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God's Strategy for Satanic Conference

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In 2022, The Satanic Temple (TST) hosted a SatanCon in Arizona. Intercessors stormed heaven, and the event fizzled. On-site prayer warriors reported small numbers of attendees and no chaos. This year, TST has scheduled the event for April 28–30, in Boston, Massachusetts. As soon as this was announced, intercessors began praying.

The answer was surprising: Don't pray *it* out; pray *them* in. The Lord spoke clearly to Massachusetts state leaders (and sisters) Suzie and Lynne MacAskill.



Suzie and Lynne MacAskill, IFA MA Leaders

Satanists do believe in something: a rebellion against God — usually because they've been deeply wounded by someone in authority over them, or because they've allowed the opening of dangerous doors through poor personal choices or naivete. God wants intercessors to pray that Christians will see these lost souls as He does — to look past the costumes, the makeup, the desperate attempts to repel, and to see them as being deeply valued and loved by God.

The Lord wants transformation; He wants hearts that have been changed. Prayer is our most powerful weapon; we must prepare the fields through *prayer*. *This will be a glorious harvest*, but we must have the harvest workers. We can pray for God to send forth the laborers, and He will be faithful to follow through.

After much prayer and seeking the heart of God, the MacAskill sisters discerned some key prayer points for all of us:

- that the Lord's will would prevail in Massachusetts;
- that the harvest fields would be ready in Massachusetts;
- that the Lord would call up laborers into the fields;
- for God to give intercessors and other Christians His own heart for the lost;
- that God would prepare the attendees' hearts and release them from Satan's hold;
- for God to remove any spiritual blinders in Massachusetts;
- for His love to draw the attendees to Him;
- that the fear of our Lord would fall upon Massachusetts;
- that God would dismantle any evil agendas or plans.

The Lord has confirmed all this in many ways, one of which is through intercessor Carol Klussmann, who had been praying about TST for more than a year. "Here's a plan that has settled in my spirit for me, a person who lives half-of-the-country-away," she wrote to IFA. "Those who are spiritually changed as a result of [our prayers] will be at the doors of the church afterwards, returning to locations throughout our country and perhaps the whole world. We need to be ready locally to support their change in allegiance."

Carol suggests on-site intercession at our local churches weekly. She often sits in her car within sight of the church doors and prays for each church. But she emphasizes seeking the Lord for individualized prayer guidance. *I will stand at my watch and station myself on the ramparts. ... Though it linger, wait for it; it will certainly come and will not delay* (Hab. 2:1–3 NIV).



Jesus Changes Everything

GLORIA ROBLES, IFA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

John Ramirez, a former satanic high priest, was born into a bloodline of warlocks and trained in the ways of the occult and witchcraft from a young age. An encounter with Jesus at the age of 25 altered the course of his life forever.

In a recent interview with IFA, Ramirez shared how believers can defeat the powers of darkness. We need wisdom to heed the scripture text that warns us not to be ignorant of the devil's devices (see 2 Cor. 2:11). "Satan will always position himself against the Church, because we have power and authority," Ramirez said. "We must know the things of the Spirit that belong to us, to pray effectively."



He explained the fundamental truth that Satan counterfeits what God creates. "Satan is a copycat. ... For everything God has, Satan has a counterfeit."

One of the most significant of these counterfeits involves blood. "Death and blood power the occult," Ramirez said. This is an attempt to imitate the Old Testament blood sacrifices and the powerful blood of Jesus, he says. "The only One Who can fully cleanse us inside and out is Jesus Christ, Whose blood purifies us and makes us holy."

Ramirez emphasized the importance of using the weapons we have been given. The most powerful weapon for effective prayer against darkness, he says, is "intimacy with God." But there are other useful weapons. "You have been given power and authority. You have His Holy Spirit. You have been anointed. You have the gifts and fruit of His Spirit. You have the power of prayer." *All of these defeat darkness.*

Specific prayers are strategic and effective. "Prayer is about hitting the target in the Enemy's camp," Ramirez said. "General prayers are good, but praying specifically will hit the target. Every demonic attack has a name, and the Bible tells us that every name will bow to King Jesus" (see Rom. 14:11).

