# **THE CLASH OF KINGDOMS** – Session 1

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#### I. How the Spirit Realm is Structured

 <u>Eph 6:12</u> 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.

# 1. Structure in the Kingdom of God

- A Kingdom is a realm where a King rules and his will is performed
- A Kingdom has a King, a territory or people and laws of function
- The Kingdom of God is a highly structured hierarchy of spirit beings with different beings occupying different ranks or positions of authority and power
- <u>Isa 6:1</u> In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple.
- <u>Isa 6:2</u> Above it stood **seraphim**; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew.
- <u>Col 1:16</u> For by Him all things were created that are in heaven and that are on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or principalities or powers. All things were created through Him and for Him.

## 2. Structure in the Kingdom of Satan

- The Kingdom and spirit realm of Satan is also highly structured, probably as a copy of the spirit realm of heavenly pattern created by God
- The Godhead and angelic realm are all structured with differing ranks
- Highest orders Seraphim Cherubim Thrones.
- Middle orders Dominions Virtues Powers.
- Lowest orders Principalities Archangels Angels.

#### 3. Different Ranks of Demons:

- Principalities: ......746 Arche.....Beginning, origin, chief in order or rank
- Rulers of the darkness.......2888 Kosmokrater....World ruler, ruler over the world systems
- Spiritual hosts......4190 Poneria.....iniquity, lawlessness, wicked demonic spirits
- <u>Dan 10:13</u> But the prince of the kingdom of Persia withstood me twenty-one days; and behold, Michael, **one of the chief princes,** came to help me, for I had been left alone there with the kings of Persia.
- The Prince of Persia was not an actual human ruler, ruling over physical Persia but a powerful spirit who ruled over spiritual Persia
- Rev 11:8 And their dead bodies will lie in the street of the **great city which** spiritually is called Sodom and Egypt, where also our Lord was crucified.

 It is spiritually called Sodom and Egypt because its ruling spirits are the same ruling spirits that ruled physical Sodom and Egypt......Spirits of idolatry, sexual perversion and witchcraft

#### 4. Babylon the Great

- The overall satanic spiritual system that encompasses and rules the entire earth is called Babylon the great
- Rev 17:3 So he carried me away in the Spirit into the wilderness. And I saw a
  woman sitting on a scarlet beast which was full of names of blasphemy, having
  seven heads and ten horns.
- Rev 17:4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication.
- Rev 17:5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH.
- o Rev 17:6 I saw the woman, <u>drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus.</u> And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.
- Rev 18:2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, "Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird!
- Rev 18:3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury."
- o <u>Rev 18:4</u> And I heard another voice from heaven saying, "Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins, and lest you receive of her plagues.
  - Babylon is a Spiritual empire that influences all Kings and nations of the earth without them realizing what is happening
  - Believers are commanded to repent and remove themselves from the influence of this spirit
  - Mystery Babylon is the same as the Spirit of jezebel

## 5. <u>Hierarchy of Control</u>

- Satan has divided the earth up into geographical regions over which he has appointed ruling spirits
  - Satan appoints ruling spirits or strongmen over every principality, or area of control
  - A hierarchy of spirits exists in which ruling spirits control each level in a descending order
  - These ruler spirits control the spiritual activities which take place within assigned boundaries or territories
  - It is similar to the chain of command of an earthly army
  - Demons in the mid heavens can move back and forth between the heavens and earth while lower level demons seem earthbound
  - Demonic spirits are the lower level messengers of higher level spirits

- <u>Mat 12:45</u> Then he goes and takes with him seven other spirits more wicked than himself, and they enter and dwell there; and the last state of that man is worse than the first. So shall it also be with this wicked generation."
  - "More wicked"...poneroteros.....more evil or wicked or vicious
  - Higher level demons rule over lower ranking demons by terror and fear and force

# 6. <u>Demonic Connecting Cords</u>

- There seem to be lines of communication in the spirit realm among demons, like an internet
  - They are able to interact and communicate with one another
  - There seem to be direct lines like cords between the Strongmen and the spirits on earth that afflict people that give access to spiritual power

# 7. These cords seem to be like ropes or chains

- <u>Psa 119:61</u> The **cords of the wicked** have bound me, But I have not forgotten Your law.
- <u>Pro 5:22</u> His own iniquities entrap the wicked man, And he is caught in the cords of his sin.
- <u>Psa 140:5</u> The proud have hidden a snare for me, and cords; They have spread a net by the wayside; They have set traps for me.
- <u>Isa 5:18</u> Woe to those who draw iniquity with cords of vanity, And sin as if with a cart rope;
- Psa 129:4 The LORD is righteous; He has cut in pieces the cords of the wicked.
- When ministering deliverance it helps to bind the strongman and to cut all cords and communications from the heavens

#### 8. Deliverance is a Manifestation of the Kingdom of God

- Mat 12:28 But if I cast out demons by the Spirit of God, surely the kingdom of God has come upon you.
- o <u>Mat 12:29</u> Or how can one enter a strongman's house and plunder his goods, unless he first **binds the strongman?** And then he will plunder his house.
  - Deliverance is a manifestation of the Kingdom rule of God
  - Deliverance is a manifestation of the working of miracles
  - Deliverance requires a believer to work with the Holy Spirit
  - Deliverance requires asserting authority over hidden demonic spirits
- o Jesus instructed first to "Bind the Strongman"
  - "Bind"...deo...to tie up, fasten in chains, put under obligation, forbid, prohibit
  - This can include cutting all cords and lines of communication and power between the heavens and earth
  - "Strongman"...forcible, violent, mighty one powerful one
- Ministering deliverance involves prevailing over hidden demonic spirits and their masters by the power of Holy Spirit

# II. Who or What is Jezebel?

#### 1. Jezebel refers to a Principality

- Eph 6:12 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.
  - When we examine Jezebel in the Bible we will discover it refers to a principality, a high ranking demonic being

# 2. Jezebel in the Old Testament

- OT: Jezebel was a woman who married Ahab the king of Israel 1
- <u>Ki 16:30</u> Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him.
- O 1Ki 16:31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him.
- o <u>1Ki 16:32</u> Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.
- 1Ki 16:33 And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.
- o Ahab's father Omni was a wicked man.
  - He introduced a policy of befriending other nations and using marriage as a way of promoting financial gain
  - Ahab married Jezebel the daughter of King Ethbaal, the high priest of Baal
  - "Ethbaal"...near or with Baal, the servant of Baal
  - Sidonians...to hunt, to catch fish
  - This marriage of convenience by Ahab for personal gain led to the corruption of the nation and resulted in the spiritual and moral devastation of Israel

#### 3. Jezebel in the New Testament

- NT: Jezebel also refers to a woman in the church of Thyatira
  - <u>Rev 2:18</u> "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

    <u>Rev 2:19</u> "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.
  - <u>Rev 2:20</u> Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

    <u>Rev 2:21</u> And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.
    - This woman called Jezebel corrupted the church by her teaching and influence and led people away from God into spiritual and moral bondage

- This woman may be a real person or the name may have be used to show relationship with the corruption of Israel in the days of Elijah.
- She seduced the servants of God
- The refers to the same spirit at work producing the same fruit as it did through OT Jezebel

# 4. The Gods of Jezebel

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- The Sidonians worshipped two gods: Baal and Ashtoreth
  - Baal is the principal male god
  - Ashtoreth is the principal female god
  - Jezebel was raised serving and worshipping these two pagan gods

