

# GETTING FREE OF RELIGIOUS, JEZEBEL & PYTHON SPIRITS

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1. These notes are the information I can personally relate to from first-hand experience through years of deliverance ministry. (Not meant to be exhaustive or conclusive).
2. My goal is to empower the INDIVIDUAL BELIEVER to overcome these strongholds PERSONALLY in order to gain spiritual authority for CORPORATE breakthrough.
3. IT ISN'T ENOUGH to just REBUKE or BIND. We must OVERCOME! We must WALK IN the opposite spirit. (Disciples never addressed territorial spirits or principalities. They ministered to individuals and brought them to Christ. Simon the Sorcerer, example.)
4. Defeating these ruling spirits always starts on the GROUND LEVEL.
5. Same PRINCIPLES apply to personal and corporate breakthrough (deliverance). (Isaiah 61)
  - a. Difference between stronghold and demonic stronghold.
  - b. You can be a PRISONER by way of sinful words or actions (Unforgiveness huge)
  - c. You can be HELD CAPTIVE by a LIE/ungodly beliefs.
6. In this study, we want to CHANGE MINDSETS and EXPOSE UNGODLY BELIEFS.
7. We will do this in 3 sections with prayers for each section.

**COMMON GOAL in all 3: to SUBVERT/THWART THE WORK OF THE HOLY SPIRIT**

The RELIGIOUS SPIRIT DENIES (or RESISTS the power of) the Holy Spirit

The JEZEBEL SPIRIT seeks to COUNTERFEIT the Holy Spirit

The LEVIATHAN SPIRIT seeks to KILL/STRANGLE or CHOKE the Holy Spirit

## GETTING FREE OF THE RELIGIOUS SPIRIT

This is not a formula nor is it concrete.

There is much overlap and variance in how it manifests.

WHO are the biggest targets? PROPHETIC INTERCESSORS and WORSHIPPERS

- Because of their desire to MOVE in the power of the Holy Spirit

## THE RELIGIOUS SPIRIT

### Defining the Religious Spirit:

1. It is ROOTED IN THE CHURCH (Pharisees planted the seeds)
2. It is VOID of the Holy Spirit, refusing to acknowledge the POWER of the Spirit.
3. It always starts in our THOUGHTS (James 1:14, 15)
4. It may manifest in the emotions, but it starts with what we BELIEVE.
5. At the heart of the RS is a DEEP CONVICTION of what seems right.

*It is a strong conviction that God works (only) in a particular way.  
It is any mind-set or attitude that says "it must be done THIS way".  
It is SPIRITUALLY BLIND to the presence and work of the HS.*

Though many of us have been "set free" and come out of traditional and denominational churches we deemed "religious", we have brought the same mentality into the spirit-filled church! We make OUR liturgy and OUR way of worshipping "better" - we start operating in the same attitude as what we thought we left behind! Lord, show us our hearts!

### CHARACTERISTICS of the Religious Spirit

#### LEGALISM

There is a critical attitude towards anything or anyone who don't do things a certain way. It expects persons to conform to a particular standard that is usually man-made and, most times, unattainable. It gets upset or frustrated when things happen that are contrary to a particular pattern. It is difficult to extend grace to individuals due to a strong sense of judgment and conviction about certain beliefs. There is sometimes a preoccupation with the past and how things "used to be".

*"Then some Pharisees and teachers of the law came to Jesus from Jerusalem and asked, 'Why do your disciples break the tradition of the elders? They don't wash their hands before they eat!'" (Matt. 15:1,2)*

*"These people honor me with their lips, but their hearts are far from me. They worship me in vain; their teachings are but rules taught by men." (Matt. 15:8,9)*

*"The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is unlawful on the Sabbath?'" (Mark 2:24)*

- **Glorying more in what God has done in the past than what He is doing now.**

- **The tendency to be suspicious of or oppose new movements or churches**
- **The tendency to reject spiritual manifestations that we do not understand.**
- **Keeping score in you spiritual life.** Do you feel better about yourself because you go to more meetings, read your Bible more, or do more things for the Lord than other people do?
- **Overwhelming guilt that you can never measure up to the Lord's standards. Having a mechanical prayer life with no real heart connection.** it causes you to base your relationship with Him on your performance rather than on the cross.
- **An overreaction to carnality in the church.** the critical person will want to annihilate those who may still be doing things in the flesh 60 percent of the time, instead of helping them along the way.
- **An overreaction to immaturity in the church.** The idealistic religious spirit only sees the immaturity without considering the other important factors. VOID OF LOVE

Lie: *Spiritual maturity has to be earned and proven. God only works a particular way. When certain rules are followed (whether "traditional" or "Spirit-led") then God will move. We have to follow the rules in order to be acceptable.*

**TRUTH: I am growing in the Lord, not by my works, but by God's GRACE**

#### Declaration of the truth:

"I renounce the Spirit of Legalism. I renounce the lie that I have to follow rules to be acceptable to God. I renounce my critical attitudes towards those who don't do things the way I think they should be done. I renounce any standard I have set that is not from the heart of Jesus. I renounce my idolatry in putting rules or patterns above the working of the Holy Spirit. Forgive me, Jesus, for allowing these lies to penetrate my heart and spirit. Cleanse me now and pour your grace upon me that I might live by faith and not by sight."

"I declare, according to Philippians 3:8,9 that *"I consider everything a loss compared to the surpassing greatness of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord, for whose sake I have lost all things. I consider them rubbish, that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which is through faith in Christ - the righteousness that comes from God and is by faith."* In Jesus' name, Amen.

#### PRIDE

It displays satisfaction in knowing right from wrong and having the answers. It takes offense easily when it has been questioned or criticized. It seeks to be honored by others and may look for ways to "prove" itself. It is driven to obtain recognition and get credit for things.