He offers these specific instructions: "When you pray, get a promise from God's word and align it with your prayer. An example would be healing. Find a promise verse about healing and then specifically target your sickness with God's word and promises. Pray through it and claim your victory. Satan's power of darkness is real, but *Jesus changes everything.*"

This is also an effective method of intercession for communities. "What is unrighteous and unnatural in your city? If it's addiction, fornication, poverty, et cetera, we can naturally discern these things are demonic. Use the word of God, use your authority, the blood of Jesus, and pray against it. And when those chains are broken, people will be set free," Ramirez asserts.

Also, IFA intercessors ought to convey *the love of Jesus* to the lost, exhorts Ramirez. "We do not come into agreement with their sin, but people need to experience the love of God that's missing from their lives."

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Defeating Unseen Enemies

JOYCE SWINGLE, IFA CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Jeannie Ortega Law is a survivor of a background in Santería and of experiences with suicidal ideation. She battled her way out of the hard streets of her Brooklyn, New York, neighborhood to soar to the top of the *Billboard* pop charts. At the apex of her secular music career, Ortega Law opened concerts for pop star Rihanna. Now she opens for the Lord God through Most High King Ministries, which she and her husband, the Rev. Renn Law, operate together.



Ortega Law, who also writes for *The Christian Post*, shared her experiences overcoming spiritual warfare on IFA's Pray with America's Leaders. Her family was grooming her to succeed to the Santería high-priestess role her aunt held. The family blended Catholic beliefs with Santería, including worship of the dead and other occult practices. Ortega Law says she witnessed animal sacrifices and the placing of curses on people to cause them misfortune or even death.

Ortega Law credits the Lord with looking out for her even before she began seeking Him. As a young girl, she fled her home when relatives pressed her to conjure up a spirit. The spiritual darkness in that home had even led her to struggle with feelings of suicide — at the age of 7.

Music was the Lord's tool for bringing her out of all that. "He used music to

kind of shift gears, get my attention," Ortega Law said. "Music helped me relate and helped me cry. And I realized music had power to help people feel better."

But the music scene had its dark side, too. "Although I wanted to become a singer to make the world better and to make little girls feel better, the way music helped me, I quickly became kind of bewitched by fame, and success, and money," Ortega Law confesses.

She shares her story, along with some practical principles for prevailing in spiritual warfare, in her book, *What Is Happening to Me? How to Defeat Your Unseen Enemies*. Ortega Law wrote the book, published in 2021, to awaken people to the spiritual battle, including "church hurt." She says: "The enemy will weaponize us against each other. ... We have a very real enemy, whether we accept that or not. ... There is a very real spiritual realm — a very real enemy — that has come to steal, kill, and destroy what we're meant to do for the Kingdom."

But hope is available, she notes. "The amazing thing about our God is that He's given us all of the tools that we need to fight spiritual warfare effectively." Intercessors need to seek God's strategy and wisdom on how to navigate the demonic realm in prayer and witness for Christ, she says. "Let's allow for the Holy Spirit to really do the work that the Holy Spirit wants to do."

You can learn more about Ortega Law at www.JeannieO.com.

7 SPIRITUAL Warfare Tips

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Intercessors

1. Bless and do not curse (see Rom. 12:14). Don't rail against evil, but call into being the Lord's kingdom on earth (see Matt. 6:10).
2. Ask God to command His angels concerning you, for they are ministering spirits sent to help you (see Ps. 91:11; Heb. 1:14).
3. Ask the Lord to highlight scriptures to pray. God's word will not return to Him void; it will accomplish that for which He sent it (see Isa. 55:10–11).
4. In all things, make your requests known to God with thanksgiving (see Phil. 4:6). Thanking God with every prayer acknowledges His gifts to you, and to the person who *has*, more will be given (see Matt. 13:12).
5. Submit to authority. As the centurion declared himself to be under authority, so must you be (see Matt. 8:5–13.) Be part of a good church with a godly pastor.
6. Ask God for divine wisdom and revelation to pray (see Eph. 1:17).
7. Pray in agreement with other intercessors (see Matt. 18:19).

