

Session 4

Going Free from Jezebel

Part 2

I. Connecting the Queen of Heaven to the Spirit of Jezebel

1. As we begin the second session on Jezebel, let's share a few key points about the harlot, the queen of heaven, and Jezebel that will set the stage for this session.
 - a) First, as we established in the previous session, the queen of heaven is the world ruling spirit behind the great harlot of Revelation 17 and 18. It is yet uncertain as to how the harlot will emerge as a religious movement, an economic force, a city, and a false bride; however, based on the quote from Isaiah 47 located in Revelation 18:7, we can be clear that the demonic principality behind the harlot is the queen of heaven.
 - b) Second, the goal of the harlot, the queen of heaven, and as we will see in this session the spirit of Jezebel is to seduce, oppose, and hinder so as to stop the true bride from arising in the earth. We know that when the bride has made herself ready (Rev. 19:7), the Lord will return (Rev. 19:11). Therefore, these demonic entities have as their primary goal to keep the bride from arising in righteousness and union with the Lord. The enemy uses seduction, greed, conflict, persecution, and similar issues to blind and oppose the bride from making herself ready.
 - c) Third, the queen of heaven says that "no one sees me" (Isa. 47:10). Many, many times the queen of heaven by demonizing people through the spirit of Jezebel moves aggressively yet secretly to seduce and oppose people and does it in a way that is very subtle and often cannot be recognized by those being affected by her wiles.
 - d) Fourth, the queen of heaven affects the people of God in a wide variety of ways. In the last session, we listed eight different arenas in which the queen is working today. We identified her involvement into today's culture permeating it with many of the same horrific practices that were prevalent in ancient goddess worship; in marriages and families to divide them; in the global church to keep it lukewarm, distracted, and in compromise; against the leadership of the church; as the spirit behind the occult and false religions; and even in and through the US government and other global governments.
 - e) Finally, we relayed the Lord's command for His people to come out of her (Rev. 18:4). With that background, we will next examine the connection between the queen of heaven and the spirit of Jezebel.

2. To discover the connection between the queen of heaven and the spirit of Jezebel, we will look first to the historical Jezebel who lived in Israel's northern kingdom in the ninth century BC.
- a) As most know, the historical Jezebel was the wife of King Ahab, the king of the northern kingdom of Israel. In the days of Ahab's predecessors, Israel had developed a strong economic bond with the Phoenicians (present day Syria, Lebanon, and portions of northern Israel). Ahab recognized the advantages of such an alliance and renewed the alliance by his marriage of political convenience to Jezebel, the daughter of Ethbaal, King of Sidon (Sidon was an ancient Phoenician city). Not only was Ethbaal the king of Sidon, he was also a priest of the Asherah, one of the many pagan fertility cults that permeated the ancient middle east. ⁱ
 - b) Ethbaal's daughter, Jezebel, was also a priestess of this same pagan fertility cult. When Jezebel married Ahab, she transported the worship of Asherah to Israel. Once in Israel, she led the worship of Asherah in the northern kingdom. The scriptures record this about Jezebel and her worship of the Asherah, "Now then send and gather to me all Israel at Mount Carmel, together with 450 prophets of Baal and *400 prophets of the Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table* (1 Kings 18:19)."
 - c) As the above scripture suggests, she led an entire worship movement of priests and prophets who practiced the worship of Asherah and also ate at her table. As the high priestess of Asherah in the land, she seduced and opposed the worship of Yahweh in Israel. Just as Jezebel attempted to seduce King Jehu through her flattery and seductive ways (2 Kings 9:30), she attempted to seduce all of Israel away from the worship of Yahweh toward Baal and Asherah worship.
 - d) Jezebel also went much further than seduction, attempting to completely eliminate the worship of Yahweh from the land. At her instigation, the altars of Yahweh were torn down and a great religious persecution took place, killing many of the prophets of Yahweh (1 Kings 18:4). Thus, we see a very similar strategy in the heart of Jezebel as we did in the ancient pagan goddess worship of old and of the end-time harlot of the book of Revelation.
 - e) In her worship of Asherah, Jezebel in reality led the people of the northern kingdom of Israel to worship the queen of heaven. The International Standard Bible Encyclopedia states that Asherah was the name of a goddess of fertility whose worship was widely spread throughout Syria and Canaan as being exclusively the goddess of fertility, just like the queen of heaven. It goes on to say that Asherah was similar in character to the Babylonian goddess Ishtar. ⁱⁱ Fausset's Bible Dictionary states even more directly concerning Asherah worship that she represents "the queen of heaven". ⁱⁱⁱ
 - f) Therefore, we note that just as those who honored pagan goddesses in so many ancient locations were actually worshiping the queen of heaven, Jezebel too was worshiping the queen of heaven as she practiced and led Asherah worship.

