

## The Jezebel Spirit

An expose' of the true source of false doctrine, false practice, false traditions, and idolatry in the church of Jesus Christ...

by  
Jim Sayles



Mary, "Queen of Heaven" – or Jezebel spirit?

***WOE TO the rebellious children... (of the faith)..., says the Lord, who take counsel... (listen to)... and carry out a plan, but not Mine, and who make a league... (a covenant with strange gods)... and... (by demonic inspiration)... pour out a drink offering, but not of My Spirit... Isaiah 30:1 (Amplified)***

Which Christian traditions practiced by almost the entire church of Jesus Christ have their origins in Babylonian false religion? How can we tell the difference between the doctrines of demons and the true doctrines of the Spirit of truth? What is "the cup of demons" that many Christians are participating in? How is the Jezebel spirit influencing the church of Jesus Christ to produce the great end times apostasy of the "foolish virgins"? What is the responsibility of apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers in regard to false doctrines, false practices, and false religious traditions?

What is our individual responsibility? And what are the consequences if we do not "hear" and "heed" what the Lord is saying to the church in this regard?

***But I have this against you: that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols. [I Kings 16:31; II Kings 9:22, 30.]***

***I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent ... (a common attribute of this spirit)... of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] and refuses to do so.***

***Take note: I will throw her on a bed [of anguish], and those who commit adultery with her... (those who drink the cup of demons she serves to them in mockery of the Lord our God)... [her paramours] I will bring down to pressing distress and severe affliction, unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers... (conduct that is present throughout the church of Jesus Christ from Roman Catholicism to non-denominational charismatics)... and repent of their doings.***

***And I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminating them]... (physically and spiritually)... And all the assemblies (churches)... (an event that will be witnessed by the awakened virgins in the parable of the ten virgins)... shall recognize and understand that I am He Who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings, and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts, and I will give to each of you... (who are reading His words in this context)... [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves... (whether of faith or of rebellion against the revelation of His will)... Revelation 2:20-23 Amplified (inserts and emphasis are the author's)***

Keep in mind that the Lord in this missive, given to John for the church, has promised a blessing on those who read and heed His message to the church, but the promised blessing for obedience to the revelation of His truth and His will also includes the warning of judgment given in Revelation 2:23 above.

This warning for the “children” of Jezebel (i.e. those who believe and practice the doctrines of demons introduced into the church by the demonic spiritual power that the original Jezebel worshipped) has not been recognized or responded to by the church at large. But, because the letter to the churches (book of Revelation) has its broadest and most important application to the end times church, I expect that the believers who will hear the wake up announcement (“Behold! The bridegroom is coming.”) will witness the fulfillment of this judgment. (See “**The Parable of the Ten Virgins Unveiled**”)

The woman in the church at Thyatira was not actually named, “Jezebel.” The Lord was referring to her metaphorically as operating under the influence of the same spirit that Ahab’s wife, Jezebel, was influenced by as a false prophetess and an idolater, and, in doing so, He identified the two primary influences of the Jezebel spirit in the church today, false prophesying (false teaching) and idolatry (the worshipful obedience of other “gods,” which is accomplished through the protection of false doctrines and false practices).

If you have ever wondered why the church at large in America today (with some wonderful exceptions) does not exhibit the unity, love, power and zeal of the early church, it is because of the spiritual adultery and idolatry that the Jezebel spirit has managed to pollute us with. And, because this spiritual corruption has been with us for such a long time, we now think it is “normal,” but the Word and the Spirit tell us that it is sub-normal, adulterous, and polluted with doctrines of demons in the guise of “truth.”

This commentary is not a specific attack on the Roman Catholic Church as the title I have given the painting suggests, though the Roman Catholic Church has been the intermediary source of many of the false doctrines and false practices (i.e. religious traditions devoid of

revelation) adopted by protestants. This commentary is, instead, an exposé of the work of the Jezebel spirit to introduce **doctrines of demons** and **idolatrous practices** into all denominations of the church of Jesus Christ, so that we become spiritual adulterers through adherence to false doctrines and false practices (the filthy, demon-scented “golden calves” of denominationalism).

