

Lesson 7 - Jezebel

Junior Group

READ: 1 KINGS 16 to 1 KINGS 21, 2 KINGS 9, REV.2

1. What is headship?

Headship means someone who is in charge of a particular place eg a school principal is in charge of a school and Dr Sagie is in charge of our church Antioch.

2. In what way is a man the head of his wife?

The bible says in *Eph 5:23 'For the husband is head of the wife.....*
In a family the father is the head of the wife and of the home.

3. What causes a man to lose his headship?

This is when a man doesn't stand up for himself and he appears to be weak.

What are the features of a person that appears to be weak?

- **Murmuring** - he is unable to confront and murmurs all the time.
- **Over-indulgence** - e.g. alcoholism - he does not know when to stop.
- **Resignation** - he gives up easily.
- **Prejudice** - he makes unfair choices based on sentiment and manipulation.
- **Hypocrisy** - he practices double standards.
- **Incompetence** - he fails to discipline, to defend, to make decisions, to use his legitimate authority.
- **Emotionalism** - he is governed by sentiment rather than the truth.

4. What features in the lives of the following people demonstrate weakness/timidity?

LOSS OF HEADSHIP

4.1 ISAAC - Timidity or weakness is frequently demonstrated in the life of Isaac.

4.1.1 - Gen. 22:1-19 - When Abraham took Isaac to place him on the altar, Isaac did not resist. He did not question his father, he allowed his father to do whatever he wanted.

4.1.2 - Gen. 26:6-7 - He calls his wife his sister as he was afraid of the men of Gerar. Because of her beauty, he thought that they would kill him and take her.

4.2 LOT - Weakness is frequently seen in the life of Lot.

4.2.1 Gen.13:6-9 - Lot separated from Abraham because of the argument between his herdsmen and Abraham's herdsmen.

4.2.2 Gen. 19:17-26 - Lot could not influence his wife not to look back - so she turned into a pillar of salt because she was disobedient.

4.3 ELI - Eli failed to discipline his own sons. Refer [1 Sam 2:22-29](#)

4.4 AHAB - Ahab was upset because he was refused the vineyard of Naboth. This is a feature of a powerless man. Refer [1 Kings 21:4](#)

5. What is the meaning of Jezebel?

Jezebel is a controlling spirit. This spirit will not allow you to submit to anyone.

6. What is the similarity between Old Testament and New Testament Jezebel?

In the Old Testament Ahab married Jezebel and together they served Baal who was a false God and worshipped him. Refer [1 Kings 16:31](#)

In the New Testament Jezebel did the same. *This is recorded in [Rev 2:20](#)*

7. What factors activate Jezebel?

When a man or a leader is weak at home or in church, Jezebel is activated.

This is recorded in [1 Kings 21](#) where we see Jezebel is inactive and silent until Ahab shows his weakness and greed.

8. What are the features of a Jezebellian invasion?

8.1 INACCURATE MIGRATION

When we follow the story of Elijah, we see that when he was threatened by Jezebel, he became afraid and left Mount Carmel to hide in a cave. This was not what God asked him to do. This means that he did not migrate accurately.

8.2 FEAR/SUICIDAL IDEATION/RESIGNATION

Elijah became scared of Jezebel and wished he would die. Refer [1 Kings 19:3](#)

8.3 SHATTERED SELF-CONFIDENCE

He lost confidence in himself and had no self-worth. Refer to [1 Kings 19:4](#)

8.4 VISION OF SPOKEN THREATS

Elijah saw that Jezebel threatened to kill him. Refer [1 Kings 19:3](#)

8.5 DELUSIONS OF GRANDEUR

Elijah thought he was the only one that was serving God faithfully. Refer [1 Kings 19:10](#)

9. What is an operating system?

This is a system that makes something function e.g. in a car the operating system is the engine.

10. What are the features of a Jezebellian operating system?

10.1 SENTIMENTALISM - LOVE IS PRIZED ABOVE TRUTH.

Rev 2:18-19

This church had works, love, service, faith, and patience - yet Jezebel was a teacher in this church. This was because all of these things became more important than the truth.

10.2 LIES AND CONSPIRACY

1 King 21:8-10

Jezebel lied to the elders to destroy Naboth with false accusations. She wrote false letters but sealed them with the seal of the king.

10.3 FEAR

When we are fearful we forget what God did for us in the past. This is what happened to Elijah.

10.4 TEMPTATION

Jezebel is still active today working through visual media eg newsprint, magazines, cell phones and the television.

The television is her pulpit in your home. This does not mean that the television is evil, rather you should make a righteous decision in what you watch.