There is a preoccupation with what "I want" and what "I think" as compared to others (not a good listener). Self-righteous thoughts and attitudes are often at work, and others are looked down upon as not being as spiritually minded or mature. There may even be a desire to see others fail so as to lift oneself up even higher. Pride finds it hard to admit when it's wrong and has a tendency to think it (they) has no needs.

*"Watch out for the teachers of the law. They like to walk around in flowing robes and be greeted in the marketplaces, and have the most important seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at banquets. They devour widows' houses and for a show make lengthy prayers." (Mark 12:38-40)*

*"And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by men." (Matthew 6:5)*

*"Where did this man get these things?,' they asked. 'What's this wisdom that has been given him that he even does miracles?'...and they took offense at him." (Mark 6:2,3)*

*"Then they hurled insults at him and said, 'You are this fellow's disciple! We are disciples of Moses!'" (John 8:39)*

- **The inability to take a rebuke, especially from those you judge to be less spiritual than yourself.** Think back on how you responded the last few times someone tried to correct you.
- **A philosophy that will not listen to other people - "only to God"**
- **Focus on your spiritual gift - having the "gift" to discern/judge**
- **The inclination to see more of what is wrong with other people and other churches than what is right with them.**
- **A leadership style (or personality) that is bossy, overbearing and intolerant of the failure of others.**
- **A sense that you are closer to God than other people or that your life or ministry is more pleasing to Him. (More disciplined or knowledgeable)**
- **The belief that you are on the cutting edge of what God is doing. (self-centered)**
- **Being encouraged when you look better than someone else.** This includes getting discouraged when it seems that other ministries are looking better or growing faster.
- **The inability to join anything that you do not deem as being perfect or near perfect.**

Lies: **"I can handle/see or understand this by myself."** Because we are "free" in Christ, we do not have to conform to anyone else's standard. We can make our own standard (usually driven by convictions that are tainted by deception). We have to know the answers in order to be acceptable. To be wrong is to be weak. To be spiritually immature is to be disqualified for service in the kingdom.

**TRUTH: Gods heart will be fully known as I humble myself before Him and others.**

## Declaration of the truth:

"I renounce the Spirit of Pride. I renounce the lie that I have to have all the answers. I renounce the lie that in order to be acceptable, I have to prove my knowledge and understanding in spiritual things. I lay down any rights to understanding God's ways or methods. Forgive me Lord for being proud of \_\_\_\_\_. Forgive me, Lord, for being offended by others when they have disagreed with me. I lay down my right to be right. I yield ultimate authority to You and ask you to cleanse my heart from the sin of pride."

"According to Philippians 2:3,4, *I will do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit, but in humility, consider others better than myself. I will not only look to my own interests, but to the interests of others.*" I desire to be like Jesus, who humbled himself to death on the cross. As I die to my own desires, I declare my love and devotion to You, the author, perfecter and finisher of my faith."

## REBELLION AGAINST AUTHORITY

The Spirit of Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft (I Samuel 15:23). It's chief aim is to undermine authority. It has trouble submitting to authority and is put off by those who exercise authority. It is uncomfortable when given instructions or directives and often changes them to suit oneself. It is stubborn, uncooperative and resistant to change and often likes to have the last word in a conversation. It seeks to maintain control by questioning, criticizing and calling attention to mistakes or oversights of those in leadership.

### **Often starts when feeling wounded or offended by someone in authority**

*"Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. 'By what authority are you doing these things?' they asked. 'And who gave you this authority?'" (Matthew 21:23)*

*"Then they looked for a way to arrest him because they knew he had spoken the parable against them." (Mark 12:12)*

*"You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit." (Acts 7:51)*

*"...those who follow the corrupt desire of the sinful nature and despise authority. Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings." (2 Peter 2:10)*

**\*Critical and suspicious of those in authority (always negative)**

**\*Easily offended by those in authority**

**\*Inability to join a local church (covenant relationship)**

**\*Want to stay on the "edge" - outer ring and just look in without participating**

Lies: *I can't trust God.* People in authority cannot be trusted. I need to be in control.

**TRUTH:** *As I submit to the spiritual authorities in my life, God will bless me and release my full inheritance in Christ.*

**It always starts with FORGIVENESS:**

"Lord, I choose to forgive \_\_\_\_\_ for hurting me as a spiritual authority in my life. I choose to forgive them and release them from any obligation to me. I also choose to forgive any church, denomination or movement (name it \_\_\_\_\_) that has caused me pain and disappointed me. Forgive me for holding this offense against them. I choose to BLESS them and cut any soul tie with the OFFENSE I have had against them, in Jesus' name. Amen."

Declaration of the truth:

"I renounce the Spirit of Rebellion. I choose to submit to the Lordship of Christ. I renounce my rebellion towards authority, either civil, in the home or in the church. I renounce and lay down control of my life. I confess my stubbornness and any unwillingness to yield to the authority God has placed me under. Jesus, forgive me for criticizing those in authority over me and questioning their place. I confess that I have been rebellious towards \_\_\_\_\_ . Please forgive me, Lord and cleanse my heart"

"I declare according to Romans 6:11-14 that I am dead to sin, but alive to God through Christ Jesus. I will not let the sin of rebellion against authority reign in my body so that I obey its evil desires. I offer myself to God as an instrument of righteousness. Sin will not be my master because I am not under the law, but under grace. Thank you, Jesus, for your unconditional love and acceptance of me. In Jesus' name, Amen."

### **UNCOMFORTABLE WITH INTIMACY WITH GOD**

\*Usually, persons who are not "spirit-filled" will exhibit this characteristic most strongly. However, even spirit-filled believers may be vulnerable to this mindset if they cling to a certain way of worship that does not allow the Holy Spirit to have total control.

**It is overly repulsed by emotionalism** because it appears excessive, emotional and demonstrative. Remember how David danced when he brought the ark of the God into Jerusalem? And remember this repulsed his wife Michal and she was barren from that day on, (2 Samuel 6:23). Such a critical spirit will lead to spiritual barrenness.

