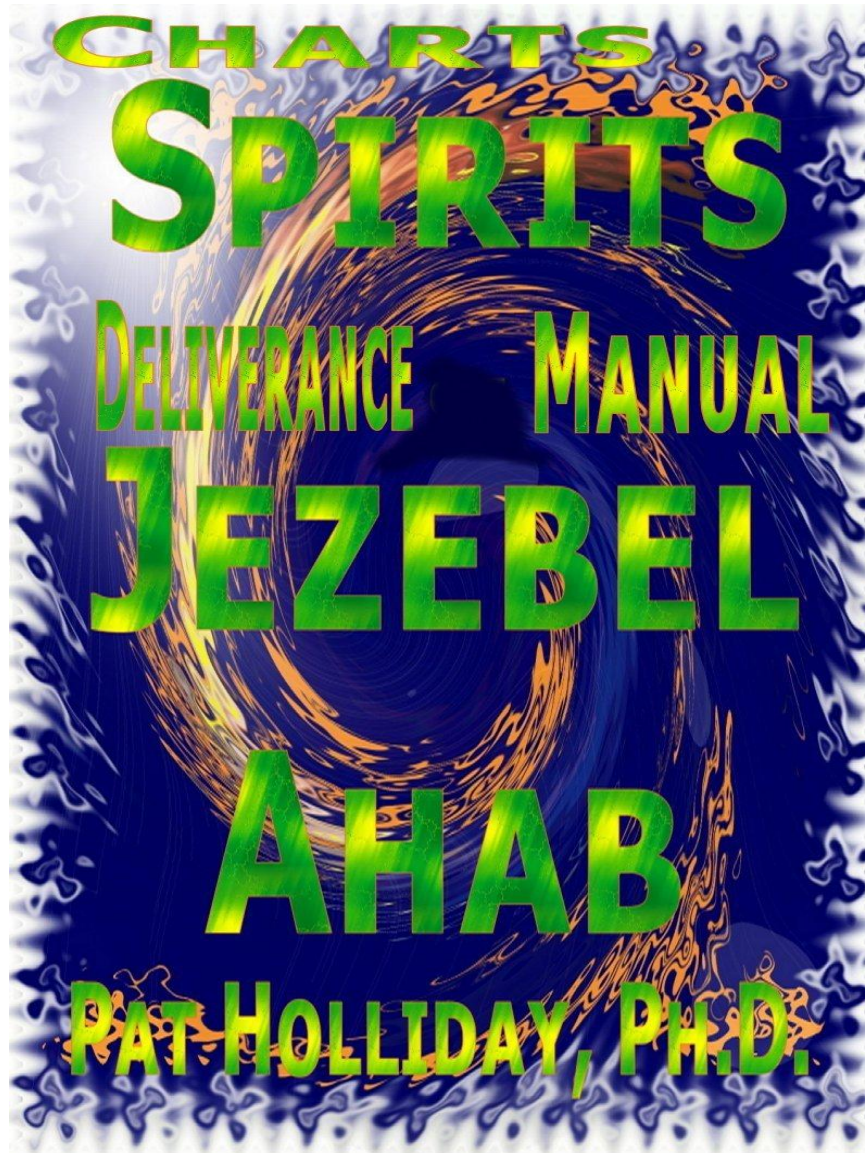


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## DISCERNING THE JEZEBEL SPIRIT

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### **Can Women Preach**

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Do you believe that Jesus discriminated against women? Did God discriminate against women when He created them? Did He create her inferior to men? What does the Bible teach? Did He make man superior to women? Is her past genetic history nonredeemable? Pat Holliday's book "Can Women Preach?" shows that Jesus establishes His favor for woman's status in the Gospel account through His actions toward them and demonstrates the fact that they do not live under "the curse." Do you believe there are no exceptions in Christ's redemptive work, and redemption is never qualified sexually, racially, or economically? Do you believe that the Great Commission of Christ applies to women believers the same as it does to men believers?

Do you believe that women should not exercise the Great Commission unless her husband tells her she can do so? Do you believe that these signs shall follow women who believe, the same as men who believe? Do you believe that women believers are authorized to heal the sick, to cast out devils, to cleanse the lepers, to raise the dead, to preach the gospel, the same as men? Do you believe the anointing and the power of the Holy Spirit has the same purpose in a woman's life as in a man's? Do you believe that every blessing provided by the sacrifice of Christ is for every woman for whom He died?

In examining attitudes and teachings toward women, Jesus is shown breaking down the cultural barriers of first-century Palestine. When he spoke to the woman by the well, he was breaking the traditions of men toward women. Can, what the Bible calls "salvation" be as a real and practical experience for a woman the same as it is for a man? Is she able to be redeemed from her past the same as a man? Do you truly believe that the original sin of a woman is still held against her after she commits her life to Jesus, while the original sin of a man is forgiven? Can you believe that women are truly equal in Jesus Christ and that according to the Word, women are more than just an appendage to the men of the church?



DEATH OF JEZEBEL

And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master?

And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down. So they threw her down; and some other blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses and tread her under foot. And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter. And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the Lord, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel: and the carcass of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.—2 Kings ix, 30-37.

**HOWEVER, SHE LIVES IN THE HEARTS OF MANY SO-CALLED CHRISTIAN MEN TODAY.... ACCUSING EVERY CHRISTIAN WOMAN "JEZEBEL" THAT IS CALLED BY GOD TO DO HIS WORK.**

The Witch Jezebel was ruled by the god Baal which a satanic spirit that is a territorial taking spirit. She conquered the nation (Territory for her gods and goddesses).