## Baal: The Sidonion Male Deity

- Ashtoreth is the wife of Baal...in covenant relationship with him
- Ahab introduced idol worship into Israel by building a temple to Baal in Samaria
- Baal ...Supreme Lord, Owner, god of storms, god of lightning, god of fertility, divination
- Exalted lord of the city, exalted lord of the earth Baal was also the god of divination and his followers, prophets of Baal operated in divination (1Kings18)
- Baal was know also as the son of Dagon the god of fertility and erotic lust, god of the heavens or horoscopes
- Dagon was believed to be transported from place to place by means of fantasy
- Dragon's consort or wife was known as Ashtoreth
- Baal, depicted as a calf or bull was the idol Israel went after when Moses delayed to come down from the mountain
  - <u>Exo 32:5</u> Aaron saw how excited the people were, so he built an altar
    in front of the calf. Then he announced, "Tomorrow will be a festival to
    the LORD!"
  - <u>Exo 32:6</u> The people got up early the next morning to sacrifice burnt offerings and peace offerings. After this, they celebrated with feasting and drinking, and they indulged in pagan revelry.
  - <u>Exo 32:25</u> Moses saw that Aaron had let the people get completely out of control, much to the amusement of their enemies.NLT
  - <u>Exo 32:25</u> And when Moses saw that the people were naked; (for Aaron had made them naked unto their shame among their enemies KJV
  - The fruit of worshipping this idol was lawlessness and sexual immorality
  - The Baal god can be traced back through history to Babylon

### Ashtoreth: The Sidonians Female Deity

- Ashtoreth was the consort of Dagon and also the wife of Baal
- Ashtoreth was known as the goddess of sex and of war
- Worship of Ashtoreth was accompanied by human sacrifice of infants, burning of incense sexual rites with temple prostitutes, bowing and kissing
- Homosexuality, lesbianism, cult prostitution and drugs were commonly associated with the worship of Ashtoreth
- Halleys Bible Handbook: Archaeologists discovered the palace of Jezebel, the chief priestess of the cult of Ashteroth. In its walls were jars of infant remains inscribed: "These make me tender and delicate (Is.47:1)
- Abortions are todays form of infant sacrifice, taking place today in the millions
- Worship of Baal and Ashtoreth encouraged temple prostitution.
   Sexual rites included homosexuality, lesbianism, bestiality, display of sexual organs and drugs and many perversions
- Ashtoreth was known as the god that turned men into women and women into men

## 5. What Jezebel did?

- Built her own worship movement, with her priests and prophets
- Seduced the King away from worship of the true God
- Seduced the nation away from worship of the true God to worship the Queen of Heaven
- Tore down the Altars of the Lord and killed the prophets of God
- Made false accusations, had Naboth killed and stole his legacy
- Manipulated and controlled people around her to accomplish her purpose
- Surrounded herself with Eunuchs, emasculated men
- Destroyed the spiritual and moral and family foundations of Israel

#### 5. Neither Male nor Female: A Demonic Principality

- The Spirit of Jezebel refers neither to a woman or a man
  - The spirit of Jezebel is demonic spirit being that works through both men and women
  - It is dishonouring and wrong to label a woman a Jezebel
  - It is a kingdom of spirits that remains unseen and hidden ............................... (Is.47:10)
  - Isa 47:10 "For you have trusted in your wickedness; You have said, 'No one sees me'; Your wisdom and your knowledge have warped you;
     And you have said in your heart, 'I am, and there is no one else besides me.'

### • Jezebel is a Spiritual Principality that is global in its impact and influence

- The spirit of Jezebel refers to a <u>principality known as The Queen of Heaven</u>, (Jer.7:18)
- This principality was worshipped in OT by Jezebel
- The worship of the Queen of Heaven goes back as far as the Tower of Babel
- It is described in Revelation as "Mystery Babylon"

# • This principality rules over and through groupings of lesser demons, and is in every nation

- If a person yields their life to those demons then effectively the spirit of Jezebel is able to manipulate them and control them
- Jezebel deceives people and gains access slowly and steadily The person will be totally unaware that they are acting under the control and influence of a demonic principality
- When people worship idols they become like them...spiritually blind and deaf and dumb and without feeling

## III. What are the Origins of "The Queen of Heaven"?

#### 1. Where it Began

- The nature of something can be determined by its roots and fruit
  - The worship of the Queen of heaven began at the city of Babylon
  - Spirit of Jezebel, Queen of heaven and Mystery Babylon all refer to the same spirit
  - It is thought that Babylon was founded by <u>Nimrod the grandson of</u> <u>Ham, Noahs son</u> who was cursed by Noah
  - Nimrod rebelled against God and became known as the hunter of the souls of men

<u>Gen 10:9</u> He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD."