Those of us who are protestants, and, especially evangelical protestants, can see many of the idolatrous “golden calves” of Roman Catholicism, but we have more than enough demonically inspired, idolatrous “golden calves” ourselves, as our divisiveness and immaturity in the Lord proves to the whole world.

The name, “Jezebel,” in common, modern idiomatic usage suggests a spirit of sexual immorality, but the Jezebel spirit, first identified by that name because of its association with the Sidonian princess who became Ahab’s wife, is something far more sinister and dangerous than being a source of sexual immorality.

The aspects and activities of the Jezebel spirit are attributable directly to Satan as the origin and authority behind this great high prince of darkness, and we receive a glimpse of the power of this spirit when we read that Elijah, after calling down fire from heaven and executing the 450 priests of Ba’al and 400 prophets of Asherah, retreated to the desert and cowered in fear.

What could possibly cause this prophet of God, after overwhelmingly demonstrating that Jehovah was God and that Ba’al and Asherah were not, to tremble in deep depression and fear?

It was not queen Jezebel’s verbal threat that caused such debilitating fear in the mighty prophet of God, but the powerful demon spirit who empowered her threat.

The Jezebel spirit is a manipulative, controlling, religious spirit, introducing false, idolatrous religious doctrines and traditions into the church in the guise of true religion, using fear and intimidation, spiritual, soulish, and sexual seduction, and false prophets, frequently accompanied by false signs and wonders, for the express purpose of corrupting and usurping the true worship of God so that men will inadvertently, by default, worship that fallen archangel, Lucifer, as God.

***How have you fallen from heaven, O light-bringer..(“Lucifer” KJV)... and daystar, son of the morning! How you have been cut down to the ground, you who weakened and laid low the nations [O blasphemous, satanic king of Babylon!]***

***And you said in your heart, I will ascend to heaven; I will exalt my throne above the stars of God; I will sit upon the mount of assembly in the uttermost north.***

***I will ascend above the heights of the clouds; I will make myself like the Most High...(so that men will worship me as god).***

It is the Jezebel spirit who is responsible for all the false religion and all the false signs and wonders of all time, and it is the Jezebel spirit who will possess the false prophet in the final days and cause many, through great deception, to worship Satan as Satan possesses the man whom the Holy Spirit has identified as “Antichrist.” (The false Messiah who imitates and opposes Christ)

Thus the Jezebel spirit in the Luciferian hierarchy is Satan’s chief-of-staff, the mightiest of the princes of the powers of darkness, and it is this spirit, and this spirit’s vast army of spiritual forces of wickedness, that has assaulted the church of Jesus Christ, causing us to be divided by winds of doctrine and by the cunning and unscrupulousness of men who are themselves deceived by demonic influence.

It is also the Jezebel spirit who will be responsible for deceiving the elect during the great end times apostasy, and it is this same Jezebel spirit who has convinced many in the church that apostasy or falling away from the faith is not even possible.

***BUT THE [Holy] Spirit distinctly and expressly declares...(and WARNS)... that in latter times some...(Christians)... will turn away from the faith...(become apostate by)...., giving attention to deluding and seducing spirits and doctrines that demons teach...through the hypocrisy and pretensions of liars whose consciences are seared (cauterized), 1 Timothy 4:1,2 Amplified (inserts and emphasis are the author's)***

I am sometimes cautioned by well-meaning friends that I should be gentler and more gracious in my exposure of those with godly reputations who promote and defend doctrines of demons, but I am already much gentler than Paul who says these men are hypocritical, pretentious “LIARS” who cause men to pay attention to and believe doctrines of demons that lead to **DEATH**.

Pay careful attention, then, to the Lord's words, because this is a warning to US, upon whom the fulfillment of the ages has come.

