

Exposing and Unmasking the Spirit of Jezebel
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On November 20th, 530am as I woke up out of sleep, I came into our living room and I heard the spirit of the Lord say this, “The Spirit of Jezebel can not stay in the house!” I immediately set still in the presence of the Lord and then I heard the following: “Most people being influenced by this spirit are not even aware and think they are always right but continually speak out against the pastor or his teams, sow discord among the members, blame shifts, easily offended and continually justify their actions and when held accountable lashes out.” Serve notice that this spirit is not and will not be tolerated at His Presence and confront it every time it rears its head.”

Most people spend time arguing and debating with people, but we are not engaged in a war with people, we are engaged in a war that is being instigated in the spiritual realm to manifest in the natural realm. This manifestation operates through opened doors and unchecked spirits.

Ephesians 6:10–12 (NLT) ¹⁰ A final word. Be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on all of God’s armor so that you will be able to stand firm against all strategies of the devil. ¹² For we are not fighting against flesh-and-blood enemies, but against evil rulers and authorities of the unseen world, against mighty powers in this dark world, and against evil spirits in the heavenly places.

- **Be Strong in the Lord and His Mighty Power**
- **Suit up fully**
- **WE are not fighting a physical battle, it must be fought in the heavenlies before on the earth.**

2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (NLT) ³ We are human, but we don’t wage war as humans do. ⁴ We use God’s mighty weapons, not worldly weapons, to knock down the strongholds of human reasoning and

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2 Corinthians 10:3–5 (NKJV) ³ For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh. ⁴ For the weapons of our warfare *are* not carnal but mighty in God for pulling down strongholds, ⁵ casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ,

The Spirit of Jezebell, and it is called that because of King Ahab marriage to a woman who was called Jezebel and we first see this queen in 1 Kings 16:30-33

1 Kings 16:30–31 (NLT) ³⁰ But Ahab son of Omri did what was evil in the LORD's sight, even more than any of the kings before him. ³¹ And as though it were not enough to follow the sinful example of Jeroboam, he married Jezebel, the daughter of King Ethbaal of the Sidonians, and he began to bow down in worship of Baal.

The moment that Ahab did this, he immediately aligned God's people with God's enemy. The name Jezebel means "without dwelling or cohabitation, unmarried, uncommitted or unhusbanded. Jezebel will not submit. The word "unhusbanded means to refuse to live in a peaceful cohabitation. Jezebel was the daughter of a king-priest of Sidon named Ethbaal. Ethbaal means man of Baal or with him is Baal. He was a high priest of Astarte.

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Astarte was the Canaanite fertility goddess also called Ishtar. In Babylonian pantheon, this deity was the daughter of the moon god, Sin, and later Anu, the deity of heaven. She is usually regarded as the goddess of love and sexual pleasure or fertility. The high priest of Baal, Ethbaal personally mentioned his daughter in the heathern worship of the pagan of sexuality and spiritual war. This king was entirely devoted to Baal, indoctrinated his daughter with the notion that she was an ally of Baal, and her goddess of fertility is not only the giver of life but also the giver of death. He gave her the assignment of bringing death and destruction to all those who oppose Baal. Accordingly, he named her Jeze-Baal or Jezebel. Immediately after King Ahab married Jezebel it didn't take long before he bowed down to her:

1 Kings 16:32–33 (NLT) ³² First Ahab built a temple and an altar for Baal in Samaria. ³³ Then he set up an Asherah pole. He did more to provoke the anger of the LORD, the God of Israel, than any of the other kings of Israel before him.

As part of the wedding arrangements, Ahab made provision for Jezebel to commute her worship to Baal (no big deal right?) He just created a space and place for the anti-Yahweh god to reside. Ahab was already engaged in compromise by continuing the calf worship introduced by the king before him, Jeroboam (1 Kings 12:25-33) 1 Kings 16:31 (NKJV) And as though it were not enough to follow the sinful example of Jeroboam, he married Jezebel, the daughter of King Ethbaal of the Sidonians, and he began to bow down in worship of Baal. (Jeroboam served Solomon. Solom bowed down and began to worship Ashtoreth, the goddess of the Sidenotes, Chemash the god of Moab and Molech, the god of the Ammonites: 1 Kings 11:31-33) Solomon lost his kingdom to compromise.

