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# NICOLAITANS! BALAAM! & JEZEBEL! "The Three Wicked Spirits"

There were tools that the devil did use against the Church after the death of the apostles, and with those tools Satan pushed the church into apostasy. These tools are the three wicked spirits which were introduced as deeds and later they became doctrines even on to this day: These deeds and doctrines are that of the (i) **Nicolaitans** (ii) **Balaam** and (iii) **Jezebel**.

### NICOLAITANS

Revelation 2. [6] But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. [15] So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

The term Nicolaitans is actually coined from two separate words; (i) **Nico**: meaning "<u>To Conquer</u>" (ii) **Laity**: originally meaning '<u>the lay people</u>' and later used to represent the **church** lay members. Therefore NICOLAITANS were a group of people practicing the act of NICOLAITY, that is, the act of CONQUERING THE CHURCH'S LAY PEOPLE. God clearly stated that He hated this deed which later became a doctrine and is being practiced by many today most of who are ignorant of it.

### WHAT WAS THE ACT OF THE NICOLAITANS?

We would take a second look at the scripture where the deed was mentioned to get the real picture behind their acts. The Spirit was speaking to the churches both rebuking and commending them in the book of Revelation 2 & 3, and to the Ephesian Church it was stated that they had fallen from their first LOVE.



They Lord over God's heritage 1Pet5: 3. Merchandising the souls of men.

The first love in this case would not mean loving one another because in the world today people show love to their kinds. Those belonging to the same robbery gang would love themselves, Buddhist, Hindus, Muslims, Catholics, Pentecostal groups/ Evangelicals, and all sort of Cult groups today love themselves but their love is in no way related to God as you will see. The LOVE that the Holy Spirit was referring to is the LOVE of the Word (**The Revelation of Jesus Christ**).

#### [4] Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love. [5] Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. [6] But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate. Rev 2: 4-6.

They had started slacking in their attention to the undiluted revelation of the Word, and Satan was instrumental to this because he (**Satan**) had something he wanted to inject into the body of Christ, and that was the deed of the Nicolaitans, which was already in practice by the Roman pagans. The Ephesian church age fought hard against it, and was commended by the Lord but the body could not hold its ground for too long.

## "...but while men slept, his enemy came and sowed tares among the wheats, and went his way" Matthew 13: 26.

In the parable of the tares of the field, Jesus said that the ENEMY of the owner of the FIELD came while the watchers had slept. It means that Satan the ENEMY of THE SON OF MAN (JESUS CHRIST) came after the death (sleeping of the Apostles) to sow the WICKED SEED, which was none other than his men (Satanic Men and Agents) who found their way into the church and gradually crept up to the point of holding positions of authority in the Church. Matt 13: 38-39.

One day the mother of James and John the sons of Zebedee came to request of the Lord to grant them special SEATING positions, and the Lord Jesus wisely dispelled her carnal request, but the rest of the apostles were angry with these two brothers. The Lord Jesus Christ quickly responded by addressing the subject; not the anger of the remaining 10 apostles, but the identification of the source of such a spirit which was none other than the spirit of Nico-laity.

[24] And when the ten heard it, they were moved with indignation against the two brethren. [25] But Jesus called them unto him, and said; Ye know that the princes of the Gentiles exercise dominion over them, and they that are great exercise authority upon them. [26] But it shall not be so among you: but whosoever will be great among you, <u>let him be your minister</u>; [27] <u>And</u> <u>whosoever will be chief among you, let him be your servant</u>: [28] Even as the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.

**Nico-laity** is the conquering of the lay (common) people by a small group, who exercise power making use of Religious, Economic, Political, and Military advantages, the most pronounced of all is in the religious settings. Now having gone thus far we should be able by scriptures to recognize what NICOLAITY is and those who are the Nicolaitans of our present day.

#### Revelation2: 13-15.

[13] I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

[14] But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. [15] So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. Rev 2: 13-15

During the second church age dispensation, the deeds of the Nicolaitans have developed into a doctrine, and being a doctrine it could not stand on its own without the help of the doctrine of Balaam which we would be looking into shortly.

It was clearly stated in the scripture of Truth that Jesus Christ IS the HEAD of the Church and that He alone must have the PREEMINENCE. Read Colossians 1: 16-18.

Men have raised titles aided by the devil to remove Jesus Christ from their own churches and that was why we found him standing at the door knocking. Some say he was knocking at their hearts, well that would only be a type; he was actually knocking at the door of the church and those who were inside and could hear his knock even as he is still knocking now CAME out of the church-system to meet Christ.

#### Revelation 3: 20-22

[20] Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.

[21] To him that overcometh will I grant to sit with me in my throne, even as I also overcame, and am set down with my Father in his throne.

[22] He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

The last verse (22) tells us where he was knocking.