King Ahab was willing to give his inheritance of being ruler of the nation by giving his wife the authority for her to promote her gods over its religious system. She took the nation and turned it to paganism. Of course, since everything is spiritual, it is only a matter of time before she began to move into the secular realms to grab power.

### **1 Kings 16:30-34 (King James Version)**

**<sup>30</sup>And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him.**

**<sup>31</sup>And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.**

**<sup>32</sup>And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.**

**<sup>33</sup>And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.**

**<sup>34</sup>In his days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiram his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun.**

**[Ahab took to wife Jezebel]** This was the head and chief of his offending; he took to wife, not only a pagan, but one whose hostility to the true religion was well known, and carried to the utmost extent.

1. She was the idolatrous daughter of an idolatrous king;

2. She practiced it openly;
3. She not only countenanced it in others, but protected it, and gave its partisans honours and rewards;
4. She used every means to persecute the true religion;
5. She was hideously cruel, and put to death the prophets and priests of God;
6. And all this she did with the most zealous perseverance and relentless cruelty.

Notwithstanding Ahab had built a temple, and made an altar for Baal, and set up the worship of Asherah, the Sidonian Venus, which we, 1 Kings 16:33, have transformed into a grove; yet so well known was the hostility of Jezebel to all good, that his marrying her was esteemed the highest pitch of vice, and an act the most provoking to God, and destructive to the prosperity of the kingdom. <sup>1</sup>

While Israel clearly was influenced by some of the traditions of her neighbors, the Hebrew prophets and religious leaders abhorred other aspects of these cultures. First they condemned such religious practices as idolatry, common in Canaan and in the surrounding regions. **“I am the Lord your God . . . You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself a graven image,”** (Exo. 20:2-4).

The Hebrews called a pagan deity to whom child sacrifices were often made by the contemptuous title *Molech*. This name combines the Hebrew consonants for “king” with the vowels from the word meaning shame. The Bible says that Ahab looked upon his marriage to Jezebel “as a light thing.” Yet, this woman was a witch-idolater and was able to take the entire nation over for her gods. She used the powers of darkness worshipping gods and goddesses, Baal; rebellion, witchcraft, stubbornness, iniquity, idolatry, enchantments, familiar spirits, and with wizards:

The Ahab is reported as a weak man unstable in all his ways. He was efficient and strong in manipulative and administrative powers but weak and dithering in the presence of his controlling wife, Jezebel. **“But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel,”** (1 Kn. 21:25). He gave his governing authority to his wife and even when she abused it, he remained passive. Ahab’s marriage to Jezebel proved to be a major factor in the eventual fall of the Omride dynasty. <sup>2</sup>

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<sup>2</sup> *ibid*



Jezebel was a shrewd and manipulating woman, totally devoted to the worship of Baal and Ashtoreth and determined to substitute their worship for that of the true God. "And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Ball, and worshiped him. And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the Lord God of Israel to anger than all the King. of Israel that were before him," (I Kn. 16:31).

## **Ashtoreth**

[Ahab made a grove]

°Asheeraah , Astarte, or Venus; what the Syriac calls an idol, and the Arabic, a tall tree; probably meaning, by the last, an image of Priapus, the obscene keeper of groves, orchards, and gardens. <sup>3</sup>

**Baal** (🔊 /beil/ *BAYL*; sometimes spelled **Bael**, **Baël** (French), **Baell**) is one of the [seven princes](#) of [Hell](#). He is mentioned widely in the Old Testament as the primary pagan idol of the Phoenicians, often associated with the heathen goddess [Ashtaroth](#).<sup>4</sup> **Solomon did for perversion and sex. His commitment to the pagan gods and goddess' was to please his harlot wives.**

## **ELIJAH A TERRITORIAL EVANGELIST**

It was Jezebel, being devoid of the antiauthoritarian principles which characterized the religion of the Hebrews, who secured the vineyard of Naboth for her pouting husband (usurpation of his authority). This deplorable offence became a battle cry of the revolution to overthrow the house of Omri.

Elijah appeared before King Ahab to declare the Word of God to him concerning the subject of God's judgment. He actually spoke and forbid the rain. Elijah said, "**As the Lord God of Israel liveth, before whom I stand, there shall not be dew nor rain these years, but according to my word.**"( I Kings. 17:1).

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<sup>3</sup> ibid

<sup>4</sup> [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baal\\_\(demon\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Baal_(demon))

God was going to Judge Jezebel's' capture of the nation (territory) through the practice of witchcraft and goddess worship. Amazingly God used the commitment and obedience of one man to provoke these powers of darkness that had control of the entire kingdom. Elijah's narrative is one that when God turned His eyes on a nation to deliver it from Satan's hands; he moved through a human vessel to become a territorial taking warrior. You must make note of the fact that God and one man became a majority in the spiritual realms. Every demon shook in fear and the priest that they inhabited became defused and helpless. The demons were unable to perform their magical deceptions and tricks. God's power was greater.

Obadiah met Elijah and told him that Jezebel had murdered the prophets of the Lord but he hid a hundred men by fifty in a cave and fed them.

### **1 Kings 18-13 (King James Version)**

**“<sup>13</sup>Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?”**

After God's wrath of judgment was poured out for Ahab's rebellion and exposing his new religion as a fraud, Elijah returned to challenge his wife's Jezebel's gods of Baal and Asherah. The Bible says, **“And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him Art thou he that troubleth Israel?”** (I Kn. 18: 1). When a person is in sin, they always want to place the blame for his condition upon someone else.

The curses of rebellion and witchcraft had brought much suffering to land. Uncontrollably, the evil power using nature had brought king Ahab to his knees. In his desperation, he was willing to listen to Elijah's. He allowed him to oppose the false prophets and Jezebels' gods. Elijah wars the power of Jezebels' god Baalim on the mountaintop of mount Carmel. He boldly fought against the prophets of Baal, and the prophets of Ashterah. There were four hundred and fifty and the prophets of the groves, four hundred, which sat at Jezebels' table. After Ahab gathered the prophets together and the people, Elijah said, **“How long halt ye between two opinions? If the Lord be God, follow Him; but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered *him not a word.*”** (I Kings. 18: 21).

## **GREAT ELIJAH BATTLE 1 Kings 18-46 (King James Version)**

<sup>17</sup>And it came to pass, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said unto him, Art thou he that troubleth Israel?

<sup>18</sup>And he answered, I have not troubled Israel; but thou, and thy father's house, in that ye have forsaken the commandments of the LORD, and thou hast followed Baalim.

<sup>19</sup>Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

<sup>20</sup>So Ahab sent unto all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together unto mount Carmel.

<sup>21</sup>And Elijah came unto all the people, and said, How long halt ye between two opinions? if the LORD be God, follow him: but if Baal, then follow him. And the people answered him not a word.

<sup>22</sup>Then said Elijah unto the people, I, even I only, remain a prophet of the LORD; but Baal's prophets are four hundred and fifty men.

<sup>23</sup>Let them therefore give us two bullocks; and let them choose one bullock for themselves, and cut it in pieces, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under: and I will dress the other bullock, and lay it on wood, and put no fire under:

<sup>24</sup>And call ye on the name of your gods, and I will call on the name of the LORD: and the God that answereth by fire, let him be God. And all the people answered and said, It is well spoken.

<sup>25</sup>And Elijah said unto the prophets of Baal, Choose you one bullock for yourselves, and dress it first; for ye are many; and call on the name of your gods, but put no fire under.

<sup>26</sup>And they took the bullock which was given them, and they dressed it, and called on the name of Baal from morning even until noon, saying, O Baal, hear us. But there was no voice, nor any that answered. And they leaped upon the altar which was made.

<sup>27</sup>And it came to pass at noon, that Elijah mocked them, and said, Cry aloud: for he is a god; either he is talking, or he is pursuing, or he is in a journey, or peradventure he sleepeth, and must be awaked.

<sup>28</sup>And they cried aloud, and cut themselves after their manner with knives and lancets, till the blood gushed out upon them.

<sup>29</sup>And it came to pass, when midday was past, and they prophesied until the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that there was neither voice, nor any to answer, nor any that regarded.

<sup>30</sup>And Elijah said unto all the people, Come near unto me. And all the people came near unto him. And he repaired the altar of the LORD that was broken down.

<sup>31</sup>And Elijah took twelve stones, according to the number of the tribes of the sons of Jacob, unto whom the word of the LORD came, saying, Israel shall be thy name:

<sup>32</sup>And with the stones he built an altar in the name of the LORD: and he made a trench about the altar, as great as would contain two measures of seed.

<sup>33</sup>And he put the wood in order, and cut the bullock in pieces, and laid him on the wood, and said, Fill four barrels with water, and pour it on the burnt sacrifice, and on the wood.

<sup>34</sup>And he said, Do it the second time. And they did it the second time. And he said, Do it the third time. And they did it the third time.

<sup>35</sup>And the water ran round about the altar; and he filled the trench also with water.

<sup>36</sup>And it came to pass at the time of the offering of the evening sacrifice, that Elijah the prophet came near, and said, LORD God of Abraham, Isaac, and of Israel, let it be known this day that thou art God in Israel, and that I am thy servant, and that I have done all these things at thy word.

<sup>37</sup>Hear me, O LORD, hear me, that this people may know that thou art the LORD God, and that thou hast turned their heart back again.

<sup>38</sup>Then the fire of the LORD fell, and consumed the burnt sacrifice, and the wood, and the stones, and the dust, and licked up the water that was in the trench.

<sup>39</sup>And when all the people saw it, they fell on their faces: and they said, The LORD, he is the God; the LORD, he is the God.

<sup>40</sup>And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and slew them there.

<sup>41</sup>And Elijah said unto Ahab, Get thee up, eat and drink; for there is a sound of abundance of rain.

<sup>42</sup>So Ahab went up to eat and to drink. And Elijah went up to the top of Carmel; and he cast himself down upon the earth, and put his face between his knees,

<sup>43</sup>And said to his servant, Go up now, look toward the sea. And he went up, and looked, and said, There is nothing. And he said, Go again seven times.

**<sup>44</sup>And it came to pass at the seventh time, that he said, Behold, there ariseth a little cloud out of the sea, like a man's hand. And he said, Go up, say unto Ahab, Prepare thy chariot, and get thee down that the rain stop thee not.**

**<sup>45</sup>And it came to pass in the mean while, that the heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. And Ahab rode, and went to Jezreel.**

**<sup>46</sup>And the hand of the LORD was on Elijah; and he girded up his loins, and ran before Ahab to the entrance of Jezreel.**

The Word says that after winning this great spiritual battle, all the false prophets were killed by the people. Elijah had rebuilt the altar of God and the people fell on their faces to worship Jehovah. In his zeal and victory, Elijah announced the abundance of the sound of rain warning the king to go to Jezreel before it began. The king left and Elijah went alone to pray. He cast himself down to ground, put his face between his knees and sent his servant to look for a cloud to form toward the sea. After the seventh time, the servant announced to Elijah, "That he saw a small cloud about the size of a mans' hand. Elijah sent him to tell the king to prepare his chariot so that he would miss the rain.

