

JEZEBEL

Jezebel is a well known, infamous character from scripture who was married to Ahab, the King of Israel. She killed the prophets (1 Kings 18:4) and was Elijah's perpetual enemy. She is also known for using and abusing the king's authority to eliminate Naboth so the king could possess Naboth's vineyard.

She fostered the worship of Baal and Asherah, and was most well known for taking control and dominating the king; so much, that anyone who tends to be dominating or controlling today is often labeled a "Jezebel." Interesting also is that her daughter, Athaliah, who married the king of Judah, acted much like her in her dealings. In fact, she eventually attempted killing her 70 grandchildren so she could become queen (2 Kings 11:1-3).

In today's church environment, we often hear people talk about Jezebel or the spirit of Jezebel, and the reference is almost entirely to women. However, we are talking about a spirit which can operate through either a man or woman. The person being used by the spirit needs a place or to be seen, and will often try to get close to the pastor, sometimes trying to get between the pastor and his wife. Much like the original Jezebel, this person seeks authority and may even use various forms of seduction to obtain it in order to control and dominate people.

If prophesy exists in the church, it too will be the target of this spirit (or person). Remember that the spirit of prophesy is the testimony of Jesus (Revelations 19:10) which, by definition, opposes Jezebel, her tactics and all she stands for. Prophesy (and the Bible) are truth, which exposes Jezebel for who she really is. Her rebellion, deception, and error all become apparent to one who is in the light of the truth. Idolatry and immorality are also the end result of an infestation of this spirit.

The Lord is concerned about us being mature enough to discern so that we don't fall prey to the schemes of the devil, especially this spirit.

Hebrews 5:13-14

"For everyone who partakes {only} of milk is not accustomed to the word of righteousness, for he is a babe.

But solid food is for the mature, who because of practice have their senses trained to discern good and evil."

In fact, in Revelation 2, He warns the church at Thyatira about her.

Revelation 2:20

"But I have {this} against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit {acts of} immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols."