

Elijah Vs. Jezebel

Dutch Sheets Teaching

Part 1

I. The Spirit of Elijah is coming - Malachi 4:5-6, Luke 1:16-17

- A.** John the Baptist – partial fulfillment of Malachi 4
- B.** Future fulfillment – Spirit of Elijah will come to prepare the way of the Lord before Jesus comes back.

This anointing is going to do 3 things:

- 1.** Turn the hearts of the fathers to the children
- 2.** Turn the disobedient to righteousness
- 3.** Make ready a people for the Lord

II. The Spirit and power of Elijah

- A.** Prophetic – announces and declares the word of the Lord. Tuning in to what the Spirit of God is saying, and speaking for God. Decrees the need for change!
Revelation 2:23
- B.** Restorative anointing – Elijah's ministry to restore Israel's place back to God, and to restore the bride of Christ before His return.
- C.** Forerunner anointing – Prepare ye the way of the Lord.
- D.** Generational – Blesses the next generation. Supernatural healing of a fatherless generation

III. Spirit of Jezebel

- A. War for the next generation.** Why? To stop what God wants to do! Never in history has there ever been a revival that is carried on to the next generation!
In Rev. 2:23, God told Jezebel if she did not repent, her children would die. If you don't deal with that spirit and you tolerate it in a culture, the children will also die. The Jezebel spirit rules abortions, and can be seen in scripture with human sacrifice.
Naboth – 1 Kings 21 - Naboth was a righteous man, whom Ahab tried to purchase land from. Leviticus 25:23 – about restoration. Never supposed to sell the land assigned to you. The Jezebel spirit wants to steal our seed; our inheritance! This spirit gravitates towards the young Christians, or the weary or wounded believers. And she wants to be in control! She will do whatever she has to do to regain control or demolish biblical authority.

B. Tactics. What does the Jezebel Spirit want to do to you and me to keep us from succeeding?

1. Messenger – Jezebel's messenger told Elijah, "I'm going to kill you by this time tomorrow." Elijah's mistake was taking too much time to think about the message and he received it. He gave too much attention to it, contemplated and considered it. The devil will never defeat the church through brute force. It will always be through deception. You must recognize this spirit quickly, and come against it. These are thoughts in your mind being sent from a demonic messenger.

2. Fear sets in – Elijah ran because of the fear. When the Jezebel spirit comes, everything may have been good in your life, and all of a sudden you feel fearful that something bad is going to happen. Or when confrontation comes, you want to run away.

3. Discouragement – You may start having an oppressive or “blue” day and not know why. The devil will plant thoughts in your mind to bring discouragement.

4. Overwhelmed – With Jezebel's influence, hopelessness may begin to set in. Elijah asked God to let him die so that Jezebel would not get to him. One week you are quoting, "I am more than a conqueror", and suddenly you find yourself so hopeless you wish you would die.

5. Self-Pity - you may begin to feel sorry for yourself.

6. Isolation – Elijah was running from Jezebel, and he left his servant behind and was completely alone. This spirit will cause you to feel like you don't fit in anywhere and you feel alone.

7. Deception - Even though Elijah had experienced amazing manifestations of God's power- mountain top experience, with thunder, fire, wind, God's voice speaking directly to him- but he found himself feeling hopeless and alone. God comes to Elijah and says "What's going on? I did all these awesome things and you're out here hiding....". Elijah is so beat down, filled with self pity, and he says "I'm the only prophet left." That's how strong this spirit is. Elijah needed the Lord and Angels to help get this spirit off of him.

PART 2

The Methods of Jezebel

1 Kings 19:1-2 ¹ And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword. ² Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So let the gods do *to me*, and more also, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time."

Revelation 2:18 – Jesus said you are good people, but you tolerate Jezebel....

I. Jezebel Desires

Influence and Control - The name Jezebel means "without co-habitation." This spirit will only live with someone if this spirit can control others. It is a high level principality that rules entire regions, not just a demon.

- A. Manipulation
- B. Intimidation
- C. Domination

Manipulation – to deal with mentally, to cause by clever maneuvering to act as one wishes; to manage or control by shrewd use of influence, especially in an unfair or fraudulent way. Bitterness and resentment, jealousy and insecurities in a person resulting from past wounds and hurts often opens the door for Jezebel to gain control in a person.