We see today the spirit of Nicolaity in the systems/titles that men have taken to run the church away from the bible. There are five positions of Authority in the New Testament and because those who must function in these offices MUST be born into it, that is, no man can make them into these offices, Satan had to introduce first, his men then his style, to divert the people from Jesus Christ unto himself.

All they want is to be lords over God's heritage; bringing in the very thing Jesus warned the apostles of in **Matt 20: 26-28**. They want to be called Popes, His Holiness, His Eminence, General Overseer, Right Reverend, Arch Bishop, Founder, Father, Daddy and Mummy, Papa and Mama etc. Some think of Jesus Christ as a joker, who will say what he does not mean: he said "CALL NO MAN YOUR FATHER". Shame to those who do not know their fathers and mothers that is why they call their pastors and their wives 'Papas and Mamas'. This does not mean that we cannot recognize fathers in the faith, as was with Paul and Timothy but when it is coined into a title and an indirect worship, it becomes satanic.

The Apostles who were with the Lord Jesus Christ and those who came later addressed themselves as BROTHERS. Peter called Paul 'Our Brother Paul', and John introduced himself as Our Brother in Tribulation. Today the follies of many are being exposed because they openly claim the church that Jesus Christ died for. They are playing with the blood of an innocent man and judgement will catch up with them on that day.

The General Overseers of our day, are claiming by their titles to be 'next to God', before the people, making God a grandfather which He is not, that is why they stand to forgive sins, as sinful as they are. These men set their headquarters on a **Gentile Land** from where they control their Private Companies/ Investments. It is only showing the level of the spiritual illiteracy working in them.

Have they not read that there is only ONE LORD, ONE FAITH, AND ONE BAPTISM, which MUST be preached beginning from **JERUSALEM** to Judaea, to Samaria then to the uttermost parts of the earth?

Therefore whosoever raises any headquarter has seceded from the economy of Jesus Christ. I ask these general overseers "in the millennium what will happen to their headquarters and branches?" I urge them to return to the Lord if they are His, but if not, nothing to worry, they are the spiritual descendent of the ENEMY that sowed the tares while the Apostles slept.

There was a cry made in Matthew 25: 5-6 "*Behold the bridegroom cometh, go you OUT to meet him*".

Jesus Christ the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

# BALAAM



'Move! Don't spoil my business, can't miss this deal'

#### Numbers 24

3 And he took up his parable, and said, Balaam the son of Beor hath said, and the man whose eyes are open hath said: <u>4</u> He hath said, which heard the words of God, which saw the vision of the Almighty, falling into a trance, but having his eyes open:

#### Revelation 2: 14.

But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling-block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

#### Jude: 11.

# Woe unto them! for they have gone in the way of Cain, and ran greedily after the error of Balaam for reward, and perished in the gainsaying of Core. Also see (2 Peter 2:15).

Consider the first scriptural quotation that deals with the introduction of the man 'Balaam'. It is clear that Balaam was gifted more than any other man in his day including Moses. We must approach the subject of Balaam with great care, for it is in the story of Balaam that God teaches us some hidden lessons about Himself and His Wills (PERMISSIVE AND PERFECT).

The following are hidden truths that the Balaam story brought to light such as;

a. The danger of walking in God's permissive will.

b. It was shown in the life of Balaam that one could have *gifts* of the Holy Spirit without having the Holy Spirit.

c. Signs and Wonders does not guarantee right standing with God.

#### HOW GOD VIEW FALSE PREACHERS? BALAAM, A CASE STUDY.

2 Peter2: 1-4.

<u>2:1</u> But there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies, even denying the Lord that bought them, and bring upon themselves swift destruction.

<u>2</u> And many shall follow their pernicious ways; by reason of whom the way of truth shall be evil spoken of.

 $\frac{3}{3}$  And through covetousness shall they with feigned words make merchandise of you: whose judgment now of a long time lingereth not, and their damnation slumbereth not.

<u>4</u> For if God spared not the angels that sinned, but cast them down to hell, and delivered them into chains of darkness, to be reserved unto judgment;

Let me ask my dear readers this simple question. When you read the account of Balaam in the book of Numbers, did you see anything that could make you tag him a False Prophet?

I trust that if we all have read the same book of Numbers, our sincere answers would be 'NO'. You will even notice that all went well between God and Balaam, as the later ended up blessing the Israelites and the Bible stated "...*and Balaam rose up, and went and returned to his place*". Number 24: 25

Balaam on this day prophesied of the coming Messiah and the destruction of Moab by Israel among other things, and had a sharp quarrel with his contractor, Balak the King of Moab. All of these wonderful testimonies were what you and I could see, just as it is today with many of our so called great preachers, but there were some *un-noticed* actions that God recorded that must determine the direction of His judgment.

#### 2Peter 2: 15.

Which have forsaken the right way, and are gone astray, following the way of Balaam the son of Bosor, who loved the wages of unrighteousness;

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The Apostle Peter linked false Preachers of his day and ours to Balaam stating that he was a lover of the wages of unrighteousness. Today, we have preachers whose focus is on reward, and for every service they render, they expect to get their pay there and then. I have seen preachers planning open-air meetings to win souls and did not forget to include fund raising. The act of asking people to sow seeds as it is generally called has become the order of the day, and messages of faith are centred on having enough faith to **give** even if one was not yet saved.

#### **INDULGENCE RENEWED!**

During the middle age or dark ages as is usually called by historians, the Catholic Church manipulated the people to believe that money could actually be paid for sins, especially for such sins that was difficult for one to do without. It was this program that brought **TARSEL** who was a notorious thief who himself had stolen from the church to be the collector of this ungodly reward for the church. In our present day, men have turned experts in merchandising the souls of other ignorant men, who with a clean conscience go to worship God but are led to worship Satan instead. Preachers have the boldness to lie in the name of God, saying that He said, when He did not say. They tell the people God wants to bless 10 persons here who can give \$100,000, after that these preachers would say that the Lord wants them to step down a little, therefore if you have \$70,000, then, \$50,000 and on and on until they will finally call for \$10.

I believe that God cannot act this way for He is God and does not speak in this manner. God does not demand offerings from outsiders, checking through the scripture, before he accepted the offering of Abel, he accepted the person of Abel first (Gen 4: 4). The Lord Jesus Christ while teaching on offering said that even if a brother has something against you, you should not offer until you have settled the matter, then you can return to give the offering. How much more when these mad prophets as Balaam was tagged would request those who do not have a relationship with God to offer for their own selfish reasons.

#### THINKING THAT GOD IS WITH US ALL THE WAY

Balaam received the Princes of Moab; the scripture stated that they were honourable men. Their mission was to invite Balaam to come and curse Israel. We do not know who Balaam was as at that time because the bible did not state it, until he told the Moabites princes to lodge for a night so that he could enquire from God. Therefore, if Balaam was to enquire from God, he must be a servant of God. Is this not the way many people think today? This thinking is wrong. Balaam told the men that God has refused him from following them because the Israelites were a blessed people. Yes! They were blessed by the blessing and covenant of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. Balac the king who had promised Balaam promotion sent other princes more notable to tell Balaam that he should not allow **ANYTHING** stop him from coming to him.

#### Numbers 22: 15-17

<u>15</u> And Balak sent yet again princes, more, and more honourable than they. <u>16</u> And they came to Balaam, and said to him, Thus saith Balak the son of Zippor, <u>Let nothing, I</u> <u>pray thee, hinder thee from coming unto me</u>:

<u>17</u> For I will promote thee unto very great honour, and I will do whatsoever thou sayest unto me: come therefore, I pray thee, curse me this people.

Saints! What do you think Balac called "**nothing**", just the same thing many of us are indirectly calling nothing today, and that is GOD. Many a times when reward is involved, when money is connected, men loses focus, and try to take a brake from being in the spirit to help themselves get the needed funds so that with it they can serve God better. What a way of thinking. God is not a talkative, and He is known and made clear by His Word. Therefore when we pray concerning anything, we should know whether or not we are in His Will. (1 John 5:14)

Balaam prayed first and God revealed to him, His Eternal Mind and Purpose concerning Israel, and that was it. Be it known, that If Balaam had regard for God, he should have stayed with that, but to him, Balac was more important even when he did not say so, he acted so. The mad prophet could not imagine himself offending the calibre of men sent to him by Balac, so since he could not convince them, he decided to convince God.

#### Number 22.

<u>19</u> Now therefore, I pray you, tarry ye also here this night, that I may know what the LORD will say unto me more.

<u>20</u> And God came unto Balaam at night, and said unto him, If the men come to call thee, rise up, and go with them; but yet the word which I shall say unto thee, that shalt thou do.

Balaam with his mouth honoured God by saying he will not do anything except what God commands, but he again showed his folly, when he said tarry here one more night, that I may know what God will say unto me the more. By this Balaam was asking God to change His eternal purpose so that his own selfish interest could be achieved. Note that God asked Balaam to go but sent His angel to strike him dead on the way.

#### Jude: 5.

I will therefore put you in remembrance, though ye once knew this, how that the Lord, having saved the people out of the land of Egypt, afterward destroyed them that believed not.

God having saved them did not forget to destroy the same people for the sin of unbelief. Balaam was in the permissive will of God and that was why his protection was not guaranteed.

#### SIGNS AND WONDERS! PLEASE BE WATCHFUL.

Our food, our aspiration, our goal, our target should be to do the Will of God. **Matthew16: 4.** 

A wicked and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given unto it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas. And he left them, and departed.

Jesus told the Pharisees and the Sadducees who were demanding him to show them a sign from heaven that only a wicked and perverse generation seek after signs and wonders.

The movement of people today is centred on "*it is happening there...*" but let us consider some examples.

- 1. The Gift and ability of Balaam deceived him and the people who patronized him. The same goes for the many ignorant worshippers who are sincerely and innocently plunging to hell because they have refused to depend on the revealed Word of God. Yes! Like the Pharisees, Jesus rebuked them for not understanding the signs of the time, which will always point to the program of God at any given time. Take for instance, if while Moses was trying to get the children of Israel out of Egypt, somebody rose up to say they must build an ark as Noah did, don't you think many will believe? The true believer will know that such program though of God had expired.
- 2. Miracles do not imply that God is well pleased. Remember Moses when God asked him to speak to the rock so that water would come forth for the children of Israel. Instead of obeying the voice of God to simply speak to the rock, he decided like some people today to perform a PROPHETIC ACTION. He struck the rock, but watch; God did not show to the people that He was angry, yes! The water came out but Moses had a case to answer. Number 20: 8-12. In responding to the action of Moses, God called both Moses and Aaron aside because He must keep His Word to the end. He told them that they did what they did because they did not BELIEVE HIM, therefore their journeying ends there in the wilderness. Numbers 20: 12
- 3. Every sign from God must have a **VOICE**! John the Baptist was the voice of one crying in the wilderness, but I am sure you know he was not just making different sounds, because that voice was a message. God told Moses, if they obey not the voice of the first sign, they would obey the voice of the second sign. Today! how much do we care about the voice, all we need is only to celebrate the signs. The signs were made to follow the Voice and when we become the carriers of the voice, then the signs will follow us as believers of the same voice. "*These signs shall follow them that believe...*"

#### God testified against Balaam in death, as recorded Joshua 13: 22 "<u>Balaam also the son of</u> <u>Beor, the soothsayer</u>, did the children of Israel slay with the sword among them that were slain by them.

#### AT WHAT TIME DID BALAAM BECOME A SOOTHSAYER?

He had always been a soothsayer in the presence of God, but God had to endure him until the set time. We find a similar case in Acts 16: 16-18. The same spirit that distracted the people in the days of Moses, which was resident in Balaam, was found in a certain young woman. Wherever there is the spirit of soothsaying gains are sought after. She followed Paul and his team many days saying good things, which were actually true but the young lady was an agent of darkness. Paul waited for the appropriate time as signalled by the spirit of God, to cast out the devil from her.

Friends! Today in what is called Christianity, many go to consult prophets, and when they are told things that disagree with scriptures they rather go with these prophets who are not prophets of God but soothsayers, descendants of Balaam. Many others now seek prayer contracts and contractors, paying and receiving money for prayers. What a shame! That such is mentioned even in the very faith we claim that Jesus Christ paid the price for our salvation is deadly enough.

Kick out the wicked spirit of Balaam from the church of God in the name of Jesus Christ.

PART 3

# JEZEBEL

#### Rev 2: 19-20.

[19] I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

[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.

Jezebel! This name appeared in the scriptures when Ahab who was made King of the 10 northern tribes married a stranger, and indeed a stranger to his God, and faith, she was called Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians.

Though Jezebel appeared on the scene somewhere in the middle of Bible times, the spirit that possessed her had been from Genesis. The spirit of Jezebel is not the spirit of them that are deceived but it is the spirit of the very deceiver.



The Scarlet Woman

Though it sounds feminine, it is actually a dual spirit because it possesses both male and female alike. The first clear surfacing of this Jezebel spirit in the book of Genesis is in Chapter 6, when the sons of God who were the sons of Adam through his own son Seth, they saw that the daughters of men (the daughters born to Cain and his descendants, for these were not children of God but of the serpent) were FAIR, and they went into them and took them as wives. It was this action that caused the Lord God to destroy mankind and wiped them off the face of he earth.

#### Genesis6:1-4.

 $\frac{1}{2}$  ¶ And it came to pass, when men began to multiply on the face of the earth, and daughters were born unto them,

2 That the sons of God saw the daughters of men that they were fair; and they took them wives of all which they chose.

 $\underline{3}$  ¶ And the LORD said, My spirit shall not always strive with man, for that he also is flesh: yet his days shall be an hundred and twenty years.

<u>4</u> ¶ There were giants in the earth in those days; and also after that, when the sons of God came in unto the daughters of men, and they bare children to them, the same became mighty men which were of old, men of renown.

These women were said to be **FAIR**; meaning that they had sexy looks, attractive and having blond type of skin, which was not common in those days because Adam and his true descendants were RED or earthy in colour. These fair women were able to deceive the sons of God by their looks and with that the earth and mankind was corrupted. There are many who still believe that the sons of God mentioned in the above passage were angels. How could angels who are *asexual beings* marry?

