She also often uses fear and intimidation to manipulate others into submission to her.

Self-pity

She uses self-pity and her own weaknesses to manipulate another into submitting to her out of compassion or pity. Feeling sorry for those who has this Jezebel spirit, is not compassion, it's folly!

Even though often very gifted of Yahweh, the Jezebel spirit will frequently operate in the false discernment of the enemy by speaking words of knowledge gained from familiar spirits, and NOT from the Spirit of Yahweh. This is "witchcraft." The power of witchcraft is derived from Satan himself and every attempt at manipulation or control "sells out" more to Satan and strengthens the deception the Jezebel spirit is under.

She will even use prayer to manipulate the one she is attempting to control, especially audible prayed over that person to create the illusion, that doing Jezebel's will is actually "obeying Yahweh," or to generate fear or other emotion within the person which the Jezebel can then use for manipulation of them.

This is what Revelation 2:20 is all about.

Wants Power

Those who have the Jezebel spirit are attracted to people of power like "moths to flames." Often, a very intelligent, efficient, attractive, and even blatant Jezebel spirit can be found serving "at the feet" of prominent leaders, even in the church. The deception and/or seduction of the Jezebel spirit is often so successful that the leader does not recognize who is at his right hand. The Jezebel spirit's true desire is to wrest the power from the person being served. If that person is prophetic in nature, the actual mission is to destroy them by any means available (destroy their credibility, undermine their authority, discredit their ministry, cause them to fall into sexual temptation, etc.).

Ambitious

Those that have the Jezebel spirit are desirous of "moving up the ladder" wherever they are, not that ambition is always "evil." It's just another character trait to look for. However, you simply will not find a humble, repentant, democratic and non-ambitious person who has the Jezebel spirit.

Convinced

While those who have the Jezebel spirit have a belief system that is obviously incorrect and evil, they are very firmly held beliefs.

Those with the Jezebel spirit are usually people of deep convictions. As mentioned earlier, many people controlled by the Jezebel spirit have a true heart for Yahweh and earnestly desire to serve Him. The original Jezebel spirit was devoutly religious, but was at total enmity (hostile) with Yahweh. She worshipped at the altar of Baal (worship of the flesh). Modern day Jezebel spirits may indeed believe they are serving the one true Mighty One/God; however, the true hidden agenda is "self-worship." In many cases they have a Private Interpretation on the Bible, but they will vehemently insist they are correct.

Murmuring, Complaint, and Criticism

Murmuring and complaint and criticism a type of spirit very popular everywhere, especially in the church, which one of the spirits most used by the evil one. She uses criticism of perceived faults in others to build up her own self-esteem, and to justify her disobedience of, or lack of respect for, others. Because she tends to perfectionism, any fault she finds in others is grounds for disobeying their authority. She uses criticism as a tool to manipulate those around her, and along with murmuring and complaint, causes divisiveness to weaken her opposition and thereby to gain control over and to destroy them.

Lustful

Those with the Jezebel spirit have "lustful spirits" with lust for power being primary; however, as mentioned earlier, their lust may be manifested sexually, if it will bring the desired result. The manifestation varies from a wife withholding sexual union from the husband for manipulative purposes, to utilizing sexual temptation to draw one more powerful into a compromised position that will cause their destruction or downfall.

The Jezebel spirit displays angry, vicious and sometimes violent behavior when opposed. She will turn on the one who refuses to do her will or submit to her (especially if she has been successful in manipulating this person in the past), frequently with a vicious, berating verbal attack aimed at humiliation. The emotional damage caused by these outbreaks can be devastating to the one at whom she directs her wrath. This is often the source of terrible emotional wounds for her children and spouse. When this angry behaviour happens in public, it often exposes the true spirit in operation to others who may have been previously deceived. Watch for it.

Infirmities and Disease

The Jezebel spirit frequently enjoy people's (including their own) poor health, especially the "Low-profile" type. For them, it is a tool for attention, sympathy and other forms of manipulation. The tragedy is that this form of "invited infirmity" eventually leads to real physical problems, and becomes a part of the destruction wrought/worked on the host by this evil spirit, but it serves to further Jezebel's ends, not to weaken her.

Have you ever felt insecure? Be careful, those with the Jezebel spirit love to delve in the realm of insecurity. She will spot this in you "instantly" and then the seduction begins.