II. The Spirit of Jezebel's Methods:

A. Seduction

1. Sex, inappropriate movements or conversations
2. Pornography – can be seen in T.V., Fashion, music, movies
3. Intimacy – friendships: getting close for the purpose of manipulating to gain control. Samson and Delilah.... Be very careful when someone tries to get close to you and pays a lot of compliments.

B. Emotions – tries to control you with their emotions, tries to manipulate you through emotions. Example: eventually, through discernment, you will be able to tell if crying is really from true pain and sorrow, or if it is a manipulative tear.

1. Self-Pitty – whining, crying or pouting (Delilah).
2. Anger - throws a fit when this spirit doesn't get its way.

C. Deception – tries to manipulate and conquer by using religion.

1. Prophecy – false or accurate. This spirit controls the church through prophecy, and sometimes, the prophecy can be accurate, but coming from an impure source. Other times the words given are confusing or give you a “check” in your spirit.

2. Super Spirituality - They take things that are not spiritual and make them spiritual, drawing attention to themselves to look more holy, or more spiritual.

3. Religiosity – Jezebel spirit can appear very spiritual. She partners with a religious spirit, so it can fool the people and gain their trust.

4. Intersession – someone with a true heart to pray for others can be tainted by hurts and wrongs from the past because the Jezebel spirit tries to interfere and control the person and use them to hurt the church after it has gained influence over the people.

5. False Teaching – false doctrine, bad practices. The devil knows the Bible....

D. Flattery – tries to conquer by joining or courting.

E. Disunity – tries to conquer by separating and causing dissension. Jezebel tries to get people to take sides. Church splits usually involve Jezebel. Jezebel manipulates by starting rumors, conspiracies, innuendos, lies, or offenses. Korah, in Numbers 16, rebelled against Moses. Absalom in 2 Samuel 15 rebelled against David and sat at the gate to turn the hearts of the people away from David's authority. Miriam in Numbers chapter 12 rebelled against Moses. These were all influenced by the spirit of Jezebel.

F. Intimidation – tries to conquer by fear.

G. Murder – tries to manipulate by death or destruction. The Jezebel Spirit has no problem taking a life. The spirit of abortion is linked to Jezebel.

PART 3

How to Guard against the Spirit of Jezebel

How do I combat the methods of Jezebel?

- 1. Seduction** – combat this with purity, and do not compromise. Use discernment!!!

- 2. Emotions** – combat this by refusing to move in a soulish sympathy, but rather, walk in the true agape love, the love of God. Do not meet them at an emotional level. Do not let them get under your skin.

- 3. Deception** – combat this with the TRUTH! God's word and discernment!

- 4. Flattery** – combat this with humility. Do not give in to pride, and keep your ego in check!

- 5. Disunity** –
 - A.** Combat this with walking in agape love
 - B.** Never partner with the accuser of the brethren. As soon as anyone comes to you and tries to plant a seed of doubt in your mind about another church member, especially the pastor or leaders, you need to go on red alert immediately!!!

This spirit will say, "I need to talk to you. I've been praying about this, and I need to talk to you and need you to pray about it. And I need you to promise you won't talk to anyone else about it..." RED FLAG!!! This is opposite of scripture. There is no way to mediate and fix the problem if you cannot disclose who said what and who is upset.
 - C.** Use a proper regard for authority. America has a poor attitude toward authority. We question everyone and everything. There is a Biblical way to question authority, and it is never by talking about people behind their backs. You must go to them. No Gossip!!!

- 6. Intimidation** – Combat this by trusting in the Lord! Fear God more than man! If they threaten to leave the church, let them leave! If they accuse you or threaten you, trust in God's word!

- 7. Murder** – laying down our reputation. Let go of needing people to accept you! Either defend yourself, or lay your reputation down and let the Lord take care of it. Don't worry about the lies. The Lord will vindicate you. You just have to trust that the Lord will bring justice! Choose NOT to be controlled and manipulated by the Jezebel spirit, no matter what the cost is to your reputation!