

SPIRIT OF JEZEBEL

Scripture References: 1 Kings 16, 18-19, 21; 2 Kings 9; Revelation 2:18-29

“Spirit of” simply means the person exhibits the attributes, identity and characteristics of the said person or thing. Spirit of Python, Spirit of Absalom, Spirit of Jezebel, Spirit of Korah, Spirit of Leviathan.

Definition: “A wicked spirit that has roamed the earth for thousands of years seeking someone to entice into sin, Jezebel is more than a spirit of control and manipulation that many make it out to be. Jezebel is a spirit of seduction that works to woo people into immorality and idolatry...” (LeClaire:Jezebel’s Puppets)

Who is Jezebel?

Malicious, rebellious, adulteress, murderer who used witchcraft. She hated God and his people and Satan was able to use her to deceive God’s creation so that they would worship unholy things and Baal (a false god).

Jezebel’s primary purpose is to seduce your will through the lusts of the flesh to carry out her plan to kill, steal, and destroy. The spirit tries to usurp authority and brings false teachings trying to destroy the authority God has given His anointed ones.

Jesus was very specific about this spirit not being tolerated in Thyatira (Rev. 2:18-29). Tolerate means to allow the existence or presence of something that one does not agree with or like.

We must never tolerate what Jesus wants us to obliterate.

Characteristics of Jezebel

- Observations of those who operate in/are influenced by the spirit of Jezebel:
 - Have fear issues of rejection. They control others so that they will not be hurt. Generally, there is a history of trauma or abuse.
 - Target the headship. They offer free help to be their top assistant because they want their protection. It hides from the leader’s view but manifests in front of others.
 - Comes against holiness, righteousness, and purity teachings in the church.
 - They make commitments and promises quickly and use recommendations from others to impress others.
 - Seem super-spiritual in an exaggerated way to gain acceptance and attention. They have their own agenda. They are looking for disciples of their own. They whine until they get their way.
 - Isolate and pit people against each other privately and individually behind closed doors.
 - Play the victim. They are never wrong and refuse to admit guilt or wrong. They blame everyone else. They play on compassion to block discernment.
 - Use false humility and feel entitled or owed something.
 - Are not accountable to anyone and often accuse others of being a Jezebel or make you look like you’re the Jezebel. Jezebel will do anything to look like the one who is right.
 - Look for others who are hurt and wounded to mentor them.
 - Accuse people falsely.

- Operate with insecurity.
- Initiate witchcraft prayers based on selfish motivation.
- Takes credit for everything. Never giving credit or showing gratitude.
- Uses people to accomplish agenda.
- Withholds information. (form of control.)
- Talks in confusion causing them to remain undiscovered and unexposed.
- Volunteers for anything. Has endless nervous energy and eagerly looks for opportunities to be in charge of projects. Looking for control.
- Lies and is good at it with their charm.
- Ignores people. Classic ploy to control, especially when you disagree with the spirit.
- Critical of everyone which is a characteristic of a controller. Quickly criticizes because ideas don't originate from them.
- One-upmanship – always tried to upstage another person.
- Sequesters information. Seems to know everything about everyone. This stems from a love to be in control of information.
- Uses information as a leverage for power.
- Talks incessantly. All conversation with Jezebel are one-sided with Jezebel talking and you listening.
- Insubordinate because main desire is power and control.
- Is pushy and domineering. There is a lot of pressure for others to do things seemingly ripping from. Us the right to choose or make a decision for yourself.
- Clairvoyant. A Jezebel has supernatural help in knowing and sensing information. They have the power to perceive things that are out of the range of human senses and out of the power of God.
- Uses the element of surprise. Likes to catch you off guard.
- Sows seeds of discord. They will continually belittle another person in the most subtle way. It's a strategy to "gain" control by minimizing the value of another person.
- Commands attention. Likes to be the center of attention.
- Vengeful. Since they are never wrong, if you contradict or confront Jezebel, get ready to become his worst enemy. He will stop at nothing to destroy your reputation.
- Insinuates disapproval. Will often imply disapproval to those under his or her control. The controlled person feels no freedom to express an opinion, for fear of disapproval.
- Knows it all. Usually blatant regarding his knowledge of everything.
- Is ambitious. Has strong desire, but all for self.
- Gift giving. This is a form of manipulation that always makes you feel obligated to him.
- Is independent. No one has input in Jezebel's life. Fraternizes with no one unless it is to get someone to cooperate with Jezebel's agenda.
- Is religious. Dwells in the local church but doesn't like authority unless he is in authority.
- Hides. Jezebel may seem normal for a while. But, suddenly without warning something comes up and the spirit is taking control and wreaking havoc on our lives.
- Signs that Jezebel is directing his/her attacks against you:
 - You become fearful.
 - Isolate yourself more.
 - Experience unreasonable exhaustion.
 - Thoughts and dreams become sexually perverse.
 - Strange and prolonged illnesses hinder you.
 - Freak accidents become commonplace.