Anyone who dared to oppose Jezebel was removed. Jezebel put together an army of her own prophets She at least had 450 of Baal

and 400 prophets of the goddess, Asharah. 850 prophets were now teaching Baal Worship and was embraced by the people as being normal.

Baal means master, possessor of husband. Yahweh was master and husband to Israel. He called Israel his bride: “Ephesians 5:25–27 (NLT) ²⁵ For husbands, this means love your wives, just as Christ loved the church. He gave up his life for her ²⁶ to make her holy and clean, washed by the cleansing of God’s word. ²⁷ He did this to present her to himself as a glorious church without a spot or wrinkle or any other blemish. Instead, she will be holy and without fault. “

The worship of Baal rejected the holiness set up by Yahweh (God) and encouraged indulgence in every self-pleasing sexual desire as the part of self worship. The worship of Baal came the god Dagon, for Baal was the son of Dagon, Baal., Dagon, Ashtoreth and Molech combined for the erotic acts of perverted heterosexual relationship, homosexual activity, violent sexual acts, body piercing (including genitals), body curing, an infatuation with blood (drinking and draining), prostitution, and ceremonial orgies.

Jezebel and her god Baal stood in direct confrontation with God (Yahweh) and Baal had to be an option for Israel to worship and Jezebel was doing everything she could to see it through.

1 Kings 18:22–24 (NLT) ²² Then Elijah said to them, “I am the only prophet of the LORD who is left, but Baal has 450 prophets. ²³ Now bring two bulls. The prophets of Baal may choose whichever one they wish and cut it into pieces and lay it on the wood of their altar, but without setting fire to it. I will prepare the other bull and lay it on the wood on the altar, but not set fire to it. ²⁴ Then call on the name of your god, and I will call on the name of the LORD. The god who answers by setting fire to the wood is the true God!” And all the people agreed.

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The purpose was not for Jezebel's god to answer by fire, but to get him on the same stage as the true God. Jezebel will for her way onto to the stage because she wants Baal to be o the same altar as God. Jezebel's influence was so powerful that even Elijah, who had called down fire from heaven in his confrontation of over 850 prophets of Baal, ran for his life and prayed that he "might die". All this was done because a woman simply threatened him. (1 Kings 19:1-4: Ahab tells Jezebel everything Elijah did and Jezebel sends a letter)

Elijah went from watching God send fire from heaven, experiencing one of the greatest manifestations of God's power to running for his life, ultimately asking God to take his life. This is an example of the demonic power Jezebel walked in.

Jezebel continued to dominate God's people and led them with evil, malicious, self-gratifying behavior. It would be years before a man named Jehu would finally confront Jezebel and bring a stop to the idolatry and witchcraft she had brought the house of Israel. Jehu had determined, warring spirit. Jezebel did her best to intimidate Jehu, but she could not manipulate him.

2 Kings 9:30-34 (NLT) *The Death of Jezebel* ³⁰ When Jezebel, the queen mother, heard that Jehu had come to Jezreel, she painted her eyelids and fixed her hair and sat at a window. ³¹ When Jehu entered the gate of the palace, she shouted at him, "Have you come in peace, you murderer? You're just like Zimri, who murdered his master!" ³² Jehu looked up and saw her at the window and shouted, "Who is on my side?" And two or three eunuchs looked out at him. ³³ "Throw her down!" Jehu yelled. So they threw her out the window, and her blood splattered against the wall and on the horses. And Jehu trampled her body under his horses' hooves.

900 years later, this same spirit is seen in the church in Revelation: Revelation 2:20-26: "Nevertheless, I have this against you: You

tolerate that woman Jezebel who calls herself a prophetess.” There was toleration of the spirit by ignorance of it.