It gets uneasy when worship is not done "as planned" and is easily offended when others enter into worship with abandonment. It sets itself up against any expression of adoration or worship that comes from a child-like heart. Any intimate or vulnerable word or action is seen as childish or immature.

*"But when the chief priests and the teachers of the law saw the wonderful things he did and the children shouting in the temple area, 'Hosanna to the Son of David', they were indignant." (Matthew 21:15)*

*"People were bringing little children to Jesus to have him touch them, but the disciples rebuked them." (Mark 10:13)*

*"When the disciples saw this, they were indignant. 'Why this waste?', they asked. 'This perfume could have been sold at a high price and the money given to the poor.'" (Matthew 26:8,9)*

Lie: Child-like praise and adoration is immature.

**TRUTH: The kingdom belongs to those with child-like faith.**

Declaration of the truth:

"I renounce my pride in the area of praise and worship. I renounce the lie that it is immature or childish to worship Jesus freely. I renounce any childishness in my attitudes and in its place ask for a child-like heart to worship. Forgive me for being offended by others who worship freely and intimately."

"According to Psalm 51, create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the JOY of my salvation and grant me a willing spirit to sustain me. In Jesus' name, Amen."

## ACCUSATION

The Spirit of Accusation releases lies, rumors and arguments that brings about discord and mistrust. It seeks to justify its sinful actions by falsely accusing others of wrong doing and putting the attention elsewhere. It stirs up questions and talks freely with others, spreading information that may be confidential and biased. It causes unrest in the Body by undermining the trust of those in authority. It usually never goes to the source of a conflict for resolution, but rather aims to build a case to promote a personal cause. When approached, Accusation will defend itself with Scripture and spiritual-sounding arguments.

Accusation also comes from a judgmental attitude towards those deemed unworthy. It passes judgment based on appearances and assumptions, rather than on all the facts. It is

unable to see a person's heart, but rather seeks to judge based on what is seen, heard and felt. **It feels compelled to fix everyone else!**

*"Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, 'Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?'" (Mark 2:6,7)*

*"'You are demon-possessed', the crowd answered. 'Who is trying to kill you?'....(Jesus replied) 'Stop judging by mere appearances, and make a right judgment.'" (John 7:20, 24)*

*"Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to....bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord. But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand." (2 Peter 2:10b-12)*

**Lie:** *God won't defend me - I have to make my own case.* It's the other persons fault. I am a victim of circumstances and have to stand up for myself.

**TRUTH:** *God upholds and vindicates those with pure hearts*

Declaration of the truth:

"I renounce the Spirit of Accusation. I renounce any words I have spoken that have come from impure motives or wrong attitudes. I renounce the lie that God can't defend me. I take back any wrongful statements I have made that have caused harm to another person or to the Body of Christ. Jesus, I ask you to cleanse my heart and my tongue. Forgive me for passing judgment on persons or situations, when You, alone, are the Judge."

"I declare that my God is my Defender and my Shield. According to Exodus 14:14, the Lord my God will fight for me and I will stand still and keep silent. According to Psalm 31, I take refuge in You, O lord. Let me never be put to shame. Deliver me in your righteousness. Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. For the sake of your name, lead and guide me. In Jesus' name, Amen."

## **FEAR OF MAN**

The Spirit of Religion is more afraid of what man thinks than what God thinks. It is preoccupied with people's perceptions and likings. When under fire, Fear of Man will succumb to peer pressure (or family pressure) and please those around him rather than take the harder way of pleasing God. It feels weak and intimidated and is too insecure to stand firm in times of testing. It will appeal to the "many" instead of the "One". A Fear of Rejection can also feed into the insecurities associated with this stronghold. Identity and acceptance are at stake and are not easily given up when faced with conflict of interest.



*"He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan!', he said. 'You do not have in mind the things of God, but the things of men.;" (Mark 8:32-33)*

*"...many even among the leaders believed in him. But because of the Pharisees they would not confess their faith for fear they would be put out of the synagogue." (John 12:42)*

*"...but they were afraid of the crowd, so they left him..." (Mark 12:12)*

- **Doing things so people will notice.** Seeking attention from others.
- **Trusting in flattery and acceptance more than God's favor**

Lie: **God can't meet my deepest needs.** I must be accepted by others to be successful. (This lie is given room to grow when a person feels emotionally insecure and alone.)

**TRUTH: The fear of the Lord brings greater truth and lasting freedom**

Declaration of the truth:

"I renounce Fear of Man and pray, O God, for the Fear of the Lord. Forgive me for wanting to please (people/family) \_\_\_\_\_ more than you. Forgive me for desiring acceptance by others more than You. Forgive me for being preoccupied with what other people think or want. Take my heart and mold it and shape it according to your purpose and design."

"I renounce the Fear of Rejection and the lie that my identity is found by being accepted by others. I am accepted by you and will never be rejected by you. I will no longer entertain thoughts that would make me a captive to the fear of rejection, for I am a part of your family. I belong to You."

"Forgive me for being ashamed of you. I now confess that you are my Lord. I will now fear the Lord and serve you with faithfulness. I will throw away the idol of Acceptance and serve you alone. I will keep your commandments, for you are a holy God. I will not be afraid of those who don't like me or agree with me, but will serve you in reverent fear. (Joshua 24:14, Isaiah 8:13, Matt. 10:28) In Jesus' name, Amen."

UNBELIEF (cousin to Legalism)

The Spirit of Religion is focused on what one sees and knows. It is suspicious of anything that can't be seen or understood with the natural mind. It depends on human reasoning to understand spiritual matters and is not able to see into one's heart. It looks for "proof" and is continually asking for evidence to support a position. It judges those who walk by faith as

"irresponsible" or immature. It is also unstable and fearful of not being taken care of. It will seek to protect itself by clinging to things or people to bring (temporary) security.

*"Then some of the Pharisees and teachers of the law said to him, 'Teacher, we want to see a miraculous sign from you.' He answered, 'A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign!'" (Matthew 12:38,39)*

*"The Pharisees and Sadducees came to Jesus and tested him by asking him to show them a sign from heaven." (Matthew 16:1)*

Lie: ***If it doesn't make sense, it can't be true.*** If you can't prove it (see it) - it's not true. God may need some "help" in meeting needs, spiritually, emotionally, financially, etc.

**TRUTH: Blessed are those who have not seen and yet believed**

Declaration of the truth:

"I confess my lack of faith and inability to trust Jesus completely. I confess that I have depended upon my own understanding and human reasoning. I confess that I have depended upon others for meeting my needs (emotional, spiritual, financial, etc.) rather than the Lord. I have questioned and doubted your Word, but now choose to take You at your Word and be faithful. I declare that you are a faithful God and that you keep your promises. You proved your ultimate love for me by sending Jesus to die on the cross for my sins. There is no other test."

"I will live by faith and not by sight. According to Proverbs 3:5 I will trust in the Lord with all my heart and lean not on my own understanding. In all my ways I acknowledge You, Lord, for you will make my paths straight. In Jesus's name, Amen."

**"Thank you, Jesus, for delivering me from this Religious Spirit.  
Come and fill me afresh with your Holy Spirit and your indwelling presence.  
May your love flow through my heart and be reflected in my thoughts,  
attitudes, actions and words.  
I declare my freedom in Christ Jesus and rejoice that I am yours, alone.  
In the powerful name of Jesus, who alone is worthy - AMEN!"**

## GETTING FREE OF THE JEZEBEL SPIRIT

**The Jezebel Spirit seeks to COUNTERFEIT the Holy Spirit and EXERT CONTROL**

The Religious Spirit was personified in the Pharisees. Though Queen Jezebel personified this spirit in the OT, it is actually the spirit of ASHTORETH found in 2 Kings 23:13 (and other places). This is not gender specific, though women are more prone to it.

Here is a brief detailing of this spirit's origins. In understanding the origins, it gives insight into how it manifests:

**\* Ashtoreth was the chief goddess of the Phoenicians, as Baal was the male (counterpart). She partly represents the planet Venus, *partly the moon, "the queen of heaven"* (Jer 7:18; 44:17-18). The stone pillar was the symbol of Baal, as the sacred tree was the symbol of Ashtoreh; stone marking his strength as the male, the tree her fruitfulness (Deut 16:21). (from Fausset's Bible Dictionary)**

**\* Called Qudshu "the Holiness," that is, "the Holy One" in a perverted moral sense, she was a divine courtesan. (New Ungers Bible Dictionary)**

**\* The goddess of love and war. An old Babylonian legend related how her descent into Hades in search of her dead husband, Tammuz, was followed by the cessation of marriage and birth in both earth and heaven. (International Standard Bible Encyclopedia)**

**\* The Ashtoreth were thought by the Philistines to be *responsible for fertility and the growth of crops and herds*. (Nelson's Illustrated Bible Dictionary)**

**This evil spirit seeks to COUNTERFEIT LIFE (fruitfulness), COVENANT and HOLINESS**

Thus, it may appear to be spiritual, but the ORIGIN must be discerned

Its PURPOSE is to DRAW ATTENTION TO ITSELF (and away from the Holy Spirit)

Because of the spiritual witchcraft at work, it will feel like a POWER STRUGGLE

**(Where the Religious Spirit puts a wet blanket on the Holy Spirit's work, Jezebel will COMPETE)**

Queen Jezebel personified this with the prophet Elijah

- It especially goes after the prophetic as a vessel of supernatural activity and Holy Spirit gifts

1 Kings 18:4 – She **killed off all the prophets**

1 Kings 19:2 – She **accused and threatened**: “So Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah to say, “May the gods deal with me, be it ever so severely, if by this time tomorrow I do not make your life like that of one of them.””

1 Kings 21:7 – She **exerted influence over authority**: “Jezebel his wife said, “Is this how you act as king over Israel? Get up and eat! Cheer up. I’ll get you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite.”

1 Kings 21:11-13 – She **manipulated leaders for her own purposes**: “So the elders and nobles who lived in Naboth’s city did as Jezebel directed in the letters she had written to them. They proclaimed a fast and seated Naboth in a prominent place among the people.”

1 Kings 21:25 – She **urged her husband to do evil**: “There was never a man like Ahab, who sold himself to do evil in the eyes of the LORD, urged on by Jezebel his wife.”

2 Kings 9:30-31 – She **used seduction to get her way**: “Then Jehu went to Jezreel. When Jezebel heard about it, she painted her eyes, arranged her hair and looked out of a window. 31 As Jehu entered the gate, she asked, “Have you come in peace, Zimri, you murderer of your master?”

### **(Revelation 2:19-25 NLT)**

*I know all the things you do — your love, your faith, your service, and your patient endurance. And I can see your constant improvement in all these things. But I have this complaint against you. You are permitting that woman — that Jezebel who calls herself a prophet — to lead my servants astray. She is encouraging them to worship idols, eat food offered to idols, and commit sexual sin. I gave her time to repent, but she would not turn away from her immorality. Therefore, I will throw her upon a sickbed, and she will suffer greatly with all who commit adultery with her, unless they turn away from all their evil deeds. I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am the one who searches out the thoughts and intentions of every person. And I will give to each of you whatever you deserve. But I also have a message for the rest of you in Thyatira who have not followed this false teaching (‘deeper truths,’ as they call them — depths of Satan, really). I will ask nothing more of you except that you hold tightly to what you have until I come.*

### **Persons who carry or operate in a Jezebel Spirit:**

- MOST who walk in this DON’T KNOW IT! Never intended it! Generationally ROOTED.
- Remember to keep the person separate from the demonic spirit!
- The goal is to see the person SET FREE – not condemn them!
- This person will usually rise to a position of leadership and influence before showing true colors.
- They will usually carry an anointing (at first) and become an integral part of the Body.