The heaven was black with clouds and wind, and there was a great rain. Ahab rode and went to Jezreel. And the hand of the Lord was upon Elijah and he ran before the chariot of the king. Think about it. He actually ran forty miles, faster than the king's team of horses to the city. It was miraculous that he could run thirty miles before the Ahab's chariot. The powerful anointing of God was still upon him.

The truth is, whenever a person has ministered under the anointing of God, it takes while for God's anointing to lift. Do we see anywhere in this account that God told Elijah to go to city to challenge Jezebel? Did Elijah in his excitement and zeal for his victory, go before he sought God's next move?

I believe that this is where Elijah failed. He should have gone apart returning to the presence of God, building himself up on the Word of God, before attempting to face the next battle. After winning a victory, the person is on a spiritual high, and must settle them down because they need to discover the next part of God's plan. The minister will begin to act in the flesh. The person will lose spiritual strength if they push ahead before God's time.



## **Baal destroyed by the fire of Jehovah**

It was customary to honor a king by running before his chariot (Verse 46; Exodus. 12:11; 2Kings.. 3:29; 9:1; Luke. 12:37; 17:8; Acts 12:8). Ahab made his report to Jezebel regarding the prophets of Baal being destroyed by the fire of Jehovah. She rejected his account of the miraculous fire and of the supernatural superior power of Elijah's' over her pagan prophets. Her heart was hardened and it caused her determined to kill Elijah who had caused her idol gods to be so humiliated.

## **The bondage of fear**

We see in verse (1 Kings. 19:1), Ahab tells Jezebel about everything that had happened on the top of Mount Carmel. Jezebel is furious and sent a **messenger** (**messengers were angelic beings in the bible**) to Elijah to threaten to take his life. Then a very curious thing develops. This brave man is shown running away in fear for his life. The Word says, "Then when he saw 'that', he arose and ran for his life," ( I Kings 19:3a). He was now running to Mount Horeb, completely out of the will of God. He was no longer looking for God to lead and direct him.

We see this thing called "**that**" evidently it released fear upon him. His **doorway was opened for that demonic spirit to discharge fear into him. The bondage of fear**, brought spirits of self-pity, oppression and depression. Fear is the exact opposite of faith. He had received the spirit of fear bring hordes of demons to join him.

What was "**that**" and who was the "**messenger**" that Jezebel sent to this prophet of God? Why didn't she just send someone to kill Elijah without first warning him? Witchcraft always works with the spirit of fear! Did Elijah really run in fear from the woman Jezebel, as many teach today? Remember. Elijah had killed all of Jezebels' prophets on the mountaintop thereby showing faith to attack her gods. Could, what was simply described as "**that**" has been the chief evil demonic principality over Jezebels' witchcraft power abiding in the city? Could the **messenger** have been a chief evil angel that was aiding her jurisdiction over the nation? The **messenger** was most definitely an evil spiritual being or a fallen angel.

And so, the **messenger** that was sent by Jezebel was a powerful evil angel, or demon. Jezebel was setting Elijah up to receive a spirit of fear by her threat of death. Witchcraft powers work with fear. Fear is the opposite of faith and opens the spiritual doorway for entrance of evil forces to enter.

Before a witch is able to be effective in sending evil spirits for destruction, she will always send a **message** to the intended victim to inform of her evil intentions. This message can come in the form of a threat or it could come in the form of an object that is used in her blood sacrifices such as a voodoo doll. The witch has to appease her spirits before they will obey her request. Before conjuring her powers to cause the death, the witch must plead with the evil spirits to go and obey her command. However, before the spirits obey, they must be worshiped by blood sacrifices. This is why Jezebel sent the **messenger** (evil angel) to Elijah. She had to open his spirit to fear before she could penetrate his shield of faith. Remember. This man, Elijah was a godly man that had faith to raise the dead! Then she had to appease the demons with blood sacrifices before they would obey her commands.

So did Elijah run in fear from the woman, Jezebels' threat or did he run from the intimidating appearance and powers of the demons that were controlling Jezebel? The Bible said that "when he saw something called **"that,"** then he ran for his life. **"That"** must have been so formidable, grotesques and startling, that the spirit of fear came upon him. This thing called **"that"** caused him to be filled with terror and he ran for in terror for life. Elijah is seen, after he saw **"that,"** he instantly became a changed man. He received a religious transformation. He was totally dispirited, no longer a strong man of faith, he is shown as a man charged and filled fear. Suddenly, his character has shifted from a man full of the power of God to a man so weakened from the oppression of evil spirits that he just wants to sleep. Even after an angel appears, awakens him to feed him, he goes back to sleep. This is a picture of man being weighed down by the power of evil spirits. The same type of serious oppression can be seen when the disciples were sleeping in the Garden of Gethsemane while Jesus was under heavy spiritual attack. This is why the Church is sleeping in our time.