Before we dive into characteristics and unmask the Jezebel spirit, I want to say first and foremost we are not at war with a person, contending with a person and we are not on a witch hunt. But we are to stand firmly and boldly in the power of the Holy Spirit to confront, bind, release and cast out the Jezebel spirit and another other spirits that try to invade, influence, settle, bring division, seduce and contradict the word of God contextually.

Jezebel spirit does not just operate through females. Males are subject to this spirit as well. Again we are not at war with the person, we must look beyond the person into the spiritual realm and take authority over the spirit there. For example, Paul:

Acts 16:16–24 (NKJV) ¹⁶ Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. ¹⁷ This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, “These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation.” ¹⁸ And this she did for many days. But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.” And he came out that very hour.

Paul didn’t speak to the girl, he spoke to the spirit. It was not a long prayer, getting to know the demons name, Paul said to the spirit, “I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her?”

You never debate a spirit or have conversations, you submit yourself to God and He will exalt you above measure which means, He (God) exalts you to a position of power and authority. (Mark 16:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23; 1 Peter 5:5-11)

Having conversations with demonic spirits will cause one to begin to waiver or open up a door of persuasion and doubt)

Before we get into the Characteristics and Behaviors, just because someone may experience 2 or 3 of these items, it doesn't mean the person is operating in the Spirit of Jezebel or is demon possessed, But if your experience 4, 5 or more of these, maybe, there is a door that was opened and the Jezebel spirit is masking itself and using you without you being full aware. Not being possessed, but be oppressed, manipulated and used to do the work of Satan without even knowing.

Unmasking Jezebel's Characteristics and Behaviors It's a spirit not a person

Behavior Characteristics

- 1. She is dominant.** _Domination is Jezebel's main M.O. She must be in full control. She gets what she wants at the expense of anyone or anything. She is forceful and overbearing. She will talk over you, ignore you and devalue you so that she is the only one who appears valuable, important or in a place of power.
- 2. She is mean spirited.** _You cringe when you're around her and you hear the things she says to people and about people. There is no reason for her to be so unkind, but she is. She bears no fruit of the spirit. Matthew 7:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ Therefore by their fruits you will know them.
- 3. She is jealous of everything.** Jealousy is primary motive for her behavior. She has to be the best of everything. She needs to be the best singer, pray the best, be the best looking, have the deepest insight, etc. If the attention of others should turn from her to you, prepare to feel her wrath
 - ✓ 1 Kings 21:4-7 (NKJV) ⁴ So Ahab went into his house sullen and displeased because of the word which Naboth

the Jezerite had spoken to him; for he had said, “I will not give you the inheritance of my fathers.” And he lay down on his bed, and turned away his face, and would eat no food. ⁵ But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said to him, “Why is your spirit so sullen that you eat no food?” ⁶ He said to her, “Because I spoke to Naboth the Jezreelite, and said to him, ‘Give me your vineyard for money; or else, if it pleases you, I will give you *another* vineyard for it.’” And he answered, ‘I will not give you my vineyard.’” ⁷ Then Jezebel his wife said to him, “You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”

4. She is charming and knows how to turn on the sweetness.

Jezebel is the untrained expert in everything. She will be quick to inform you she has all the answers and you need her for future answers. She will talk over you. She will discredit and belittle the opinions of others to make them sound inferior and unwanted. Brush people off before they can complete a sentence.

5. She does what she wants without permission.

Jezebel is unhusbanded, “married but un-submitted,” she will not submit to neural authority. If she does cooperate with authority, say with a pastor or ministry, it is merely because she is trying to gain influence and power within the ministry until she can execute her real plans and motives. Jezebel will start unsanctioned ministries, bible studies, events, prayer meetings and gatherings outside the governing authority and protocol of the church. Then when confronted by church leadership, she gives an amazing excuse, or tells people quite a story, “I only wanted to help people, I can’t believe a church would not want more prayer, bible studies, etc. By doing this, she gains influence with her listening

audience and plants seeds of rebellion, discord, and offense in the hearts of her listeners.

