

# THE AHAB SPIRIT

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## ADDENDUM

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In Isaiah there is a picture of a breakdown in Yahweh's order for the family:

*"I will give **children** to be their princes, and babes shall rule over them. And the people shall be oppressed, every one by another, and every one by his neighbor: the child shall behave himself proudly against the ancient, and the base against the honourable...As for my people children are their oppressors, and women rule over them. O my people, they which lead thee cause thee to err, and destroy the way of thy paths."* (Isaiah 3:4-5, 12)

This is a picture of the end times with a complete inversion of leadership.

In the last two verses of Malachi, Yahweh emphasized family order.

*"Behold, I will send you Elijah the prophet before the coming of the great and dreadful day of Yahweh: and he shall turn the heart of the fathers to the children, and the heart of the children to their fathers, lest I come and smite the earth with a curse."* (Malachi 4:5-6)

When moving into deliverance, you must obey the principles of Yahweh's order for the home and for the assembly. Deliverance cannot be held unless we do it according to the dictates of Yahweh's Word. This calls for a great deal of dying to self because of the nature of the society in which we live today. This all goes back to the assembly, for if it is not in order, then society is out of order. Without order in the home, there will be none in the assembly.

Yahweh is sending forth an Elijah spirit in these last days to bring order out of chaos. At the same time the vicious Jezebel spirit was raging through Israel, Yahweh sent an Elijah forth. As it was Yahweh's way in those days, so it is today.

The Elijah ministry is going forth in the land to offset the Jezebellic ministries which have swept the earth. These two have always locked in bitter clashing conflict. As we move deeper into the end times, this controversy will increase. There will not be peace and unity, but rather a fierce battle for control of the home, church, and nation.

Before there can be a Jezebel, there must be an Ahab. For Jezebel to take over, King Ahab had to abdicate, to step down from the place of leadership. This great abdication of our days has come about by the failure of men, who refuse to take the lead in the family, thereby violating Biblical principles of order and chain of command.

Preaching about and praising the Word of Yahweh will do little good unless we put it to work with practical applications. Ahab's life demonstrates principles to be avoided.

I Kings 16:29, 30...*"In the thirty and eighth year of Asa, King of Judah, began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years. And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of Yahweh above all that were before him."* Here is a classic example of what a man should not do.

Why do men step down from the places of leadership? Over and over the problem has

been men who abdicate leadership in the home and want nothing to do with the church. A key reason is given in I 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."*

The first principle operating in Ahab was that he considered the things of Yahweh as trivial. He looked on the sins of Jeroboam as trivial. When a man does this, there is a real problem.

The attitude that sin was not the issue freed him to do whatever he pleased. Because of this fallacious reasoning, Ahab left the things of Yahweh to his wife, and adopted her heathen religion. Spiritual matters were of little or no concern to him. So today, when men consider the things of Yahweh to be trivial, they draw back from leadership.

Another factor operating in Ahab was his marriage to Jezebel, princess of the Zidonians, who were all heathens and demon worshippers. Ahab knew the prohibitions against such marriages to heathens. By this he showed his low esteem for the institution of marriage and the commandments of Yahweh. It is very likely that Ahab married for convenience, lust, and political advantage.

Jezebel was quite a woman. She painted her eyes, and was heavily into sex, for she was a high priestess of Baal. Undoubtedly she was beautiful, sensual, and sexy. Like so many today, Ahab probably married for lust. Still today, men often fail to understand the Yah-given importance of the marriage relationship and plunge thoughtlessly into marriage for all the wrong reasons.

Satan exploits and encourages this kind of folly, pouring out a flood of sex through pornography, X-rated movies, etc. Closed circuit T.V. systems feature sex movies and many marriage counselors often advise X-rated movies to break down frigidity and other marriage problems. Actually this filth creates a low esteem for Yahweh's institution. Ahab's values were upside down. As Isaiah charged, he called evil good and good evil and this is one of the biggest problems in our society today.