3. With that background, we will look next at Jesus' message to the church at Thyatira.
- a) It would be good to stop for a moment and read Jesus' entire message to Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29) as there is a lot of pertinent information in this brief passage.
 - b) About 900 years after Jezebel ruled the northern kingdom of Israel, Jesus spoke of another Jezebel—this time a person who was a part of the church at Thyatira. It is unlikely that anyone would name their child Jezebel after the wife of Ahab; nonetheless, Jesus referred to this woman as "the woman Jezebel" characterizing her as one who "leads My bond-servants astray". Please do not overlook the phrase "leads My bond-servants astray" because that is the real objective of Jezebel today in the lives of believers---to lead them astray away from God's purpose to be made ready as a bride.
 - c) Let's explain how Satan used her to lead the people at Thyatira astray. Thyatira had a number of craftsman's guilds which protected the workers of those guilds and energized the city economically. Each guild had its own guardian god who was worshipped by the members of the guild believing that the god if honored would prosper the guild and thus the members of the guild. Every guild member was expected to attend guild festivals in honor of the pagan god of that guild and eat the food that had been sacrificed to the idols of that guild. After the feast, the people would pay homage to the guild's god by participating in immoral activities, including drunkenness and fornication. There is a lot more about this in our Lifeschool class, *The Overcomers*.
 - d) With pressure coming from the guilds, like her Old Testament counterpart, the Jezebel of Thyatira seduced Jesus 'servants to participate in these festivals and to "commit sexual immorality" and "eat things sacrificed to idols" (Rev. 2:20, NKJV). Because the Jezebel at Thyatira claimed also to have special revelations from God and even called herself a prophetess, the church leaders there gave her authority to teach and minister freely. In such a strategic role, she led the people at Thyatira astray leading them to worship at the pagan guild festivals, to participate in sexual immorality, and to be controlled by her false prophetic words.
 - e) The church leaders may have permitted her to minister freely, but Jesus rebuked them for doing so. He said to the leadership at Thyatira, "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" (Rev. 2:20).
 - f) As you read through Jesus' message to Thyatira in its entirety, you readily note the similarities between the practices promoted by the Jezebel of Thyatira, the Old Testament Jezebel and ancient goddess worship practiced in ancient days.

4. The woman Jezebel at Thyatira can be characterized as the demonic spirit of Jezebel.
 - a) There is no doubt that Jesus was speaking of a literal person at Thyatira who led the church there astray. As we said earlier, the woman's name almost certainly was not Jezebel. Therefore, Jesus was speaking of the heart attitude or, in other words, *the spirit of the person* who was referred to as Jezebel. He was saying that the heart attitude and motivation of the woman at Thyatira was the same as the Old Testament Jezebel.
 - b) We can therefore state it this way. This woman had the spirit of Jezebel controlling her thoughts, words, and actions. Whether she was actually demonized by the spirit of Jezebel, we are not told specifically. However, her motivations and actions were controlled and dictated by the spirit of Jezebel. Otherwise, Jesus would not have called her "the woman Jezebel".
5. Now that we have laid a foundation, let's connect the spirit of Jezebel to the queen of heaven.
 - a) As we stated in the last session, the spirit behind ancient goddess worship was the queen of heaven. Said another way, it was the queen of heaven which caused people to do the things they did as they participated in goddess worship. As we saw in this session, the attitudes and actions of the Old Testament Jezebel was due to her entanglement with Asherah worship which as noted previously was also the worship of the queen of heaven. Finally, we saw the same pattern of pagan worship in the woman called Jezebel at Thyatira. She too was worshiping the queen of heaven through the evil practices that took place at the craft guilds. Also stated, the woman at Thyatira was not named Jezebel but a woman controlled by the spirit of Jezebel.
 - b) Let's say it this way. At Thyatira, *the spirit of Jezebel* working through this woman was leading people away from the true worship of Christ so as to worship the queen of heaven.
 - c) Summarizing, the queen of heaven is a territorial spirit, part of the group Paul referred to in Ephesians 6 as he wrote, "For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the powers, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places" (Eph. 6:12).
 - d) Therefore, the queen of heaven in most cases *does not directly demonize a person*. Rather, it is a territorial spirit ruling geographic areas or in this case the entire world as a world force of darkness.
 - e) In contrast, the spirit of Jezebel which was the spirit controlling the actions of the woman at Thyatira, was the demonic spirit that directly influenced her or stated another way directly demonized her in a way that led her to worship at the altar of the queen of heaven and to lead the people she influenced from true worship of Christ.
 - f) This is the way it works in us as well. If we have participated in practices of the queen of heaven through any or all of her seductions, we are influenced by the spirit of Jezebel. If we

have been influenced in significant ways or over a prolonged time period, we become internally demonized by the spirit of Jezebel. Said another way, if we eat at Jezebel's table we too will be demonized by her.

- g) And just like Jesus said to the leaders at Thyatira, that is, those who had control over her actions, "I have this against you that you tolerate the woman, Jezebel". He is saying the same to us today, do not tolerate this woman Jezebel. We are not to tolerate Jezebel in our lives, marriages, families and church in any fashion. Instead, we are to come out of her so we do not participate in her sins and receive of her plagues.
- h) Now that we understand the connection between the queen of heaven and the spirit of Jezebel, let's look next at how this spirit manifests in God's people today—for the purpose of knowing from what spirits we must go free!

II. How Jezebel Manifests in Individuals

1. As we begin to examine some specifics about the nature of demonization by Jezebel, let's first make a few general points.
 - a) Now that we have established the connection between the spirit of Jezebel and the queen of heaven, we will now delve into how the spirit of Jezebel demonizes an individual and what subsidiary spirits are commonly under the control of the Jezebel spirit.
 - b) Before getting into the detail spirits, we need to understand that demons take on a character of their own that manifests in heart attitudes or actions in the life of the believer. For example, if one struggles with deep and repeated anger, then it is likely that there is a demon of anger demonizing that person. The same would be with an issue like lust. If one struggles with lust beyond the flesh, then they most likely have a demon of lust.
 - c) Even though the above is common, there are also situations in which the demonization that requires deliverance is not readily visible to us in terms of actions and attitudes. In cases like these, the effects of the demonization hinder one's relationship with the Lord, create areas of bondage, and lead to broken relationships, but are not seen by the person who is demonized. Let me illustrate. If a man is addicted to pornography, he knows he is demonized by Jezebel. On the other hand, if a person is flattering his or her pastor for the purpose of increasing his control and position in the church, he may not know it.
 - d) The scriptures say of the Old Testament Jezebel that her prophets, or said another way, her followers ate at her table. Using that concept, if we eat at Jezebel's table for a prolonged or deep way, we will be demonized by this spirit and the subsidiary spirits relating to the specific aspects of which we partook of Jezebel's wares.
2. Jezebel is normally the strongman over a series of demon groupings.
 - a) Certainly not everyone is demonized by the spirit of Jezebel even though it is very common for that to be the case. In fact, in our twenty plus years of doing deliverance virtually everyone on whom we have ministered deliverance, the spirit of Jezebel has been the major

demon with which we have had to address. I am not sure if this is because the Lord just sends people with this issue to us or if it is the case with almost everyone.

- b) My point is that almost everyone has participated in activities that permit the spirit of Jezebel entry or they have had prior generations who have done so. Therefore, we will approach this from the standpoint that every believer is influenced by this spirit and needs deliverance.
- c) When this is the case, the spirit of Jezebel is virtually always the strongman over a subsidiary group of demons that manifest in different characteristics of this spirit. Frank and Ida Mae Hammond in their classic work on deliverance, *Pigs in the Parlor*, write this about the strong man,

Within each group there will be a “strong man” or ruling spirit. Often during ministry a ruling spirit will be specifically identified...There are situations where the Lord will direct that the ruling spirit be dealt with first and then his companions.^{iv}

- d) As the Hammonds also state in their book, there may also be secondary strong men who lead demon groupings under the primary ruling spirit. Therefore, a very common way that we approach deliverance unless led a different way by the Holy Spirit is to address the spirit of Jezebel first as it is normally the strong man or ruling spirit over the entire group of demons. In the majority of cases, this will be somewhat of a wrestling match in the spirit.
- e) Once this spirit has been successfully dealt with, then we move to other groupings of subsidiary spirits under the ruling spirit of Jezebel. For example, we know that the queen of heaven is the spirit seducing people into sexual immorality. Therefore, if a person has been involved in sexual perversion and immorality, we might move second to the entire grouping of demons affecting sexual behavior. As appropriate, we would address spirits of lust, fornication, adultery, homosexuality, pornography, and similar spirits in that grouping. Once addressing those, we would move on to another grouping yet still under the overall purview of the spirit of Jezebel.
- f) With that basic understanding, we will delve into nine common areas that arise when one is demonized by the Jezebel spirit. To make sure we are clear, we are not speaking here of entry points. We will speak about that in the next session. Here we are speaking about some of the common tentacles of the spirit of Jezebel that often need to be addressed. To be sure, these are not the only issues that arise from the spirit of Jezebel; however, these are some of the most common ones. To make it clear, our objective in doing this is to let you know if you need to go free from the spirit of Jezebel and her company of demons. If you are eating or have ever eaten at one of these nine tables of Jezebel in the past, or your past generations have done so, then you almost certainly will need to go free from Jezebel and the specific entities from which you participated.
- g) Let’s now delve into the nine areas in which Jezebel commonly manifests.

3. One of the most common areas in which the spirit of Jezebel has had a grip upon believers is the area of sexual sin.
- a) As we suggested in the last session, the great harlot of Revelation 17-18 is a counterfeit of the true bride. As such, the harlot’s goal is to keep the bride from arising in fullness. One of the major ploys of the spirit behind the harlot—the queen of heaven and Jezebel—is to seduce God’s people into sexual sin. Even before they come to the Lord, she will set her sights on young men and women to seduce them into sexual issues—all with the objective of seducing them away from the Lord and His fullness. It is said of the harlot that those who dwell on the earth are drunk with the wine of her immorality (Rev. 17:2).
 - b) We see also that the Jezebel of the northern kingdom used her sensual appeal to seduce people into her snare. As a priestess of the Asherah, she was most definitely a sexually immoral woman participating and leading the people of Israel into sexual immorality and perversion. One example that stands out is her attempt to seduce King Jehu. When Jehu came to kill her, it is written that she “painted her eyes and adorned her head” (2 Kings 9:30). In other words, she attempted to seduce Jehu with sexual pleasures so as to keep her position as queen.
 - c) As we note in Isaiah 47, the chapter which describes the queen of heaven most clearly in the scriptures, it is written of the queen of heaven that she is a “sensual one” (Isa. 47:8).
 - d) Moving next to the New Testament, Jesus said of the woman Jezebel that she “teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit acts of immorality” and that she “does not want to repent of her immorality” (Rev. 2:20).
 - e) From all of this, we can understand with clarity that one of the major tools of the queen of heaven to seduce people away from full allegiance to the Lord is sensuality and sexual immorality and perversion. Thus, those who have participated in sexual sin or are descendants of those who have are most likely demonized by the spirit of Jezebel and by her subordinate demons of a sexual nature.
 - f) The following list highlights several common demons in the arena of sexual immorality and perversion from which deliverance is needed.

<i>Common demons of sexual impurity include spirits of:</i>		
• Fornication	• Homosexuality	• Incest
• Adultery	• Lesbianism	• Prostitution
• Lust	• Pornography	• Masturbation
• Fantasy lust	• Rape	• Sensuality
• Incest	• Frigidity	• Perversion (perverted sexual practices within marriage relationship)

4. Another common manifestation of the spirit of Jezebel is in the area of partying and the drinking of alcohol and drug use.

- a) As illustrated in the many examples of pagan goddess worship that were shared in the last session, you quickly note that drunkenness, drug use, and lascivious behavior were very common practices where the queen of heaven was venerated. To make sure we are clear, lasciviousness is defined in Strong’s Concordance as used in the New Testament to mean unbridled lust, excess, wantonness, outrageousness, shamelessness, and insolence.^v
- b) We might call these types of practices today as “partying”. This module is not intended to be a full discussion of alcohol and drug use; however, we will say this. There is no form of illegal drug use that is permitted by the scriptures. Some have said that marijuana is acceptable. We say an adamant no to that. Marijuana is most definitely part of the list that will lead one to be demonized.
- c) About alcohol, this is not intended to be a full explanation of our view on that issue other than to say that strong drink, which would include any form of liquor, is prohibited by the scriptures and leads to demonization. Wine and beer are not addressed as directly in the scriptures but in our culture, both are most definitely abused and involved heavily in our partying culture.
- d) I will share one humorous example of deliverance from the spirit of lasciviousness. We were ministering to a woman who attended our church at the time. I heard from the Lord the word *lasciviousness*. I didn’t know what the word meant at the time. I said out loud for the team and the person receiving deliverance that I did not know what it meant. The demon of lasciviousness immediately spoke through the woman and said, “You can’t cast me out because you don’t know what the word means”. I said to the demon, “yes we can, come out”, and it did.
- e) Back to the point, in our culture today, it is crucial that we be a people above reproach when it comes to alcohol, drugs and a partying attitude. God wants us to get our pleasure from our relationship with Him, not from the godless culture in which we live. Therefore, it is crucial that we go free from the demonization associated with these spirits so as to go free from Jezebel.
- f) Involvement in a lascivious environment will at a minimum lead you to worship at the altar of the queen of heaven and quite possibly to be demonized by Jezebel and these subordinate entities.
- g) The following list highlights several common demons in the arena of alcohol, drug use, and lasciviousness.

<i>Common demons of alcohol and drug use include spirits of:</i>		
• Alcohol	• Lasciviousness	• Nicotine
• Drugs	• Addiction	• Coarse language

5. A third common area of demonization by Jezebel is witchcraft, the occult, false religion, and the doctrine of demons preached in major sectors of the church.
- a) Isaiah 47, the chapter that focuses on the queen of heaven, records sayings like “in spite of your many sorceries”, “in spite of the great power of your spells”, “stand fast now in your spells and in your many sorceries”, and “let now the astrologers those who prophesy by the stars, those who predict by the new moons stand up and save you from what will come upon you”.
 - b) On the topic of the queen of heaven, our spiritual mentor would always refer to the queen as the “mother goddess of witchcraft”, and that she is. This spirit is the world ruler over all forms of witchcraft. This spirit is also over all false religions.
 - c) In the area of false religion, Islam is deeply influenced by the queen of heaven. Every day, five times a day, Muslims across the world face their holy site of Mecca and pray. As they do so, they face a building called the Ka’aba. The Ka'aba is a mosque and on one corner of this building, is a cornerstone known as the Black Stone. Its history is shrouded in mystery and there is much speculation over what the stone might be. Many Muslims believe the stone is in fact a meteorite possessing supernatural powers.^{vi} John of Damascus wrote in the 730’s a.d. “This which they call ‘stone,’ is the head of Aphrodite... whom they call Chabar [Kabar].^{vii} As you know, Aphrodite was a goddess behind which was the queen of heaven. Thus, those who practice Islam are influenced by Jezebel. We won’t take the time to explore every false religion other than to say that virtually all of the world’s false religions are driven by the queen of heaven and her tentacles of witchcraft.
 - d) Likewise, cults are also part of the spirit of Jezebel’s wide reach. Groups like Jehovah Witnesses, Mormons, Scientology, and Freemasonry all lead to demonization by Jezebel and her subsidiaries.
 - e) The queen of heaven is also the lead spirit over overt witchcraft. Many Americans don’t believe witchcraft is real only imaginary. Walt Disney in his movies made overt witchcraft cute and acceptable, Harry Potter has introduced it to children too. While the west treats it lightly, in Africa where we minister a lot, witchcraft is very real. Villagers go to the witchdoctors to curse others and to attempt to prosper and get their way in a variety of issues. Witchcraft is very real today and the spirit behind it is the queen of heaven.
 - f) There is also much witchcraft practiced in the church today. In much of Africa, believers mix Christianity and their villages traditions which often include going to the witchdoctor for a little added help. Even in the western church, people practice a form of witchcraft through the spirits of control, manipulation, and rebellion to authority figures in their lives. We will address these issues in a moment when we examine the spirits of control and manipulation.
 - g) Sadly, major sectors of the global church are also influenced by the queen of heaven as much as by Christ Himself. The queen feels “secure in your wickedness and said, ‘No one sees me’” (Isa. 47:10). That is certainly the case in the global church. Many in the Catholic Church venerate Mary who they call the queen of heaven. We will say more about this in the next session as we discuss entry points, so we won’t discuss it here other than to say

that the majority of people baptized into Catholicism are demonized by Jezebel and her subsidiaries. But the wide reach of Jezebel touches much of the evangelical church too! The entire hyper-grace movement condones and even permits much of the behavior of the spirit of Jezebel under the banner of God’s grace. What is referred to as charismatic witchcraft is also practiced by many well-intentioned believers who pray for their will rather than God’s. By so doing, they often pray against what God wants to do through their pastor and church leadership. Therefore, as believers we must aggressively go free from the spirit of Jezebel, the queen who is the mother goddess of witchcraft, and all false religions and all elements of witchcraft.

- h) Isaiah 47 also identifies some of what we think of as innocent or fun activities as part of the queen’s witchcraft. Things like horoscopes, astrology, Ouija boards, fortune telling, and tarot cards are all part of the Jezebel’s wide net of witchcraft.
- i) Our experience has been that people who have been part of a cult, the occult, a false religion, certain elements of the traditional church or have participated in the seemingly innocent activities of consulting a horoscope, a fortune teller, or a Ouija board have become demonized by witchcraft spirits and need to go free.
- j) The following lists areas of demonization that result from involvement either past or present in false religion, cult activity, the occult or witchcraft.

<i>Common demons of involvement in false religion, occult, witchcraft or cult activity include spirits of:</i>		
• Sorcery	• Fortune Telling	• Blood pacts
• Witchcraft	• Tarot cards	• Astrology
• Spirit Guide	• False religion	• Religious spirit

6. A fourth common way that Jezebel demonizes individuals is through spiritual pride.

- a) The queen of heaven says “I am and there is no one besides me “(Isa. 47:8). Jezebel at Thyatira “calls herself a prophetess, she “teaches and leads my bondservants astray”, and as Revelation 18:7 tells us “she glorified herself”. One trait of the spirit of Jezebel that regularly manifests in believers is spiritual pride.
- b) Often people who are demonized in this way will be gifted spiritually. They will be talented musicians, teachers, or a very common trait among those with Jezebel’s pride is to be strong in prophetic gifting. Even so, their motivation is not as much to help advance the kingdom but to be exalted in the body of Christ. They often want a position or title or a visible ministry. Whereas the majority of the time, the Lord wants people to join in the prayer ministry or help with the children, they want to be in charge of something visible that brings attention to their gifting.
- c) As a pastor for over 25 years, I have learned to spot Jezebel’s pride quickly. Very often when a new person with spiritual pride will begin to attend our church, from the first Sunday they

are with us, they will come to me right after the service and begin to preach to me. They may compliment me first, but then they begin to correct me with the way they would have done it, or they tell me what they have done in the past. Another thing that happens a lot is that someone comes to one of our services and immediately gives me a ministry card. When someone comes into our church with a ministry card, my antenna arises immediately. Almost always a person with a card to hand out has a spirit of Jezebel.