Destruction

In addition to destroying those around her, the Jezebel spirit especially hates the prey she is controlling (remember the mission of the Jezebel spirit is to kill the prophets: the victim is often herself anointed of Yahweh to be prophetic), and will ultimately cause her victim to self-destruct. This is referred to as the "Black Widow spider syndrome" since black widow spiders kill their mates. In the spirit realm, there are two applications:

- 1. The Jezebel spirit seeks to kill the male authority figures (or prophets) and
- 2. She seeks to kill her victim, which is mated to her when the Jezebel spirit takes control of their life.

Cursing

Those with the Jezebel spirit curse everyone, unwittingly bringing a curse upon themselves, most of the time. Criticism is a form of cursing, both of the person being criticized, and of Yahweh their Maker. Murmuring and complaint is a cursing of circumstances, which also curses Yahweh for allowing them. The Jezebel spirit is a master of criticism, murmuring and complaining, as mentioned previously. Often those whom she is at enmity (hostile) with are deliberately cursed in a conscious effort to "punish" and "bring them back into line" to bring them back under her control. The Jezebel spirit firmly believes she has right on her side in doing these things, and displays vicious and callous disregard for the well-being and independence of others, having convinced herself that it is ultimately for their good as well and that she knows best and really has their best interests at heart in doing so. Those people who have been on the receiving side of the one's who have the Jezebel spirit have felt the curses, anger and viciousness of those curses and many succumb to them. However, for those under the "protection of the Stake/Cross", these curses are most often transformed into blessings instead, leaving the Jezebel spirit sapped of emotional energy, frustrated, confused and completely defeated; wondering what went wrong?

Superiority Complex

The Jezebel spirit frequently perceives themselves as intellectually and spiritually superior to others, and "talk down" to others. This attitude is actually despising of others.

The Jezebel spirit absolutely hates and shuns Repentance and Humility.

Because the Jezebel spirit is prideful and rebellious, she hates repentance and humility. These are two mighty weapons, which can be used against her. This is also the key in discerning this spirit---a pride-filled rebellious person refusing to repent.

Jezebel and Fashion

The Jezebel spirit is very much attracted to the latest fashion in dressing and she dresses up to demonstrate superiority and literally to "kill."

Bitterness and Resentment

Bitterness and resentment against past hurts and offences are nurtured in the victim by the Jezebel spirit, because she knows a root of bitterness will grow like a cancer and manifest itself in all sorts of physical ailments, which she can use as tools of manipulation, as noted above. Of course, this cancer of bitterness is also slowly destroying the victim. In many cases, the countenance of the victim gradually grows more and more unattractive, and in the end, victims controlled by the Jezebel spirit may resemble the very witch like crones often used to symbolize witchcraft---where this spirit is birthed. The victim rots from the inside out, physically and spiritually, and it shows. People eventually find that Jezebel's spirit is "Spiritual ugliness" and very repulsive.

Jezebel Covens

Many with the Jezebel spirit will be drawn to the most influential Jezebel spirit in operation. Though this is done unconsciously, it has the effect of creating a fully-fledged and very effective witches' coven, with a "high priestess" in charge with devastating results! You can see them spread all over the country in the Feministic organizations.

Jezebel and Children

Those with the Jezebel spirit view children as being perverted. She says she loves them, but she really doesn't even know how to love them, using them as weapons to advance her own selfish needs. Children are simply pawns in her power and control games. Indeed the trend now all over the Western world is to have very few children, if any. A Jezebel spirit Feminist said: "The most merciful thing a large family can do to one of its infant members is to kill it."

Jezebel spirit is a classic "Back-stabber:"

The Jezebel spirit is the classic back-stabber. She will smile at you, give you a hug and a kiss and then, as soon as you turn-around, stab you in the back, repeatedly, with vigor, enjoying every wound she inflicts. She is a most vicious and devious spirit. Beware.

The above characteristics of the Jezebel spirit are very disturbing. This evil spirit comes from the pits of hell and we need to be aware of those whom cross our paths to steer clear of them as much as possible. We do not want to succumb to the evil Jezebel spirit.

What about the Spirit of Ahab?