***Then they will hand you...(My followers)...over to suffer affliction and tribulation and put you to death, and you will be hated by all nations for My name's sake.***

***And then many...(of My followers)... will be offended and repelled and will begin to distrust and desert [Him Whom they ought to trust and obey] and will stumble and fall away...(from faith in Me)...and betray one another and pursue one another with hatred.***

***And many false prophets will rise up and deceive and lead many...(of My followers)... into error. And the love of the great body of...(Christian)...people will grow cold because of the multiplied lawlessness and iniquity, but he who endures to the end will be saved. Matthew 24:9-13 Amplified (inserts and emphasis are the author's)***

The implications of the Lord's warning to the end times church is so shocking that many will close their spiritual eyes and cover their spiritual ears to prevent the truth of His warning from stirring their spirits, but that is exactly the response the Jezebel spirit seeks to provoke in the “foolish virgins” who will reject and ignore the Lord's words of warning.

The evidence of this demon spirit's success against the church is witnessed by the entire world, though many in the church are in denial of the spiritual stupor brought on by Satan's dialectical deceptions, causing us to be deaf (not “hearing” the truth), dumb (not “speaking” the truth), and blind (not “seeing” the truth) in our worshipful dependence on religious traditions, many of which are devoid of Holy Spirit revelation.



“Hear no truth, see no truth, speak no truth.”

It is also important to note that this Jezebel spirit currently corrupting the church of Jesus Christ is the same religious spirit who will ultimately be drunk on the blood of the martyrs... (Revelation 17:6)

We would do well, then, to pay attention to what the Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, says about this evil fallen angel we call the Jezebel spirit, and may the blood of Jesus Christ protect all who read and meditate on what the Holy Spirit is saying as we examine the truth being imparted to us for our edification.

***And as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, he...(Ahab)... took for his wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and went and served Baal and worshiped him. 1 Kings 16:31 ESV***

The sins of Jeroboam, God's chosen king over the northern tribes of Israel, was to introduce false worship in the guise of true worship, (blending truth with error and not knowing the difference), and Ahab's great sin was to marry Jezebel, a Sidonian princess, and to worship Ba'al and Asherah in addition to Jehovah (i.e. "syncretism").

Thus it is in the church of Jesus Christ today. We believe and act by faith in some things, and we believe and act on lies and doctrines of demons in others. And, because the spirit of Jezebel is having its way with us, we cannot tell the difference between the truth of God and the lies of the deceiver. (See "**The Lord's Letter to the Church in America**")

When the prophets of God opposed this syncretic worship of Ba'al and Asherah in Israel, Jezebel ordered the prophets of God to be killed.

Shortly thereafter Elijah challenged the priests of Ba'al and the prophets of Asherah to a contest to find out whether Jehovah was God or Ba'al was god.

Now, the priests of Ba'al and the prophets of Asherah would not have submitted to this contest if they did not expect to be able to call down fire from heaven. They had, in all likelihood, called down fire in the past, but the source of their power was not God. The source of their power was Satan through the Jezebel spirit.

In a similar example, when Moses threw down his staff in front of Pharaoh and it became a snake, Jannes and Jambres, the magicians, threw down their staffs, and their staffs, too, became snakes. But when Moses' snake consumed the magicians' snakes, an important principle was demonstrated.

The authority and power of God, and the authority and power of God in Christ, trumps the authority and power of Satan. Thus, by faith (not by presumptive belief) those who are in Christ have been given authority over all the power of the enemy, which includes the deceiving power of the Jezebel spirit, who will ultimately manifest as the false prophet.

***And he said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven...(the original fall of Satan as demonstrated in Isaiah 14:12-14)...Behold, I have given you...(disciples of Christ)... authority to tread on serpents and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy, and nothing shall hurt you. Luke 10:18,19 ESV (inserts are the author's)***

Thus we do not need to be fearful of this spirit, but we do need to be aware, and, not only aware, but in constant fellowship with the Lord, "hearing" His voice in our inner man, and obeying what we have heard as the Holy Spirit rules as "umpire" over our thoughts, words, and

actions so that we are prepared to take authority over this spirit when it comes against us corporately or individually.

Yet, in our spiritual adultery through our adherence to false doctrines and false practices, even to doctrines of demons, this authority in Christ is greatly diminished just as our ability to “hear” and “obey” is diminished. (i.e. hear no truth, see no truth, speak no truth).

Idolatry is defined as the worship of anything other than God and the supplanting of the truth of God with a lie or deception of the enemy. And, as will be clearly demonstrated, our adherence to false doctrine and false practice (in the guise of religious traditions), for whatever reason, **IS** spiritual adultery and idolatry, defined by Paul as participating in the covenant cup of demons.

There is a reason why God equates our spiritual unfaithfulness to Him with adultery. Ba'al worshippers engaged in sex acts with temple prostitutes, the priests and priestesses of Ba'al, in what is known as “imitative magic,” for the purpose of inducing Ba'al, not only to rain on their crops but to make them fertile.

These sex acts with the priests and priestesses of Ba'al, then, were a covenant act just as the sex act between husband and wife is a covenant confirming act. Therefore, to engage in a powerful covenant act with another god is spiritual adultery just as a man or woman engaging in sex with someone other than their covenanted marriage partner is both natural and spiritual adultery.

The purpose of the Jezebel spirit in promoting sexual promiscuity and unfaithfulness in marriages, especially among Christians, is to corrupt the covenant relationship between husband and wife. And the purpose of the Jezebel spirit in promoting the spiritual adultery of Christian believers is to corrupt the covenant relationship between the believer and God in Christ, with the opening of demonic access in both cases.

Thus pornography is a powerful tool of this spirit, and the influence of this spirit on American character and culture in general is woefully evident to all. (2 Timothy 3:1-5)

But this corruption of Christian character is also fueled by the idolatrous doctrines and practices of demons that cause many in the church to knowingly or unknowingly participate in the covenant cup of demons, which is spiritual adultery and spiritual idolatry leading to all kinds of demonic bondage.

***I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. Shall we provoke the Lord to jealousy?...(because of our adultery)...1 Corinthians 10:21,22 ESV*** (emphasis is the author's)

It is important that we recognize that the overt spiritual adultery of the children of Israel symbolized by their syncretic but adulterous worship of the golden calf, along with all of the other instances of spiritual adultery by the Israelites was written down for OUR instruction as spiritual Israel, the Israel of God, in these last days.

***Now all these things happened unto them...(national, ethnic Israel)... for examples: and they are written for our...(spiritual Israel's)... admonition...(instruction and warning)..., upon whom the ends of the world are come. 1 Corinthians 10:11 KJV*** (inserts are the author's)

I have not been able to discover, yet, exactly how Mary, the mother of Jesus, came to be deified by the Roman Catholic Church and given the title, “Queen of heaven,” but it is

interesting to me that in Israel's syncretic worship of Ba'al, the god of thunder and rain, and Asherah, the goddess of fertility, Asherah was known to be the consort of Ba'al and, therefore, the "Queen of heaven."

I present here part of a Catholic document titled "Ineffabilis Deus" (Immaculate Conception) published in 1854:

"Under her guidance, under her patronage, under her kindness and protection, nothing is to be feared; nothing is hopeless. Because, while bearing toward us a truly motherly affection and ***having in her care the work of our salvation***, she is solicitous about the whole human race. And since She has been appointed by God to be the ***Queen of heaven and earth***, and is exalted above all the choirs of angels and saints, and even stands at the right hand of her only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, she presents our petitions in a most efficacious manner. What she asks, she obtains. Her pleas can never be unheard." (bold is the author's)

The deification of Mary, and the assignment to her of the "work of our salvation," is a heresy of the first order, and any born-again, regenerated believer in Christ who does not reject this heresy is in extreme danger of falling for all kinds of doctrines of demons, including the great end times deceptions of the false prophet and the apostate church identified as "the whore of Babylon."

The purpose of this particular doctrine of demons being pressed on all those who profess to be Roman Catholics is clear. It is the intent of Satan, through the work of the Jezebel spirit, to induce Catholic believers to participate in the cup of demons, which prohibits them from participating in the cup of the Lord (i.e. fellowship with the Lord) no matter how many times they participate in the Eucharist.

Anyone who is reading this and doubts what is being said herein needs to read Jeremiah 44:25-27. The continued deification of Mary through prayers to her, the use of rosary beads, or any other acknowledgment of her deity is idolatry, and those who are willfully guilty will become subject to the judgment of Jeremiah 44:27.