- d) Another way Jezebel's pride manifests is through hyper spirituality. Over the years of pastoring, I have seen a lot of people who are hyper spiritual. They are always doing some form of ministry or doing something spiritual so as to be seen. Some common ways we have seen hyper spirituality manifest is through attention grabbing actions during worship and through soulful prophetic words—always having one and many times giving them secretly as we call parking lot prophecies in a manner that cannot be judged or monitored by those in leadership.
- e) I will share a few examples to illustrate. A few years ago, we had a man who used to attend our church. He would prophesy almost every week to the entire church. The words were not necessarily wrong but they contained a mixture of soul and spirit. They also had a critical, judgmental tone to them. It became clear to our leadership that the motivation was spiritual pride and a desire for a position in the church. We tried to help him and even offered deliverance but he eventually left the church.
- f) In other situations, we have had people who start to run around the church during worship. The anointing would rise and their response was to take a few laps around the chairs. I remember one Sunday I was on the front row worshipping with my eyes closed. I felt a wind blow on my face. I wondered is this an angel but quickly I realized it was a lady who occasionally visited who was running around the church. The next time around I told her we were not doing that today. She did not realize it, but she needed deliverance from Jezebel.
- g) There was another situation in which a lady who attended our church wanted to dance with banners during worship. We are not against dancing with banners. When done appropriately, it can be a beautiful demonstration of worship. However, she had to do it immediately in the front of the stage. It became a distraction to others in their worship. We asked her to move to the back and she eventually got offended and left the church.
- h) I could give example after example as this is a very common practice in a small charismatic church. People with spiritual pride are drawn to places like this because they see small spirit filled congregations as an opportunity to finally get their place of ministry; however, the root issue is spiritual pride and the need to get free from Jezebel.

7. A fifth common way that Jezebel demonizes individuals is in the areas of control and manipulation.

- a) In 1 Kings 21:7, Jezebel told Ahab "I will give you the vineyard of Naboth". The story is an interesting one that demonstrates Jezebel's desire to have her way and to control the situation so as to get her way by any means possible. In this case, Jezebel used intimidation,

slander, and murder to get her way. Although the methods may be different, a tendency or desire to control is another prevalent trait of Jezebel.

- b) She desires to control children, a spouse, the pastor, and the church. She wants to be the one in charge. She thinks she knows more and would be a better leader than the pastor or leaders. She uses many ploys to control—flattery, intimidation, temper, slander, accusation, spirituality, spiritual gifts, prophetic words, sexuality and sensuality. In whatever ways it manifests, her desire is to control others beyond here God given authority. It is control for the purpose of dominating another to get one's way.
- c) As this spirit manifests in the church, the spirit of Jezebel looks for positions of authority, not positions of service. She wants places where she can be seen by men as being in charge. She wants a title. This spirit cannot stand to be in the shadow of others. It likes attention and a place of control.
- d) To illustrate, I will share an example of when we first began to learn about Jezebel. Shortly after starting our church, we were really enamored with the prophetic. I did not really move in the prophetic gifting that strongly so I wanted someone to come along side of my wife and I who could minister strongly in the prophetic. A lady started to attend our church. We thought of her as a prophet who was accurate in personal prophecy. She began to attend our church but she also had her own prophetic ministry doing prophetic prayer over people in her home. After a year of two of her being at our church, the Lord began to speak to me not to tolerate the woman Jezebel. We did not know much about Jezebel at the time, but we certainly learned a hard but valuable lesson with this lady. While being a part of our church, she began to draw people to her home prophetic ministry. Several key people in our church began to join her ministry. Many others in the church were drawn to her through her prophetic ministry. At the same time she was drawing many in our fellowship to herself, she was also confronting me on issues on a regular basis. It reached a point that I got a phone call from her almost every Monday morning with her telling me things she didn't like that had happened the day before. There is much more I could say about our relationship with her but space will not permit. However, the motivation of Jezebel within her was to control me and the entire church. She thought she knew more than I did (and at that point she probably did) and she thought she should be in charge. She used the prophetic gifting to manipulate others and she used both manipulation and intimidation to control me. While she was a member of our church, we sensed it was time to select elders to oversee the church. When we picked elders, we did not select her to be an elder. At that point, she became offended and left the church. Through her judgmental words and criticism she seduced a large number of people to leave the church with her. It was as though the Lord removed everyone from our midst who honored her more than the existing leadership. We lost about two-thirds of our congregation through this experience. Although very costly, I learned a lot about Jezebel through my relationship with her. I saw first hand how Jezebel uses manipulation, the prophetic, intimidation, accusation, criticism, and flattery in an attempt to control.
- e) Another form of control that Jezebel uses is manipulation. Isaiah 47 ends with the statement "you shall no longer be called tender and delicate". Jezebel uses flattery,

sweetness, encouragement, even the prophetic word to manipulate the ones she is attempting to control. At times Jezebel will use her sexual power to manipulate by using it as a tool to get her way.