**Spiritual submission to God is important before battles can be won!**

Elijah had raced victoriously into Jezebel's territory to conquer her predominate rule over God's people. The evil powers and principalities were totally controlling this area through the manipulations of this powerful witch. Elijah came under intense bewitching spirits as long as he was in Jezebels' domain. These spirit followed him as he ran in terror. He would have never survived Jezebels' witchcraft attack, if God had not sent a ministering angel to strengthen and support him.

After this angel fed him and gave him drink, Elijah was able to fast and walk for forty days, leaving Jezebels' territory. However, the effects of her evil spirits were still present after he left her territory. She had thrown him in spiritual confusion and many evils and troubles had befallen upon him. He was dispirited, melancholic, and in a state of confusion, seeking God's presence at Mount Horeb. It seems that he was going toward Mount Horeb without being in the direct will of God to do so. But God enabled him to go in his own self-will. Even so, Elijah had to learn that self-made plans, never work out. Eventually one has to go back to where to the point that he left off following the direct will of God, if he wants Him to lead and guide. This was not for him to go to Mount Horeb for when he arrived, he was sent back farther north to than the place where he had started from (Verse. 15-18). Over 80 days of much hard traveling was his only reward except for the new experience of hearing from God.

Horeb was about 180 miles south of the place where he sat under a juniper tree. His was a slow journey, for it took him 40 days to get there (Verse 8). Perhaps this was because of his fast. The journey north again was over 300 miles. In (Verse 15), this question confirms the fact that God did not tell this prophet to go to mount Horeb. However God permitted him to go where he desired, before giving him the next assignment. It seemed he was so moved with fear to get away, that he did not inquire of God what to do. Fear brings doubt and blocks the voice of God. He had lost his spiritual ears. The Lord could have protected him without going this drawn-out distance to mount Horeb and the back north to Syria.

This shows the serious turmoil that Elijah found himself. He was in a state of outright religious confusion. Why did he have to go looking for God? Didn't Elijah find God at the brook of Cherith? Didn't Elijah find Him on the mountain when he

demonstrated the power of God? However under Jezebels' witchcraft spell, he found himself in religious chaos. Jezebels' demons had totally bound his mind by evil spirits that he seemed to have forgotten the great spiritual battle that he had previously won.

When God spoke to him again there were three great things that God was not in, a great wind (Verse 11); a great earthquake, a great fire. When Elijah raced before the chariot of king Ahab, God was positively not in Elijah's honoring him. Remember, when he returned to Jezebel, he returned to his weak, passive state of mind. God looks into the heart of a person. He discerned that the King's change of heart would only last until he returned to his wife.

Elijah discovered God was in the still small voice (Verse 12). Covering his face, was a sign of reverence, in the presence of God. After his second visit with the small still voice, (Verse 9:13), God was saying to him, I did not ask you to come here; go right back north (Verse 13-16). He had to face the giants of Jezebels' territory in order to finish his course for the cause of God.

Jezebel had sent powerful bewitching spirits of mental illness, oppression, depression, confusion, doubt, destruction, pain, suicide and death. Elijah cried to God to die. He blamed the people to God for his fear and defeat. He told God that the people had torn down His altar and were not following Him. Did we see Elijah rebuild the altar of God and the people turned and fell upon their faces in worship of the true God? His victories had receded in the depths of his doubts and fears. Elijah was being tormented in his mind. These powerful blocking-mind controlling spirits seems to have caused him to misplace his memory of these things because he repeats his charges to God. He is seen suffering from a spirit of isolation because he believes that he is the only one left, still serving God. If spirits can isolate a person, they become more effective.

Understand that Jezebels' demonic powers were working on his mind, body and spirit from a distance. She had conjured up killing demons and sent them out. It was an all out attack for his life. Witches do not have to be present, to work their powers. They do their rituals and then send out their evil spirits to do their craftsmanship



## JEZEBEL WILLING VESSEL OF EVIL

Jezebel was just a human being, but a willing instrument to these evil spirits. Satan had taken the territory. He revealed himself to Elijah in his ghastly appearance of evil. No, I believe that Elijah did not run from Jezebel the woman. He ran from the witchcraft and idolatry gods (demons) of Jezebel that were controlling the territory! Elijah had successfully defeated the gods of the mountain. Evil spirits abide where people live. On the other hand, the gods of the city were different. There were more of them. They were stronger, more intimidating because their were more humans willing submitting to them in sin. Notice that Jezebel's **messenger** (demon spirit) was not fearful to approach the man of God that had just defeated the gods (demon spirits) of the mountain. These city evil spirits were more powerful. They had successfully taken over the entire nation and murdered all the prophets of Jehovah. Every time a religious spirit defeats a child of God, that spirit gains strength!

In my ministry of deliverance, I have found that every time a demon defeats a child of God, he becomes bolder and stronger and begins to think of itself as invincible. If a spirit that defeats' a child of God, that evil spirit will lose his fear of God's people. Nonetheless, Jezebels' demons were successful because they had killed God's prophets. Also, they had control of a committed agreeable vessel. They had used her witchcraft powers to take over the territory and bring its people to the feet of Satan. The entire nation had fallen into churlish sins of idolatry, witchcraft and goddess worship.

Interestingly, the word ANGEL (Hebrew *mal`ak*; Greek *angelos*, both meaning "**messenger**"). In some cases the word is applied to human beings (Mal. 2:7; Rev.1:20) or even figuratively to impersonal agents (Exo. 14:19; 2 Sam. 24:16-17; Psa. 104:4). The connection must determine its force. In its most common use in Scripture the word nevertheless designates certain spiritual and superhuman beings that are introduced to us as messengers of God. <sup>1</sup>

There is harmony between the teachings of our Lord upon this subject and those of the apostles and other Scripture writers. Many questions that may be raised can receive no answer whatever from the Scriptures. Of the history of the angels we

can know but little. It is clear that Satan and the fallen angels (demons) were created sinless and later fell (Isa. 14:12-15; Rev. 12:3-4). Some of their number "did not keep their own domain" but fell under divine displeasure and are reserved "for the judgment of the great day" (Jude 6).