Protestants, though, willfully continue to participate in Roman Catholic holidays (holy days) such as Christmas and Easter without being aware that these religious traditions are corrupt to the core.

Early Christians did not celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ. Nor did the Puritans who came to America to experience freedom of religion. The tradition of "Christmas" came about through the Roman Catholic incorporation of the pagan Roman celebration of Saturnalia (December 17-25) into a Roman Catholic "holy day," celebrating Jesus' birthday on the final day of Saturnalia, December 25<sup>th</sup>.

(The reader's research concerning the pagan celebration of Saturnalia will grieve your spirit and turn your stomach. But many will not give it up, because it is now a "Christian" tradition.)

Even more shocking is the origin of our current worship of Easter with churches providing traditional Easter egg hunts for the children. It is quite appropriate for us to celebrate Passover or Resurrection Day in memory of what His crucifixion and resurrection has accomplished for us who believe. But "Easter" is the Roman Catholic syncretic incorporation of the worship of Ishtar, "the Light-Bringer," the Babylonian goddess of fertility, love, and war into the celebration of our Lord's resurrection.

Easter bunnies and Easter eggs, though seeming to be merely frivolous and cute, are symbols of fertility adopted from the pagan worship of Ishtar. Let those mothers and fathers who have ears to hear, hear what the Spirit is saying in this regard.

In like manner the controlling and dominating Jezebel spirit is openly present in the authoritarianism of the Roman Catholic Church as the Pope is seen to be God's ruling authority over what Catholics are to believe and practice in spite of the Lord's own specific command to the contrary.

***But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all brothers. And call no man your father on earth, for you have one Father, who is in heaven. Neither be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Christ. The greatest among you shall be your servant. Whoever exalts himself will be humbled, and whoever humbles himself will be exalted.*** Matthew 23:8-12 ESV (emphasis is the author's)

But it is of even greater concern to me that the controlling, authoritarian work of the Jezebel spirit is evident among evangelical believers, particularly evangelical believers in America and the western world, who have adopted numerous divisive doctrines of demons, many of which are heretical, and, therefore, qualify as being "the cup of demons."

In his letter to the church at Ephesus, Paul identified this dangerous incursion of the Jezebel spirit, inducing the church to participate in the cup of demons by introducing divisive, heretical doctrines and practices. And he identified the source of these doctrines and practices as "evil" (demon inspired) men and liars with seared consciences, consciences that no longer receive input from the Holy Spirit. (Ephesians 4:11-18 and 1 Timothy 4:1,2)

It is obvious that these demon inspired men had the authority of man in the church, or their doctrines would have been rejected.

In Paul's various letters to the churches he warned them consistently of these men, even naming them, in order to root out the corrupting influence of the Jezebel spirit. And, if it was a problem in Paul's day, it is no less a problem today.

This, of course, does not mean that any born-again Christian who believes and practices, or even promotes false doctrine and false practice is "evil" (demon inspired). Most are merely deceived, but their unwillingness to receive the truth, for any reason, when it comes to them by the Holy Spirit, then becomes deliberate participation in the cup of demons.

I have traced the demonic origin of Dispensationalism and its distinctive "poisoned fruit," the doctrine of a pre-tribulation resurrection-"rapture" of church only saints, in "[Left Behind?](#)" because this particular heretical doctrine of demons causes its adherents to be blind to the revelation of prophetic scripture intended for the purpose of warning and preparing the church for the end times. But a thorough examination of the origin of any Christian "cult" or any heretical doctrine or practice will ultimately expose the corruption of some individual man or some individual woman by the Jezebel spirit.

In Mormonism (the Church of the Latter Day Saints) Joseph Smith, Jr. in 1829 supposedly received a visit by the Father and the Son who told him that the church had become corrupt and that he was to be the first saint of the renewed church. He later received a visit by the angel, Moroni, who gave him the location of some golden tablets (i.e. of higher quality than tablets of stone) on which a pre-Columbian prophet of the western hemisphere, Mormon, had transcribed what Joseph Smith, Jr. named, "The Book of Mormon."

