

DON'T TOLERATE JEZEBEL

STUDY GUIDE

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2026 Word of the Year Recap

This is the year of Encounters and Visitations (Exodus 3:5). This is a year of Holy Ground.

“You choose your Daily Encounter, God chooses your Holy Visitation.”

Historical Context, Biblical Facts, Simple Definitions

Spiritual Warfare

The spiritual war over who rules the will of man.

The Spirit of Jezebel

A controlling, seductive spirit that manipulates, intimidates, and honors people until they abandon the call of God on their lives.

REVELATION 2:20-23

“Nevertheless, I have this against you: you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess.”

Jesus does not only confront Jezebel, Jesus confronts the Church that tolerated her.

REVELATION 2:20-22

You do not have to live under the control, confusion, fear, or intimidation of Jezebel.

JEZEBEL'S RELIGION

Ethbaal personally mentored his daughter in the heathen worship of the pagan god of sexuality and spiritual war. Ethbaal means “man of Baal.” This king, who 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. He named her Jeze-Baal, or Jezebel. Jezebel worshiped Astarte, the Canaanite goddess of fertility, also called Ishtar. She is usually regarded as the goddess of love and sensual pleasure. The Assyrians also fostered her identification as the goddess of war.

Baal worship was the ultimate rejection of God. The worship of Baal rejected the holiness set up by Yahweh (God) and encouraged indulgence in self-pleasing sexual desire as a part of self-worship. Through the worship of Baal came the gods Dagon, Ashtoreth, and Molech, associated with perverted heterosexual relations, homosexual activity, violent sexual acts, body piercing, body cutting, an infatuation with blood and drinking and draining blood, prostitution, and ceremonial orgies, and it was among the originators of child sacrifice.

JEZEBEL'S RELIGION, CONTINUED

Jezebel was an original human trafficker. People became commodities in service of false worship, children became sacrifices, sex became worship, power became god, and Jezebel brought this religious system into Israel, once bowed to Yahweh, then bowed under Ahab and Jezebel.

Hundreds of years after the historical Jezebel, Jesus speaks to the Church at Thyatira and says, “you tolerate that woman Jezebel.” The original Jezebel is long dead, but Jesus identifies the same kind of spiritual influence and behavior operating again.

SCRIPTURE REFERENCES

✚ Ephesians 6:12

✚ Revelation 2:20-23

✚ 1 Kings 19:1-4

✚ Philippians 4:11

✚ Jude 20

✚ Exodus 3:5

✚ 1 Kings 21

✚ 2 Corinthians 2:11

✚ 1 Kings 16:30-31

✚ Ephesians 5:13

✚ 2 Corinthians 10:5

✚ 2 Timothy 1:7

✚ 1 Thessalonians 5:20-21

Who Is Jezebel?

The spirit of Jezebel is a demonic, power-hungry spirit that uses witchcraft, manipulation, intimidation, seduction, accusation, and control against God's people and God's Church. She targets prophetic, Spirit-led, soul-winning people and ministries, divides close relationships, and will stop at nothing until you abandon God's assignment.

- She was a seductive prophetess to the false god Baal.
- She was the daughter of a king-priest of Sidon named Ethbaal.

Definition of the name Jezebel: without dwelling or cohabitation; unmarried, uncommitted, or unhusbanded.

Unhusbanded: to refuse to live in peaceful cohabitation.

SPIRITUAL WARNINGS

- The spirit of Jezebel will NOT submit.
- This is not gender related. This is a spirit.
- Jezebel does not want to be talked about or exposed for her evil deeds.
- You don't have to look for her; she will find you.
- She will come after the prophetic.
- She is power hungry and will position herself to take authority because she won't submit long enough to receive it properly.
- She will use influence as fake authority to bribe Christians.
- She will say all the right things to get you to follow her and abort obedience to God.
- You may even be convinced you are obeying the Lord by following her.
- Anyone can be attacked by it, and anyone can become susceptible to operating in Jezebel.
- Jezebel uses the language of God to accomplish the purposes of hell, she calls a fast while planning a murder.

Ten Characteristics of Jezebel

1 Extremely jealous

She cannot celebrate what threatens her control.

2 Pretends to be submitted

We don't know whether you are submitted until your will is tested.

3 Uses information as ammunition

She gathers information about people and later weaponizes it; vulnerability becomes leverage.

4 Proudly seductive

This is more than sexuality; it says, "I can give you what you want if you give me what I want."

TEN CHARACTERISTICS OF JEZEBEL, CONTINUED

5 Stirs strife and sows discord

Looks like gossip, triangulation, turning friends against friends, turning leaders against followers and followers against leaders, and divides what she cannot control.

6 Operates outside of Godly authority

Builds on authorized influence, creates private networks, collects people, and builds alliances to herself rather than Jesus.

7 Operates in confusion

Nothing stays clear, stories change, deductions move, you leave conversations feeling like you don't know what just happened.

TEN CHARACTERISTICS OF JEZEBEL, CONTINUED

8 Refuses to forgive

Apologies are never enough and past failure remains ammunition.

9 Lacks the fruit of the Spirit

Galatians 5 gives us a test. Spiritual language does not mean spiritual fruit. Someone can say “God told me” and show no love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, or self-control.

10 Never wrong

There is no turnaround, no ownership, no accountability, no correction, and every confrontation becomes someone else’s fault. She will NOT repent.

JEZEBEL'S TACTICS

Fear**Manipulation****Intimidation****Domination**

Fruits of Jezebel

- + Prophecy is control
- + Shame
- + Fear
- + Friends divided
- + Tormenting spiritual warfare
- + Deteriorated health
- + Exposure feels like dishonor
- + Physical and spiritual threats
- + Isolation
- + Guilt
- + Relationships manipulated
- + Unusual sickness
- + Deteriorated sleep
- + Feeling like you are losing your mind
- + Comparison
- + Control

Spiritual Warfare Strategy

- **Get in the presence of God** - have Daily Encounters. Recognize a counterfeit by knowing the real thing.
- **Test every voice with Scripture.** Where did it come from? Does it agree with Scripture? Does it agree with God's character?
- **Break isolation** - get trusted friends and healthy pastors.
- **Pray in the Spirit.**
- **Fear God more than Jezebel** - the first step to disobedience is evaluating the concurrence of obedience.
- **Walk in biblical humility and submission** - the hedge of protection around Mercy Culture will rise as we go lower in humility and biblical submission.
- **Repent and close all open doors**, turn out of agreement with sin and into agreement with God.

OVERCOME JEZEBEL PRACTICALLY

- ✝ Join a group or serve team at church to build Godly community.
- ✝ Rest, exhaustion makes lies louder, and sometimes the most spiritual thing you can do is rest, sleep, and nourish your body.
- ✝ Start talking, bring things into the light. If you feel like you can't ask questions or talk to spiritual authority, expose it.
- ✝ Read the Word and memorize Scripture.

REFLECTION

1. What do you want badly enough that you could be manipulated through it?

2. Where have you come into agreement with fear, people pleasing, covetousness, ambition, sexual compromise, control, bitterness, or rebellion?

3. What are you tolerating that Jesus is confronting?

PRAYER *of* ENCOUNTERS

This is where I tell You... I love You, I love You, I love You!

This is where I tell You... You're Holy, You're Holy, You're Holy!

This is where I tell You... Thank You, thank You, thank You!

This is where I tell You... I need You, I need You, I need You!

This is where I tell You... Speak Lord, Your servant is listening!

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