

## WHO JEZEBEL WAS, WHAT SHE WAS LIKE

1 Kings 16:29-33 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. 30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD above all that were before him. 31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to **wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians**, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. 32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria. 33 And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him.

- The state of religion among the kings of Israel since Jeroboam was that they worshiped Jehovah, but corruptly
  - in the two golden calves that Jeroboam had set up
  - with priests who were not descended from Aaron
  - with holidays not on the days God had ordained through Moses
- Jezebel led her husband, King Ahab, to worship other gods, especially Baal

1 Kings 18:13 Was it not told my lord what I did when **Jezebel slew the prophets of the LORD**, how I hid an hundred men of the LORD'S prophets by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water?

- Jezebel killed the prophets of the Lord

1 Kings 18:19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the **prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.**

- Jezebel supported the idolatrous false prophets

1 Kings 21:25-26 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom **Jezebel his wife stirred up.** 26 And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel.

- Ahab was a wicked man, but we see limits on how wicked he acted
- Jezebel stirred up her husband, King Ahab, to greater wickedness

1 Kings 22:51-53 Ahaziah the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the seventeenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned two years over Israel. 52 And he did evil in the sight of the LORD, and walked in the way of his father, and **in the way of his mother**, and in the way of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin: 53 For he served Baal, and worshipped him, and provoked to anger the LORD God of Israel, according to all that his father had done.

-Jezebel led her son to do evil as she did

2 Kings 9:22 And it came to pass, when Joram saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as **the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts** are so many?

-With her idolatry, she made it so that there could not be peace in Israel as long as she lived.

-She had been the king's wife; now she is the king's mother

## WHAT GOD DID TO REMOVE JEZEBEL AND HER IDOLATRY FROM ISRAEL

### **The 450 prophets of Baal**

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1 Kings 18:40 And Elijah said unto them, Take the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape. And they took them: and Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon, and **slew them** there.

**King Ahab** - 1 Kings 22:34-35 And a certain man drew a bow at a venture, and smote the king of Israel between the joints of the harness: wherefore he said unto the driver of his chariot, Turn thine hand, and carry me out of the host; for I am wounded. 35 And the battle increased that day: and the king was stayed up in his chariot against the Syrians, and **died** at even: and the blood ran out of the wound into the midst of the chariot.

-God caused King Ahab to be killed by his enemy, seemingly at random

**King Ahaziah, son of Ahab and Jezebel** - God caused Ahab's and Jezebel's son Ahaziah to be injured, be sick in bed, and die in his bed

1 Kings 22:40 So Ahab slept with his fathers; and Ahaziah his son reigned in his stead.

2 Kings 1:2-4 And Ahaziah **fell** down through a lattice in his upper chamber that was in Samaria, and **was sick**: and he sent messengers, and said unto them, Go, enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron whether I shall recover of this disease. 3 But the angel of the LORD said to Elijah the Tishbite, Arise, go up to meet the messengers of the king of Samaria, and say unto them, Is it not because there is not a God in Israel, that ye go to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron? 4 Now therefore thus saith the LORD, Thou shalt **not come down from that bed** on which thou art gone up, but shalt **surely die**. And Elijah departed.

2 Kings 1:16-17 And he said unto him, Thus saith the LORD, Forasmuch as thou hast sent messengers to enquire of Baalzebub the god of Ekron, is it not because there is no God in Israel to enquire of his word? therefore thou shalt **not come down off that bed on which thou art gone up, but shalt surely die. 17 So he died according to the word of the LORD** which Elijah had spoken. And Jehoram reigned in his stead in the second year of Jehoram the son of Jehoshaphat king of Judah; because he had no son.

-NOTE: Double confusion in names here:

1. kings of Israel and Judah both named Jehoram at the same time!
2. both kings called Jehoram or Joram interchangeably!

**King Jehoram/Joram, another son of Ahab and Jezebel** - 2 Kings 3:1-3  
Now Jehoram [also called "Joram"] the son of Ahab began to reign over Israel in Samaria the eighteenth year of Jehoshaphat king of Judah, and reigned twelve years. 2 And he wrought evil in the sight of the LORD; but **not like his father, and like his mother: for he put away the image of Baal that his father had made.** 3 Nevertheless he cleaved unto the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, which made Israel to sin; he departed not therefrom.

2 Kings 9:1-10 And Elisha the prophet called one of the children of the prophets, and said unto him, Gird up thy loins, and take this box of oil in thine hand, and go to Ramothgilead: 2 And when thou comest thither, look out there **Jehu** the son of Jehoshaphat the son of Nimshi, and go in, and make him arise up from among his brethren, and carry him to an inner chamber; 3 Then take the box of oil, and pour it on his head, and say, Thus saith the LORD, I have anointed thee king over Israel. Then open the door, and flee, and tarry not. 4 So the young man, even the young man the prophet, went to Ramothgilead. 5 And when he came, behold, the captains of the host were sitting; and he said, I have an errand to thee, O captain. And Jehu said, Unto which of all us? And he said, To thee, O captain. 6 And he arose, and went into the house; and he poured the oil on his head, and said unto him, Thus saith the LORD God of Israel, **I have anointed thee king over the people of the LORD, even over Israel.** 7 **And thou shalt smite the house of Ahab** thy master, that I may avenge the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the LORD, at the hand of Jezebel. 8 **For the whole house of Ahab shall perish:** and I will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall, and him that is shut up and left in Israel: 9 And I will make the house of Ahab like the house of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, and like the house of Baasha the son of Ahijah: 10 **And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the portion of Jezreel, and there shall be none to bury her.** And he opened the door, and fled.