Those who have eyes to see and ears to hear, though, are immediately reminded of

2 Corinthians 11:13-15.

***For such men are false apostles [spurious, counterfeits], deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles (special messengers) of Christ (the Messiah).***

***And it is no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light; So it is not surprising if his servants...(men, not demons)... also masquerade as ministers of righteousness. [But] their end will correspond with their deeds. 2 Corinthians 11:13-15 Amplified***

Of great interest concerning this claim by Joseph Smith, Jr., is the fact that the Great Awakening, the amazing revival and evangelistic outreach from the 1730's through the mid 1850's, was in full force at the time of this visit. Also of interest is that this is the same basic time frame that many other false doctrines and Christian cults were introduced. These include Dispensationalism (and the pre-trib "rapture") by John Nelson Darby, a Plymouth Brethren elitist, in 1836, Seventh Day Adventism by Ellen G. White in 1843, Christian Science by Mary Baker Smith in 1866, the Unity Church by Charles Fillmore in 1889, and many, many others.

Could it be that the Jezebel spirit was attempting to quell what was beginning to look like a revival of the apostolic church?

In his letter to the Ephesians, Paul identified the reason for division and immaturity in the church. Two millennia later the church is still divided and immature for the same reason. We are blown around by the demonic winds of doctrine introduced and promoted through "the cunning and craftiness of unscrupulous men," liars, in service to the Father of Lies, who are, themselves, deceived by spiritual forces of wickedness.

These men (and women) throughout the centuries, many of whom had a reputation for being "godly," have all been used by the Jezebel spirit to set up strongholds against the true knowledge and will of God (2 Corinthians 10:3-6).

And, because Christians in America today depend on the "truth" handed down to them by various authorities, including denominational authorities, without seeking confirmation from the Teacher, we are easily deceived and divided by the subtle but powerful influence of the Jezebel spirit amongst us.

We need to be aware that the Jezebel spirit empowers false prophets both in the church and in false religion. Most ministry leaders who teach and promote false doctrine and false practice are merely deceived themselves, because they rely on and respect their own intellects or the intellects of their "authorities" rather than the Spirit of truth. But those who claim Spirit-given truth as spokesmen for God, yet teach falsehood, are "false prophets." False prophets in the church these days are often unaware that they are prophesying with a supernatural spirit of divination (witchcraft) rather than the supernatural anointing of the Spirit of truth, but false prophets in the final years of the end times will be those who have become apostate and are filled with supernatural, demonic empowerment to produce false signs and wonders in order to confirm the lies of Satan.

Of these, it is said, it will be possible even for the elect to be deceived. (Matthew 24:24) Therefore, pray that the gift of the discerning of spirits will become common among those with whom you are in fellowship.

In any case Paul instructed us to judge and examine the words of the prophets as a fail-safe to prevent the body from receiving and believing the false prophecies (teachings) of the Jezebel spirit.

***So let two or three prophets speak [those inspired to preach or teach], while the rest...(of the prophets)... pay attention and weigh...(judge)... and...(spiritually)...discern what is said. 1 Corinthians 14:9 Amplified (inserts are the author's)***

Many believers who belong to cessationist denominations in denial of the manifestation gifts of the Spirit and of the office of “prophet” need to acknowledge that Paul is referring to “prophets” as those who have been given to the body of Christ for Spirit-inspired preaching and teaching of the Truth (deliberate capital “T”) of God, but not all who preach and teach, preach and teach with a genuine prophetic voice. Many preach and teach on the basis of intellectual presumption and assumption.

Thus we need to remember that the intellect of man, apart from revelation by the Spirit of truth, is the very chessboard upon which Satan and the Jezebel spirit work out their dialectical deceptions against us. Therefore, having a doctorate in biblical Hebrew and Greek is not a protection against dialectical deception, and there is no school of exegetical thought or process that guarantees a correct interpretation of scripture.

The only weapon against the dialectical deception of our intellects by the enemy is the supernatural wisdom and revelation imparted to us by the Spirit of truth.

Therefore, authoritarian denominationalism has become a spiritual stronghold through which the Jezebel spirit keeps the church divided and powerless.

