

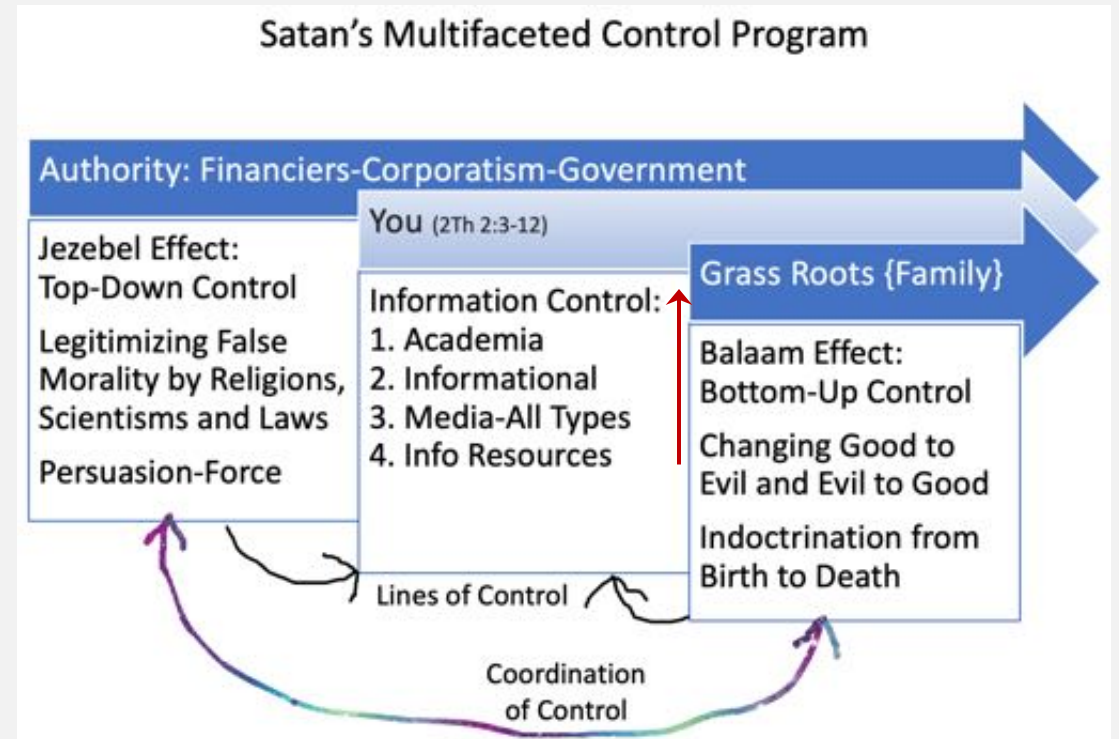


# REVELATION 22 – THYATIRA: CHURCH'S SELF-DESTRUCTION

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# PROLOGUE: BALAAM-JEZEBEL EFFECT – IN PRACTICE

- Balaam Effect remakes society Bottom-Up; Jezebel Effect gives legal protection via Top-Down Societal Legitimization
- Synergistic coordination remakes society: Dissenters appear unreasonable, dangerous
  - Balaam Effect alone produces revolutions-Fail {French Revolution; *Marcuse uprisings*}
  - Jezebel Effect alone requires force, cannot be maintain-Fail {Socialism; Communism}
  - Together-Success {American Revolution}



# JEZEBEL: TIME, TIME, TIME TO REPENT

- Continuing His metaphor, Christ demonstrates His longsuffering mercy (2Pe 3:9)
  - Time is not *Indicative*, specific moment or period, but *Aorist Subjunctive*, a future period whose conclusion depends on the action of the noun {Jezebel} (Hab 2:2-3; 2Co 5:10; Re 20)
  - Christ **is** giving Jezebel adherents time to repent of their error and return to him; speaking to Church **saved** following by False Teachers (He 10:37-39)
  - Repent, reject their spiritual immorality, return to their First Love as chaste brides (Hos 1:2; 2:14-19; 3:1-5; He 10:32-36; Re 21:1-4)
  - If they refuse, Christ will fill them with spiritual immorality to excess until they repent, a pattern we will subsequently discover; but also, a part of the Hagiazos Process (Ro 1:18-28; 2Pe 2:20-22)

## JEZEBEL: FILL OF YOUR SIN TO THE BRIM

- Christ has given the Lost up; the Hagiazio Process he applies to His called out people {OT-Judah, Israel; NT-Christians, Churches}
  - Christ throws Jezebelites into bed to gorge on their immorality (Pr 30:12, 15-16; Ez 23:28-31)
  - Those they *open* themselves up to, who come *into* them, will have great tribulation {Sin's Consequences, Hagiazio Process, Great Tribulation or Hell} (Mt 24:21-23; Lk 16:22-31)
  - Jezebelites children, disciples, {Lost} find only **Second Death** (Re 2:11; 20:6, 14; 21:6-8)
- Jezebel is Old Testament metaphor, is there Old Testament pattern?
  - Yes, there is a repeating pattern which God speaks in plain, and at times ribald, words to show His people how disgusting their choices are to them and Him

