

Beware the Spirit of Jezebel

Jezebel was a woman from the region of Lebanon, specifically from Sidon (1 Kings 16:31, NIV). She was a royal princess from a wealthy family. Although she was not an Israelite, she married King Ahab of Israel. This marriage was against God's command because God had instructed through Moses that the Israelites should not marry foreign women (Deuteronomy 7:3-4, ESV), as they would lead God's people into idolatry and away from Him.

King Ahab disregarded this command and brought Jezebel into Israel along with her gods and false religious practices (1 Kings 16:31-33). This marked the beginning of significant spiritual decay in Israel, leading to idolatry and oppression. The Lord raised the prophet Elijah to confront this apostasy and call the people back to covenant faithfulness (1 Kings 17).

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The Three Spirits of Jezebel That Destroyed Israel and Threaten the Church Today

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1. The Spirit of Sexual Immorality (Fornication)

Jezebel's most notorious trait was her involvement in sexual immorality. The Bible explicitly calls her a harlot and uniquely

describes her using eye makeup and adorning her head to seduce men openly (2 Kings 9:30, NIV):

*“When Jehu arrived at Jezreel, Jezebel heard about it. She put on eye makeup, arranged her hair, looked out the window, and waited.”*

This behavior symbolizes a spirit of lust and seduction—used to manipulate and lead others into sin. Jezebel’s lack of mourning over her son’s death (2 Kings 9:30) reveals how deeply rooted this spirit was in her heart.

Paul warns in 1 Corinthians 6:18 (NIV):

*“Flee from sexual immorality. All other sins a person commits are outside the body, but whoever sins sexually, sins against their own body.”*

The spirit of Jezebel’s sexual immorality is alive today, often

disguised as “freedom” or “beauty,” but it leads to spiritual destruction. Women and men dressing immodestly—whether in the church or society—are often under this spirit’s influence (1 Timothy 2:9-10). The Apostle Peter urges believers to live holy lives, “not with a willful desire for evil but as obedient children” (1 Peter 1:14, NIV).

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2. The Spirit of Witchcraft (Sorcery and Rebellion)

Jezebel was also deeply involved in witchcraft and idolatry, as she promoted the worship of Baal, whose priests were often sorcerers (2 Kings 9:22, NIV):

*“When Joram saw Jehu, he asked, ‘Is it peace, Jehu?’ Jehu replied, ‘What peace can there be as long as the harlot Jezebel and her witchcraft are so many?’”*

The Old Testament consistently condemns witchcraft (Deuteronomy 18:10-12), associating it with rebellion against God. The New Testament confirms this opposition, stating that witches and sorcerers will not inherit the kingdom of God

(Galatians 5:19-21; Revelation 21:8).

The spirit of Jezebel uses occult practices and rebellion to deceive and lead God's people astray, opposing God's authority (James 4:7).

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### 3. The Spirit of False Prophecy

The book of Revelation identifies Jezebel's spirit as one of false prophecy that leads God's servants into sexual immorality and idolatry (Revelation 2:20, ESV):

*"But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and deceiving my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols."*

False prophecy often masks sin with twisted theology, such as the lie that "God only looks at the heart, not the outward appearance" to justify immoral behavior. However, God's Word teaches that both heart and actions matter (1 Samuel 16:7;

Matthew 23:27-28).

Jesus warned in Matthew 5:28 (NIV):

*“But I tell you that anyone who looks at a woman lustfully has already committed adultery with her in his heart.”*

This spirit encourages believers to embrace sin knowingly or unknowingly, using false teaching to justify disobedience. The Apostle Paul exhorts believers to “put on the Lord Jesus Christ” and not gratify the desires of the flesh (Romans 13:14, ESV).

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The Jezebel Spirit's Characteristics and Warning

- **Pride and Rebellion:** Jezebel never humbled herself before the prophet Elijah, even swearing vengeance after he called down fire on Baal's prophets (1 Kings 19). This spirit fosters pride, cruelty, and hatred toward true servants of God (Proverbs 6:16-19).

- Opposition to God's Prophets: Jezebel's spirit fights against God's truth and those who faithfully preach it.
- Destruction of the Church: This spirit still works to destroy churches by promoting immorality, witchcraft, and false teaching.

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Call to Action

Believers are urged to reject the spirit of Jezebel by fully submitting to Jesus Christ (Romans 13:14). The times are urgent—the Lord Jesus is coming soon (Revelation 22:20).

*"Maranatha!" (Come, Lord Jesus!)*

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