10.5 PROPHETIC SUPPRESSION

The spirit of Jezebel does not allow you to hear the voice of God. Only the voice of God allows you to overcome Jezebel.

10.6 OVERTHROWS/UNDERMINES THE SET MAN

The spirit of Jezebel overcomes the set man in the church. She operates falsely as though the decision comes from the set man.

She slowly overcomes the voice of the set man.

Remember the set man is the sent man - sent by God to the local church, with the message for that church. He is the angel (Angelos-messenger) for the local church. He is the legitimate voice for that local church.

Jezebel replaces the voice of the set man. Ultimately this locks out the voice of God from the local church.

An overthrown set man without knowing uses Jezebel's operating system.

His computer (church) operates with Jezebel's software.

SUMMARY

ANY SYSTEM THAT DOESN'T BELIEVE IN TRUTH AND OPERATES IN LIES, BRINGS FEAR AND ALLOWS IDOL WORSHIP.
THIS SYSTEM CUTS OFF THE PROPHETIC VOICE AND GOES AGAINST SET MAN PRINCIPLES.

11. Why was Jehu able to overcome Jezebel?

In *II Ki 9:1-3* we read the story where Jehu was anointed by Elisha's servant. Because Jehu accepted the anointing of Elisha's servant as something sent by God, he was able to overcome Jezebel. This act of submission equipped him to deal with someone who does not submit.

12. How does a believer overcome Jezebel?

JESUS DISABLED THE "WORKS OF THE DEVIL".

Refer to *I Jn 3:8; Heb 2:14; 1 Pet 2:21*

Jezebel is not deactivated by fasting and prayer.

A Jezebellian system is disabled by Christlikeness. Christlikeness is the result of true discipleship. To overcome Jezebel you must be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

THE MARKS OF A DISCIPLE OF JESUS CHRIST.

A disciple is a follower and imitator of Jesus Christ. Members of the early Church were called disciples. (*Acts 6:1*)

MNEMONIC - 'DISCIPLE'

A disciple is a follower and imitator of Jesus.
These are some of the marks of a disciple of Jesus: -

- D** - **DEATH TO SELF**
- I** - **IMITATES JESUS**
- S** - **SERVANTHOOD**
- C** - **COMPLIANCE (OBEDIENCE)**
- I** - **INDWELLING WORD**
- P** - **PRODUCTIVITY**
- L** - **LOVE FOR OTHER DISCIPLES**
- E** - **EXCLUSIVE DEVOTION**

D - DEATH TO SELF

In the days when Jesus was on the earth, everyone knew that anyone carrying the cross was killed.

When the bible says we must 'bear his cross' it means we must die to ourselves. This means that we must always do what God wants us to do and not what we want to do.

Luke 14:27 - 'And whoever does not bear his cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple'. (NKJV)

I - IMITATES JESUS

This means that we must do the same thing that Jesus did.

Eph 5:1 - 'Therefore be imitators of God as dear children.

1 Pet 1:16 - because it is written, "Be holy, for I am holy." (NKJ)

The disciple must imitate Jesus' prayer life, his love, his mercy, his forgiveness, and his holiness.

S - SERVANTHOOD

This means to serve at all times.

*John 13:16-17 - "...I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him."
If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. (NKJ)*

C - COMPLIANCE (OBEDIENCE)

Disciples are obedient.

*Matt 4:19-20 - 'Then He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."
'They immediately left their nets and followed Him. (NKJ)*

Matt 9:9 - As Jesus passed on from there, He saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax office. And He said to him, "Follow Me." So he rose and followed Him. (NKJ)

I - INDWELLING WORD

THIS MEANS THAT THE WORD MUST LIVE IN US.

John 8:31 - Then Jesus said to those Jews who believed Him, "If you abide in My word, you are My disciples indeed. (NKJ)

P – PRODUCTIVITY

THIS IS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT MARKS OF A DISCIPLE I.E. MAKING OTHER DISCIPLES.

Matt 28:19 - "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." (NKJ)

L - LOVE FOR OTHER DISCIPLES

THIS LOVE IS BEYOND LOVE FOR YOURSELF.

John 13:34-35 - "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; as I have loved you, that you also love one another. By this all will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another.

E - EXCLUSIVE DEVOTION

LOVE JESUS ABOVE ANYTHING ELSE.

Luke 14:26 - "Anyone who wants to be my follower must love me far more than he does his own father, mother, wife, children, brothers, or sisters - yes, more than his own life - otherwise he cannot be my disciple. (TLB)

13. What church governmental systems use a Jezebellian operating system?

These are systems that have the following characteristics:

(a) Governmental systems that cannot be validated by the word of God are:

- Systems that controls the church;
- Systems of elders and deacons that provide more than one leader,
- Systems of decision making by the congregation.

