

Bethlehem Bay Farmerville, Tex
Dying, one Betty Muth, Pious Slaves
Clara Robinson - took down
Refined Pastor On sun - if call invite
30 showed - altar call 2 Joints, the Part
only that - if you come here - I will
2 yrs removed and 2 women
27th att - New and 650 - 24th Aug 1888
Womans way - telling people God loves them
warm & loving - people come feel blessed!

Jezebel who calls her works the deep things of God. But he calls them the deep things of Satan.

II. Wonderful Workers V. 19

V. (19) - Commendation. He acknowledges their virtues. He knows their works, their service rendered to God, their love, and their faith, and their fidelity to their religion. Their pressure, and to think that he notes here is that the things that they are doing now are better than the first things! As they started out - so this was an indication that there had been growth in grace. Among these people. And they had gotten developed in their church. Working harder now than you did at first - some good things to talk about!
We are not to forsake our church because a few hypocrites in it!

III. A Wicked Woman V. 20-23

V. (20) - A complaint is offered. I have a few things against thee - thou has suffered the woman Jezebel. The best of churches are often troubled with unworthy members!
Plagued by a woman -

Now, we need to discover here the rebuke that is summarized by the word Jezebel. The church was in sympathy with her. It was tolerating such a woman and allowing her followers to remain in their midst unrebuked.

Her character indicates by her name something of who she was. Thou sufferest that woman Jezebel. Which calleth herself a prophet.

Now, how can we identify Jezebel here.

/ - First, we could go to that ancient day when Ahab the King, married a daughter of the King of Sidon. And she came to live with him, in the Old Testament. She was a worshipper of the God Baal. And she brought with her this worship and Ahab made groves in I Kings 16:31-33. You have an account of this influence and how

spiritually disastrous it was, for Ahab. She not only worshipped the idols herself, but she became a promoter.

She encouraged her husband to be broad-minded, about his religion. We can almost hear her say, what difference does it make what one believes. After all, you have your God, I have my God - let us be broad-minded about this thing.

Ahab was strongly influenced by Jezebel. Now, I don't know whether you would call that being a hen-pecked husband. But she actually ruled over him. She opposed with violence the prophets of God. And when Elijah came on the scene, he thought that he was the lone survivor. But Obadiah had taken 700 others - and they had been out in hiding. Jezebel attempted to displace God's word with the words of men. And that was spiritual fornication. She corrupted the government. She opposed God's work and in the end, the government she destroyed - destroyed her.

A good woman is one of God's best gifts on earth. An evil woman, on the other hand, is one of the worse things that could come on the earth.

But Jezebel claimed to be a prophetess - even as some women today. Who claim to have visions and new revelations. And they are spiritually dangerous. The present day false cults were established by women who claimed special inspiration and special teaching for our times. They claimed to have the key to unlock the Scripture. But the Lord called these things the deep things of Satan.

I suppose that is why Paul (forbid) the women to speak in tongues and to prophecy.

In public manifestation. I Cor. 14:13, 34, 35. Now you cannot remove these things from the Scriptures. They were often teaching the wrong things in the assembly under false control.

Of course you and I know that many of our churches today would crumble if it were not for (Godly) women, who helped to carry on the work.

But this brilliant woman who was so zealous and slew the prophets, of Jehovah, and swept Israel off its religious feet, subverting the doctrine of God and even brought Elijah to his knees. And a feeling that he ought to die instead of live.

Some of these doctrine like this today are dangerous. I heard a man say that he would never work in another church in which he was doing some kind of work, and they discovered they had a class of little tiny small children. And they were teaching them to wave their hands - like praising God. And they were telling these little children - you've got to do it faster and faster, and faster. Well, that is just like preparing an orchestra to get ready to put on a show. If it doesn't come out of the heart, what good is it.

Now there are various ways in which people have sought to identify Jezebel.

First, some have said to the angel, to the pastor of the church, I have somewhat against thee because thou sufferest thou wife Jezebel. Who claims to be a better preacher than you are and certainly more able to seduce my servants. Now there are people who believe that Jezebel was the wife of a pastor.

Who subverted the good work of the man of God. But there is small evidence that this is the right interpretation.

2 - The second interpretation of Jezebel is -- that (she) had received some famous oracle as a priestess who was famous in tremendous influence over the people. And they thought that she could bring her influence against the Christian faith and thus destroy it. So, she was a pythoness. Jezebel was on the (inside) of the church - not on the outside.

3 - Third, others thought that since this was a commercial city, that there was an organized guild and since all of the commercial people belong to the guilds, and since everyone was dedicated to a patron God or Goddess. That was an opportunity of an influential woman - an able woman in the church to teach the people that they "belong to the guild." And to enter into the sacrifices and the orgies that went along with the pagan about this worship. That this would be acceptable. That here was a Christian woman who could compromise and do both. Now this suggestion really has some merit to it.

4 - A fourth thing that some people have suggested is - that Jezebel was Lydia. That she could have come back to her hometown and found that her business interests conflicted with her religion devotion -- and therefore, she proposed a compromise. "Let us, she is supposed to have said, serve God and also worship an idol." So, they say that Jezebel was Lydia. And that doesn't sound reasonable.

The meaning of Jezebel here - who called herself an oracle of God, a prophetess who spoke with infallibility. Who taught God's servants to turn aside. From the

revealed word of God. Her identification seemed to be in ^{Rev} this book - it is a book of prophecy. And God is speaking here of a development in the church. In the age of the Thyatiran (history) of his people.