Verse 31 states that Ahab served and worshipped Baal. To follow after other gods is the next step down into degradation. There must always be an altar for them somewhere. This does not have to be a physical place, but it can be in the heart. An altar is a place of homage, respect and influence, but primarily it is a place of input. It is a place to let down all defenses, a place to open up and be receptive.

Today there are new versions of altars to the gods. Newspapers, recreations, hobbies, automobiles and a thousand other things have altars erected to them in people's lives. Such a place of input can become our Baal because it takes away from the true Almighty and becomes a high place.

There is a spirit of god of sports, who rules over America, weakening our families. The input into our homes and children is not of Yahweh. Among other demons, there is a

competitive spirit which has flowed right into our churches, causing Yahweh's people to compete with each other. Certainly this is not of Yahweh.

Ahab went a step further and raised up an altar in Baal's temple which he had built in Samaria (verse 32). Today's Ahabs build shrines of worship to enterprise, success, profit, promotion, and wealth. Even if you are not wealthy, the drive is there to motivate and push for money, get a bigger house, drive a nicer car, etc. When we build such places, Satan will help. There is a spirit of Enterprise which accompanies the spirit of Ahab. *"In his (Ahab's) days did Hiel the Bethelite build Jericho: he laid the foundation thereof in Abiran his firstborn, and set up the gates thereof in his youngest son Segub, according to the word of Yahweh, which he spake by Joshua the son of Nun."* (Verse 34)

When Israel came in to reoccupy Canaan, the first city destroyed was Jericho. Joshua pronounced a curse on it that whosoever laid the foundations of the city would cause his first-born to die and whoever lifted up the gates thereof would cause his second born to die.

Hiel's names mean "Living of Yahweh," and he came from Bethel, which means "The House of Yahweh." A man of Yahweh, from the house of Yahweh, was building up a cursed city. He sacrificed two of his children in the attempt. The spirit of Enterprise which flows down through leadership will cause us to sacrifice our children for it, the god of our job or the corporation. Ahab is for that god (I Kings 20:34) and whatever is in leadership will flow down.

When Ahab went to battle, Yahweh always told his people to spare not, kill the kings, get rid of everything and wipe them out. To fail in this is one of the big things which will hinder holding our deliverance. Ahab spared the life of Benhadad. They made a deal in which Benhadad promised to restore the cities his fathers took *"and thou shalt make streets for thee in Damascus, as my father made in Samaria."* He offered business in Damascus; some enterprise was operating there.

Ahab accepted the offers as he saw more money, more income, and more riches. Instead of negotiating with Benhadad, he should have eliminated him. Enterprise lures away from leadership in the home. Men tend to get caught up in this system, even to the sacrificing of their own children for it. We must continually look to Yahweh as our source and depend on Him to supply all our needs.

Eventually, lust for material things caused Ahab to covet Naboth's (the fruitful one's) vineyard (I Kings 21:1-2). A materialistic drive leads to dissatisfaction with something we could easily buy in the market place. It lacks challenge. Sooner or later, lust for material things creates a desire to take that which belongs to another man. Because lust can never be satiated, there comes a time when the line of just having something is crossed and greed then reaches out for that which belongs to another.

When one goes out on a job interview, competitiveness and ambition are expected. However, if you are ambitiously looking for a ministry, you are in trouble and so is the church. Aggressive, competitive men have brought much trouble into the body of Messiah. Raging desire for greater ministries, bigger churches, bigger buildings, more people, etc., have wrought

havoc. Certainly these things are not of Yahweh. The servant of Yahweh shall not strive!

Because Naboth was a man of Yahweh, he stood on Leviticus 25:23, which forbade sale of an inheritance. He stood on Yahweh's word and refused the king's demand. Although this cost him his life, Yahweh later vindicated him. We must be willing to stand on Yahweh's Word even if we lose friends, jobs, or even our lives.

Ahab came into his house heavy and displeased, because of being thwarted in his greed. Like a small pouting child, he went to bed, refusing to eat (I Kings 21:4). Surely nothing is more ridiculous than a grown, married man who behaves like a spoiled brat in need of a good whipping.