Such systems are against the set man system of government that is when a man leads and others follow as long as he is following Christ.

(b) The Word of God is given second place in practice. Music, prayer, fasting, signs and wonders are the main thing.

(c) The local church is ruled by authorities outside the church – headquarters system.

(d) God's voice is not allowed to be heard in the local house

14. Explain why Jezebel can penetrate a prophetic church, but not an apostolic house?

A prophetic church is a church where the prophetic grace is strong and an apostolic house is where the apostolic grace is strong.

Jezebel can silence a prophetic house, but it cannot succeed in an apostolic house where a genuine Father is present because of the apostolic grace that he carries.

Jehu carried a dominant apostolic grace. He brought power to the powerless men who killed Jezebel. Whilst Elijah was running away from Jezebel, Jehu went looking for her. Refer [II Ki 9:32-33](#)

THE SET MAN WHO IS A GENUINE FATHER IN THE HOUSE DESTROYS ALL JEZEBELLIAN SYSTEMS.

15. How does a local church overcome Jezebel?

THE WAY THE CHURCH IS RULED MUST CHANGE.

There must be the recognition of leadership grace upon one man whom God has sent to the church. Such a man is called a "set man" because he is set by God. Refer [Num 27:16](#)

The set man must not be controlled by headquarters or elders, deacons or congregation. He must be allowed to speak the mind of God in the local house for he is the appointed messenger to the local house.

16. What are the benefits of overcoming Jezebel/Jezebellian operating system?

In [Rev 2:26](#) says: "[And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations](#)"

The benefits are:

(a) POWER OVER THE NATIONS.

Such a church will be given the power to make disciples of nations. God is not going to give this power to a church with a Jezebellian operating system.

(b) THE MORNING STAR

[Rev 22:16](#) - "[I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.](#)" (NKJ)

The Morning Star is Christ. The church that overcomes Jezebel will be given the Morning Star. This is the abiding, glorious, manifest presence of Christ.

17. What is the difference between an independent church and an autonomous church?

In an autonomous church the set man is the leader. There is no outside body involved in the decisions of that church, neither is the church controlled by any government on the outside.

The set man of an autonomous house is committed to giving all glory to God.

An independent house is the same as the above but has several inaccuracies:-

a) The set man and his church do not relate to anyone.

An independent church is accountable to no one. She is a law to herself.

b) The set man does not glorify God, but himself. He has no spiritual sons. The people in his church are his slaves. They are generally weak men.

c) Sentiment is prized over truth.

d) Fear motivates the work of the ministry.

- e) The set man is worshipped and does not take correction.
- f) The prophetic voice is cut off if it is from any other source but the set man.
- g) The people are controlled by the set man, not the Holy Spirit. They are unable to make decisions without permission from the set man.

Here the spirit of Jezebel operates through the set man.

18. What is an Ishbosheth system of Government?

Abner was a man appointed Ishbosheth as king when he was not supposed to be. Abner was not a king, priest or prophet. He had no permission to appoint anyone as king. By this time David was appointed as king. Ishbosheth should have declined.

Although Ishbosheth was king, he could not adjust Abner's decision because he feared him. He had position without power. He was controlled by fear and he was weak.

WEAK LEADERSHIP, CONTROL, FEAR AND ILLEGITIMATE APPOINTMENT ARE AGAIN FEATURES OF A JEZEBELLIAN SYSTEM.

Ishbosheth submitted to a Jezebellian system. His name means "man of shame".
Refer 2 Sam 2:8-9 and 2 Sam 3:7-11

19. What are the signs of a Jezebellian parachurch, fraternal or network?

19.1 JEZEBELLIAN PARACHURCH

A Jezebellian parachurch is ruled by itself. It is not sacrificial. It operates at the expense of the local church, contributing nothing to the life of the local church and destroy the local church. It may even control or change the real purpose of the local church.

19.2 JEZEBELLIAN FRATERNAL

A fraternal is a scattered group of pastors in a city. Its main purpose is fellowship. It becomes Jezebellian when it tries to control or overtake the authority of a local church e.g. making someone with an ungodly lifestyle a pastor.

19.3 JEZEBELLIAN NETWORK

A network is a group of pastors led by a set man. A Jezebellian network has the following characteristics:-

- The people are forced to join and it controls its members.
- It desires to rule over other networks.
- Relationships are based on sentiment, not on truth. Bad behaviour is not corrected or disciplined.
- It seeks to control a city - regarding itself as the official voice of God.
- It does not respect people from other networks.
- The leader always wants to have his way.

THIS IS THE SPIRIT OF A DENOMINATION IN A NETWORK.