Essentially the Spirit of Jezebel will never be conquered unless she is confronted.

Defeating the Spirit of Jezebel

Spirit of Elijah will expose and confront Jezebel, Spirit of Jehu finishes the job.

Who is Jehu? (2 Kings 9)

Jehu was the king anointed by God to go after and bring Jezebel to her demise. God will use someone with the Jehu spirit to bring down the spirit of Jezebel. Jehu anointing characteristics:

1. His name in Hebrew means, "Yahweh is!"
2. He is not distracted by people questioning his motives during the execution of his mission. He has a heart already tried and tested by God, and is sent to fulfill God's mission and not his own. He/She may even be an overcomer of the false authority of Jezebel in his/her own life first. He/she is mature in the Lord and is aware of their identity as a son/daughter.
3. Humble. Not a position seeker. He is God's choice.
4. He rises up among his associates. God will require us to separate from people, possibly even one's we have worshipped with for years. The familiar will always be left behind in a quest to do the will of the Father. He doesn't have to broadcast to everyone what he is about to do for God.
5. He is commissioned and does not delay. When God commissions a Jehu spirit to take down a Jezebel spirit the space for repentance has passed. The Bible says that Jezebel does not repent and has no intention of repenting.
6. Jehu will come to the present ruling authority who is allowing the spirit to wreak havoc.
7. The "arrows" he shoots are of full strength/the word of God is not watered down or compromised in this person's life.
8. Jehu is bold, and his purpose is definite.
9. Jehu is not deceived by Jezebel or any other spirit.
10. Jehu ensures this spirit is utterly destroyed and Glory given to God.

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1. Allow God to deal with you before you deal with anyone else. Extremely important. When coming against this spirit it is important that your heart be pure before the Lord. Ask God to guide you, lead you, and direct you. Search your heart and empty yourself of all anger and bitterness toward the person you are confronting.
2. If you are not a spiritual leader, find one. Recognize your own potential for operating in the Jezebel spirit. It is imperative for you to walk in submission to a God-ordained spiritual leader. You must come to them first and then submit to their council. If it best if they confront the person dominated by this spirit with you. If this leader says not to approach the person, then don't. Realize you have done what you could and should do and continue to make this a matter of prayer.
3. Approach this person in humility and determination. Pride is an incredible hindrance to any and all work of the Lord. Be led by the law of love. If you pridefully approach this person, filled with a religious spirit, you have lost before you even started. This encounter must find its very roots in prayer. Personally, submit to the Holy Spirit, and come not only as a revealer but also as a healer. Be determined, but don't be detrimental to this person's life and walk. Your issue is with Jezebel, not the person. Meekness, gentleness, and humility will bring you the victory.

4. Pray, pray, and pray again. Pray for the person caught by the Jezebel spirit and all Jezebel influences. Prayer binds Jezebel. Declare in faith that every chain of control that this spirit has over the lives of people is destroyed and broken. Declare freedom, healing, joy, and peace in the mighty name of Jesus.

Remember, the power of Christ is greater than the power of Satan, so do not fear! Stand against the stronghold of Jezebel, hold tightly to victory, and do not be denied!

Repentance

If you recognize any of these traits in your own life, begin by praying this prayer:

Father, I acknowledge that I have yielded myself to the spirit of Jezebel. I come to you, humbling myself before you. I desire your standard of righteousness and holiness. I ask you to forgive me for my tolerance of the Jezebel spirit and for being sympathetic to its ways. Please forgive me for every way I have opened myself up to this spirit. Help me to ruthlessly reject every type of this thinking and the desire to control and manipulate other people. I renounce and bind this demon of Jezebel, and I pull down this stronghold in my life. Through the Holy Spirit I will live by your standard of righteousness, holiness, and conduct. Open my eyes and cause Your light to expose any darkness and help me to walk in humility and truth. In Jesus Name, Amen!

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