

**A Woman Who Understood
the Minds of Men:**
Another Interpretation of
Jezebel's Final Moments

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“When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; she painted her eyes, and adorned her head, and looked out the window.”

2 Kings 9:30

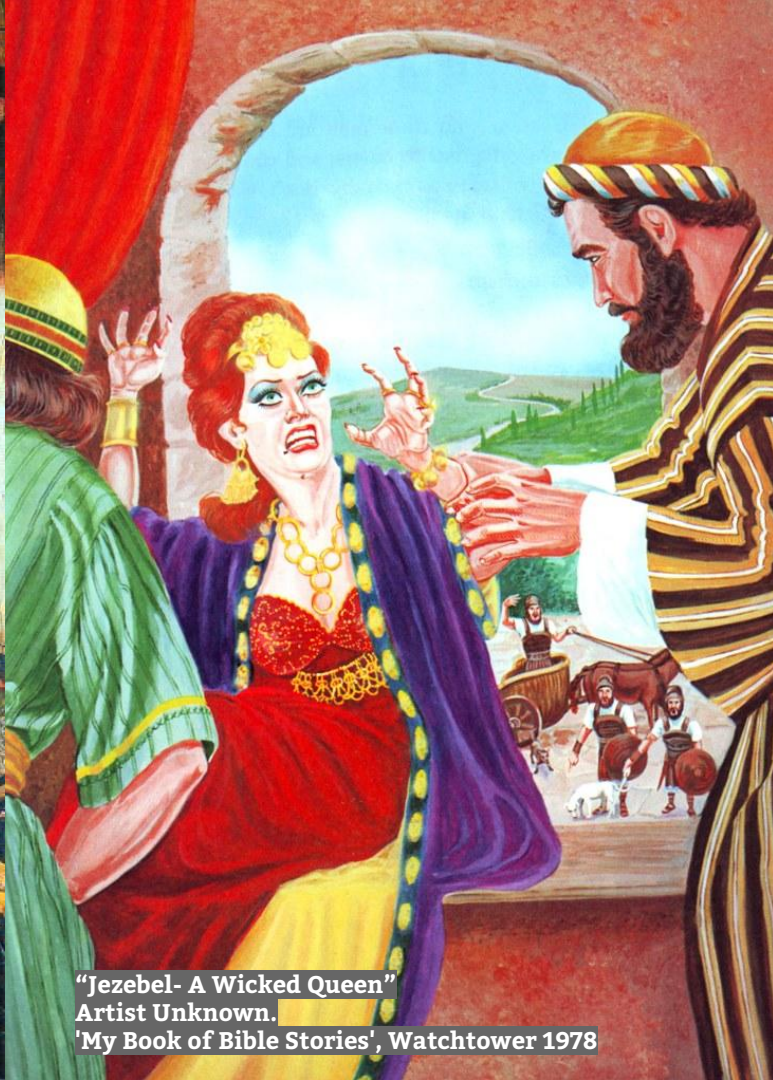


“What peace can there be, so long as the many whoredoms and sorceries of your mother Jezebel continue?”

2 Kings 9:22



"Jezebel"
 John Byam Liston Shaw (1872–1919)
 Russell-Cotes Art Gallery & Museum



"Jezebel- A Wicked Queen"
 Artist Unknown.
 'My Book of Bible Stories', Watchtower 1978



"Jezebel"
 (Artist unknown)
 Villains Wiki Fandom

Jezebel noun



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Jez·e·bel | \ 'je-zə-,bel  \

Definition of *Jezebel*

- 1 : the Phoenician wife of Ahab who according to the account in I and II Kings pressed the cult of Baal on the Israelite kingdom but was finally killed in accordance with Elijah's prophecy
- 2 *often not capitalized* : an impudent, shameless, or morally unrestrained woman

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Synonyms of *Jezebel*

a boldly flirtatious or sexually promiscuous woman

// as far as the family matriarch was concerned, her son's fiancée was a gold digger and a *Jezebel*

Synonyms for *Jezebel*

chippie (*also* chippy), doxy (*also* doxie), fancy woman, floozy (*or* floozie), hoochie [*slang*], hussy, minx, quean, tramp, trollop, wench

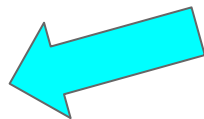
Words Related to *Jezebel*

siren, temptress, vamp

grisette, harlot, prostitute, trull

Phrases Synonymous with *Jezebel*

woman of easy virtue





“Jezebel went out for an audience and, knowing already what was happening, adorned her face so as to look calm rather than frightened. She dared even to menace Jehu himself with her words...”