- f) We have seen manipulation by the spirit of Jezebel operate in marriages on many occasions. One example comes to mind. When we first started our church, we had several single men in leadership. In numerous instances, when they married, their wives manipulated them to leave the church. To be clear, we in no way want to control people to stay if they are being called somewhere else. Even so, as a ministry empowered by the spirit and power of Elijah, Jezebel wants to flee from us. These new wives enticed their husbands to leave. The sad thing is that with only a few exceptions those families are going nowhere in God. They have good jobs and children, but they forsook their ministry calling. Thus it is with the spirit of manipulation.
- g) The following are some common spirits connected with Jezebel’s pride, control and manipulation.

<i>Common demons related to spiritual pride, control, and manipulation include spirits of:</i>		
• Pride	• Control	• Selfishness
• Perfectionism	• Manipulation	• Argumentativeness
• Arrogance	• Hyper spirituality	• Rebellion
• Flattery	• Soulless prophecies	• Independence

8. A sixth common way Jezebel demonizes a person is through the spirit of independence.

- a) Jezebel means non-cohabited or un-husbanded.^{viii} Jezebel is fiercely independent and will not cohabit with anyone. As such, this spirit often manifests as an independent spirit. The independent spirit will lead people to keep separate from the group.
- b) In some instances, those with an independent spirit cannot be depended upon by the group to be regular in attendance. If they are part of a prayer group, they will be inconsistent in attendance. Instead, they will always do their own thing and put their personal interests about the needs of the group. The same with church attendance. They will put their own personal interests above the needs of the body of Christ.
- c) Another way this spirit will manifest is that it will lead people to separate from the group. Whether it pertains to dining with family and friends, fellowshiping before or after the Sunday service, or just talking to people, this spirit will lead people to live their life separate from those they should be connected to in relationship.
- d) I will share another example to illustrate. Shortly after beginning our church, a group of ladies—prophetic intercessors—visited our church. I remember asking them one Sunday where they had attended church. Their response was that they were members of the

church of the city. In other words, they just floated around from one place to another giving their input and moving on.

- e) We have seen a lot of this over the years of being a church. People with an independent spirit would attend our church for a season especially when the Spirit was moving in power. However, as soon as the Spirit began to confront issues in our midst so as to mature us, they left to the next place where the Spirit was moving in power. The problem was that by doing that, they never matured.

9. A seventh common way the spirit of Jezebel demonizes a person is through criticism, judgment, accusation, and intimidation.

- a) In 1 Kings 21, Jezebel used false accusation and slander to seize Naboth's vineyard. She had told Ahab that she would get the vineyard for him. She did so by falsely accusing Naboth, getting some worthless men to lie about him, then have him killed so that she could steal Naboth's inheritance.
- b) The spirit of Jezebel when demonizing a person will lead them to be judgmental and critical and in some cases accuse and slander others especially those in God ordained authority over them to achieve their personal objectives. Whereas Jezebel often leads people to attempt to control and manipulate to see their desires fulfilled, the spirit will also use intimidation, criticism, and judgment to accomplish their goals.
- c) The spirit will regularly lead people to be critical of church leadership. Just like Jezebel came after Elijah leading him into depression, she has on many occasions come after me with the same result. Going back to my illustration about the lady who left our church taking so many with her, after she left with her group, she and the group began to pray soulish prayers about me with some criticism and judgment added in for good measure. I remember one morning the day after their weekly meeting, I was so depressed I could not get out of bed. I laid in bed in the fetal position until my wife and a few of our intercessors broke off the criticism and judgment. The warfare from their criticism went on for several months. My wife and I would pray that they would take up another prayer project and leave us alone. Finally, we met with this lady and took communion together and the warfare associated with the criticism and judgment left.

10. An eighth common way the spirit of Jezebel demonizes a person is through the emasculation of men and the domination of women and children.