Paul states clearly that the man is not of the woman; but the woman of the man. Neither was the man created for the woman; but the woman for the man (I Corinthians 11:8-9). In Ephesians 5:23-33, the husband is proclaimed the head of the wife even as Messiah is the head of the church and savior of the body. As the church is subject to Messiah, so wives are to be to their own husbands in everything.

Yahweh is simply saying that somebody must be the head, somebody must wear the pants in the family. In nature anything with two heads is a monster. Someone must be the head and Yahweh declares it is to be the male. Yahweh's order is well known to Satan, therefore he goes for those who will be the head, and works early on the male children.

In Moses' day, Pharaoh ordered every male Hebrew child killed. The Hebrew deliverer was coming and Satan was after him before he could even grow up. In Yahshua's day, Herod sent out a decree to murder all the babies. There was a voice heard crying in Ramah; Rachel weeping for her children, her sons, her seed.

Satan goes for the male, beginning early. If he cannot get at him in the womb, he attacks in childhood, trying to cripple him with all kinds of rejection and hurts. The purpose of this is to make him fearful of all relationships, especially those with women.

The devil also works to instill a Macho spirit into that little boy to cripple him emotionally. A man must not show his feelings or weep, and the walls will begin to build up within him. (For more information see *Annihilating the Hosts of Hell*, #2, pp. 99-102.)

He develops a distorted idea of what a real man is, and this sets the stage for Ahab spirits to come in and destroy the family priesthood.

Men are not as unemotional as people have imagined. They are often very prone to tuck things away inside and sometimes carry them around for many years. It is difficult for them to open up and expose themselves because of the risk of getting hurt. It must be done, however, because otherwise it tends to make Ahabs out of men.

Satan will throw anything he can at the males to upset and keep them off balance. He blocks them from filling their responsibility as priests and leaders in the home. This has always

been the focus of attack on our homes, through the men.

*I Kings 21:5,8: "But Jezebel his wife came to him, and said unto him, Why is thy spirit so sad, that thou eatest not bread? And he said unto her, Because I spake unto Naboth the Jezreelite, and said unto him, Give me thy vineyard for money; or else, if it please thee, I will give thee another vineyard for it: and he answered, I will not give thee my vineyard. 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. 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."*

Ahab's greedy covetousness and childish pouting led to a weakening and finally the relinquishing of the power of the authority Yahweh had invested in the man. As he began to do this, he made some tragic mistakes and this is still the way it happens to men in the home today. They overload their wives by bringing something home to them that they are simply not meant to handle.

In the ministry, there are people who rise up and come against me; say things about me; call me on the phone and ream me out. I can handle that, but many times my wife cannot. There are times I have a serious run-in with someone and we go round and round. However, in a day or two, after we pray about it, we forgive, hug one another and are free of the whole thing. However, if I involve my wife, she will still be hanging out there on a limb, angry and upset.

I have learned that there are some things she just does not need to know about. The woman is not designed to handle some of the blows that the man can absorb. Yahweh has designed us this way and, yet, most men will go home and lay far too much on the wife. And all this is because of their own weakness and childishness.

Satan has also worked to divide men and keep them from loving other men. Deep fears of homosexuality and misunderstanding have blocked a flowing of righteous love among the brethren. This prevents a real exchange of agape love between men, who need to share things and stand together.

Like Ahab, we often overload our wives. He expected too much from her and came home loaded with heaviness and dumped it on her doorstep. Above all things, wives want a happy man who is joyful and peaceful. They will do almost anything, even something perverse, to have peace in the home.

A wife wants her children to be raised in peace and a man to be a man. To secure this, she will manipulate, connive, give any kind of favor, even do things that go against her conscience just to get that man full of joy. Many men use this characteristic against their women, manipulating them by male moodiness to force them to do what they want.

When a man expects too much from his wife, it causes him to become progressively weaker. Notice that Ahab let the wife do something about a situation which he should have handled himself. Because he let her take charge, she really messed it up. Any time a man begins

to turn over to the wife things he should handle, he becomes a passive quitter.