<u>Gen 10:10</u> And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel (Confusion by mixing)

#### 2. Nimrod and Semiramis: (Hislop: Two Babylons)

- Nimrod married Semiramis, a woman who was reputed to be a <u>prostitute</u> he met in a brothel
  - Semiramis set up worship of the "stars of heaven", a corruption of the message of the stars.
  - In fact she initiated worship of Satan's army of fallen angels
  - She became the founder of the Mystery Babylonian and the first highpriestess of idolatry.
  - This religion was propagated by a hierarchy of priests and priestesses.
  - They were assigned the task of initiating the populace at large into it's ascending degrees of revelation, culminating at the highest level in both direct worship of Satan and demon-possession.

• Thus Babylon became the fountainhead of idolatry, and the mother of every heathen and pagan system in the world.

## 3. Semiramis illegitimate son.

- Semiramis became pregnant through adultery
  - When Nimrod heard of this he threatened to expose her origins and dethrone her.
  - To avoid this catastrophe Semiramis had Nimrod slain at the hands of her drug crazed priests at a religious festival
  - She then declared her child to be <u>miraculously conceived by the Sun</u> God, and that Tammuz was the Son of God
- To oppose accusations of "Mere" womanhood laid against her she declared herself the <u>Mother of God</u> (since only a god can beget a god) and presented her child Tammuz as the promised deliverer
  - Thus was introduced the mystery of the mother and the child, a form of idolatry that is older than any other known to man.
  - Ashtoreth is pictured as the Mother holding the Child

## 4. The Queen of Heaven also became known as Ishtar and Ashtoreth

- The Festival to Ishtar or Astarte was later renamed Easter and is celebrated widely
  - When the people scattered they brought the worship of the Queen of Heaven into every culture

#### Each culture has its own name for this fertility goddess

- Babylon..Ishtar, Taiwan.. Matsu, India ...Kali, Rome...Venus, Ephesus..Diana, O Egypt ..Isis, Greece ...Aphrodite, In Egypt Ashtoreth was called Isis, the Virgin, The Queen of heaven, Lady of heaven
  - In Islam , Mohammed's daughter named Fatima, is called The Queen of heaven
  - In Ephesus, the place where Diana was worshipped, Mary was declared in 431AD to be the Queen of Heaven by the Roman Catholic Church
- Fertility goddesses are all Goddesses of war and sex.
- They are both seductive and aggressive
- The goals and manifestations of the Queen of Heaven are common all over the world

# IV. What are the Goals of the Queen of Heaven?

# 1. Joshua Laid out a Choice:

• Jos 24:14 "Now therefore, fear the LORD, serve Him in sincerity and in truth, and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the River and in Egypt. Serve the LORD!

Jos 24:15 And if it seems evil to you to serve the LORD, choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods which your fathers served

that were on the other side of the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

- Joshuas choice is simple:
- Live in the Kingdom of God aligned with His Order, and enjoy blessing and peace
- Surrender to generational gods or the gods of the surrounding culture and come into bondage to demonic powers
- The story of Judges describes both blessing and then bondage and suffering when people embraced the gods of their culture