“Menacing Jezebel” by Konrad Pellikan (1520s)



“...it comes from pride and fleshly lust.
It is practiced to allure men, and it
changes their natural face into
something artificial.”

“On Painting Faces,” by John Pellikan (647)



“Like many powerful females, her power is attributed to her beauty and ability to seduce...[this] follows a time-honored tradition necessitating that female power must stem from beguiling beauty and witchcraft...”

"Jezebel's last laugh: The rhetoric of wicked women,"

Catherine S. Quick (1993)



“Her power is not the ‘legitimate’ kind, but power which the tradition portrays as the use of plots and machinations to accomplish goals.”

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“Jezebel”
Henry John Stock (1882)

“When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; she painted her eyes, and adorned her head, and looked out the window. As Jehu entered the gate, she said, ‘Is it peace, Zimri, murderer of your master?’”

2 Kings 9:30-31



"The Death of Jezebel"
Giovanni Colli (1643-1681)



"The Death of Jezebel"
Gustave Dore (1866)



"Jezebel"
Henry John Stock (1882)

Is it a twisted karma that
haunts the patriarchal
interpreters who feared a
powerful woman; her
lingering presence a ghost
with painted face?

Or is it something else
entirely, and can it be found
in this single authentic
verse?



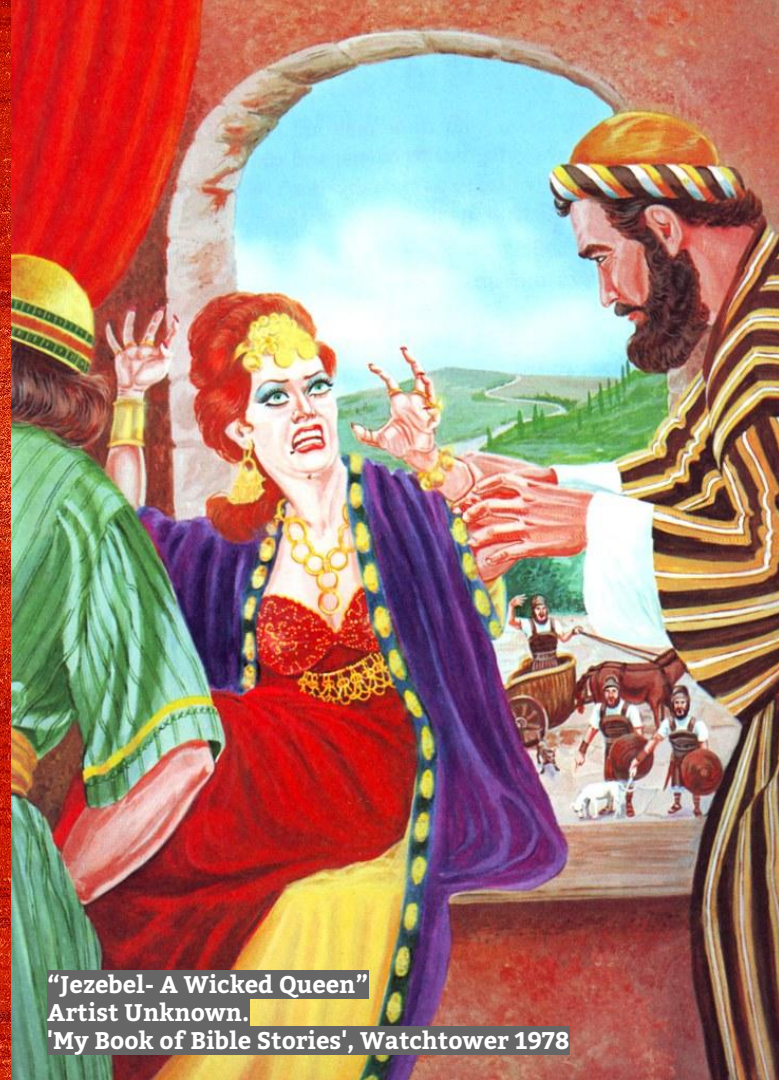
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