- 6. She stirs up strife.** Jezebel stirs up strife, creating opposition against people or ministries. Those who operate in strife will stimulate, entice, move, provoke, and persuade people to their destructive personal agenda. Jezebel stirs people up in a unhealthy way. She will tell people information about others simply to create strife in their hearts toward one another. She will share negative information about pastors or church leaders “just so you can pray for them” attempting to cloak her gossip and slander in a prayer request. Strife involves going to people and telling them any information that will harden their hearts towards another person or ministry.
- 7. She is a planner.** She is ten steps ahead of you. Every conversation, meeting, interaction, prayer and compliment has a motive behind it. If the person operating in this spirit is unaware of exactly what she is doing and why, the spirit leading her knows exactly what it’s doing every step of the way. She plans her provocative comments, knowing that immature hearers particularly will respond to them in such a way, that they , will appear to be the ones with the issues, not her . Her place is to hijack your ministry, your spiritual fruit. This is what its important that you know what God has called you to do have a clear vision (Plan) for your life.
- 8. She is savvy and sly, using flattery to seduce the fleshly and weak-spirited.** Jezebel is skilled at concealing her true motive. When she says something that is completely wrong, she thinks no one can discern it because of how smoothly she says it. She is always careful to present her views with all the right intentions, and from the purest of motives. She loves to teach others, mentoring them to be just like her, when caught in an attempt to maneuver, she often responds with “You just misunderstood my real heart.”

- 9. She can not take no for an answer.** When you say no to her, she perceives it to be a personal assault. The word “no” creates boundaries. Jezebel is not submissive and will not honor boundaries. “No” is a declaration of war for her. You can not disagree with her without experiencing the repercussions of her complete wrath. Not only can you not say no but she will accept nothing less than a yes and will do all in her power to force one from you. You will find yourself agreeing with Jezebel to avoid the war. When you come away from a meeting with her, you will be totally mixed up and somehow, inexplicably end up in is agreeing with her.
- 10. She hates those who won’t cater to her.** If you don’t fall in line, you will quickly find yourself on Jezebel’s hit list. She can and will make your life miserable very quickly. If you do not cater to her and how she wants you to run things, she will go out of her way to let you and everyone else know how much you are not wanted or needed around anymore.
- 11. Her playground is your emotions.** Jezebel will mess with your emotions, constantly. She will use any tactic necessary to get you to a state of dependence upon her. She uses bribery, sexual favors, pouting, fake tears, weeping, emotional outburst, whatever it takes to put you in a defensive position so that you can never confront her or move on past her. People influenced by Jezebel tend to bring up everything they have ever done for you. They want you to feel emotionally indebted and gives blanket statement, “I was only trying to do my best.”
- 12. Jezebel must be first.** Jezebel demands to defend herself. Just as a child runs to her parents to tell her side of the story first, Jezebel always wants to be the first to tell her side of the story to create influence on her behalf and to plant deceptive thoughts.
- 13. She likes to talk.** Jezebel does not stop talking. Proverbs 10:19 (NLT) ¹⁹ Too much talk leads to sin. Be

sensible and keep your mouth shut.” She usually has a quick answer for everything and unable to hold up against even the simplest rebuttal. To avoid contradiction, she resorts to simply keep talking over you. She always seems to have an answer for everything.

- 14. She has not fruit of the spirit.** Jezebel bears no results of the presence and work of the Spirit – its fruit. (Galatians 5:22-24) there is no evidence proving her to be a self-controlled person living a crucified life. Not only does she have no fruit, but she destroys the fruitfulness of others.
- 15. She does not love.** You won't feel love from Jezebel because there is none in her. Jezebel loves herself, her agenda, her will. Since she serves herself, you will not feel the love of God from her because she doesn't love God. Proven by the way she treats God's people.
- 16. Information is her ammunition.** Whatever you tell Jezebel, she will use against you. She will take things you tell her in confidence and use them to try and discredit you publicly. Jezebel draws information from people. She will constantly seek information she can use to sound and appear to be intuitive, spiritual, and factual. She will use the information you gave her in false prophecies, making it sound as if she is speaking from God. She will make provoking statements and ask questions like: “You've really been on my heart; are you okay? And “Why don't you tell me what's really going on? You can trust me.” To disclose personal information to her about your struggles and weakness will merely arm your future enemy with what she perceives to be spiritual strength.
- 17. She works in confusion.** Confusion is Jezebel's platform for manipulation. You will never know where you stand with her because she keeps you in a constant state of confusion on this. One minute you think everything is great. The next minute, everything falls apart and you feel her

wrath. God clearly teaches us He is not the author of confusion so when it enters your life, be mindful.