Aside from the teachings of Scripture there is nothing irrational, but quite the opposite, in believing in the existence of creatures superior to man in intelligence, as there are many inferiors. But we depend wholly upon the Scriptures for our knowledge. The denial of the existence of angels, as that of a personal devil and demons, springs from the materialistic, unbelieving spirit, which in its most terrible form denies the existence of God. <sup>1</sup>

The truth is, the Jezebel spirit is a territory-taking principality. People who are totally committed and submitted to God because this devil will come after their life can only defeat this Jezebel spirit. In the Scripture, it took another man, Elijah with a double anointing, and a school of the prophets taught by Elijah to accomplish God's plan for the nation of Elijah TO REPENT AND RETURN TO GRACE..

## **MODERN JEZEBEL**

### **Revelation 2:20**

Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman **Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

Many Christian women feel called to the Christian ministry today and they are met an array or grouping of Bible Twisting men whose hearts are life frozen ice concerning holy, religious proud, men intended to be used or considered together to stop God's call of redeemed women of God.

These superciliousness men are calling every woman in the Christian ministry, Handmaiden's of the Lord, called and anointed by Him, JEZEBELS! One can clearly detect areas of their pomposity and self-importance that relies upon scripturally twisting the Word of God to make it say things that just isn't true. Their ungodly attitudes of male superiority, arrogance, prejudice, lingering chauvinism and women hating demons are strangely tolerated by many Christian men and women. These men are full of pride, see themselves as superior to women simply because they are men.

## **TRADITIONS OF MEN**

Professor Leon McBeth, Theologian, scholar writes: The historical records confirm that women have attended our churches, prayed for our ministries, given sacrificially to our causes, taught our Sunday Schools, influenced the content and tone of our worship services, sung in our choirs, cared for our nurseries, led our Vacation Bible Schools, provided and cared for our baptismal robes, divided out the elements for the Lord's Supper, opened their homes for our visiting preachers, and in many cases swept and vacuumed our church buildings. You have fed our preachers; God knows how much fried chicken and coconut pie you have dished up for our pastors and visiting evangelists! And through it all, you have kept a sweet spirit and continued to model in word and deed the very best of the Christian life.<sup>1</sup>

You have invested your money, your time, your energy, your talents, your very lives in Baptist service, and in these latter days, we reward you by explaining that God made you second-class Christians and telling you what areas in the church are off limits to you.

From the angle of service, we depend on you. We always have, and no doubt always will.<sup>2</sup>

## **From the Angle of Ministry, We Fear You**

## Christian Women's Isolation Discrimination

Notwithstanding the secular women's movement of today, what is going on in the Christian Church?

When I became a Christian in the seventies, the most shocking thing that I discovered was the fact that the Church was a boiling pot of discrimination against women! I guess that pastors were trying to do everything that they could to keep the secular, rebellious women's revolution out of the church therefore, conservative Christian women were being told, "Just submit to your husband, no matter what kind of life he leads and everything will work out. God will honor your obedience. It never did and many women began to submit to ungodly men being abused by them and used as doormats. Many were submitting to every evil thing under the sun that was asked of them by unconverted men. According to many pastors, every single family problem was said to be happening because the women were rebellious. Many women grew cold, hopelessly caught in unbalanced situations that there were simply no Christian answers for her dilemmas.

I remember ministering in a church during the seventies and the associate pastor made broad statements to the women to "submit to your husbands ... period." When I asked him should a woman submit totally to unbelieving man who might ask her to go to the bar, should she submit to him? He answered, "Yes!" What if a woman's husband asked his wife to submit to a wife swapping situation, should she submit to her husband? This spiritually confused man replied, "Yes,"

I retorted back to him, "I totally disagree with your ungodly teachings. The Bible says that women should submit to their husband, as unto the Lord, (meaning as unto his godly behavior)." Little did I realize that many male ministers were interpreting this Scripture as "the Lord" begins the husband and not Jesus being the Lord!

This pastor looked at me like I was a snake and snarled. Who are you that you should question me? The associate pastor exclaimed authoritatively, "the woman must submit, even to a wife swapping situation!"

Amazed, I responded, "Pastor, the Bible says that God's people should be holy as God is holy. Follow peace with all men, and **holiness, without** which no man shall see the Lord: [Hebrews 12:13-15](#) You are telling these women to do unholy things because their unbelieving husbands tell them to sin with him."

"How dare you to question me!"

I was truly shocked by his disgusting self important way of behaving, clearly believing that he was spiritual above me because he was a man.

This egotistical associate pastor whined to the Pastor and I was judged by these two men as being unfit to teach in that church because I disagreed with a lying man. This was done between the two of these men without my being present to defend myself. I was asked to leave that church because, "I was in rebellion to the associate pastor because I disagreed with him."

Do these preposterous abuses still occur today? Yes! Just recently, a certain lady went for counseling in her church. She was being beaten by her husband. She was told to "go home and submit to her husband." She did. She was again beaten by her husband. Unfortunately, even secular counselors are giving better advice than this. Nevertheless, this type of counseling over the years has caused Christian women to become "Christian zombies" and just try to work through their mistreatment and also some women lose their lives in these violent monster.