***For though we walk (live) in the flesh, we are not carrying on our warfare according to the flesh and using mere human weapons.***

***For the weapons of our warfare are not physical [weapons of flesh and blood], but they are...(spiritual and)... mighty before God for the overthrow and destruction of strongholds, [Inasmuch as we] refute arguments and theories and reasonings and every proud and lofty thing that sets itself up against the [true] knowledge of God; and we lead every thought and purpose away captive into the obedience of Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One)...2 Corinthians 10:3-5 Amplified* (inserts are the author's)**

Pastors and ministry leaders today need to be very careful that their calling to “shepherd” the flock does not become an authoritarian, controlling rule in denial of the Lord’s command in Matthew 23:8-12. The pastoral spirit is protective, edifying, and Spirit-led, not controlling or manipulative. Those of us who are called to preach and teach the truth of God should submit to the deliberate and genuine accountability of our peers, those “elders” who are mature in the faith; not to “yes” men over whom we exert actual or subtle control, or, worse, to unquestioned denominational authoritarianism.

We need also to be aware that our authoritative denominational affiliations and authoritative denominational traditions may include divisive doctrines of demons intended not only to divide the body of Christ as a whole but to emasculate the church in some way.

My son’s father-in-law, Gary Reeves, now deceased, provides us with a good testimony. Gary was pastor of a small Methodist church in Paint Rock, Texas, and when the leaders of the United Methodist denomination voted to allow homosexuals to pastor their churches, Gary’s congregation asked him to renounce his association with the United Methodists and start a non-denominational church.

This was a big step, because the United Methodists owned the church building and were partially responsible for Gary’s salary. But Gary and his congregation did what was right by

rejecting that particular demonically inspired decision by the United Methodists, and they prospered spiritually by acting in obedience to the prompting of the Holy Spirit.

Pastors, ministry leaders, and staff who are trapped in an authoritarian church or ministry because they receive a salary from that church or ministry are in a tight place where their faith will be tested. If we compromise for the sake of the salary we need to support our families, we have yielded to the Jezebel spirit, and we will be participating in whatever stumbling blocks we are inadvertently condoning.

The faith choice is to stay and fight for the truth of God (as the Lord commands), or “Come out of her!” (as the Lord commands). But the Lord will never compromise to the Jezebel spirit, and never should we.

Some pastors and ministry leaders would rather tolerate the Jezebel spirit than to promote a prophetic voice in their fellowships or their ministries, because those with a prophetic voice will likely challenge any compromise by the ministry leaders or by the fellowship in general, and the loss of members, especially tithing members, is more important to them than the correcting voice of the prophet.

(In this I am not talking specifically about the office of prophet, but primarily about the prophetic voice as it is expressed through preaching and teaching.)

The prophets of God are now, and always have been, called to expose and oppose the Jezebel spirit. The Jezebel spirit wants to paralyze or hinder the prophetic flow in order to keep us divided, immature, and spiritually impotent. But the prophetic ministry (in its various forms) demands repentance from false doctrine and false practice and repentance from all self-will through confrontation.

***Now go, write it before them in a table, and note it in a book, that it may be for the time to come for ever and ever...***(which includes the Israel of God upon whom the fullness of the ages has come)...: ***That this is a rebellious people, lying children, children that will not hear the law of the LORD: Which say to the seers, *See not; and to the prophets, Prophecy not unto us right things...****(the truth)..., ***speak unto us smooth things, prophecy deceits...***(doctrines of demons)...: ***Get you out of the way, turn aside out of the path...***(the path of religious traditions devoid of revelation... ***cause the Holy One of Israel to cease from...***(being manifested)... ***before us.*** Isaiah 30:8-12 KJV (inserts and emphasis are the author's)

John the Baptist, whom Jesus called, “the greatest of all the prophets,” was anointed with the spirit of Elijah (that great prophet who exposed and opposed the Jezebel spirit), and this same anointing has come upon the many whom God is raising up to minister in the anointing of Elijah in this dangerous time.

