

## Doctrine of Jezebel

1. Jezebel (chaste) was the unchaste and vile wife of Ahab, the seventh king of the northern kingdom of Israel in the ninth century BC (reigned c. 874–c. 853). Ahab was the son of king Omri.
2. Jezebel was a Phoenician princess, daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians.
3. A strong personality, Jezebel became the power behind the throne. Ahab was but a pouting puppet in her hands.
  - *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.*
4. One example of her influence in society was the establishment of the Phoenician worship in the court of Ahab as the king abandoned the LORD for a false god.
  - *1 Kings 16:31 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.*
5. No less than 450 prophets of Baal, and 400 other prophets, were supported by the wicked queen.
  - *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.*
6. The prophets of God were attacked by her specific orders and put to death by the sword.
  - *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?*
  - *2 Kings 9:7 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.*
7. Led by the prophet Elijah, the people of Israel rose against the ministers of Jezebel and slaughtered them at the foot of Mount Carmel.
8. When Jezebel discovered her husband's disappointment at not being given a vineyard by Naboth, she wrote a warrant in Ahab's name, and sealed it with his seal.

- *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. 8 So she wrote letters in Ahab's name, and sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters unto the elders and to the nobles that were in his city, dwelling with Naboth.*

9. Once the evil deed of killing Naboth and seizing his vineyard was accomplished, word was sent to Jezebel, and not to Ahab.

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

10. Because of the evil she did, Elijah cursed Jezebel and her husband Ahab.

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

11. The curse placed on Jezebel and Ahab was literally done by Jehu, whose chariot-horses trampled out her life.

12. The body was left in that open space called in modern eastern language "the mounds," where excrement is thrown from the city walls.

- *2 Kings 9:30 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. 34 And when he was come in, he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter. 35 And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands. 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: 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.*

13. In the Revelation, mention is made of a woman who, like Jezebel of old, was wicked though religious. She called herself a prophetess and misled God's people. She deliberately encouraged acts of immorality, and the honoring of idols.

- *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.*