## BEFORE JEZEBEL: GENERALIZED HARLOTRY

- Idolatry is expected of the Lost {definition} but when those who are *called* to God return to idolatry then it becomes harlotry (Ro 1:18-28; Col 3:5)
- Hebrews, descendants of Abraham, lived in Egypt and adopted *Egyptian* idolatry, probably after Joseph died; enslaving themselves to Satan (Ez 20:6-32; 23:1-3)
  - Hebrews grew rich in Goshen {Delta}, gateway to Egypt's interior (Col 3:5)
  - Hebrews adopted Egyptian idolatry-practices without being Egyptian {Ptolemies}
  - Though they *appeared* Egyptian, they were foreigners; new dynasty distrustful (Ex 1:6-14)
  - Enslaved for *harlotry*, they called to God who sent Moses {Judges Pattern} (Ex 2:23-25)
  - When faced with testing, they returned to idolatry: Golden Calf {OT Pattern} (He 3:7-12)

## AFTER JEZEBEL: OHOLAH–OHOLIBAH HARLOTS

- God expressly warned Judah that she ignored the *example* of Israel {Northern Kingdom} (NK) which was irreversibly exiled for idolatry {Jezebel's Baal}
  - God compared Judah's idolatry, spiritual immorality, to harlotry {sex as metaphor}; i.e., Man-Woman relationship framework for Christ-Hebrews to become Christ-Church-Bride: Violation of this intimacy is immorality (Ge 2:21-25; Je 3:6-14; Mal 2:13-16; Ep 5:22-6:4; Re 21:1-4)
- God speaks bluntly disgusted by their harlotry; they are like beasts (Ps 73; Ez 23)
  - Oholah-Israel (NK) {Her own Tent}: Israel refused God's Tabernacle (Tent) and built her own via Calf, later Baal, idolatry; God says Israel had less guilt than Judah
  - Oholibah-Judah {Tent in Her}: Judah worse offender who ignored Israel as warning of her coming Babylonian Captivity; she enticed Chaldeans by her treasures via a *godly* king whose love became cold {Insecurity} (Is 38-39)

# OHOLAH-OHOLIBAH HARLOTS: SEARCH FOR WORLDLY SECURITY

- Why did Israel-Judah reject Christ? Answer contained in the Wilderness
  - Hebrews prized physical-worldly security above spiritual-future security, railed against God when physical security *appeared* threatened (Ex 17:1-7; Nu 20:2-13; He 11:8-10)
  - Judah sought strong Gentile-Idolatrous nation for security {metaphor of big penis-large ejaculate into her *tent*} so she {woman} could rule on earth; not God {Man}
  - Judah used harlotry to Control, enslave, Gentiles, not bring them to God (Mt 23:13-15)
- Gentiles turn on and destroy those who sought to enslave them: Egypt Pattern
  - This pattern persisted throughout Old Testament culminating in condemning Christ for Roman security in hopes of Controlling Pilate: Jerusalem destroyed A.D. 70
  - Pattern of Babylonian Whore: *False Jews* destroyed by Antichrist when no longer useful (Re 17)

# IMMORALITY'S BROAD PATH: ISRAEL – JUDAH – CHURCH – YOU

- The Pattern:
  - God Calls His out of the World: Salvation
  - God's Tent: Secure in Christ's Sacrifice (Is 40:21-23)
  - World's Tent: Worldly security based on one's lusts-covetousness (Col 3:5; IJo 2:15-17)
  - No Tent: World uses you for their gain then turns on you; no security
  - Then Judgment: Saved who repent rescued though in fecal stained garments and scent of Hell's stench (Jude 22-23)

God's Call  
From World

God's Tent

World's Tent

Devoured:  
No Tent

Broad  
Path

**Judgment**

Balaam-Jezebel Effect:  
Facilitates transition  
from God's to World's  
Tent {Security};  
Results in No Tent  
if unrepentant



# CHRIST THE I AM: JUDGES YOU BY YOUR WORKS

- Churches have and will allow Jezebel Effect into their midst trading *now* worldly security for *later* eternal security; Jerusalem to come (Ga 4:21-31; Re 21:1-4)
  - Christ's metaphoric *blazing eyes* and *bronze feet* sees each one's works; what you really believe and rewards you accordingly (1Co 3:10-15)
  - He is, **I Am**; He sees your heart and mind without ambiguity (Ex 3:13-15; 1Sa 16:7)
- Christians trade *transitory* security for *eternal* security; playing the harlot with Christ; not remaining chaste waiting for the wedding (Mt 10:26-33; Re 21:1-4)
  - Pattern of spiritual-physical immorality extant in today's LGBTQAI+ world
  - Churches-Denominations-Believers succumbing to harlotry chasing changing winds of Satan's delusional doctrines! With whom are you joined? (1Co 6:15-20; Ep 4:11-14; 2Th 2:3-12)