***And he...***(John, and now, in these days, those who are anointed with the spirit of Elijah)... ***will [himself] go before Him...***(the Lord)... ***in the spirit and power of Elijah, to turn back the hearts of the fathers...***(elders in the faith)... ***to the children...***(the immature in the faith)..., ***and the disobedient and incredulous and unpersuadable to the wisdom of the upright [which is the...(true)... knowledge and holy love of the will ...(and truth)...of God]--in order to make ready for the Lord a people [perfectly] prepared [in spirit, adjusted and disposed and placed in the right moral state].*** Luke 1:17,18 Amplified (inserts and emphasis are the author's)

Thus John the Baptist was anointed with the spirit of Elijah as a single voice crying out (the message) in the wilderness (those places not, yet, corrupted by the world) to prepare God's people for the first advent of Christ. And those today who are anointed with the spirit of Elijah are a multitude of voices in the wilderness crying out (the message) to prepare His people for the full manifestation of Christ through His church, the Israel of God, and for the return of the Lord on the last day.

The prophetic voice brings people back to the cross, back to the righteousness of God in Christ, and back to the Truth of God (deliberate capital "T"). The Jezebel spirit hates truth, hates repentance, hates true humility, hates prayer, and hates the Spirit-filled life in general.

All who are anointed to minister in the anointing of Elijah are recognizable in a positive way, but I have also been able to identify some who have the anointing of Elijah, just by noticing the virulent, Jezebelion hatred being expressed toward them.

I found something on the internet written by James Lloyd of Christian Media Network, and, because I was interested in the truth imparted to me through his writing, I looked up his website. Someone had posted an anonymous (secretive source) website and used search engine optimization just to spew their hatred for James and for his message without any possibility of a rebuttal or source identification, and I told James, the first time I contacted him by phone, that it was this hateful voice of the Jezebel spirit that confirmed him in my heart as one who ministers in the anointing and power of Elijah.

But a great weakness in the church in America and the western world where pastors earn their living through ministry is the fear of personal confrontation and doctrinal confrontation. Paul consistently did both. But confrontation frequently results in rejection by those who are confronted (and do not want to hear the truth, much less respond to it), and rejection (i.e. loss of members) is not a "good" thing when viewed through the eyes of the flesh.

Individual born again, regenerated Christians who participate in the "cup of demons" by their involvement in the adulterous and idolatrous practices of their denomination, quasi-Christian organizations and affiliations like the Masonic Lodge, or through seemingly harmless occult pursuits like reading horoscopes (consulting another "god" for wisdom and guidance), prolonged, high level participation in classic forms of karate or yoga, or anything that violates the marriage covenant, will often display symptoms of this spirit's influence.

For that reason, the lack of a Spirit-empowered deliverance ministry in the majority of Christian fellowships of all denominations, is an open, unguarded door to the Jezebel spirit, who ravages believers like a wolf ravaging an unguarded flock of sheep.

***The thief comes only in order to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have and enjoy life, and have it in abundance (to the full, till it overflows). John 10:10 Amplified***

The war we are fighting corporately and individually is not typically open warfare. It is a subtle type of spiritual guerilla warfare. If it was open and obvious as it sometimes is in the world systems of politics, economics, science and education, and entertainment, the troops would be rallied (as they sometimes are) to oppose it. Though it is obvious that the church is losing ground fast in the world systems.

The church's inability to reverse the Roe vs. Wade ruling of the Supreme Court is an example of how the Jezebel spirit has triumphed over the church in America by causing what was once a "Christian" nation to come under the judgment of God for the murder of millions of innocent babies in the guise of "freedom of choice." And, make no mistake, America, the blessed

nation carrying out the white horseman's initial purpose in Christ, is now subject to the judgment of God because we have rejected the truth of God and the will of God in our national life.

But the church itself is to be a "holy nation" unto God regardless of our citizenship in the world, and, as God's shaking of all that can be shaken in the world and in the church escalates, the "wise virgins," in response to the prophetic voice of God, will repent of the false doctrines and false practices secretly introduced by the Jezebel spirit for the purpose of corrupting our true worship of God and our manifestation of the presence of Christ in the world by grace through faith.

The "foolish virgins," though, will refuse to repent, and their spiritual adultery through continuing participation in the cup of demons, served to them by the Jezebel spirit masquerading as a minister of righteousness, will end badly for them.

*He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). Revelation 3:22 Amplified*