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TEAR-OFF

Father God, in Jesus' name, I thank You for drawing me to Yourself. Thank You for helping me serve You in interceding before Your throne. I praise You, for You are great and mighty, and You alone do wondrous things.

Help me and equip me as I fight the good fight of faith in prayer. Help me to come boldly before Your throne of grace, where I may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need. Teach me to keep my eyes on Jesus, the Author and Finisher of my faith. Help me to speak Your word and to pray Your word back to You every day, Father, so You can move even more powerfully on the earth as I serve You in prayer.

You have done so much for me — and so much in our nation. I thank You and bless You for all You have done.

You have promised us so many things in Your word, and I thank You that You will fulfill them all. In Jesus' name, Lord God, I ask You today to do the great and mighty things we do not even know. Do for us exceedingly and abundantly above all we could ever dare to ask, hope, or think. And as we, Your people, turn back to You, we thank You that You are healing our land.

Help me personally to dwell in the secret place of the Most High as I pray and intercede for this great nation. Teach me to be under authority and to walk in purity and holiness, so I can operate in authority as I intercede for America. Pour out Your Spirit of grace and supplication on me, and I'll give You all the praise. Thank You, Abba. In Jesus' name I pray. Amen.

Answered Prayers

Revival Breaks Out

A call to radically love sparked revival at Asbury University. The whole world watched as students worshipped and prayed for two weeks. The revival fires spread across the country as college students and other Christians sought the Lord and His manifest presence. Hundreds of IFA intercessors reported revival in their own communities.

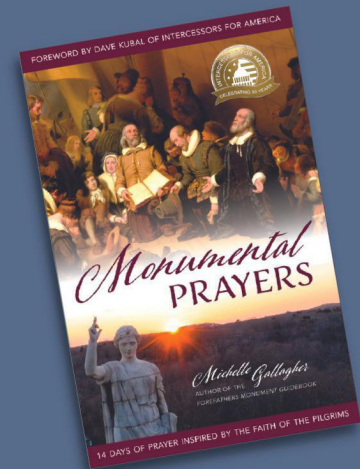
Ban on Transitioning Children

South Dakota joined Alabama, Arkansas, and Utah in banning puberty-blocking drugs, hormone therapy, and gender-change surgeries for minors. "With this legislation, we are protecting kids from harmful, permanent medical procedures," said Gov. Kristi Noem. Other states are also considering similar measures.

Movement on China

Various actions have been taken to address dangers from China: North Dakota successfully blocked a Chinese mill proposed near a U.S. Air Force base; the CCP police station in New York City has been closed; and U.S. agencies are ordered to ban Chinese-owned TikTok.

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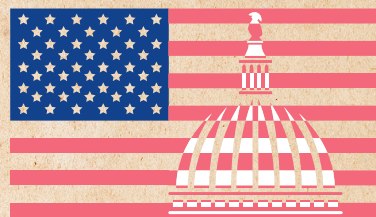
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INTERCESSORS FOR AMERICA



Jezebel in High Places

By Don Basham, Pastor, Teacher, and Deliverance Expert

From March, 1992

The perspective from which we view a struggle has much to do with our strategies and responses to it. Historically and theologically, it has been documented by missionaries and others that it's almost impossible to effectually minister in certain geographic areas until the ruling demonic prince or principality is "dethroned" or rendered ineffective through prevailing prayer. One might individually exorcise demons, but it takes a God-initiated corporate orchestration of prayer, fasting, evangelism, and other corporate expressions to "bind" these forces. One of the most powerful and perverse of the satanic principalities which is at work to destroy our faith, freedom, families, our rightful Christian heritage, and our future is characterized by Jezebel in the Old Testament.