This is not just a modern problem. Women have invariably looked down upon by many of the church men. For instance, in C.S. Lewis' essay "Priestesses in the Church" Lewis concludes:



“One wearing the masculine uniform can (provisionally, and till the Parousia) represent the Lord to the Church: for we all, corporately and individually, feminine to Him.” He says a priest is, “a double representative, who represents us to God and God to us.” Women can speak “to God for us” but they cannot ‘speak to us for God,’ because “a good woman may be like God, but God is not like a good woman.”<sup>1</sup>

Where are those political correct people when we need them! The above Lewis mindset is one example of male composition of segregation that has caused God’s women to sit on the pews without a cause. Many developed this type of reasoning that is spiritually dumb but has for centuries been the popular stance of many of the men in the Christian Church.

**Over the centuries, Satan has worked diligently to keep women in “subjection”**

to all Christian men of the Church. Any contribution that she has made has been carefully covered. Leon McBeth, says it best in his inspiring book *Women in Baptist Life*, written in 1979, writes, “after delving into the history of Baptist women in the Baptist Church, writes: We have been shaped by our history. This means if we are really to understand this issue before us we must take a look at the way we were.”<sup>3</sup>

Dr. McBeth is quick to affirm an even more important premise: Southern Baptists’ ultimate authority on every issue is not history or tradition, but the Word of God and the lordship of Christ. However, those who agree that the Bible is the authoritative Word of God and the Lordship of Jesus Christ for our faith and practices do not always agree about its interpretation. Therefore, Southern Baptists have had history of wide diversity of opinion on “The woman question,” as some call it. The debate does not question women’s service in the everyday work of the church, for that level of involvement is encouraged and welcomed. The controversy arises at this point: Is it right for women to serve in leadership, policy making roles?”

McBeth goes on to write; “To ignore the contribution of Southeastern Baptist women would be to read history with one eye shut.” He says that women comprise 55 to 60 percent of most Baptist congregations. To a surprising extent they have helped determine the shape of the programs and practices of our churches today.

It may that many will be surprised to find that Baptist have had women in leadership roles from the earliest days, as deacons, deaconesses, and even occasionally as preachers. However, Dr. McBeth objectively emphasizes that this is not proof, in itself, that in other times and places, that women were not allowed to speak or even vote in church. This does not prove, likewise, that we should apply such patterns today. History should instruct, but we must not allow it to determine our decision.

McBeth, writes: Any discussion of the role of women in the church turns to the most controversial question of all: Should women be ordained and/or be allowed to serve as deacons and ministers today?<sup>4</sup>

**PARADIGM SHIFT**

Paradigm Shift is a dramatic change in methodology or practice. It often refers to a major change in thinking and planning, which ultimately changes the way projects are implemented.

For example, accessing applications and data from the Web instead of from local servers is a **paradigm shift**.<sup>5</sup>

An example: Traditionally thinking Christians, when proven wrong with factual information (i.e.-Biblical moral absolutes), yield to the facts, and admit that they are wrong, and then align themselves to those facts. They are brought back to accountability to higher authority (the Word of God). Because Biblical moral absolutes do not change, such traditional thinkers, who adhere to such unchanging absolutes are labeled as "resistant to change," by those promoting this "new way of doing church."

## **SPIRITUAL TRANSFORMATION**

**Transformation means a shift, or a qualitative change, a transfer from the original spiritual tenets to a switch over to a new religious belief system.**

**Rev 2:20-25 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.**

### **JEZEBEL IS A WITCH, IDOLATROUS, IMMORAL PERSON ~ WITCHCRAFT AND DEMONOLOGY**

Numbers 33-32, commands the children of Israel to **"destroy all their engraved stones, destroy all their molded images, and demolish all their high places who, rather than destroy the high places worshiped and served the demonic beings that occupied them.**" "There is more to these stones and images and high places than just harmless native art. Many of these had become the literal dwelling place of demonic spirits that people worship as gods; later in the New Testament called powers and principalities.

The Ahab spirit promotes a man to be wishy-washy and unstable in all his ways was efficient and strong in manipulative and administrative powers. He was weak and vacillating in the face of his powerful wife, Jezebel. **"But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the Lord cast out before the children of Israel,"** (1 Kin. 21:25). He gave his authority to his wife and even when she abused it. He remained passive. Ahab's marriage to Jezebel proved to be a major factor in the eventual fall of the Omride dynasty.

Worship of Baal --- Jezebel Worshiped Baal, a Phoenician god. She approached her religion with a fanatical zeal. She came to Israel with four hundred and fifty priests of Baal and four hundred "prophets" of Aasherah, the mother-goddess. and dined at the palace. When Ahab built his "ivory house," he constructed a temple of Baal with quarters for the priest next to the palace. The greater part of this sacred structure was a court, enclosed with thick walls and open to the sky. Within the court was a small sacred chapel containing symbols of Baal and the mother-goddess, Asherah. The temple priest and their attendants kept an eternal flame burning in a large dish-shaped brazier on the chapel's altar.

Since Baal was a nature cult, worshipers joined the priests and temple prostitutes in sacred orgies before the pagan altar, especially at the new-year celebration. They acted out the reproductive theme so that the gods, who control earth and water would follow their example and improve the fertility of agriculture, animals and man.