There are those who believe that the Ephesian age was the day of the Apostles. The Smyrian age, the persecution and the tribulation of the church. The Pergamian age, was when the church was established and married to one - to the Roman Government. And it was no longer persecuted or hated at that time -- but it was exalted and lifted up.

And then, naturally, the Thyatira age would follow, when the church was dressed up in purple and in silk with golden chains around their neck and she speaks as the infallible prophetess of God. Subverting the word of the Lord himself, this is the apostate church.

Now there are many reasons for such an identification - the church is always represented by a woman. It is always referred to as she or as her. Never as he or him. The him in our religion is the Great God. And our Saviour, Jesus Christ. But the church is described as the bride of Christ. And we see that a woman - a figure of the church - when the woman is called Jezebel. Immediately the Lord is speaking about an apostate church. When she claims for herself the oracles of God, a prophetess to speak, and she can replace the word of God, himself. Then we know that here is a period in history that he refers too -- that the church is going to be rich, dressed in purple, silk, and gold. And she speaks an oracle of God infallible - what she teaches is seduction of God's people. Taking them from a simple revelation of the word of the Scripture.

This would fit in well with the Bible - (divine) pattern. And all of the pieces are put together. Everything would fit. The parables of our Lord in the 13th chapter of Matthew. The fourth parable is identical in meaning to Christ's letter to this fourth church. They are one in the same. The kingdom of Heaven is like unto leaven. Which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal. Til the whole was leaven. The letter to the fourth church - thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, Which calleth herself a prophetess. And infallible authority to teach and to seduce my servants - my own people. The plain meaning of the meal offering represented our Lord - he is the bread of life. He is the food from Heaven. He is our staff and stay. He is the true manna from Heaven. The woman took the leaven, which was the symbol of corruption and evil - and placed it in the word of God. The leaven corrupted the great truth. The doctrine of the Son of God. And this woman, is charged with doing this. And she says this and that. And that false doctrine seduced God's servants. Until the whole was leavened. Til all of Christendom became corrupt.

Dr. Ironsides says, this resulted in a union of church and state. Back in the 7th century. The beginning of which he taught for centuries that the church was becoming more corrupt. And farther away from the word of God until the 7th century, they had and were ready for an acknowledged Pope. To head up all of Christendom.

The Roman Catholic once asked a Protestant girl, what was your church. Where was your church before the days of Henry VIII. Why/sir, where yours never was -- in the Bible.

Thyatira, it seems that they were offering a continual sacrifice. Now one

stands in awe to think that this world will be converted - is a fantastic thing. The 13th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew there are four kinds of soil. And only one kind produced for God. The tares grow with the wheat. The tares grow in the field until the time of the end. There never was a time without tares. It is only in the days of the end that God's Judgement is going to come and separate the wheat and burn up the tares with fire.

There never has been a time when the Gospel converted the world. And this Parable teaches us that the corruption and men's false doctrines enter into the truth of God and take hold. The Kingdom of Heaven is referred too here in this earth - administered by men. But God comes and speaks to the situation that was serious. And actually people were yielding to the false teachings.

V. 21 - They are given warning to repent. But she was not willing.

Let's Carroll in 'Every Revival Preached a sermon "I gave her space to Repent, and she Repented not." Beyond the allotted time there was no hope of salvation - crossed the Boundary Line.

22 - Judgement is eminent. Those that commit adultery with her physically and spiritually will find pain - not pleasure.

V. 23 - I will kill and bring the second death - and there will be no more hope for salvation because the wages of sin is death. Be not deceived - for God is not mocked. The scandal of your sin will become known.

Remember This - 4 Things:
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 II Wonderful Workers v 19
 III A wicked woman v 20-23
 IV Worthy Wages v 24-29

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V. 24 - Those not mixed with wickedness of Jezebel -- not claiming to know the deep things of Satan, this was one of their boasts. As Paul spoke of the deep things of God. These things, come from experiencing sin.

God refers here to what she teaches as the depths of Satan. She, of course, would call it the depths of God. You cannot learn this book for yourself - she says. You must (come to me) and (let me teach you) the deep things of God. Man cannot read the simple Gospel for himself. He cannot listen to the Word of God and repent of his sins. And trust Jesus and be saved. He must come to my institution and be instructed by lectures, by classes about the deep things of God. And he says, I call these the deep things of the Devil.

One stands in awe at the unfolding of this prophecy which is written by the figure of God in this amazing book. → He says, a thing will come to pass - and it comes to pass, but as it is written in the book. This woman (ezebe) subverts almost all Christianity - almost or a few. They are a minority. Who are faithful.

V. 25 - They have been following unto you he says, who have not this doctrine. Who do not follow this teaching - I have some words to say to you. (Hold fast) Get a (grip on things) Keep on. Keep on holding on.)

V. 26 - And I am going to give unto you, he says, a reward. That you that overcometh. V. 26. The one who is by faith following the Messiah. Will share with him over his enemies. He will rule - he says.

Overcome = Wide meaning, overcome Daily, Keeping The Lord's Words, Faithfully, Obeying "unto The End"

V. 27 - He quotes from Psalm 2:9. And he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter - they shall be broken. This is their punishment - a sure sign of the triumph of the Lord. In this quotation. as vessels of potter, if you oppose, shall be broken to shivers -

As in v. 18 The Feet of Brass Trample down The Lord's opposition!

This tells us there is a limit to which (false doctrine) can go. God will not