#### Matt 22: 29-30

<u>29</u> Jesus answered and said unto them, Ye do err, not knowing the scriptures, nor the power of God. <u>30</u> For in the resurrection they neither marry, nor are given in marriage, but are as the angels of God in heaven.

Meaning that it is impossible for angels to marry.

The spirit of Jezebel is religious in nature, and being that this is the focal point of the devil, to thwart the purpose of God in his church, this spirit must subtly enter the church to function.

#### JEZEBEL VS ELIJAH (1KINGS 17-20)

We are told of the crowning of Ahab the son of Omri as King of the northern tribes of Israel, and when his posters were to be pasted in the streets of the cities of Israel, it was unlike the other kings both in Israel and Judah. *What was the difference*? Unlike the other kings who reigned before Ahab, the presence of his domineering wife was obvious because he was a sissy boy. Jezebel was involved in everything, and Ahab would lose sleep if he were to make and take a decision with his elders without asking first from her. She came to Israel with her gods, and her ordained priests to take over the temple of Yahweh, and she also raised Jewish men as Priests/Prophets to her god 'Baal'. All who were in disagreement with her doctrines were killed, and others who were fast enough, escaped into caves and dens of the wilderness. Ahab ruled Israel, but Jezebel ruled Ahab, and the land was polluted by reason of her spiritual fornication. The Lord had to send Elijah to confront this spirit and quench her sorcery, thereby delivering the people from the wrath of God.

The worship of Baal was similar to the worship of Yahweh, they prayed, sang, fasted, and gave offerings just as the Israelites did, but they had no message to draw men to godliness.

It was noted that the prophets of Baal could pray for long lengthy hours, demonstrating as they prayed, exactly as we find today in a religion that is associated with Christian Charismatic groups claiming to worship the God of Elijah yet practicing the rudiments of Baal. JEZEBEL was the first female Bishop as all the prophets of her religion reported to her, like most chicken-like preachers today, who were actually ordained by women preachers who are a continuity of the Jezebel lineage. The woman preacher Jezebel, threatened Elijah the Prophet, set him running for his life, and made a declaration that she would have the head of Elijah cut off his body by this time tomorrow (**1King 19:1-2**). What time would this be?

#### HERODIAS (JEZEBEL) VS JOHN THE BAPTIST (ELIJAH)

The next day came, when there was another sissy boy king ruling over the Land of Israel, like Ahab one who ought not to have been there in the first place, for he was an Edomite from the tribe of Esau, this man was Herod. He took the wife of his brother 'Philip' and none of the preachers could stand boldly to oppose this evil act. The woman in question was called **Herodias**, a Jezebel in continuation for she was a perfect type of the WHORE mentioned in numerous scriptural passages both representing the false religion and domineering Jezebel spirit.

The spirit of Elijah rested upon John the Baptist to turn the hearts of the Jewish fathers who had erred, to their children who were holding the original faith at that time. This spirit of Elijah was also upon John to forerun the first coming of Jesus Christ, the Messiah. We remember that after Jacob had taken the blessings of Esau and he came searching and crying, Isaac their father said;

#### Genesis 27: 37-40

<u>37</u> And Isaac answered and said unto Esau, Behold, I have made him thy lord, and all his brethren have I given to him for servants; and with corn and wine have I sustained him: and what shall I do now unto thee, my son? <u>38</u> And Esau said unto his father, Hast thou but one blessing, my father? bless me, even me also, O my father. And Esau lifted up his voice, and wept. <u>39</u> And Isaac his father answered and said unto him, Behold, thy dwelling shall be the fatness of the earth, and of the dew of heaven from above; <u>40</u> And by thy sword shalt thou live, and shalt serve thy brother; and it shall come to pass when thou shalt have the dominion, that thou shalt break his yoke from off thy neck.

Esau had the dominion in the days of Herod, and the moment he ascended the throne, he took a domineering woman who will stand to influence the faith of the people. Therefore it was clear that both the spirits of Esau and Ahab were in Herod, while the spirit of Jezebel manifested in Herodias. On the occasion of Herod's birthday, the daughter of Herodias, not Herod, but Herodias danced and it pleased Herod, so he asked her to request anything even up to half of his kingdom.

Being that this daughter of the Whore "Herodias" like the daughters (Denominations) of the spiritual Whore of Rev 17 (The Catholic System) had no control of herself, she sought the advice of her mother, for the daughter must do the bidding of her mother.

The day had finally come, of which Jezebel threatened Elijah for, and the spirit of Jezebel in Herodias quickly demanded for the head of John the Baptist upon whom the spirit of Elijah had rested. The head of Elijah was chopped off his body as promised, and the spirit of the domineering woman sailed on.