2 Kings 9:2-24 And it came to pass, when Joram [Jehoram] saw Jehu, that he said, Is it peace, Jehu? And he answered, What peace, so long as the whoredoms of thy mother Jezebel and her witchcrafts are so many? 23 And Joram [Jehoram] turned his hands, and fled, and said to Ahaziah, There is treachery, O Ahaziah. 24 And Jehu drew a bow with his full strength, and smote Jehoram [Joram] between his arms, and **the arrow went out at his heart**, and he sunk down in his chariot.

-Jehu, whom God appointed, killed King Jehoram/Joram with an arrow through the heart

**Queen Jezebel** - 2 Kings 9:30-33 And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window. 31 And as Jehu entered in at the gate, she said, Had Zimri peace, who slew his master? 32 And he lifted up his face to the window, and said, Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. 33 And he said, **Throw her down. So they threw her down: and some of her blood was sprinkled on the wall, and on the horses: and he trode her under foot.**

-Finally the man that God had appointed killed Jezebel

### **King Ahab's Other Sons (including the rest of Jezebel's sons)**

2 Kings 10:1 And Ahab had **seventy sons** in Samaria. And Jehu wrote letters, and sent to Samaria, unto the rulers of Jezreel, to the elders, and to them that brought up Ahab's children, saying,

2 Kings 10:6-7 Then he wrote a letter the second time to them, saying, If ye be mine, and if ye will hearken unto my voice, take ye the heads of the men your master's sons, and come to me to Jezreel by to morrow this time. Now the king's sons, being seventy persons, were with the great men of the city, which brought them up. 7 And it came to pass, when the letter came to them, that **they took the king's sons, and slew seventy persons**, and put their heads in baskets, and sent him them to Jezreel.

2 Kings 10:10-11 Know now that there shall fall unto the earth nothing of the word of the LORD, which the LORD spake concerning the house of Ahab: for the LORD hath done that which he spake by his servant Elijah. 11 So Jehu **slew all that remained of the house of Ahab** in Jezreel, and all his great men, and his kinsfolks, and his priests, until he left him none remaining.

### **The rest of the worshippers of Baal**

2 Kings 10:23-28 And Jehu went, and Jehonadab the son of Rechab, into the house of Baal, and said unto the worshippers of Baal, Search, and look that there be here with you none of the servants of the LORD, but the worshippers of Baal only. 24 And when they went in to offer sacrifices and burnt offerings, Jehu appointed fourscore men without, and said, If any of the men whom I have brought into your hands escape, he that letteth him go, his life shall be for the life of him. 25 And it came to pass, as soon as he had made an end of offering the burnt offering, that Jehu said to the guard and to the captains, Go in, and slay them; let none come forth. And **they smote them with the edge of the sword**; and the guard and the captains cast them out, and went to the city of the house of Baal. 26 And they brought forth the images out of the house of Baal, and burned them. 27 And they brake down the image of Baal, and brake down the house of Baal, and made it a draught house unto this day. 28 **Thus Jehu destroyed Baal out of Israel.**

1 Kings 19:1 And Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and withal how he had slain all the prophets with the sword.

1 Kings 19:2 Then Jezebel sent a messenger unto Elijah, saying, So let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not thy life as the life of one of them by to morrow about this time.

1 Kings 21:5 But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest no bread?

1 Kings 21:7 And Jezebel his wife said unto him, Dost thou now govern the kingdom of Israel? arise, and eat bread, and let thine heart be merry: I will give thee the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.

1 Kings 21:11 And the men of his city, even the elders and the nobles who were the inhabitants in his city, did as Jezebel had sent unto them, and as it was written in the letters which she had sent unto them.

1 Kings 21:14 Then they sent to Jezebel, saying, Naboth is stoned, and is dead.

1 Kings 21:15 And it came to pass, when Jezebel heard that Naboth was stoned, and was dead, that Jezebel said to Ahab, Arise, take possession of the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite, which he refused to give thee for money: for Naboth is not alive, but dead.

1 Kings 21:23 And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

1 Kings 21:25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

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2 Kings 9:36 Wherefore they came again, and told him. And he said, This is the word of the LORD, which he spake by his servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, In the portion of Jezreel shall dogs eat the flesh of Jezebel:

2 Kings 9:37 And the carcase of Jezebel shall be as dung upon the face of the field in the portion of Jezreel; so that they shall not say, This is Jezebel.

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.

