Revelation 2:20

“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.” (Amp)

Aim of the sermon:

Bring understanding regarding the role of the jezebellic spirit in our church

- Relevance here and now in our homes, our church Shofar (prophetic church and she attacks the prophets), in South Africa (orphan spirit: unleash of violence, sexual immorality, bloodline curses) and in our role in the body of Christ. Warnings have come through strongly in intercession.
- Facilitate an encounter with the Holy Spirit that meets each individual’s need: physical, spiritual and emotional healing. Trusting for transformation.
- Facilitate corporate repentance for tolerating the influence of the ruling jezebellic spirit in our community

Who was Queen Jezebel

Track the lineage of Queen Jezebel in order to understand the origins of the Jezebel spirit so that we can better understand how to deal with her.

Omri (King of Israel) befriended other nations: Omri married his son Ahab to Jezebel (Princess of Phoenicia, current day coastal Lebanon)

Jezebel was the daughter of Ethbaal (King of the Sidonians / Phoenicians)

Ethbaal was a king as well as a high priest of the goddess Ashtoreth. Sidonians worshipped Baal and Ashtoreth. Jezebel was raised serving two pagan deities

Baal was worshiped in Exodus (Golden Calf): sexual immorality and nakedness Exodus 32. Baal is a god of prophetic divination (Mount Carmel with Elijah) 1 Kings 18:28 (cutting). Other names of Baal are: exalted lord of the earth, rider of the clouds and lord of the city.

Dagon was the (father of Baal): god of fertility or erotic lust, god of the heavens/ horoscope. He was a warring god. His consort was Ashtoreth (also the wife of Baal)

Ashtoreth: goddess of sex and war and also called the bride of heaven / queen of heaven (Catholics). She’s often associated with sexual acts, human sacrifices, violent acts, feminism, piercings and lesbianism

Helps us to understand where Jezebel gets her warring and seducing attributes
Jezebel’s story

Showdown with the Baal prophets and Elijah.

1 Kings 18:19-46

“Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, ‘so let the gods do to me, and more also, if I make not your life as the life of one of them by this time tomorrow.’”

Exposes Jezebel’s aim to kill the prophets of God (Elijah) and used fear and intimidation. Break covenant and ruthless (Naboth) 1 Kings 21. She is vicious and will do anything to destroy the individual and get what she wants. Seductress and uses flattery but only for her own gain.

Her aim is to annihilate the prophets, break covenant, cause disunity and bring destruction and death.

Jezebel’s seduction (recognise the ‘red flags’ so we can counteract them)

- Ruling spirit and not just a demon
- We can either be used by the jezebel spirit as a eunuch or we can be effected by this spirit working through others (most often it’s both)

Areas where we are the victim to the jezebel spirit:

- False mothering (seduction and flattery) to create soul ties (Ezekiel 14:4). If we have mother / father wounds, it makes us susceptible to Jezebel. (Download Ps Fred’s sermon on the mother wound from last year)
- Ask the Holy Spirit to reveal areas where you may be wounded: parents, romantic relationship, spouse, church, work, school, varsity, friendships etc.
- Purpose of highlighting the wound is to draws you into isolation and self-pity
- Then she attacks you with thoughts of worthlessness and rejection and that you have been abandoned

Areas where you can be used by the jezebel spirit:

- We can get drawn into charismatic witchcraft (bringing ‘prophetic’ word that originates in the soul and not the spirit. The purpose is to create a soul tie rather than glorifying God (and will often leave the receiver feeling fearful or intimidated or emotionally exposed / shameful)
- Thoughts / speech that undermines authority or leadership (husbands, pastor, boss at work, school teacher etc.) These thoughts may be actioned into words: slander, gossip etc.

Remember the jezebel spirit will almost always manifest before or after a great spiritual breakthrough. Eg: Threats of intimidation before or after a great victory (Elijah)

Ahab’s character

1 Kings 16:33

“Ahab did more to provoke the Lord, the God of Israel, to anger than all the kings of Israel before him.”

- Provoker, contentious, argumentative, depressive
- Struggled with self-pity and pride
- Emotionally insecure and hot tempered
- Escapism and Fantasy (pornography)
Jezebel / Ahab covenant

1 Kings 21:25
“For there is no one who sold himself to do evil in the sight of the Lord as did Ahab, incited by his wife Jezebel.”

Manifest in marriages, especially when under pressure (few resources: eg. young children, financial pressure, work stress etc.)
Not gender specific: both husband and wife can manifest jezebel traits or both can manifest Ahab traits. Does not necessarily need to be that the wife manifests jezebel and the husband Ahab, BUT that dynamic / combination is the most toxic as it undermines the God given authority and divine order of marriage. It leaves the husband feeling weak, emasculated and powerless and because the wife manipulates and controls in this dynamic, she feels exposed, unsafe and unprotected. It perpetuates an individualistic / survival mentality and directly attacks the God-given unity of covenant.

Characteristics: bring division, feeling offended, comparison, criticism, self-pity / survival mentality

Author John Bevere has written two books: (both really shed light on God’s protective safe measure against offence and a lack of submission, which are hallmarks of jezebel’s presence). The Bait of Satan (offence), Undercover
Jonas Clark has also written a book on Jezebel which is very helpful in understanding this spirit and her agenda.