#### WOMEN PREACHERS (JEZEBEL) VS WILLIAM BRANHAM'S MESSAGE (ELIJAH)

Jesus Christ remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. Amen. If this is true, where was the place of women in the ministry of the apostles whom we claim to follow, and how come none of the Apostle' wives were as anointed as the wives of these preachers today?

Elijah was tagged a woman hater, but by who else if not the very woman whose motive was to seduce the servants of God. This seduction may not necessary be sensual in nature, but the influencing of the mind of a preacher or a church. The Lord Jesus Christ while answering the Apostles (**Peter, James,** and **John**) about the statement of the scribe that Elijah MUST first come before the Messiah, he said, opening further truth; That Elijah will not ONLY first COME before Messiah (which was fulfilled in John the Baptist), but that ELIJAH **SHALL** in the future first come and **RESTORE** all things both to the Jews and the Gentiles alike before (1) The Rapture (Translation) of the saints of the early Church and the Gentile Bride, and (2) The great and dreadful day of the Lord to seal the 144,000 Jewish manservants.

#### Matthew17: 10-13.

<u>10</u> And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come? <u>11</u> And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things. <u>12</u> But I say unto you, That Elias is come already, and they knew him not, but have done unto him whatsoever they listed. Likewise shall also the Son of man suffer of them. <u>13</u> Then the disciples understood that he spake unto them of John the Baptist

#### How Many Elijah(s) Do You See In The Above Quote?

From the answer of Jesus, we find that verse 11 is pointing to the future prior to his return, while verse 12 points back to John the Baptist who was already killed by Herod. Let us re-examine verse 11 sincerely.

10 And his disciples asked him, saying, Why then say the scribes that Elias must first come?

**<u>11</u>** And Jesus answered and said unto them, Elias truly shall first come, and restore all things.

Does the verse in any way refer to John the Baptist in the past? ELIAS truly **SHALL** first COME and when he comes, ALL THINGS SHOULD BE RESTORED.

From the above illustration, John the Baptist does not qualify to be this particular ELIJAH because 'SHALL' puts it in the future from when (after the death of John) it was spoken, and JOHN did not RESTORE anything, rather he initiated something NEW. He was the first to preach or announce the Kingdom of heaven.

In this last Gentile dispensation, God vindicated a man upon whom the spirit of Elijah came with great signs, but these signs were only following a definite VOICE. The message behind the voice was against Babylon and her system, and the notable casualty of Babylon in his message was Jezebel.

The man in question was **WILLIAM MARRION BRANHAM** of Jeffersonville Indiana, USA. William Branham was loved and accepted by the poor and sick but hated by the women preachers and preachers' wives who felt threatened by the message of the Prophet. This preacher boldly said that beginning from Genesis to Revelation the program of God had never considered women in spiritual offices of authority. You check your scripture if you are bold enough to believe it.

Mark 10: 28-30

<u>28</u> Then Peter began to say unto him, Lo, we have left all, and have followed thee.

<u>29</u> And Jesus answered and said, Verily I say unto you, there is no man that hath left house, or brethren, or sisters, or father, or mother, or wife, or children, or lands, for my sake, and the gospel's,

<u>30</u> But he shall receive an hundredfold now in this time, houses, and brethren, and sisters, and mothers, and children, and lands, with persecutions; and in the world to come eternal life.

In the above scripture the Lord Jesus Christ discarded the view of any woman who will rise up to claim that she has a calling for preaching the gospel or being sent out for the sake of Christ.

The Called And The Sent Ones Left The Following; House – Brethren – Sister – Father – Mother – <u>WIFE</u> – Children - Lands, for the sake of CHRIST and the GOSPEL. The Reward Received In Hundredfold Were;

Houses – Brethren – Sisters – Mothers – Children – Lands - **PERSECUTIONS** and **Eternal Life**.

The class of people called and sent were all MEN for as we see in the scripture; there was no one that left a '**HUSBAND**' behind for the field. The said man left ONE WIFE and in this portion there is no reward for God does not support **POLYGAMY** (the marrying of more than one wife). The man returned back to the wife he left, and also his Father, but in other areas, he had increase.

**Note:** When a preacher leaves his Father, be it biological or spiritual Father, he meets even older men in the field, those older men are his brothers, whereas the older sisters that is, the aged ones are his mothers especially those who make sacrifices in the areas of supplying his necessities. The younger women are only allowed to relate to him as sisters in the faith and nothing more than this.

I have had some experiences in the mission field, and more importantly, I took time to listen to the common flaws that preachers make when they travel. Many a ministry had died spiritually and holy fires quenched by the spirit of Jezebel lying in wait for these ministries not the men. Satan is not after you, but is after your Faith, that was why Jesus told Peter that Satan desired him to sift him as wheat, but that He had prayed for him so that his FAITH will not fail. Luke22: 31-32.

