

# *The Spirit of Jezebel*

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Revelation 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

- I. This message is not an attack on women, but it is a message for women, and for men who are responsible for allowing women like Jezebel to be in control.
  - A. The traits of Jezebel all speak of pride, rebellion, and selfishness.
  - B. These things are ugly and abominable in anyone, man or woman.
  - C. When these same traits are exhibited by a man it is now popularly called “toxic masculinity.”
  - D. But when these traits are exhibited in a female they are generally praised and applauded by the world.
  - E. But this worldly attitude and acceptance of what is abomination to God is pretty much permeating the churches now.
  - F. I believe that the seven churches represented in the first three chapters of Revelation are more to do with the major spiritual problems that affect churches through all the ages.
    - 1. And not so much different times of the church age.
    - 2. Jezebel has always been a problem in every age and every generation.
  - G. But when Jezebel is allowed to take over the churches it is going to bring the judgment of God down.

Revelation 2:21-23 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

- H. So since the Bible has a lot to say about men who are false prophets, and have eyes full of adultery, and who lead sill women captive, I think it is necessary once in a while to address the same problem in the women.
  - 1. And I don't think any woman who loves God will be offended by the things that I am going to say.
- II. Jezebel was a proper noun, but has become a sort of adjective that describes any woman who has the same traits as the wicked wife of Ahab, the king of Israel.
  - A. I got a surprise when I started studying her name and what it meant.
    - 1. Several Bible dictionaries say the name means “chaste,” or “unhusbanded,” which was just the opposite of her true character.
  - B. Although her name described her one way, her character and personality said the very opposite.
    - 1. Just as God has adorned a woman with softness and delicateness in her face, her voice, her hands, her whole body, as well as her emotions, God's enemy would take it all away from her in exchange for the illusion that she is equal to a man.
  - C. So it is a spirit that comes from Satan to the mind and heart of every woman who models herself in the image of this most evil woman named Jezebel.

1. She is deceived in her mind and her heart is full of pride and bitterness and rebellion against God's divine order itself.
2. She wants to be what a man is, and God did not design any part of her for that.
3. It is amazing that "toxic femininity" measures the worth of a woman by how much she is like a man.
4. The same traits that are abhorred by them in a man are applauded and admired in a woman. (strength, authority, leadership, etc.)

D. Webster defines the word "Jezebel" like this:

JEZ'EBEL, n. An impudent, daring, vitious woman.

IM'PUDENT, a. *L. impudens*. Shameless; wanting modesty; bold with contempt of others; saucy.

DA'RING, ppr.

1. Having courage sufficient for a purpose; challenging; defying.
2. a. Bold; courageous; intrepid; fearless; adventurous; brave; stout.
3. Audacious; impudently bold and defying; as in heaven-daring, defying Almighty power.

VI'CIIOUS, a. [OF. *vicious*, F. *vicieux*, fr. L. *vitiosus*, fr. *vitium* vice. See [Vice](#) a fault.]

1. Characterized by vice or defects; defective; faulty; imperfect.
2. Addicted to vice; corrupt in principles or conduct; depraved; wicked; as, *vicious* children; *vicious* examples; *vicious* conduct.
3. Wanting purity; foul; bad; noxious; as, *vicious* air, water, etc. *Dryden*.
4. Not correct or pure; corrupt; as, *vicious* language; *vicious* idioms.
5. Not well tamed or broken; given to bad tricks; unruly; refractory; as, a *vicious* horse.
6. Bitter; spiteful; malignant. [*Colloq.*]

E. Inspiring quotes by feminists:

"Throw me to the wolves and I'll come back leading the pack."

"You are a goddess! Own it!"

"Gender equality will only be reached if we are able to empower women."

"This girl doesn't need any saving. She can save herself."

"A strong woman is a heat-resistant and storm-bracing calibre. There is nothing she cannot handle."

"She was a wild one, always stomping on eggshells that everyone else tip-toed on."

F. Feminism, like every other creed or movement, talks a lot about community; being part of this most noble and just cause; it is marketed as an identity that you should desire.

"Behind every successful woman is a tribe of other successful women who have her back."

"Each time a woman stands up for herself, she stands up for all women."

"Be a woman who supports other women. Compliment each other, give words of encouragement, empower each other."

G. Empower:

EMPOWER, v.t. *from en or in and power.*

1. To give legal or moral power or authority to; to authorize, either by law, commission, letter of attorney, natural right, or by verbal license.
2. To give physical power or force; to enable.