# 2. The Goals of the spirit of Jezebel are the same all over the world wherever it is tolerated

- 1. Control and rule over people without their realising this.......(Is.47:15)
  - The goal of Jezebel is control. To rule over people and control their lives
  - This is done by deception and by spiritual forces
  - People seldom realize they are in bondage to Jezebel
  - Eventual control over all the world through a One World Government
- 2. Oppose and shut down any supernatural move of the Spirit....(1King.18:4)
  - Oppose and stop Prophecy. (Revelation)
  - Oppose and stop Power Ministry. (Kingdom authority)
- **3. Replace worship of the Lord God** in Spirit and in Truth with powerless religion, or worship of false gods ......(1King.16:31)
  - Idolatry...this is always the core issue
  - Occult and Witchcraft activities Sacrifices to the Goddess of fertility ....Infants, Blood sacrifices, Mother Earth (1King.11:5)
  - False religions and false prophetic ministries.....(1King.16:31, 1king. 18:9)
- 4. Undermining God's order for relationships......(1King.21:5)
  - Spiritual and moral emasculation of men (Eunuchs)......(2King.9:32)
  - Domination and control of women & children.....(Is.47:6-9)
  - Destruction of marriages & families and lives.....(Mal.4:5)
- 5. Destruction of Destiny and Generational Legacy.....(1King.21:5)
  - Jezebel seeks to destroy generational legacy in relationships and finances
  - Believers who are first generation Christians can well lose the next generation
  - Jezebel uses Generational Curses and other legal rights to ensure that the next generation are brought into bondage(Mal:4:5-6)
- **6. Moral Corruption**...... (Rev.2:20)
  - Heterosexual and Homosexual perversion

- Prostitution and sex slavery
- Transgenderism
- Drunkenness and Drug Use

#### V. Counterfeit

- 1. The Spirit of Jezebel is a Counterfeit for Holy Spirit
  - The Godhead:
    - The Father: The Originator and Source of Life
    - The Holy Spirit: The Spirit of Sonship conforming us to Christ
    - The Son: The Image of the Father, and King of creation
  - The Demonic Trinity
    - Satan: The Copier, Father of lies, and cause of death and destruction
    - Spirit of Jezebel. The spirit of slavery, conforming us to AntiChrist
    - AntiChrist: The opposite of Father, the lawless one

# **VI.** Kingdom Authority

- 1. When we are born again we are transferred to the realm of the Kingdom of God
  - Col 1:13 He has delivered us from the power of darkness and conveyed us into the kingdom of the Son of His love,
  - "Kingdom"......The sovereign rule of God, A People or Territory where God rules and His will is done
  - We must understand and learn the power of living under authority
  - We soon learn that many areas of our life remain entangled with the Kingdom of Jezebel
  - We must face and remove these entanglements and "Not tolerate Jezebel"
- 2. God gives to each believer spiritual authority needed to overcome all demonic resistance to our personal life, relationships and assignment
  - <u>Jas 4:7</u> Therefore submit to God. Resist the devil and he will flee(run for safety) from you.
  - "Submit"...Gk hupotasso...To place or rank under To yield to the leadership and instruction of another
  - "Resist"...Gk anthistemi...To set oneself against, oppose actively
- 3. To Exercise Spiritual Authority we must learn to live under authority (Aligned)
  - Recognize and align with the authority of God and His word
  - Fully assume the responsibilities God assigns to us
  - Refuse to violate proper boundaries and take over the responsibilities of others
  - Exercise spiritual authority for the purpose God intended.... Protecting and building people
  - True freedom comes from living under God's order and authority

#### 4. There is a constant warfare against believers by the Spirit of Jezebel

- The Spirit of Jezebel resists and opposes all forms of Kingdom order and authority
- It manifests through people to oppose and to exercise ungodly authority and control
- The fruit of Jezebelic control is always confusion, grief and destruction.

#### **Activation:**

- 1. Profession of Faith
  - Jesus Christ Saviour and Lord
  - · Redeemed by blood from
  - Every curse generational and witchcraft
  - Every Jezebelic hold and assignment against me

# 2. Renounce all agreements with the Spirit of Jezebel

- Repent of tolerating Jezebel
- Renounce all agreements
- Conscious and unconscious
- Cut and break all cords and chains in the spirit empowering demonic spirits and assignments against me
- Bind all communications in the Demonic realm set against § Decree revelation and freedom
- Open my life to receive all that Father has for me

# 3. Apostolic Command § Bind Spirit of Jezebel

- Break All curses and assignments
- Break All demonic cords
- Bind all demonic operations to confuse and hinder
- Calm and All obstructions and hindrances removed
- Command spirit of revelation to flow unhindered
- Release Clarity in hearing voice of Holy Spirit
- Decree deliverance and Freedom in the house