In time of crisis, such as famine or war, these cultists sacrificed firstborn children in the sacred fire to summon the help of their gods. When some Israelite prophets opposed Jezebel's policies, she had several of them executed.

Ahaz was one who "in every single city of Judah he made high places to burn incense to other gods, and provoked to anger the Lord God his fathers," 2 Chron. 28:23). God had to execute judgment and punish Israel for what was frequently referred to by the prophets as spiritual adultery. The Babylonian captivity was one such judgment.

Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, a Zidonian, and wife of Ahab, (1 Kin. 16:31).

**“And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshiped him,”** (1 Kin. 16:31).

Characteristic of Jezebel

- Patroness of Idolatry, (1 Kin.18:19).
- Zeal for the religion of her native land
- Attempts to replace the worship of the true God with that of Baal and Asherah.
- 450 Prophets of Baal and 400 prophets of Asherah ate at her table.

**“ Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table,”** (1Kin. 18:19).

A Murderess, (1 Kin. 21: 5-13).

- **”Was it not told my lord what I did when Jezebel slew the prophets of the Lord, how I hid a hundred men of the Lord's prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?”** (1 Kin. 18:13).
- Killed and persecuted the prophets of God.
- An idolatress and persecuted the prophets of God, (1 Kin. 18:4, 13, 190; 2 Kin. 3:2,13:9:7, 22).

Vowed to kill Elijah, (1 Kin. 19:1-3).

- **“And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword. Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, so let the gods do to me; and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time,”** (1 Kin. 19:1).

Wickedly accomplishes the death of Naboth,

- **"But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread? And he said unto her, Because I spake unto nabboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it; and he answered I will not give thee my vineyard. And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dos't thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? Arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry; I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite. So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth. And she wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast and set Naboth on high among the people: And set two men, sons of Belial, before him, to bear witness against him, saying, Thou did'st blaspheme god and the king. And them carry him out, and stone him, that he may die. And It came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stone, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is alive, but dead."**

Notice the difference lifestyle of Queen Esther.

- She intervenes at the risk of her life, on the Jews' behalf to stop their extermination.
- She moved spiritually in (Est. 4:16).
- **"Go gather together all the Jews that are present in Shushan, and fast ye for me, and neither eat nor drink three days, night or day; I also and my maidens will fast likewise; and so will I go in unto the king, which is not according to the law: and if I perish, I perish."**

Jezebel lived in the flesh

- Revengeful, (1 Kin. 19:2)
- Incited her husband to evil, (1 Kin. 21:25).
- Vain, (2 Kin. 9:30).
- Met a terrible death, (2 Kin. 9:22-35).
- Death of Jezebel foretold, (1 Kin. 21:23; 2 Kin. 9:10). Death of 6.

Jezebel at the hand of Jehu, (2 Kin. 9:30-37).

- **"And When Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it: and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. And as Jehu enter in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master? And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said. Throw her down. So they threw her down on the wall, and on the horses; and he trod her under foot. And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her; for she is a king's daughter. And they went to bury her; but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands,"** (2 Kin.9:20).



New Testament Church of the False Prophetess Thyatira:

- **“Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repented of their deeds And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts and I will unto every one of you according to your works. But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden,”** (Rev. 2:18-24).
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- Prophetess led members into practices of immorality and idolatry.
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The things of Satan: Twice we read of “the synagogue of Satan” (Rev. 2:9; 3:9) at Pergamum was “The throne of Satan” (Rev. 2:13);

- In the letter to Thyatira mention is made the “deep things of Satan” (Rev. 2:24).
- She teaches a different Gospel, different Jesus, a different spirit.
- Inspired witchcraft
- False signs and wonders
- False Prophecies
- Desires control of people’s lives
- Ambitious for power
- Usurps authority
- Serves other gods: Seducing Spirits (1 Tim. 4:1, 2; 2 Tim. 3:1-9).

“Now the Spirit speaketh expressly, that in the latter times some shall depart from the faith, giving heed to seducing spirits, and doctrines of devils: Speaking lies in hypocrisy, having their conscience seared with a hot iron; Forbidding to marry, and commanding to abstain from meats, which God hath created to be received with thanksgiving of them which believe and know the truth,” (1 Tim. 4:13).

- Seducing Spirits:
- Bewitches from truth (Gal. 3:1).

**“O foolish Galatians, who hath bewitched you, that ye should not obey the truth, before whose eyes Jesus Christ hath been evidently set forth, crucified among you.”**

- Removes to another gospel, Gal. 1: 6
- Preaches error, (Gal. 1:8-12).
- Hypocritical lies (1 Tim. 4:1)

Turns you to the works of the flesh with deception, (Gal.5:19- 21).

“Now the works of the flesh are manifest, which are these; Adultery, fornication, uncleanness, lasciviousness, Idolatry, witchcraft, hatred, variance, emulations, wrath, strife, seditions, heresies, envyings, murders, drunkenness, revelings, 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,” (Gal. 5:19).

Attractions Fascination by false prophets, false, signs and wonders, etc, (Mk. 13:22).

- Seared Conscience, (1 Tim. 4:1).
- Deceived, (1 Jn. 2:18-26; 2 Tim. 3:13).
- Wander from truth, (1 Jn. 2:18, 26; 2 Tim. 3:13).
- Fascination to evil ways, objects, or persons, (Prov. 12:25).
- Seduced, enticed, (1 Tim. 4:1; 2 Tim. 3:13).
- Means of seduction
- divination
- Psychology
- New Age
- Means of operation
- Spirit of the Antichrist
- Personal ambition

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