Historically, the name Jezebel has come to represent all that is unholy, seductive, wicked, ambitious, cunning, controlling, and selfish in the stray female of the human species. Less well recognized but equally important is the fact that Ahab, Jezebel's husband, exhibited all the weak, craven, petulant, and immature qualities which paralyze manhood, prevent masculine leadership, and create a vacuum for a greater grip by Jezebel forces (1 Kings 16-21).

The Jezebel influence began in the Garden of Eden when Eve listened to the serpent's lie, became deceived, ate the forbidden fruit, and offered it to Adam. Adam, Scripture records, "listened to his wife" and also rejected God's word and ate along with Eve. Adam defaulted on his delegated headship and oversight. Eve assumed a masculine governmental role of headship, and Adam retreated into a passive, feminine subordinate role. This reversal of God-ordained order and function is one of the things the Jezebel spirit militantly promotes today.

Everything the spirit of Jezebel stands for militates against personal virtue, righteousness, and biblically ordered family and church life. It hates the faith of our godly founders and the spiritual, moral, ethical, and economic principles they demonstrated.

Despite her many abominations, Jezebel's cunning enabled her to survive long after the death of Ahab her husband. When Jezebel sought to escape God's judgment, save her own life, and further her own wicked schemes, she was even ready to seduce the very man, Jehu, who by divine commission had slain her son. The implications of this spiritual power's ability to preserve its own life and to prolong and widen its own influence are awesome to contemplate. In Jezebel, we are dealing with one of the most sinister and deadly forms of satanic deception ever recorded. While divine strategy was released against her abominations, and divine judgment was pronounced against her person (2 Kings 9:7-37), neither God, Elijah, Elisha, Jehu, nor any single servant of God ever spoke to Jezebel directly. It was as if God kept his back turned in revulsion.

Jezebel's perverse defiance of God and her total rejection of the responsibilities inherent in the role of wife and mother shows the treacherous nature of this spirit. It always deceptively moves to undermine and pervert biblical family life and godly rule in government.

This fact should be remembered when we consider spiritual warfare against the principality Jezebel represents. As believers who know we've been given authority over the enemy, we should nonetheless avoid indiscriminately challenging Jezebel-type principalities and powers outside of our appointed spheres of responsibility as we fight demons (Luke 10:18-19; 2 Corinthians 10:13). Rather, wisdom and prudence dictate that, while we must resist and pray diligently against the influence of Jezebel within our appointed spheres, we realize that God is preparing the Church for corporate assaults on this stronghold. Prevailing corporate intercession is necessary on the citywide and national levels, especially by leaders and men.

There are three main areas that Jezebel utilizes her tactics and wiles to influence.

First, Jezebel promotes alienation from our moral and spiritual roots and aims at the destruction of our godly heritage. From Scripture, we see Jezebel was dedicated to Israel's downfall. She chose an unholy marriage with Ahab and then proceeded with her plan to alienate the Israelites from Jehovah God and from their destiny as His people. She persuaded Ahab to forsake Jehovah and worship Baal. Moreover, she promoted and subsidized the perverse worship of Baal in Israel by slaying the true prophets of God and making regular provision for 850 prophets of Baal at the royal table. Jezebel today works to secure strong influence and voices in government, education, news media, entertainment, and the arts, and from there, to plot the destruction, or at least the neutralization and silencing, of the servants of God.

This spirit works relentlessly to separate the people of our nation from their historic, moral, and spiritual roots. In recent years, the government has increasingly assumed positions of hostility to Christian history and the Church. Many elected and appointed officials have made unholy alliances with the spirit of Jezebel, just like King Ahab did, and have embraced or at least condoned an increasingly pagan, anti-Christian socialistic posture totally alien to our Judeo-Christian heritage.

Second, Jezebel aims at the destruction of the family. Jezebel was the daughter of a priest of Ashtoreth, the Baal goddess of fertility, a female deity who defies the fatherhood of God and all male spiritual authority (1 Kings 16:31).

