

WEEKLY BIBLE STUDY NOTES

Grace and Peace be multiplied to you in the knowledge of God and of Jesus our Lord;... 2 Peter 1:2

Confronting Jezebel

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Matthew 17:10 And His disciples asked Him, "Why then do the scribes say that Elijah must come first?" **11** And He answered and said, "Elijah is coming and will restore all things;

Malachi 4:5 "Behold, I am going to send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and terrible day of the LORD. **6** "He will restore the hearts of the fathers to [their] children and the hearts of the children to their fathers, so that I will not come and smite the land with a curse."

There were other Old Testament prophets. why Elijah?

- Because Elijah was the prophet sent from God to confront Jezebel

The Bible say's:

1 Kings 21:25 Surely there was no one like Ahab who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the LORD, *because Jezebel his wife incited him.*

- Jezebel was an evil woman whose goal was to replace the worship of God with the worship of Baal
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- Not only that, Jezebel wanted to replace the God Isreal with the Baal of Tyre and make him their god

What was it about the kingdom of Tyre that makes Jezebels plan so devious?

Ezekiel 28:12 "Son of man, take up a lamentation over the king of Tyre and say to him, "Thus says the Lord GOD, "You had the seal of perfection, Full of wisdom and perfect in beauty. ... **14** "You were the anointed cherub who covers, And I placed you [there.] You were on the holy mountain of God; You walked in the midst of the stones of fire. **15** "You were blameless in your ways From the day you were created Until unrighteousness was found in you.

- This refers to Satan
- And look at vs. 13 this is so revealing

Ezekiel 28:13 "You were in Eden, the garden of God; ...

What really happened in the Garden of Eden?

- Adam and Eve were both naked in the garden
- Meaning, nothing was hidden they were open books
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- Satan studied them both very carefully to see how he would get them from serving God to serving him
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- Remember, this was exactly what Jezebel was up to
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- Satan realized the best way to get to Adam, the man, was through Eve, the woman

1 Timothy 2:9 Likewise, [I want] women to adorn themselves with proper clothing, modestly and discreetly, ... **14** *And [it was] not Adam [who] was deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.*

- Satan would seduce Eve, the woman - she in turn would seduce Adam, the man
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- This process has remained very successful since the beginning of creation

Jezebel has become synonymous with witchcraft and spiritual seduction:

Revelation 2:18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this: **19** 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. **20** *'But I have [this] against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit [acts of] immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.* **21** 'I gave her time to repent, and *she does not want to repent of her immorality.*

- Eating things sacrificed to idols represents spiritual infidelity
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- This rebellious spirit of Jezebel has come back to seduce the modern-day church into replacing God with Baal
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- They used to sacrifice their children to Baal... we now have abortion...
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- In Baal worship there was promiscuous sexual activity
- We now have care-free sex without the bonds of matrimony...
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- There was no fear of God - and hell was replaced with tolerance
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- God is not and has never been a tolerant God

- Christians who have a problem with hell as a final solution to sin, and thereby the sinner
- These are people who somehow find comfort in associating with Jesus
- Yet refuse to conform to His holiness
- These are people who are hearing Satan say the same thing he said to Eve
- " did God really say..."

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- **Elijah must come and Jezebel must be confronted...**
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- **The condition of the Old Covenant church was so bad in the time of Jezebel that Elijah cried out to God and said I alone am left to serve you, and Jezebel is trying to kill me**
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- **God's reply, He said, I have 7000 knees that have not bowed to Baal (there is always a remnant)**

Matthew 11:13 (Jesus said) "For all the prophets and the Law prophesied until John. **14** "And if you are willing to accept [it,] John himself is Elijah who was to come.

- **This simply means that John came in the spirit of Elijah...**
- **John came as forerunner of Christ, to prepare the way for Jesus' 1st coming...**

Luke 3:1 Now in the fifteenth year of the reign of Tiberius Caesar,..., **2** in the high priesthood of Annas and Caiaphas, the word of God came to John, the son of Zacharias, in the wilderness. **3** And he came into all the district around the Jordan, **preaching a baptism of repentance for the forgiveness of sins;**

- **This was a complete paradigm shift from animal sacrifices for the forgiveness of sins**
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- **No longer was the Lord going to have His people remain sin conscious – sinning and sacrificing, sinning and sacrificing...**
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- **Now repentance was the way to receive forgiveness and get right with God**
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- **This remains in effect to this day**

Matthew 4:17 From that time Jesus began to preach and say, "**Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.**"

Repent: *To change one's mind* – to change one's way of thinking from one way to a completely different way

- **One cannot be truly saved if after receiving their salvation they remain the same person they were as before**
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- **To believe or to preach otherwise is to yield to the seducing spirit of Jezebel**
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- **If you come to Jesus thinking getting drunk and getting high is acceptable, and remain that way after coming to Christ, you are still in your sins...**
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- **If you come to Jesus thinking it is ok to indulge in sex before marriage, and remain that way after "coming to Jesus", you are still in your sins...**
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1 Kings 18:29 When midday was past, they raved until the time of the offering of the [evening] sacrifice; *but there was no voice, no one answered, and no one paid attention.* **(just like dead religion)**

1 Kings 18:36 At the time of the offering of the [evening] sacrifice, Elijah the prophet came near and said,... **37** "Answer me, O LORD, answer me, that this people may know that You, O LORD, are God, and [that] You have turned their heart back again."

1 Kings 18:38 *Then the fire of the LORD fell ...*

It is time for the fire of God to fall and turn the hearts of the church back to the living God and away from dead religion