

What is the 'Jezebel Spirit?' Understanding Baal, Demonic Powers and Witchcraft

What is the "Jezebel spirit?" Some have likely pondered this question in the wake of recent drama surrounding controversial Pastor Mark Driscoll.

Radio host and author Dr. Michael Brown told CBN the "Jezebel spirit" is tied to a demoniacal figure in the Old Testament named Jezebel.

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"Jezebel is arguably the most wicked woman in the Bible," Brown, host of Line of Fire Radio, said. "She was a Phoenician princess and an ardent worshiper of [the Canaan and Phoenicia god] Baal."

He continued, "She married King Ahab, and together they helped bring Israel down into deep idolatry. And of course, she had a great battle with the prophet Elijah."

Brown said Jezebel, whose evils are documented in 1 Kings and 2 Kings 9, was "associated with idolatry" and also with "being seductive" and with witchcraft. Thus, when people speak about a "Jezebel spirit," these are the types of issues they're typically referencing.

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Many believe Jezebel was the driving force behind much of the wickedness seen in these Scriptures and in Israel at the time. King Ahab is often presented as going along with these evils

rather than resisting.

“When we refer to ‘Jezebel’s spirit,’ the reason that we come up with the idea is that she’s mentioned again in the New Testament,” Brown said.

He referenced the note seen in Revelation 2 to the Church in Thyatira. Despite exhibiting “love and faith,” this church faced a harsh rebuke from Jesus.

“I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet,” verse 20 reads. “By her teaching, she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.”

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