- a) As we noted in the last session, the emasculation of men was a major part of ancient goddess worship. Men would dress as women and some even castrated themselves in veneration of the queen of heaven. Of course, the same is happening today in our culture. The homosexual movement is growing rapidly and being promoted by our government, entertainment industry, and media. Even beyond that men are emasculating themselves as transgenders and all forms of gender perversion. It has gotten to the point that state governments are having to make laws related to the proper bathrooms to use. These are all aspects of the queen of heaven in our culture.

b) Christians are not exempt from Jezebel's attack on men. Entire denominations are accepting her emasculation by ordaining homosexual men and tolerating same sex marriage. But there are other ways, Jezebel emasculates men and dominates women in the lives of believers.

c) Note the following quote about how Jezebel hates men,

Jezebel hates men and majors in destroying them. She cannot have a true Godly relationship with men; because her desire is to strip them of all their perceived power and then destroy them, to emasculate them emotionally and spiritually. Jezebels revile (despise and show no respect for) authority over her. Building on "dislike of authority" (especially of men since they are frequently the authority figure) coupled with rebellion, she hates anyone placed in authority over her (particularly men), and seeks to destroy them and take their power. Jezebel sees herself as the "goddess on the pedestal" Jezebel is extremely power-hungry, respecting only power stronger than her own. She disdains or considers herself superior to anyone she perceives as having no power, or power less than hers. She works through her conquest to attain power over others.^{ix}

d) In many marriages, the spirit of Jezebel will work through the wife to emasculate the husband. It has been often stated that it takes an Ahab to produce a Jezebel. In some cases, this is true; however, more often the spirit of Jezebel working through the wife will produce an Ahab type of husband.

e) Over my years of pastoring, I have seen the following example many times. A married couple will come to our church. The woman will be strong spiritually and of strong will too. Almost to the case when a wife is like this, her husband will be a nice man, often successful in business and a great provider and father, but just as often spiritually weak. He will almost never be the spiritual leader of the home. Initially, I have thought that this man needs to grow up spiritually and become the spiritual head of the home. However, over the years of ministry I began to notice another similarity. Also, almost to the person, the wife in marriages like this is strongly controlled by the spirit of Jezebel. It is this spirit working through her that has spiritually emasculated her husband. Once she goes free, then the husband often begins to mature.

f) Another way we have seen Jezebel manifest in families is when the wife/mother becomes the matriarch of the family. In cases like this, the mother leads the family. She is the dominate spiritual leader. She is the dominant disciplinarian. She is the one who makes all of the decisions about the children. She many times will be a very strict disciplinarian of the children too. When this happens, both the husband and the children withdraw. Better to live in the corner of a roof than with a nagging wife as the proverb states. When this happens, the husband is emasculated as we said and the children wait until the moment arrives that they can leave. Off they go at about age 18. When this is the case in a marriage, the wife almost always is controlled by the spirit of Jezebel.

g) A final illustration relates to husbands and this spirit. When men are deeply demonized by the spirit of Jezebel, often the wife will withdraw becoming what is sometimes referred to

as a doormat. In cases like this, the husband controls everything. Every penny spent, all decisions, the decision making for the children—all dominated by him. As this happens, the wife shrinks back into the shadows becoming less and less confident in who she is in Christ. When this is the scenario, almost always the husband is controlled by the spirit of Jezebel

11. A ninth common way that Jezebel manifests is through a spirit of rejection.

- a) Rejection is both a major way Jezebel manifests, it is also one of the primary ways Jezebel receives legal access to demonize a person. We will address this issue as we discuss entry points in the next session, but here we will say that Jezebel manifests in believers through rejection. For whatever reason people have been rejected (and there are many), rejection manifests in anger, fear, pride, unworthiness, control, manipulation, criticism, judgment, abandonment, and spirits like these. In fact, rejection is a primary reason for a lot of the previous ways we identified as to how Jezebel manifests.
- b) So, below are some of the different spirits that relate to rejection, control, manipulation, etc.

<i>Common demons related to rejection, domination of men and women, criticism and judgment</i>		
• Critical spirit	• Grumbling	• Anxiety
• Judgmentalism	• Complaining	• Worry
• Anger	• Fear	• Depression
• Rage	• Paranoia	• Hopelessness
• Insecurity	• Inferiority	• Despair
• Inadequacy	• Abandonment	

12. To fully come forth as Christ’s bride made ready we must aggressively pursue coming out of all agreement with the spirit of Jezebel including the nine areas of manipulation previously mentioned.

- a) Jesus told the church at Thyatira that He had against them the issue that they were tolerating the woman (or spirit of) Jezebel. We should note that the dictionary defines tolerate as to allow the existence, occurrence, or practice of (something that one does not necessarily like or agree with) without interference.^x We can tolerate something by continuing to participate in it or we can tolerate it by not taking action against it. In the case of the spirit of Jezebel, we must not tolerate this spirit either by continuing in her ways or by not going free from the demonic spirit that may be present through any variety of the ways the spirit appears.
- b) John wrote about the harlot, “Come out of her, my people, that you may not participate in her sins and that you may not receive of her plagues” (Rev. 18:4). In His message to Thyatira, He calls her works “the deep things of Satan” (Rev. 2:24). Thus, we know that aggressively separating from all tentacles of Jezebel is a very serious issue and certainly not

something we should take lightly. Let us all commit today to go completely free of her snare.

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