- **THE TRIGGER: - Disagreement with leadership – feeling like they lost authority/control**
    - **They feel their call, anointing, destiny, assignment... is being challenged**
    - **They go in defense-mode using their gift and anointing to do battle**
1. Have a NEED TO BE RIGHT
  2. Is DECEPTIVE (able to adapt; says one thing to one person, changes the story to another)
  3. Manipulates people and conversations to go her way.
  4. Constant state of confusion and doubt – no peace.
  5. Counterfeits the Prophetic – supernatural encounters and manifestations (FALSE Prophet)
  6. Can be overly focused on supernatural to draw attention to themselves
  7. Cannot properly DISCERN the Spirit
  8. Has problems with SEXUAL temptations or sins
  9. Degrades or mocks holiness (may dress in a way to get attention)
  10. Can carry a spirit of Defilement or Unclean Spirit
  11. Does not honor authority (obeys on the outside but criticizes behind closed doors)
  12. Feels the right to JUDGE
  13. Prone to jealousy
  14. Wants to teach or instruct others (reproduce themselves)
  15. Very ambitious and self-promoting
  16. Can reproduce perversion or sexual imbalance in children (if mother is influenced)
  17. The spouse is often passive (Ahab spirit)

**The EFFECTS of this spirit (as seen with Elijah):**

1. Feelings of BEING ACCUSED or THREATENED, specifically in regards to your IDENTITY.
2. PANIC ATTACKS or ANXIETY caused by feeling trapped.
3. Desire to RUN FROM THE BATTLE. Especially when emotionally or physically tired, the desire to “just get away” is very strong. (Elijah ran after his greatest victory – he was worn out).
4. Feelings of QUITTING - DEPRESSION – no strength to go on – feeling empty or void of anything spiritual as well as FATIGUE and WEARINESS (How Elijah felt when he was in the cave.) CONFUSION, DOUBT

5. SICKNESS or INFIRMITIES that distract us and wear us down. (Elijah was physically exhausted and needed physical food to strengthen himself).
6. Desire to ISOLATE. This spirit will pull you away from the Body and cause you to feel alone. (Elijah thought he was the “only one” left when there were several hundred other prophets just like him!)
7. SPIRITUAL or even PHYSICAL HEAVINESS (may even manifest physically in the chest area). This is because Jezebel works with the PYTHON Spirit (Leviathan in OT) which wraps itself around its victim, squeezing out the breath of life. (Breathing problems!)
8. Demonic DREAMS. Dreams from the enemy give no hope and cause terror.
9. Feeling out of control (controlled). LOSE OF CHOICE – may feel authorities are against you.

### **GETTING FREE:**

#### **1. Look at your generational line to see if this spirit is at work. CUT IT OFF:**

*“Father, in Jesus’s name, I repent on behalf of my family member(s):  
 \_\_\_\_\_ for operating in the Spirit of Jezebel. As a family member, I acknowledge this as sin and offensive to you. Please forgive them for rebelling against you in this way. I CUT OFF this UNGODLY TIE and CONNECTION to this family member and I RENOUNCE my agreement with this Spirit of Jezebel and ASHTEROTH. Please cut me loose from this generational stronghold and free me, my spouse, my children and my entire family from this demonic foothold. In Jesus’ name, Amen.”*

#### **2. FORGIVE those in the church who have hurt you or misunderstood you, especially leaders:**

*“Father, I ask you to forgive me for harboring offense and unforgiveness towards  
 \_\_\_\_\_. I acknowledge my sin before you by holding them in judgment and not forgiving them. Please cleanse my heart and mind from this offense. I release them to you and give up any obligation on their part to “make things right” or even understand me. I am yours and trust in YOU to validate who I am. In Jesus name, Amen.*

### **3. PRAY THIS PRAYER OF REPENTANCE, RENUNCIATION AND DECLARATION OF TRUTH:**

Father, I come to repent and renounce the ways in which I have walked in agreement with the Spirit of Jezebel. Forgive my sin and cleanse my heart and mind to be filled with your Holy Spirit.

Father, forgive me for any DECEPTION I have walked in. I confess any words or actions done on my part that have been deceptive or only half-truths. I renounce the SPIRIT OF DECEPTION and ask you to cleanse my mind to walk in YOUR truth.

I renounce the SPIRIT OF MANIPULATION. I confess any words or actions done on my part that have been done with ulterior motives for personal gain. I renounce the lie that I can't trust Jesus to reveal the truth about people or situations. Forgive me for any ways in which I have MANIPULATED people or circumstances to suit myself.

Cleanse my thoughts and habits to walk in absolute surrender to YOUR will and YOUR ways. I repent of any SELFISH AMBITION and NEED TO BE SEEN. I choose to humble myself before you and REJOICE in the success of others.

Father, forgive me for any UNCLEAN THOUGHTS, words or actions that MOCK or DEGRADE your HOLINESS. I renounce and reject any UNCLEAN SPIRIT or SEXUAL PERVERSION in my life and give you permission to cleanse my spirit, soul, mind and body to be HOLY AND ACCEPTABLE TO YOU.

Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me. May my mouth be a SANCTIFIED INSTRUMENT of honor to declare your praise and goodness.

Forgive me for any JUDGMENTS I have place on others. YOU ARE THE ONLY JUDGE.

When I disagree with someone, I choose to PRAY for them and BLESS them, not curse them.

Forgive me for FOLLOWING MY FEELINGS and not the true Word and HEART of God.

SANCTIFY my emotions and affections that they please you and line up with Your Word.

Forgive me for any ways I have SOUGHT TO CONTROL or EXERT INFLUENCE over others to get my way. I choose to SUBMIT TO YOUR LORDSHIP and YOUR dealings with me, even when they include others disagreeing and even correcting me. Thank you for using others to help me grow in you!