Jehu anointing

Jezebel is not a person, Jezebel is a spirit that releases demonic controlling and manipulating witchcraft against your mind and into your life. - Jonas Clark

2 Kings 9:32-33
“And he looked up at the window and said, ‘Who is on my side? Who? So two or three eunuchs looked out at him. Then he said ‘Throw her down.” So they threw her down, and some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses; and he tramped her underfoot.”

NB The key to overcoming the jezebel spirit is the fact that you need to choose to throw her down. Then God Almighty will trample her underfoot. Because from the beginning God has offered us free choice and volition, He does not force us to kill jezebel and he does not come up and murder her. He wants us to choose to throw her down, which we do by submitting to him, walking in repentance and choosing against her plans and schemes.
Often because of a sense of loyalty / politeness / ignorance we continue to tolerate her and do not choose to throw her down.
How to kill Jezebel

1. Consecrate ourselves daily: daily communion with your family NB! Pray a daily prayer of consecration to God. Consecrate every piece of food you put into your mouth. 1 Thess. 4:3-7. Put on the full armour of God daily. This is the most important preventative measure one has to fight jezebel before her attacks are successful. Prevent is always better than cure!

2. Spending time in the word and having regular quiet times prevents jezebel’s deception. It’s easier said than done though. Find ways to connect with God while driving, doing the dishes, showering. Obviously it’s better to have a dedicated quiet time (like a date night). Your spirit and soul need to connect with God.

3. Make time for things like date nights in your marriage where you invest resources of time money etc. into cherishing the other. (Gary Chapman’s book on The Five Love Languages is very helpful in discerning what is your love language and that of your partner. Try to love your spouse according to what makes them feel loved). When our emotional tanks are full, jezebel has less influence over us and it’s easier to resist her.

If you have already been attacked / used by jezebel, you can apply the following to your life:

1. Submit to God and resist the devil James 4:7. Do not try to take on jezebel in your own strength. Submit to God, throwing jezebel out of your life and God himself will trample on her.

2. Love people but discern and hate evil Romans 12:9-21 (The battle is not against flesh and blood). Recognise when a eunuch comes to you and draw a firm emotional boundary so as not to receive the word but still to act in love.

3. Confession and accountability NB! Bring secret sins like pornography, masturbation, murderous thoughts, homosexuality etc. into the light. No sin is worse than another and jezebel thrives on secrecy because in an environment of shame she can keep you captive.

4. Be quick to use your reset button. You will sin, you will most likely be deceived despite your most earnest efforts. Be quick to repent / forgive yourself and others and start afresh. Jesus’ blood makes you a new creation EVERY day.

5. Forgiveness and repentance is a choice. Choose it! Because not everyone does. This is the key to throwing down jezebel. If you harbour unforgiveness because of shame, pride or bitterness (because you feel justified), you will be consumed by the devil. Matt 5:5 and Matt 5:9

6. Deal with emotional wounds from the past as they set you up for bitterness, offence, shame and condemnation. And pre-program you to turn to jezebel for nurturance. It is important to acknowledge wounds and have God verify their legitimacy but there comes a time (it could be within a day, it could take years) where you need to hand them over to God and put them behind you.

7. Recognise and realise that your thoughts / will / emotions are not always trustworthy. Although it’s very important to acknowledge what you are thinking / feeling and to legitimise it. You need to realise that only the word of God is ultimate truth. Eg: you are feeling worthless and abandoned. Acknowledge those feelings, confess them to God but speak the biblical truth over yourself, that God will never leave nor forsake you.

8. Fight for unity in marriage. See the devil / jezebel as the common enemy rather than the enemy in your spouse.

9. Resist performance / work. Once you recognise the works of jezebel, do not try to overcome her in your own strength. You will burnout and fail! You need to submit to God and rely on his strength.
Ministry

Facilitate an encounter with the Holy Spirit – an encounter with Christ like Zaccheus (Luke 19), where you are recognised by Jesus, your wounds are acknowledged and you are set free and transformed.
Message is not intended to engender fear or to bring condemnation

Pray for the following:
1. Those who don’t feel they hear the Holy Spirit: cannot discern between their soul and the spirit
2. Those who have old wounds that they need to bring before God for healing and forgive / repent
3. Those with pride, insecurity etc. who therefore struggle with repentance and forgiveness and feel they need to justify themselves
4. Those who are struggling in relationships – with parents, partners, spouses, authority figures like pastors or bosses etc., and God– need to repent of allowing Jezebel to operate either directly or by being an Ahab. Those who feel they have backslidden / are offended with God or the church (because of being hurt in church)
5. Repentance from the idols in our heart: where we worship God for who we want him to be, based on the idols in our lives and not based on the full revelation of who He is Ezekiel 14:4
6. Corporate repentance for tolerating jezebel in our marriage beds: in our relationship with God, with spouses etc. And for allowing ourselves to be nurtured and trained by her.

Ephesians 6:10-13

10 Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord and in the power of His might. 11 Put on the whole armour of God, that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places. 13 Therefore take up the whole armour of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.