As gullible believers, my wife and I allowed different couples to live with us off and on for almost three years. Recently we had the last couple move out and Yahweh warned us not to ask any others. One thing I learned is that when you allow people to live with you, it tends to destroy the male.

The man became passive and nothing would happen until I finally had to force them to leave. These were Spirit filled Believers, yet I had to order them out of my house. One man loftily informed me, "Yahweh didn't tell me to go." I told him, "Yahweh is speaking through me. You GO." I was tired of him lying around drinking coffee all day while I was out working, earning a living, so he could be lazy and shiftless.

Men, if there is a problem at the school with your children, it's YOUR responsibility. Problems with the bills, with the car, the house, the appliances, etc., are all your responsibility.

Jezebel took the husband's authority because he allowed it. This begins the pattern of the Jezebel influence and a generation of problems in the home. It spills over into everything else: the church, the business, and the political system, all of which are full of female leaders. This perversion is not pleasing to Yahweh.

Most men will not stop their wives after they move into the Jezebel pattern because they are, quite frankly, afraid of them. When men do take charge, the women may gripe, groan, cuss, rave, and tear down the walls, but they will love every minute of it. Men need deliverance from Fear of Women.

In I Peter 3:7, we are told that the woman is the weaker vessel, not because she is inferior, but because she is not anointed for leadership. When forced into the place of leadership, it becomes an open door for witchcraft control spirits every time.

Another door opener is Hatred for Women. A scared Ahab will hate his Jezebel and this brings lust into a new dimension. When a man lusts after a woman, he's not respecting, but hating her. This is where perversion enters. A man full of hatred for women will become a pervert in time, unless he gets delivered. He hates himself for being such a pansy; then Lack of Confidence, Failure, Joblessness and Fear come in. When Fear enters, it fosters a communication breakdown. This final flaw breeds resentment which will, in turn, bring about separation and divorce.

Yahweh sent Elijah to bring order out of this chaos (I Kings 21:17-21). Yahweh is patient, long-suffering, and merciful, but if your family is out of order, eventually the Word of Yahweh will come to correct it by drastic means. You can try to love people into it and secure deliverance for them. However, if this fails, sometimes you just stand up and say, "Quit it! In the name of Yahshua, I tell you to quit it." This is what Yahweh finally did in this case by sending His prophet with the judgment message. Although Jezebel did all the dirty work, notice that Ahab got the prophecy. This is because Yahweh always holds the man accountable in the chain of command.

The judgment is pronounced in verses 19-21: *"Thus saith Yahweh, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith Yahweh, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. And Ahab said to Elijah, Hast thou found me, O mine enemy? And he answered, I have found thee: because thou hast sold thyself to work evil in the sight of Yahweh. (Ahab sold out to his wife.) Behold, I will bring evil upon thee, and will take away thy posterity, and will cut off from Ahab him that pisseth against the wall (the boy old enough to stand and urinate), and him that is shut up and left in Israel."*

The aftermath and sure result of disorder in the home is the curse of Yahweh. Remember the sins of the father do not stop with him, but pass down four generations (one hundred sixty years). Perhaps they will pray and ask, "Oh Yahweh, what did I do?" and He will answer, "Nothing, it was your great, great grandfather. He was an Ahab and this has cursed all the males in the family." So many times the end results are the production of homosexuals and broken homes.

Verse 22 states that Ahab's house would be like that of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, and Baasha the son of Ahijah. This because they provoked Yahweh to anger and made Israel to sin. You receive the reward of him whom you emulate. If your dad was an Ahab and you emulate him, you will get his reward. If you emulate some movie star or other famous person, you get what he gets. This is why believers are admonished to identify with Messiah, for He alone is our pattern.