I RENOUNCE THE SPIRIT OF FEAR and FEAR OF REJECTION from my thoughts and emotions. I will not fear man or man's ways. You will always love and accept me and will never forsake me.

I RENOUNCE PANIC ATTACKS and ANXIETY DISORDERS that stem from the Jezebel Spirit. I am covered by the Shadow of the Almighty and am safe under the shelter of His wings. I declare the peace of God over my life and body and declare that Jesus is my PRINCE OF PEACE and the Lord of my thoughts and emotions. Come and remove the effects of this FEAR and remind me of your goodness and love. Thank you for quieting my soul.

I RENOUNCE THE ACCUSER OF THE BRETHREN and all accusations set against me! I choose to receive godly instruction and correction but reject the enemy's empty threats. I reject all LIES of the enemy that seek to destroy my trust and faith in God and in my calling, anointing and destiny.

I RENOUNCE DEMONIC DREAMS and all demonic influence through night visions. I declare my dreams to be HOLY GROUND and a place where the Holy Spirit can reveal the Father to me. Come, Lord Jesus, and speak to me in the night and show your goodness.

I RENOUNCE the SPIRIT OF INFIRMITY from my life and ANY and ALL SICKNESS in my life and in my family's that originate from the Jezebel Spirit. I cancel the assignment upon my life and body that would seek to cast me on a sickbed. My life and body belong to the Lord Jesus Christ and HE, alone, is my Health and strength. All sickness must GO, in Jesus' name. Thank you, God, for being my HEALER.

I CANCEL the SPIRIT OF DEPRESSION and HEAVINESS that would seek to pull me down and shut me up! I will not be yoked by a Spirit of Heaviness but am yoked with Christ whose yoke is easy and burden is lite.

I RENOUNCE THE SPIRIT OF CONTROL and all the thoughts and lies that have sought to hold me down and bind me up. I ask you to forgive me, Jesus, for trying to control either people or situations for my own security. Lord, FORGIVE ME for appealing to the sinful nature and human desires instead of your grace and mercy. I BREAK OFF the chains that have bound me to this spirit and declare that I am a SLAVE TO CHRIST and am BOUND TO HIM in covenant relationship. I am LOVED by HIM unconditionally and fully. I choose to follow Him of my own free will and submit to His direction, leading and guidance.

Thank you, Lord, for the JOY OF THE LORD which is my strength. As I place my trust in You, I receive all Your goodness and grace upon my life. Thank you for setting me free from the influence and control of Jezebel.

In Jesus' name, AMEN!!



**To Keep your Freedom:**

**WALK IN THE OPPOSITE spirit!**

**Maintain good communication with others, especially leaders**

**Defeat isolation and depression by pursuing healthy, consistent relationships**

**\*For more information on the Jezebel Spirit, go to: [www.jezebelspirit.net](http://www.jezebelspirit.net)**

## Understanding the LEVIATHAN/PYTHON SPIRIT

**The Leviathan/Python Spirit seeks to KILL the life of the Spirit.**

Its purpose is to SQUEEZE the life of Christ out of us.

It is usually attached to a Religious or Jezebel Spirit but goes further than just RESISTING the Holy Spirit or CONTROLLING it.

It seeks to KILL it!

*"Leviathan" is from the Greek word "entwine"; a wreathed animal - coiled*

"Leviathan" is described in detail in Job 41:

**Job 41:1** - *"Can you pull in the leviathan with a fishhook or tie down his tongue with a rope?"*

**Job 41:8-9** - *"If you lay a hand on him, you will remember the struggle and never do it again! Any hope of subduing him is false; the mere sight of him is overpowering."*

**Job 41:15-21** - *His back has rows of shields tightly sealed together; 16 each is so close to the next that no air can pass between. 17 They are joined fast to one another; they cling together and cannot be parted.*

*NIV18 His snorting throws out flashes of light; his eyes are like the rays of dawn. 19 Firebrands stream from his mouth; sparks of fire shoot out. 20 Smoke pours from his nostrils as from a boiling pot over a fire of reeds. 21 His breath sets coals ablaze, and flames dart from his mouth." (DRAGON!)*

**Job 41:33-34** - *Nothing on earth is his equal — a creature without fear. He looks down on all that are haughty; he is king over all that are proud."*

LEVIATHAN is a spirit rooted in PRIDE

Some suggest that it is a PRINCIPALITY - not just a demon ("King over ALL...")

It is usually a GENERATIONAL

**Ps 104:25-26** - "There is the sea, vast and spacious, teeming with creatures beyond number living things both large and small. There the ships go to and fro, and the leviathan, which you formed to frolic there." ("sea" represents humanity - Leviathan in the midst of "ships" which can represent businesses, ministries, movements, etc.)

**Isaiah 27:1** (Prophesies Leviathan's end - at the **HAND OF THE LORD**) - Isaiah 27:1 "In that day the Lord with his severe sword, great and strong, will punish Leviathan the fleeing serpent, Leviathan the twisted serpent, and he will slay the reptile that is in the sea."

**Psalm 74:13-14** "You broke the heads of the sea serpents in the waters. You broke the heads of Leviathan in pieces."

**Python is a territorial spirit. Its goal is to:**

Mark people for demonic pressure through lies and manipulating information.

