

Fall Bible Study 2024

October 28, 2024, 6:30 PM (on zoom)

Lesson Six: Jezebel – The Evil Queen

Welcome and Lighting of the Candle

Opening Prayer

Background discussion: Our story of Jezebel takes place when Israel has a split kingdom, with Israel in the North and Judah in the south. We tune in with King Ahab, the worst of all the kings who ruled in the north for 22 years.

Biblical study: Our Bible study of Jezebel is mixed in with the scriptures from 1 Kings 16:29 – 21:29. It is tale of idolatry and God’s prophet Elijah giving warning and pronouncing sentence.

1) 1 Kings 16:29 – 33 Jezebel becomes queen.

Read and discuss: An evil queen marries Ahab, a wicked man in his own right. One resource described Jezebel as a Sidonian princess, an imperious, inscrupulous, vindictive, determined, devilish woman: a demon incarnate. What is her greatest crime against God??

2) 1 Kings 17:1-7 The coming of Elijah, God’s answer to the wickedness.

Read and discuss: What does Elijah predict for King Ahab? Why did he then go and hide?

3) 1 Kings 18:20-40 Elijah’s triumph over the priests of Baal.

Read and discuss: Elijah’s triumph helps us to understand Jezebel’s response. How is she going to react?

4) 1 Kings 19:1-10 Elijah’s fear of Jezebel.

Read and discuss: How much power does Jezebel seem to have when she can make Elijah so afraid? What do we see in God’s timing here?

5) 1 Kings 21:1-16 Jezebel's plot to kill Naboth for his vineyard.

Read and discuss: What do we learn with this plot?

6) 1 Kings 21:17-29 Elijah pronounces God's Sentence

Read and discuss: What is to happen to Jezebel? What about Ahab?
Is the sentencing/results fair?

Conclusions: What do we learn about God through the character of Jezebel?

Closing Prayers