- 18. She is the queen of humiliation.** Jezebel takes on a dominant, masculine persona. She does this to intimidate the true leaders that could challenge her. In ancient warfare, physical emasculation (removal of testicles) of an enemy was used to terrorize the rest of the enemy's forces to strike fear in them. The idea was to humiliate them that they would have no confidence to rise up against you. This is what Jezebel does spiritually through emotional humiliation. By doing so, she takes authority over people, especially male leaders that threaten to resist her or expose her weakness.
- 19. She is a projector.** Jezebel will project upon others what is actually in her. This is a primary tactic. She is quick to "see" and point out negative behaviors and characteristics in others. Accusing them of being prideful, having wrong motives, being unloving or untrustworthy. She is all these things and makes accusations to keep attention from operation in her own life.
- 20. She loves money.** The truth is, money provides a false sense of power. Jezebel serves false gods. She uses money to control and manipulate, lording it over people. She gives with strings attached. Jezebel works hand in hand with the spirit of mammon.
- 21. She is sexually immoral.** Jezebel hates the righteousness of God. She lives a carnal, immoral, seductive lifestyle. She also encourages this behavior in any way she can. She seeks to defile the holiness of God.

Relational Characteristics

- 22. She has no accountability.** Jezebel hates godly discipleship, mentoring, and healthy, balanced relationships. She is not accountable because she is deceptive in her true intentions. Because she refuses to submit to God, she cannot

submit to any man on leadership. She might appear to be submitted, but as with anyone, her submission level is only revealed when her will is being challenged.

- 23. She creates soul ties.** Jezebel is your best friend – that you just met. She establishes an overbearing attachment in a short period of time. She tries to jump into deep relationships fast. She does this to try and gain a higher level of trust, without the proper foundation of an authentic relationship. You feel close to her and think you can trust her. “Are you ok?” I’ve had this burden for you lately.” She won’t ever challenge you to ask the Lord for answers or learn to hear from Him as she wants you to just hear from her. She uses people and calls it mentoring.
- 24. She uses people.** People become Jezebel’s human shields. She will get others to do her dirty work so she can say, “I did nothing wrong!” (1 Kings 21:11-13)
- 25. She needs you to need her.** Jezebel needs to be needed. She never helps you overcome anything. She just makes you need her more. In spite of all the time you spend with her, you will notice you never seem to overcome any of the issues you share with her. She keeps you dependent upon her, emotionally.
- 26. She is vindictive.** She rejoices in the sufferings of those who stand in her way. In 1 Kings 21:7 (NLT) ⁷ “Are you the king of Israel or not?” Jezebel demanded. “Get up and eat something, and don’t worry about it. I’ll get you Naboth’s vineyard!” Be careful of this, if you rejoice when others fall, you do not have the heart of God. (Proverbs 24:17-18; 1 Peter 3:9 and Matthew 5:43. NLT)
- 27. She is obsessive.** Jezebel exhibits a possessive, obsessive love, and then becomes spitefully vindictive in a “bipolar-like” fashion, displaying rollercoaster emotions. Overwhelming emails, text messages, back to back calls with no voice mails and when a voicemail is left, it is rude,

sarcastic and evil. Not allowing people to have other close friendships or mentors are other obsessive behaviors of Jezebel. More than anything, Jezebel obsesses for power.

28. She is queen of treaties. Jezebel is the queen of false peace instead of covenant relationships. She never makes true amends, so she makes treaties to buy her time until she gets what she wants. Jezebel married Ahab as part of a treaty, to keep him in check, this is how she keeps people in check. The thing about treaties is that one side always gets the upper hand to determine when to break the treaty.

