Doctrinal Studies PT: Ron Adema Series: Life of Elijah

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AHAB REPORTS TO JEZEBEL

In our <u>last study</u>, we covered the second miracle performed by the Lord God of Israel at Mt. Carmel, Heavy Rain Showers. It was God's way of saying the Drought Crisis had produced a Spiritual Awakening for a Spiritual Reformation in Priest-Nation of Israel.

Elijah warned King Ahab that he should leave immediately for Jezreel because God was sending a Heavy Rain Shower. For positive volition (PV), it was a Divine Blessing, but for negative volition (NV) it was just more trouble.

We begin this lesson with Ahab returning to his resort palace to report to Jezebel what happened at Mt. Carmel; since she was not permitted to attend, as only the sons of Israel or tribal leaders were.

Ahab's report to Jezebel about the contest on Mt. Carmel would detail her loss of 850 prophets of Baal under "The Winner Takes All' agreement. Ahab blamed Elijah for the death of those prophets. Ahab told her what she wanted to hear, that it was **Elijah's fault** (Hebrew verb/ told/ nagar/ hiphil impf).

He didn't tell her what she needed to hear about the truth of God's Word regarding His relationship with the Priest-Nation of Israel.

We will study <u>four aspects</u> of Ahab Report to Jezebel regarding what happened on Mt. Carmel and her reaction to that report.

1. There were so many things wrong in the Word of God regarding Ahab's marriage to Jezebel!

One primary problem was Role Reversal in Ahab's marriage. Who wears the pants in this marriage?

Marriage is one of five Divine Institutions with a Divine Chain of Command connected to it:

• God to husband to wife (1 Cor.11:3, 8-12; Gen.2:18-25).

When this Divine Chain of Command gets out of order, the marriage gets out of Divine Order.

- We call this Role Reversal.
- 2. Three big uncorrected mistakes Ahab made in this marriage.

1st mistake was he willfully married an unbeliever (1 Cor.7:39-40; 9:5).

2nd **mistake** Ahab allowed unauthorized authority in his marriage and in the nation - double role reversal! (Eph.5:22-33)

3rd mistake made was their struggle in the four Divine Institutional marital areas (2 Cor.6:14-16).

3. Ahab gave her unauthorized authority within this priest-nation to establish an idolatrous religion. It was sin against both his marriage and the Priest-Nation of Israel.

It brought the Drought Crisis to the nation!

The drought's intent was to awaken the nation and a Spiritual Reformation, turning from Baal worship idolatry, and turning back to the worship of the Lord God through Christ!

Baal worship substituted paganism for the Grace Gospel of Christ! (Gal.3:8; Rom.1:16; 1 Cor.15:3-4; Eph.2:8-9)

Ahab allowed her to establish Baal worship as a substitution for the Divine Agency of custodianship of the spreading the Gospel and the Word of God.

Religion is conformity to Satan's world's system of worship! (cosmos diabolicus) (Gen.4:1-11; Matt.4:1-11; 1 John 3:12; 5:19)

4. Jezebel is a classic example of the danger of a state religion that forbids freedom of the truth of the Gospel of Christ (Acts 26:25-29).

Baal worship shows why religion is the arch enemy of God and of the Grace Gospel of Christ and of spiritual freedom (Gal.5:1, 13; John 8:32).

Ahab allowed her, as queen and wife, to become the face and platform of idolatrous worship in the Priest-Nation of Israel.

From her position as a foreign queen-wife, Jezebel with Ahab's approval, murdered all the prophets of God except for 100 which God hid - including Elijah until time to reveal him as a prophet to the nation.

Now she is using this same unlawful authority in an attempt to minimize his national victory and influence from the contest at Mt. Carmel – what happened to "Winner Take All"?

What she didn't realize was that The Lord God of Israel had WON IT, without any contest from Baal!

Unfortunately, Elijah missed this important fact as well.

- Now he is allowing himself to be intimidated by Jezebel's non-authority in the Divine Plan of God.
- She is **NO THREAT** to him, nor to the Plan of God, any more than Goliath was to David and Israel.