H. Why would a woman, or anyone else, be so set on being “empowered?”

I. What is this lust for power about?

J. It is about subduing others and exalting self.

K. Isn't this the very basic element of sin?

L. It is to exalt self, subdue others, and to be able to have your own way in all things.

M. And why is that these modern women who talk about being empowered think that taking off their clothes empowers them?

1. Is that the only thing they have going for them that they can use to control men?
2. Are they so undesirable in their personality, character, intelligence, and attitude that taking off their clothes is the only way they can get noticed?

III. So the Lord's rebuke of this church was that they had allowed this kind of woman to teach, and seduce, and teach his servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

A. She called herself a prophetess, and they are everywhere right now, in all the churches, and they claim to be called of God to usurp authority, to teach, and be that “empowered” woman that Jesus called “Jezebel.”

B. The Lord does not handle words lightly or carelessly; when He said Jezebel He meant to say just exactly what the word means, so let's review the definition of this word Jezebel again:

1. She is shameless, immodest, full of contempt for others, bold, and saucy.
2. She is daring, challenging, and defying, challenging; defying, bold; courageous; fearless; adventurous; brave, and stout.
3. Audacious; impudently bold and defying; as in heaven-daring, defying Almighty power. – in other words, she is a rebel against God and order of any kind except what she prescribes.

C. She is characterized by vice; addicted to vice; corrupt in principles or conduct; depraved; wicked.

D. She is wanting in purity; she is bitter; spiteful, and malignant.

E. And while she is all of this, most people count her as wonderful, noble, and admirable.

F. Those who speak anything against her are immediately condemned publicly and regarded as “toxic” people who have no right to speak.

IV. All these traits of a Jezebel are the manifestation of pride.

A. Pride is manifested differently in a man, and it is always abhorred by other men, and women who are in their right mind.

B. Pride is manifested in a woman by the spirit of Jezebel, and shows itself in all these evil ways.

C. Pride is something Almighty God hates in all creatures, and in men AND women.

V. Strength is manifested in different ways between men and women.

A. A man does not have a woman's strength, and neither does a woman have a man's strength.

B. This is by the design of God, and it is the basic principle of life that the devil has been chiseling away at for 6000 years.

- C. We can see it now in the transgender mess of this generation; it is the result of godless feminism, which is a device of the devil to destroy God's creation, even if he has to do it one person at a time.
- D. It must not be allowed in the church.
  1. The fact that they "suffered" this spirit of Jezebel in the church, they put up with it, was what the Lord was rebuking them for.
  2. That they were putting up with it was the reason for the promised judgment if it continued.
  3. The reason being that it is very basically an attack on God's authority and God's truth, and if left to work its way would destroy the church.

## VI. God did not make women to be like Jezebel.

1 Peter 3:1-6 Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price. For after this manner in the old time the holy women also, who trusted in God, adorned themselves, being in subjection unto their own husbands: Even as Sara obeyed Abraham, calling him lord: whose daughters ye are, as long as ye do well, and are not afraid with any amazement.

- A. God did not make woman "a little lower than man," but God made her with profound differences from a man in every aspect of her being.
  1. In many ways she is superior to a man, and in many ways man is superior to her.
  2. Both together make the image of God, and that is why God pronounced in "very good" after he looked on the man and woman together.
  3. Only the devil, who hates God, or someone who has a mind like the devil, would want to change what God made in his perfect wisdom.
  4. Every woman should glory in being a woman, because God has given to her great advantages in life, such as bearing and raising children, and being the main influence in their formative years.
  5. Every woman has been empowered by these great advantages and opportunities from God to change the world, and few have done so.
  6. Why would any woman desire to trade that for being a truck driver, or a fireman, or a politician, or a executive in some company, or a naked model?
- B. This matter is like all other matters of morality; the world is in opposition to God always.

Luke 16:15 And he said unto them, Ye are they which justify yourselves before men; but God knoweth your hearts: for that which is highly esteemed among men is abomination in the sight of God.

1. The prevailing attitude in this generation is to suffer the spirit of Jezebel; to put up with it while the women destroy the churches, the work of God, their marriages, their children, and themselves.
2. But the attitude of a child of God should always be in line with the mind of God as revealed in the Word of God.
3. This evil satanic spirit of Jezebel should not be suffered in the home or the church, the schools, the government, or the workplace.
4. Mothers (and fathers) need to teach their girls to be godly woman after God's design.