Nowhere in society is the appalling evidence of the power of Jezebel more evident today than in her raging assault on the traditional family. Rampant divorce, declining moral standards, the militant drive

to legitimize perverted sexual relationships, abortion, and a growing secular humanism which exalts man's self-indulgence over the godly principles of faith, family, work, savings, and sacrifice are all a result of the Jezebel influence.

Since the biblically instituted integrity of the family is based on the role of the father, it's not hard to understand why the spirit of Jezebel is so militantly engaged in destroying the role of responsible manhood and fatherhood.

Third, the spirit of Jezebel seeks the confiscation of America's wealth and the enslavement of her people. The scriptural illustration of this third tactic is found in the story of Naboth's vineyard and the confiscation of his vineyard (1 Kings 21). Naboth was a hardworking farmer who epitomizes the status of millions of hardworking people. Unfortunately, Naboth's vineyard was located near the king's palace. King Ahab coveted it and sought to buy it. Naboth refused to sell. At this point, Jezebel stepped in, and, by a combination of diabolic cunning and perverted use of royal power, had Naboth killed, confiscated his property, and gave it to her weak husband, who had cried and thrown a temper tantrum.

The obvious intent of the spirit of Jezebel is to use the power of government to confiscate the wealth of the American people and, if not destroy, at least enslave American workers under socialistic tyranny. The thieving trio of excessive debt, excessive taxation, and excessive regulation are all working toward our nation's destruction. The average American worker must now labor almost five months to pay federal, state, and local taxes. Even Christians are often looking more to the state than to God and personal initiative to solve their financial problems.

This is exactly the tragic end that the spirit of Jezebel — entrenched in positions of authority and influence, and with her tentacles of control spreading over our lives — is determined to achieve. Former Secretary of the Treasury William Simon astutely observes this in his book, *A Time for Action*: "Our desire to achieve immediate gratification and to avoid responsibilities and to have others care for all our needs, is like nothing so much as infantile repression. That not too coincidentally is exactly how 'big mother down in Washington' likes to think of us, as children who cannot be trusted to think for ourselves. ... We are to be treated as hopeless self-indulgent infants who need a federal nanny to look after us at every waking moment."

The battle with Jezebel is not yet fully joined, and God will have to decide how and when it's going to be consummated. This growing confrontation makes every other kind of issue and controversy look like some sort of afternoon tea party. May God unite, equip, train, and make us bold in His advance against this power.

Now . . .
From Today



The Timely Exposure of the Spirit of Jezebel

By Betsy West, IFA Pennsylvania State Prayer Leader

We are at war. When we move from the kingdom of darkness to the kingdom of light, we are issued our full armor (Eph. 6:14-17). God knows that we need this equipment, and He gives it to us. We must be diligent to put on this suit of armor every day or never take it off.

Who are our enemies? *For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this age, against spiritual hosts of wickedness in the heavenly places* (Eph. 6:12 NKJV).

Raised in a traditional church, I admit that though I knew the Bible accounts of Elijah the prophet and of his encounters with both Jezebel and Ahab, I never considered that Jezebel was a diabolical principality — deeply rooted to this very day in our own government, family institutions, and churches. The entire concept of spiritual warfare was unheard of in my Christian circles. In the 1980s, this teaching began to surface, however, and IFA became a trusted source for me during that time, providing a newsletter written by well-respected leaders. My desire to learn more and exercise my faith took root. IFA articles exposed the Enemy's hand and gave the Church the strategic information needed to help us build effective intercession.

So, what does it look like to have the influence of a Jezebel spirit dominating our everyday lives? Certainly, it was not uncommon at one time to hear someone labeled a "Jezebel." In many cases, this was unjustified and false, and it caused great harm to the individual so falsely accused. But although attributes of this principality could indeed be seen at work in the lives of some, the real depth of Jezebel came into focus in 2020, when we saw this demonic spirit create global upheaval.

That year, we all were eyewitnesses caught up in the whirlwind of the Jezebel spirit. With the spread of the COVID pandemic worldwide, we saw many manifestations of this diabolical spirit.