29. She is simply dysfunctional in relationships. Jezebel cannot have healthy relationships because she is toxic. Every relationship she has is dysfunctional in one way or another. The majority of her relationships are at varying levels of strain, and she leaves a trail of devastation in her path. When she destroys one relationship she will be quick to make amends with someone with whom she has a broken relationship so it appears as if she has fewer shattered relationships than she actually does.

Spiritual Characteristics

30. She resists the things of the spirit. Jezebel loves what God hates and hates what God loves. She hates repentance, humility, intercessory prayer, and true moves of the Spirit. She will begin to reveal herself whenever there is a genuine move of God. Jezebel can not stay quiet when there is a true move of the Spirit of God. She will stop at nothing to silence the prophetic.

31. She is hyper-spiritual. She can preach, pray and prophesy better than anyone; she'll make sure you know it. In fact, she'll make sure everyone knows who she is. The Bible warns that she calls herself a prophetess (Revelation 2:20). We should take notice of 1 John 4:1 (NLT) "Dear friends, do not believe everyone who claims to speak by the Spirit. You

must test them to see if the spirit they have comes from God. For there are many false prophets in the world.” She is very spiritual. She regularly says things such as . “I was up all night, praying for you! And “You’ve really been on my heart lately.”. She tells you this so you will trust her. She will tell you she has a prophetic word for you rather than allow you to judge if the word is truly prophetic (from God). She will use “prophecy” to manipulate individuals publicly, putting them in socially awkward situations. She will prophesy very generic words, then put people on the spot and ask them publicly, if the prophecy was from God without allowing the proper procedure for reevaluating. She will regularly confirm her own prophecies rather than allowing prophets to do it and keep her accountable (1 Corinthians 11:29)

32. She sows discord. Discord causes disunity. Unity is very important in every family, marriage, church, leadership team, and business. Every team needs unity to accomplish the task at hand effectively. Discord breaks the ties of unity so that the team becomes weak. **Ecclesiastes 4:12 (NLT)** ¹² A person standing alone can be attacked and defeated, but two can stand back-to-back and conquer. Three are even better, for a triple-braided cord is not easily broken” Imagine someone purposely cutting one of these ropes. The remaining two cords will not have enough strength to hold the weight they were designed to hold and the whole rope will break. This is what happens when someone sows discord. The Pharisees done this in Matthew 15:1-2, tried to put Jesus against His disciples and in Matthw 9:10-11 tried sowing discord between the disciples of Jesus and Jesus Himself. Jezebel sows discord in a very subtle way. She uses words of suspicion that cause those young in faith to stumble. She makes statements such as , “I’m not sure what it is but I just discern something bad about that person!”. Consider that statement for a moment, it could appear to be genuinely

protective and discerning but in reality, it is deceptive and destructive. Those to whom Jezebel says things are typically unaware of her motives. Proverbs 6:16 (ESV) ¹⁶ There are six things that the LORD hates, seven that are an abomination to him: ¹⁹ a false witness who breathes out lies, and one who sows discord among brothers.

33. She can not and will not accept apologies. Why do those with a Jezebel spirit never accept an apology? Why do they continually bring up the same accusations over and over again after the person has apologized and keeps apologizing every time that it is brought up? Forgiveness is letting go! When you let go, you have no more control.

34. She is never, ever wrong. One of the greatest indicators that someone is operating under the Jezebel spirit is he or she will never admit to being wrong. From making excuses to faultfinding, he or she constantly defends his or her behavior and position. Jezebel refuses to humble herself, she can't be wrong because the flesh leads her. She can't repent to God because she isn't submitted to Him. She resists Him and His leading to repentance.

35. She has no conscience. Jezebel has no remorse for whom she hurts. She claims to simply be defending the church and thinks nothing of hurting God's people in the process. She has no remorse for her actions because they are all intentional. She hurts people on purpose. She uses people and she destroy lives. Even if she is called out for exhibiting behavior that is obviously contradictory to the word of God, she will respond by saying, "My conscience is clear." 1 Corinthians 4:4 (NLT) ⁴ My conscience is clear, but that doesn't prove I'm right. It is the Lord himself who will examine me and decide.