One thing to be noted in these days is that in general there are more women in church than men. This occurs when the "spiritual and natural" head of the family is the women. Men have the tendency to "run to the hills" when women infringe upon their roles.

The spirit of Ahab is a weak and emasculated (a man who has been rendered non-effective, or his authority stripped of him) figure, indeed the majority of modern men are under that spirit, enslaved to their women. There is an adage (a traditional saying that expresses something considered to be a general truth) that says: "There are two kinds of people in this world: those who rule and those that are ruled, if you do not rule you are ruled."

The couple Jezebel and Ahab in the Bible represent very well our present society.

It is this Jezebel spirit that comes across as being more spiritual, it is her that takes the leading role, Jezebel used Ahab's emotional stresses to endear herself to him, it was this woman that drove her husband to do what she wanted, she was ruling the roost in every aspect. Is not that a picture of our Democratic culture today?

But what happens when the woman takes the leading role that Yahweh has clearly prescribed for men?

- If a woman plays her husband's role in directing the family, he will lose his natural drive to bear responsibility.
- When a woman takes the lead, she is playing the masculine role. Unless her husband fights her for supremacy, he must assume second place. And men who are forced into subjection to their wives tend to be angry, dejected and retreat like Ahab.
- When a husband steps into a spiritual role at his wife's command, he becomes vulnerable to her guidance in that role. This is against Yahweh's directives and the nature He gave, and often brings conflict in the family and in the church.
- Many men turn their heads when they see their wives stepping out of their Yahweh given role. These men would rather not have to deal with the stone-cold anger they would receive from their wives if they offered any resistance. Have you seen that behavior here and there?

Ahab chose not to notice when his wife worked behind the scenes. Many men turn their heads when they see their wives stepping out of their Yahweh-given role. Jezebel knew that she was not the rightful head, so she invoked her husband's name to give her word authority. Did you ever hear it said, "Oh, my husband will not let me do that," when you knew in truth he really would not care? It is a way to maintain control and stop those who would question you. When a woman does this, she stops any ministry Yahweh has for her.

Jezebel was deeply concerned about spiritual matters and took steps to help promote her spiritual leaders. In the process, she provoked her husband to destroy those in spiritual authority she did not like. Have you ever seen women influencing their husbands to think evil of those in authority because they did not like something about them? When a woman comes to this place she might as well change her name to "Jezebel."

The fact is that man is made in such a way that he has no defense against the love of a righteous wife, but if he falls into the end of a Jezebel spirit, truly his life will be hell on earth.

Unfortunately for men, with the advent of Democracy and the so called egalitarian (a belief that all people are, in principle, equal and should enjoy equal social, political, and economic rights and opportunities) approach there are billions of Jezebel spirits in the world and the once manly men have been reduced to weak types of Ahab's. They have been mentally emasculated and the world is in deep decadence (decay in a society, especially in its morals) because of that, as we see today.

How many women do you actually know they do this today?: "¹⁰An excellent wife who can find? She is far more precious than jewels. ¹¹The heart of her husband trusts in her, and he will have no lack of gain. ¹²She does him good, and not harm, all the days of her life." (Proverbs 31:10-12)

How powerful is the demon of the Jezebel spirit?

For seven years, Yahweh had carefully protected Elijah. He fed him in the wilderness. When Ahab's armies sought to kill Elijah, they were unable to lay a single finger on him.

Finally, in a showdown at Mt. Carmel, Elijah called down fire from heaven and resoundingly defeated and killed the priests of Baal. All Israel fell at his feet in repentance, worshipping the true Mighty One/God. Elijah was the man of the hour. He was vindicated, victorious, and clearly in charge.

Nevertheless, when Jezebel sent Elijah a single threat, he suddenly turned coward and fled to the desert. Anxious, depressed, and miserable, he begged Yahweh to kill him! Typical of men today, run to the hills.

It makes NO sense. Elijah enjoyed supernatural protection for seven years. He watched fire fall from heaven and defeat his enemies, yet when a single angry woman threatened him one time, he lost every shred of vision and ran away. He moaned in self-pity and depression, begging Yahweh to kill him! Surely that was a magnificent display of Yahweh's power and that power was with Elijah, but at a word from Jezebel he forgot all that and ran in fear. Surely that must have annoyed Yahweh at least a little, for it seems that in that occasion Elijah had more fear of Jezebel than he did of Yahweh.