#### THE ORDER OF AARON AND MELCHIZEDEK

In the Old Testament, the Priesthood was given to Aaron and his sons, not Aaron and his wife or daughters, but his sons (**EXODUS 28: 1**). Throughout the Old Testament, we did not find one Woman Priest or any woman ordained into the Aaronic Priesthood. The Old Testament Priesthood was changed at River Jordan when Jesus was both baptised and confirmed to be the Priest of God (Son of God), and an eternal priesthood resurfaced which is the Priesthood after the ORDER OF MELCHIZEDEK. (**Heb6: 20, 7: 1-28**).

Melchizedek was is an eternal priest, meaning he had no beginning and cannot have an end, and as scripture states 'abided a priest continually made like the Son of God'. **Heb7: 1-3**.

This man is CHRIST not JESUS but Christ that later manifested in the person of Jesus. All who are called to minister in the priesthood today are called after the Order of Melchizedek and therefore cannot WRETTLE with his commandments, for this Melchizedek is YAHWEH the ALMIGHTY GOD who is the Eternal Spirit and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to reveal Him.

Paul in his letter to the churches in Corinth, Ephesus and to his son Timothy, said the following; **1** Corinthians 14: *34-38* 

<u>34</u> ¶ Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law.

<u>35</u> And if they will learn any thing, let them ask their husbands at home: for it is a shame for women to speak in the church.

<u>36</u>¶ What? came the word of God out from you? Or came it unto you only?

#### 37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, let him acknowledge that the things that I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord. 38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant.

There are lots of preachers out there who think themselves to be more spiritual than Paul the Apostles, they claim that this scripture had nothing to do with women in ministry but that it was just given to the Corinthians because of the conduct of their women in churches. It sounds nice as always when men try to make the Word of God of none effect, but let us examine the following points.

<u>34</u> ¶ Let your women keep silence in the churches: for it is not permitted unto them to speak; but they are commanded to be under obedience, as also saith the law</u>. Paul was actually preaching from he scripture of his day, which was Genesis to Malachi. He was setting the Gentile Church in order not forgetting the Law, now, not the Law of Moses but there existed laws in scriptures before God gave Israel the Law through Moses.

The law in this context is found in Genesis 3: 16. Unto the woman he said, I will greatly multiply thy sorrow and thy conception; in sorrow thou shalt bring forth children; and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee. If you think the above scripture does not have effect any longer because of the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, then <u>present</u> a woman who did not have sorrow during conception and child-bearing because she is born again. I believe you cannot find one, and if so, the other part of the above scripture stands continually being; <u>and thy desire shall be to thy husband, and he shall rule over thee</u>.

I like this part because all the preachers must be reminded that Roman 2:16, and Galatians 1: 8-12 would be recalled when they are to be judged by what they teach in the name of the Lord.

37 If any man think himself to be a prophet, or spiritual, <u>let him acknowledge that the things that</u> I write unto you are the commandments of the Lord.

38 But if any man be ignorant, let him be ignorant. Which would you rather choose?

#### Ephesians4: 8 and 11.

<u>8.</u> Wherefore he saith, When he ascended up on high, he led captivity captive, <u>and gave gifts unto</u> <u>men</u>.

Men in this context does not mean Mankind, but men 'the Man' not the woman or women as in many. The gifts here does not refer to the gifts of the Holy Spirit as mentioned in **Romans 12**, which is given to both men and women alike to function in the churches, <u>but these are the 5</u> authorities of the New Testament Church.

# <u>11</u> And he gave some, apostles; and some, prophets; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers;

These are the gifts given to the men mentioned in verse 8, it tallies with what Jesus said to Peter and the rest of the Apostles in **Mark 10: 29-30**. Jesus Christ cannot call any woman into any of these offices, but any man who claims not to be in the churches of the saints, may bluff these commandments and ordain his wife, mother and sisters into these offices, just as some have already done. It is still the spirit of Jezebel in action.

#### 1 Timothy 2: 11-14

**<u>11</u>** Let the woman learn in silence with all subjection.

<u>12</u> But I suffer not a woman to teach, nor to usurp authority over the man, but to be in silence. <u>13</u> For Adam was first formed, then Eve.

 $\overline{\underline{14}}$  And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived was in the transgression.

15 Notwithstanding she shall be saved in childbearing, if they continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

I will not need to repeat these points but let us go to the reason why God is stating this in the scripture of truth. God through his Apostle is saying here that Adam was not deceived, meaning that he chose to fall in defence of his wife.

It is clear in this passage that Adam was not deceived by the serpent but just as Jesus Christ identified with us in our falling state, so did Adam to his wife by commanding his love towards her. (*In that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us*) Romans5: 8.

2 Timothy 2: 2

And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.

Paul is still stressing on this particular issue in his instruction to Timothy, to commit his message to **FAITHFUL MEN**, who shall be able to teach others.