In I Kings 22:34-40, Ahab sent out to battle and desperately tried to outmaneuver the doom of the prophecy he had received. Although in disguise, he could not escape retribution at the hands of Yahweh and was killed. Ahaziah, his son, reigned in his stead until finally, in II Kings 10:11, Jehu killed all that remained of the house of Ahab in Jezreel. All his great men, and his kinsfolk, and his priests were completely wiped out. Jehu (which means "Yahweh is He") was also used to slay Queen Jezebel, thus destroying this whole rotten family.

In Galatians 3:13, we are told that Yahshua has redeemed us from this curse, by becoming a curse for us. He became an Ahab for us on the stake, therefore He is our answer. To appropriate this, men must first admit they are guilty of being Ahabs. Nothing will happen until the men move.

Often Yahweh starts a movement with women, but He waits for the men to come forth. When this happens, wise women will then step back. Deborah is a classic example. She went with Barak and then turned it over to him.

Renounce the evil spirits, break the curse over your family, and refuse to be fearful anymore. Next, seek deliverance from all these things. Get in the Word; walk in it; fill your life with it.

After your wife comes down from the chandeliers and tears up everything in the place, because Yahweh is transferring the authority, she will settle down. The smoke and dust will settle and, as she surrenders, there will be peace on earth, good will toward men.

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### **ADDENDUM**

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The spirit of Jezebel is everywhere. If you are still watching T.V., you will discern a common theme on the news, sitcoms, and in the movies. It seems harmless enough, but there is a plot underfoot that Satan is steering. You have read this booklet. When the man's role is stolen, his natural role as leader and spiritual head is gone and chaos and a demonic way will ensue. This theme is everywhere you look. You are called to war to save your birthright, your faith, self-respect, and your families. This is a demonic and spiritual war. You are in a war; you might well pick up the sword and defend yourself. What is it you are seeing?

The theme is common. On billboards, commercials, and life in America, the woman is lifted up over the man. The carnal woman does not understand this movement. She is again seduced by Satan to think she is getting her just reward for being a homebody all these years. Christian women think that the woman should be as Psalms seems to portray: assertive, resourceful, with the ability to go out and make business acquisitions and investments on her own, to promote her husband and her family. (Go and buy a field...) It does not say she should do it without her husband's permission. Some men do see the problem of this equal rights movement. He will have less to do and can share responsibility. She now feels justified by the social trend to be equal and do her own thing, which might be to enter politics, run the home and finances, go into the work force, or to start a private business. None of these things are necessarily bad, but unless they are under the supervision of the husband, they are not according to Yah's line of authority. What do we see now?

In America, everywhere we look, men are humiliated, criticized, second guessed, resented, intimidated, ridiculed, and their position as males is made fun of, by women, organizations, and children. In the sitcoms, it seems funny and harmless at first; then we see the advanced pattern. The man becomes ineffective in the home. He makes the money, but gets little respect for his position in the home as a man or as a father. The children now only listen to Mom! Guilt, shame, condemnation and resentment come in. Then the family unit breaks down. We have seen this over and over.

If the husband takes his proper position as leader and still honors the wife, Yah will bless the house and each family member. But, when it begins, the man and his wife, hopefully, will see the spiritual problem beginning and start in with serious spiritual warfare against this spirit of Jezebel and Ahab. If the women will not join the fight, the man needs to start the aggressive battle against these spirits to save his house. Binding and loosing is the only way. Close all doors to the enemy and fill yourself, men, and your house, with the word and praise of Yah. If necessary, go for counsel on the problem and, or, get deliverance, if you need it. Pray and intercede for your wife and children. If you are not the head of the house now, find out why!

If you have given your leadership away, find out how! Leadership is learned! You can learn. Study Proverbs if you want Wisdom. Pray and ask Yahweh to lead you and help you find

Wisdom and Understanding. He will supply it if your heart is right. But, you must break generational curses, ungodly soul ties, and psychic bondage with relatives and others that have brought you to abdicate your position.

This article is not chauvinistic or anti-women. It is for women and their natural role. The woman was made for man, not the man for the woman. The woman was from the man, not man from the woman. (I Corinthians 11:8-9) The man was made in the image of Yahweh. (Genesis 1:26)

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