FEAR

Suddenly, a wave of intense fear began to consume the world. Nation by nation, we witnessed airspace shut down to all travel. Then, this fear began to manifest in school closures, business lockdowns, closing restaurants and shops, and classifying businesses as "essential" or "non-essential." Churches were closed by government mandate, forcing them to resort to Zoom meetings. Nursing homes and hospitals were locked down, with no visitation permitted,

even in cases where a family member was a dying patient. And yet, casinos, bars, and abortion clinics remained open and operational. This *fear* was the open door that Jezebel used to move swiftly and cause further damage.

MANIPULATION

Jezebel then began the game of manipulating people, governments, medical leaders, business owners, and pastors to operate by her set of rules: "social distancing" (a minimum of 6 feet apart at all times); wearing a mask over our face anytime we left our homes (and sometimes even *within* our very homes); wiping down every surface after every touch with antiseptic cleaners. You could not leave your house, unless it was a quick trip to one of the approved box stores that had been deemed "essential." *Blind obedience was the mandate.*

MURDER

Moving COVID-infected people into nursing homes among the most vulnerable residents caused such mental anguish that suicide and the abuse of drugs and alcohol became rampant. In many cases, this ended in premature death. The abortion clinics remained open, though, and babies continued to be sacrificed — their tiny organs even being harvested and sold for "scientific" experimentation. *God have mercy on us.*

DEPRESSION

We read in 1 Kings that after Elijah killed off the prophets of Baal, Queen Jezebel threatened to kill him by the next day. Overcome with fear, Elijah fled into the wilderness in isolation and then plummeted into a deep depression. In the same way, we watched as people of all ages sank into depression and became utterly despondent in the shadow of the pandemic and the resultant shutdowns. Sadly, children couldn't play with others; teenage students were unable to participate in such normal activities as proms, sporting events, and graduation ceremonies; and there were no weddings, family picnics, birthday celebrations, or even funerals — all of which only multiplied the general sense of despair.

CONTROL

Jezebel is a controlling spirit, and this pandemic fed that evil component, resulting in more and more demands. Vaccines were released without the time period customarily allowed for proving whether a substance is safe; instead, these uncertain substances

were *government-mandated* for many workers in public jobs. Teachers, nurses, and military personnel, to name a few, were forced to submit to this mandate — on pain of losing their livelihood.

During this two-year period of living through what was certainly a terrible nightmare indeed, the Jezebel spirit manifested itself and exerted its "power," witnessed not only here in our own nation, but also all around the world.

But God ...

And yet, since the pandemic, we have witnessed an awakening in this nation. Eyes that were blind to the reality of the Jezebel onslaught now see in retrospect how this evil has unraveled every system that had been the norm. We watched as the Body of Christ came to realize that *the Church is essential*, and that we needed to leave the safety of our church buildings to go out and take back our communities. Prayer has become vital to all believers — as it ought to be. Now, having learned during the lockdowns how to use internet options to come together for prayer and fellowship, *we are stronger than ever in our resolve to fight the battle before us.*

This is proof of the teaching that it takes a *God-initiated* orchestration of prayer, fasting, evangelism, and other corporate expressions to "bind" these satanic forces. This is the positive outcome in the global awakening. *The Ekklesia, which has been a sleeping giant, has come to life!* The war around us continues, but battle by battle, and *in His strength, we will win.*

We thank God for those who were pioneers in our training in spiritual warfare. We thank God for the writers of those early articles, who educated us in our responsibilities as believers while we learned to pray for His Kingdom to come and His will to be done *on earth* as it is *in heaven*. Through the blood of Jesus, we have everything we need to win these battles. And now, with a worldwide connection to fellow intercessors praying focused prayers, we're able to view this season of preparation for our Savior's Second Coming as equal to the times of His first appearing.

We now celebrate the Jubilee Year of IFA: 50 years of educating, informing, and equipping the saints for the mission before us. Thanks be to God! Should our king tarry, let's pray for 50 more years of training in spiritual warfare, and for the opening of the doors we need to secure our victory!