Leadership Characteristics

- 36. She is an answer to prayer.** Jezebel is an answer to prayer, a perfect fit for your ministry – at least she tells you she is. She will directly and indirectly make sure you know how much you need her. She will tell you: “You are doing way too much. God sent me as an answer to your prayers and to take burdens off you.” Constantly reminding you how much you need her. She will position it as if you asked her to help when really she inserted herself. Her real motive for “Helping you” is to gain more and more authority in your ministry or life so she can eventually control it.
- 37. She loves the limelight.** Jezebel is a power hungry controller. She seeks positions of authority in leadership. She gains these positions by outperforming and undermining everyone in order to get close to the people of power (whose power she will try to usurp). She must receive credit for everything she does. She is convinced that nothing in the ministry would succeed without her. She micromanages everything and everyone. She is quick to hire and fire. She will run people off without a second thought. She only wants people to serve her.
- 38. All roads run through her.** Jezebel positions herself so people can never go over her head to someone above her. She controls the flow of information that nothing that could expose her can get to her supervisor. She uses the excuse that she is protecting the leader or pastor, when in actuality she is using them. She speaks for the leader or pastor but nothing she says sounds quite like them. Absalom did this in 2 Samuel 15:2–4 (NLT) ² He got up early every morning and went out to the gate of the city. When people brought a case to the king for judgment, Absalom would ask where in Israel they were from, and they would tell him their tribe. ³ Then Absalom would say, “You’ve really got a strong case here! It’s too bad the king doesn’t have anyone to hear it. ⁴ I wish I were

the judge. Then everyone could bring their cases to me for judgment, and I would give them justice!”

- 39. She leads through intimidation.** She wants to be feared, not loved. Fear is control, and she can't release her control. She keeps it firmly in her grip. She leads through fear and intimidation while appearing innocent.
- 40. She loves allies.** When confronted, Jezebel seeks allies and never responds properly or appropriately to corrections. She utilizes the mob mentality to employ the “us against you strategy.” If there are more of us in agreement than you have, obviously you must be wrong. She doesn't follow biblical principles of accountability when responding to correction or handling conflicts and disagreements. Nope, she gets to people first (usually alone) convincing them of her side of the story. Directly or indirectly, she will say “All of us can't be wrong. It has to be you!” or “If you don't' do what I say, all these people will leave you.
- 41. She aborts her spiritual children.** Jezebel worshiped Baal with a child sacrifice. Today, Jezebel will always sacrifice on the altar of religion the spiritual sons and daughters of the church or ministry. She will attempt to chase off all spiritual sons and daughters until, like Elijah, they must run for the spiritual lives. They get chased off and they just can't take it anymore and leave due to pressure, pain, confusion and anxiety. The pastor loses sons and daughters and is left with the power hungry, controller hat sacrificed them on the altar of the region of Baal.

Points to remember:

- 1. Most people spend time arguing and debating with people, but we are not engaged in a war with people, we are engaged in a war that is being instigated in the spiritual realm to manifest in the natural realm. This**

manifestation operates through opened doors and unchecked spirits.

- 2. Before we dive into characteristics and unmask the Jezebel spirit, I want to say first and foremost we are not at war with a person, contending with a person and we are not on a witch hunt. But we are to stand firmly and boldly in the power of the Holy Spirit to confront, bind, release and cast out the Jezebel spirit and another other spirits that try to invade, influence, settle, bring division, seduce and contradict the word of God contextually.**
- 3. Paul didn't speak to the girl, he spoke to the spirit.** It was not a long prayer, getting to know the demons name, Paul said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her?"
- 4. You never debate a spirit or have conversations, you submit yourself to God and He will exalt you above measure which means, He (God) exalts you to a position of power and authority. (Mark 16:15-20; Ephesians 1:19-23; 1 Peter 5:5-11) Having conversations with demonic spirits will cause one to begin to waiver or open up a door of persuasion and doubt)**

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