Uses the SPIRIT OF DIVINATION to squeeze out, pressure, and push people out of a life-giving apostolic ministry **to stop a move of God in a region or city.**

**Acts 16:16-19** -

*Now it happened, as we went to prayer, that a certain slave girl possessed with a spirit of divination (Python) met us, who brought her masters much profit by fortune-telling. 17 This girl followed Paul and us, and cried out, saying, "These men are the servants of the Most High God, who proclaim to us the way of salvation." 18 And this she did for many days.*

*But Paul, greatly annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, "I command you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her." And he came out that very hour. **THIS SPIRIT SOUGHT TO DISTRACT THE APOSTLES AND MANIPULATE THE TRUTH TO GET THEM IN TROUBLE.***

*Python was a mythical snake worshiped at Delphi and associated with the Delphic oracle. She was a priestess who worked herself up to prophesy by the spirit of Python forecasting future events, from which we get the SPIRIT OF DIVINATION.*

**From Jentezen Franklin's book, "The Spirit of Python":**

*I'll help you learn more about the key weapons in your spiritual arsenal: prayer, praise, and your spiritual armor. You see, just a few verses later, in Acts 16:25, we find Paul and Silas at midnight, singing praises after they were arrested and beaten for challenging the woman who was possessed with the spirit of Python. Midnight in Scripture is always a type of the coming of the Lord or the last days. Python tried to stop Paul and Silas just before God showed up in their lives (at midnight). Their story in Acts 16 reveals a lot about why prayer, praise, and the power and presence of the Holy Spirit are vital to your spiritual life— and why these are the very things the enemy seeks to choke out of you.*

## **HOW THESE SPIRITS MANIFEST:**

The neck speaks of the will. **Stiff-necked pride and stubbornness** are with Leviathan.

It can manifest as painful STIFFNESS in the NECK and SHOULDER

During deliverance, *Leviathan shows itself sometimes with choking manifestations around the throat.*

*"...like the physical python this demon digs its tail into the person and wraps itself around its victim suffocating it. This is how it stops spiritual growth and the gifts of the Holy Spirit. It is also the cause for people not being able to speak in tongues." (From Demon Busters.com)*

- It has been suggested by several deliverance ministers to specifically call it PYTHON

## **One who carries this spirit, even unknowingly, may tend to:**

- Seek to keep things hidden: "Don't say that", "Don't let them know that"..  
Twist words and communications to keep their own sin or weakness hidden
- Has a strong belief in PRIVACY
- Be stubborn in acknowledging needs or the need to change

*(Some of these characteristics can be seen in previous generations as culturally and socially expected ways of maintaining good appearances - shows generational root).*

## **Associated spirits:**

Spirit of Death, Spirit of Infirmity, Spirit of Division, Deaf and Dumb Spirit

The ROOT of this spirit is PRIDE

## **HOW TO GET FREE:**

**A PRIMARY KEY over LEVIATHAN is to take the position of HUMILITY.**

*(If attacked, don't take the bait by defending yourself in pride.)*

It's the position of the CROSS.

It's crucifying to your flesh. CONFESSION

LOVE NEVER FAILS and will DISTINGUISH PRIDE

## **Key weapons against a Python Spirit:**

- a) Praying - especially at night
  - b) Worship - spirit-filled praise!
  - c) Trusting the justice of God to manifest - having faith in God
  - d) Declare the citizenship and authority of your covering
- (Luke 18) Night and day prayer releases the quick justice of God.*

### Personal Prayer of Repentance:

*Father, in Jesus' name, I come to repent of the PRIDE in my heart.  
Please forgive me for thinking more highly of myself than I ought.  
Forgive me for JUDGING others or esteeming them unworthy because of my fleshly standards.*

*I REPENT for not humbling myself before you AND OTHERS.  
TURN MY HEART FROM PRIDE and grant me a willing spirit to be OPEN and HONEST about my spiritual walk. I CHOOSE to EMBRACE HUMILITY and walk in LOVE towards others.*

*I RENOUNCE the SPIRIT OF PRIDE in my life and NULLIFY any WORDS or ACTIONS that have been prideful, arrogant and self-serving.  
Please continue to show me any ways in which PRIDE may seek re-entry.  
Thank you for cleansing me by your blood. In Jesus' name. Amen.*

### PRAYER OVER THE TERRITORIAL SPIRIT OF PYTHON

"We want the authority of heaven in our lives, in our church and our city.  
In Jesus name, as citizens of Christ's kingdom, we cut ourselves LOOSE from every ungodly authority, ungodly spirit, ungodly power, and any ungodly principalities connected with Python or Leviathan spirits that make war to bind the apostolic move of God in this city, in this church and the churches of this city.

In Jesus name and through the blood of Christ, we REMOVE THE SHACKLES from this demonic spirit and we RELEASE the true apostolic in this house, in this city, in city government and the churches of this city. As citizens of Christ's kingdom, we declare we are FREE FROM UNGODLY AUTHORITY in every dimension. As citizens of the kingdom of heaven, we render ineffective Python and his work to hold back the apostolic in us, this church and the churches of this city and the city government here.

As citizens of God's kingdom of light, we ask the Father to SEND HIS HOLY ANGELS from the throne room to displace all demonic angels who have taken up authority in our lives, our church, this city and the churches in this city and we ask Father God that all demonic authority be replaced by godly authority in every dimension of our lives, our church and this city. As citizens of Christ's eternal kingdom, we AFFIRM OUR unity in TRUE APOSTOLIC authority, SPIRIT-FILLED WORSHIP and PURE PROPHETIC INTERCESSION in this church, in this city, and in us. And we call for the rising up of godly government and healthy family in every dimension in WINCHESTER and the surrounding region.

In Jesus' name, AMEN!

## Redeeming Those Bound by the Religious/Jezebel Spirit

*When we see the characteristics of the Religious or Jezebel Spirit in ourselves, we can pray accordingly and walk into freedom. But, what about others who are bound but don't see it? How do we pray and relate to them in such a way as to help them gain their own freedom?*

*There are some key principles that Scripture records that will help us to position ourselves and the other person(s) in such a way, so that the Holy Spirit can do His work:*

### 1] **Fast and Pray**

*"...This kind can come out only by prayer (and fasting)." (Mark 9:29)*

When the disciples couldn't cast a demon out of a little boy, they asked Jesus why. They had said all the right words and had faith for deliverance. However, Jesus stated that there are some roots of evil that are so deep, they must be prepared through prayer and fasting in order to be uprooted. If we truly operate in the love of Jesus, our hearts will be filled with compassion for those bound by this Spirit. We must intercede on their behalf, ask for God's mercy and pray for the Holy Spirit to soften their hearts.