What Message Did Timothy Hear Of Paul Among Many Witnesses? Acts9. 15-16.

<u>15</u> But the Lord said unto him, Go thy way: <u>for he is a chosen vessel unto me, to bear my name</u> <u>before the Gentiles, and kings, and the children of Israel</u>:

<u>16</u> For I will shew him how great things he must suffer for my name's sake. Acts 13: 4

<u>46</u> Then Paul and Barnabas waxed bold, and said, It was necessary that the word of God should first have been spoken to you: but seeing ye put it from you, and judge yourselves unworthy of everlasting life, lo, we turn to the Gentiles.

47 For so hath the Lord commanded us, saying, <u>I have set thee to be a light of the Gentiles, that</u> thou shouldest be for salvation unto the ends of the earth.

#### Rom 15:16

*That I should be <u>the minister of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles</u>, ministering the gospel of God, that the offering up of the Gentiles might be acceptable, being sanctified by the Holy Ghost. (Note; <u>the minister</u> not a minister)* 

#### Rom 11:13

For I speak to you Gentiles, inasmuch as <u>I am the apostle of the Gentiles</u>, I magnify mine office:

Finally my friends, Satan's strongest tool in this end time as the age closes is in false teaching, and you and I cannot and does not have the right to determine what is false by any other standard outside The Word of God. The teaching of Peter and Paul did not contradict that of the Lord Jesus Christ, but we need the original Holy Ghost to understand the scriptures. You could compare Matthew 28:19 and Acts 2:38, and the unwise and spiritually unlearned will see contradictions, whereas the wise will see FAITH (REVELATION). The name of the Father is not 'Father', the name of the Son is not 'Son', but these are all TITLES of the fullness of the Godhead made manifest in human body to obtain the only name for God, which is The LORD JESUS CHRIST. Amen.

#### Rev 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.

A preacher once said in anger "*My wife is not Jezebel*". My response was " for sure she is not, but the spirit controlling her, pushing her to desire to lead the church is the spirit of Jezebel, so she is only a carrier. Please understand that the spirit working in the life of any man who appoints a woman into the office of authority in the church is the spirit of Jezebel. The same spirit torments the churches that allow this demonic (Jezebel) spell to work among them.

I will not end this message without clearing the air on the many great women who have done exploits for the Lord. On that day when the secret of all men will be laid bare before him who created man and put him upon the earth, we will come to understand why God punished every King who ventured to usurp the authority or operated in the Priestly office, like **Saul**, **Uzziah** and **Herod**. God does not base His judgements upon results or experiences but upon His infallible WORD.

1 Samuel 13: 9. 11-12

<u>9</u> And Saul said, Bring hither a burnt offering to me, and peace offerings. And he offered the burnt offering.

<u>11</u> And Samuel said, What hast thou done? And Saul said, Because I saw that the people were scattered from me, and that thou camest not within the days appointed, and that the Philistines gathered themselves together at Michmash;

12 Therefore said I, The Philistines will come down now upon me to Gilgal, and I have not made supplication unto the LORD: I forced myself therefore, and offered a burnt offering. 2Ch 26:18 -19

And they withstood Uzziah the king, and said unto him, I<u>t appertaineth not unto thee, Uzziah, to</u> burn incense unto the LORD, but to the priests the SONS OF AARON, that are consecrated to <u>burn incense</u>: go out of the sanctuary; for thou hast trespassed; <u>neither shall it be for thine</u> <u>honour from the LORD God</u>.

Then Uzziah was wroth, and had a censer in his hand to burn incense: and while he was wroth with the priests, the leprosy even rose up in his forehead before the priests in the house of the LORD, from beside the incense altar.

Surely like Saul, if we drop our women preachers the people will be scattered from us and we cannot please the people and still have God on our side, for according to scriptures "His ways are not our ways". Thou **preacher-man** you have but one life to live, if you are called by God, then let God commend you and not men. Stand, stand behind the true heroes of 'the Faith' and contend earnestly for the same Faith.

Jesus Christ must remain the same yesterday, today and forever. Amen.

 $\frac{8}{8}$  But though we, or an angel from heaven, preach any other gospel unto you than that which we have preached unto you, let him be accursed.

<u>9</u> As we said before, so say I now again, If any man preach any other gospel unto you than that ye have received, let him be accursed.

<u>10</u> For <u>do I now persuade men</u>, or God? <u>or do I seek to please men</u>? <u>FOR IF I YET PLEASED</u> <u>MEN, I SHOULD NOT BE THE SERVANT OF CHRIST.</u>

<u>11</u> But I certify you, brethren, that the gospel which was preached of me is not after man. <u>12</u> For I neither received it of man, neither was I taught it, but by the revelation of Jesus Christ. Galatians 1:8-12

I pray that God will bless your whole Spirit, Soul, and Body in the name of Jesus Christ. Shalom!

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