This is a great example of Jezebel's powerful demonic spirit "anointing" to intimidate, create fear, and cause men of Yahweh to withdraw. Jezebel's spirit steals our vision. Jezebel's spirit will even make us depressed and anxious when there is nothing significantly different in our circumstances. If there are difficult circumstances, this spirit will tell us they are insurmountable, impossible, and overwhelming. The Jezebel spirit will make us feel like dying when in reality, we are Yahweh's man of the hour.

Jezebel's spirit of witchcraft will attack key leaders in her targeted area through intimidation. Those under attack may awaken one morning to find it takes effort just to breathe. All joy seems to depart. Spiritual life seems irrelevant. Demonic voices will echo in our minds "something's wrong with you!" We may suddenly find ourselves in unreasonable anxiety, fearing tragedy or death. Much of what is called "depression" in the ministry is simply the Jezebel spirit.

The Jezebel spirit wants to paralyze with fear, condemnation, depression, apathy or whatever it takes until we withdraw. The only answer for those under Jezebel's spirit attack is perseverance in battle. We must remain on course no matter how long it takes!

The sad thing is that she is so successful in her endeavour these days.

War

The war continues today between Jezebel and Elijah. Like all wars, there are casualties. Leaders sometimes fall. Soldiers sometimes withdraw. The Jezebel spirit wants to keep the church and the world within its present boundaries. She claims to decide the extent of the church locally. We must not tolerate this.

What we must do

First, we must rid ourselves of Jezebel's ways. We cannot cast out lust when we harbor lust in our lives. We cannot bring down a spirit of control if we use manipulation and hype to control our congregations. We must examine our own ways, and repent of Jezebel.

Second, it takes Jehu. Although Elijah was Jezebel's enemy, it took JEHU to trample Jezebel.

Jehu took no prisoners and showed no mercy to Jezebel. He had singleness of purpose and was driven by it. As he approached Jezebel those who saw his chariot noted he "drives furiously" (2 Kings 9:20). When others offered peace and compromise, Jehu responded "How can there be peace as long as the harlotries and witchcrafts of Jezebel are many?" (2 Kings 9:22)

This is repeated in the New Covenant/Testament: "What harmony can there be between the Messiah and B'liya`al (Satan)? What does a believer have in common with an unbeliever?" (2 Corinthians 6:15, Complete Jewish Bible Translation) NO COMPROMISE!

Jehu would not rest until Jezebel was dead. Her pleasures could not attract him. Her threats did not deter him. He would not tolerate Jezebel.

Yeshua/Jesus says we too cannot TOLERATE Jezebel. (Revelation 2:20) We must learn the prophetic power of the word "No!" We must give no ground. Stand FIRM!!!

When Jezebel attempted to captivate Jehu, he did not even allow himself to be drawn into conversation with her. Instead, he called on her eunuchs (a type of today's men) to cast her down from her balcony. Those with the Jehu anointing will call to Jezebel's emasculated slaves to rise up above their miserable situation, and they too will cast her down, and be set free.

"NO" is the operative word against the Jezebel spirit, when those in spiritual authority say "NO" to her, she is ready for war. Remember, Jezebel is a warring spirit who is always dressed for battle.

Brothers, the time is over nigh, the time is well passed, but we must stand and we must rise up and regain our Yahweh given position. What shall we say to our beloved Master, Messiah Yeshua (Christ Jesus), when He will ask us: "What have you done with the life I gave you?" There will be lowering of heads and faint voices: "You know, o Master."

We must all work in one accord with a Trowel in one hand a Sword in the other.

SIDE NOTE: The picture to the left is that of a "trowel."

"16 And it came to pass from that time forth, *that* the half of my servants wrought in the work, and the other half of them held both the spears, the shields, and the bows, and the habergeons; and the rulers *were* behind all the house of Judah. ¹⁷ They which builded on the wall, and they that bare burdens, with those that laded, *every one* with one of his hands wrought in the work, and with the other *hand* held a weapon. ¹⁸ For the builders, every one had his sword girded by his side, and *so* builded. And he that sounded the trumpet *was* by me." (Nehemiah 4:16-18, KJV. Italicized text is not in the original text.)