### 2] **Don't enter into their arguments**

*"If anyone teaches false doctrines and does not agree to the sound instruction of our Lord Jesus Christ and to godly teaching, he is conceited and understands nothing. He has an unhealthy interest in controversies and quarrels about words that result in envy, strife, malicious talk, evil suspicions, and constant friction between men of corrupt mind, who have been robbed of the truth and who think that godliness is a means to financial gain." (1 Timothy 6:3-5)*

*"Don't have anything to do with foolish and stupid arguments, because you know they produce quarrels." (2 Timothy 2:23)*

The enemy will tempt godly leaders to be lured into theological "discussions" and debates in order to distract them from spiritual realities. If we entertain these kinds of patterns, we are only inviting more contention and will open the door wider for lies and deception. Instead, we must appeal for prayer and unity of the Spirit. Where our flesh will want to defend and "clarify", we must ask the Holy Spirit for wisdom and discernment. The focus must be on relationship, not the issues.

### 3] **Separate the person from the demonic stronghold (spirit)**

*"And the Lord's servant must not quarrel; instead, he must be kind to everyone, able to teach, not resentful. Those who oppose him he must gently instruct, in the hope that God will grant them repentance leading them to a knowledge of the truth, and that they will come to their senses and escape from the trap of the devil, who has taken them captive to do his will." (2 Timothy 2:24-26)*

We must minister to the PERSON, not the PROBLEM. At the core is a deceived and wounded person who has, many times unknowingly, opened the door to the enemy's lies. Separate the person from what they are speaking and minister to their emotional needs.

Most of the time the enemy gained access through hurt or disappointment. There is usually a sense of loss and injustice. The person needs healing and an encounter with the manifest love of God. Only the grace of God will enable people around them to extend that kind of love and affirmation in the midst of accusation and turmoil. But, where sin increases, the grace of God can abound more!

#### 4] Respond in the Opposite spirit

*"A gentle answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." (Proverbs 15:1)*

Where there is accusation and cursing - speak blessing. Where there is manipulation - be generous and give of God's abundance in love, mercy and provision. Where there are arguments - thank God for who you are in Christ and speak peace to the storm. To respond in a Christ-like manner is not only putting a fire out, but it is building up the person and inviting God's presence to over-ride the darkness.

#### 5] Guard your own heart and mind

*"Do not entertain an accusation against an elder unless it is brought by two or three witnesses." (1 Timothy 5:19)*

The Religious and Jezebel Spirit seeks to "corner" it's prey. It will bring accusation and arguments one on one, but will shy away from any kind of accountability, spiritual authority or group intervention. If the charges or accusations have any validity, they must be confirmed by at least two or three *independent witnesses*. If they cannot be confirmed this way and processed in the biblical manner (Matthew 18:15-20) than they are unfounded.

The enemy's goal is to rob a godly leader of his or her confidence and faith in God's call on their lives. Any leader who is being harassed by these demonic spirits must guard his or her heart and mind against evil thoughts, words and intentions brought against them. Staying in a place of prayer and humility will help to distinguish the power of the accusations.

#### 6] Get under spiritual authority

*Psalms 133 - "How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!...."*

To resist and defeat the Religious Spirit and Jezebel Spirit will require leaders and churches to stay in accountable relationships, both personally and corporately. There will be no authority to defeat this spirit unless persons are, first, under authority.

For individuals, this means having their marriages and homes in proper order. It means staying accountable to those in leadership and submitting to their direction and counsel. For leaders, it means inviting overseers into the situation to speak wisdom and discernment. For churches, it means appealing to regional authority and the broader protection brought about by covenant relationships within the body of Christ.

### 7] Remain in agreement and stand in unity (Psalm 133)

The tactics of the enemy will be to bring division and strife among those in the same household (either biologically or spiritually). This means for husbands and wives to stay in the place of agreement in their prayers and speech. This means for church leaders to keep the unity through prayer and mutual submission. The enemy has no chance against a unified household.

#### **If a person who operates in this spirit becomes open and humble...**

...the goal is then to help them see the bondage they are in and patterns of control that they operate under. Because the person is usually unaware of what they are communicating, it is most helpful to give objective feedback as to how things are being *perceived* rather than by confronting the behavior. Example: "When you say this \_\_\_\_\_, it feels like \_\_\_\_\_" "What is in your heart that you are trying to say?"

Unless the person sees the demonic influence at work in their own lives, they will never be free. As they are affirmed for who they are and not continually challenged, they will feel safe enough to examine their own actions in a more objective manner and discern between truth and lie.

#### **If a person IS NOT open to correction, counsel or help...**

...then the door must be shut to the influence of this demonic spirit. This is done first in prayer, and then possibly in person. Boundaries may need to be communicated so as to not expose innocent sheep to the deception (Not allowed to speak in church; not allowed to call certain persons other than leadership; not allowed to write letters, etc.)

If the spirit is operating within a family (adult children and parents), then other boundaries must be made to protect relationships. This can happen by limiting contact or certain kinds of conversations, resisting accusations or threats through prayer and blessing. If needed, the conflict may need to be confronted and discussed, stating what the boundaries are and why (and then sticking to it). Though it is hoped that persons get free from this stronghold, God will not over-ride their personal choice. At this point, the safety and security of the household of faith must be protected and guarded and measures be taken to maintain peace.

These spirits operate in individuals in many ways. Ultimately, however, the goal is always the same - **to rob us of our faith in God and the power to do His will.** As we renounce "secret and shameful ways" we can set forth the truth of God's word and declare freedom to the captives and sight to the blind! (2 Corinthians 4:2).