

# Book of Revelation

## Lesson Five -- Women in Revelation

### 4/2/17

. . . *because you allow that woman, Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce my servants to commit sexual immorality...*" (Rev. 2:20)

I. First century readers and readers of this century struggle understanding the complex imagery and bizarre description contained in the book of Revelation. This is especially true of women who are noted in these scriptures. These women are described in extremes of moral character: very good or very bad. These contrasts are typical of apocalyptic literature. The unusual actions taken by these women suggest that they should be understood as symbols rather than literal women.

#### II. Symbolic Woman

<p><b>Jezebel</b> -- Rev. 2:20-23 -- church at Thyatira          *taught people to worship false gods &amp; encouraged immorality; Christ will judge Jezebel &amp; her followers. Also, see 1Kgs. 19, 21; 2 Kgs. 9          Who does this "Jezebel" represent?</p>	<p><b>The Woman Giving Birth</b> -- Rev. 12:1-6, 13-17          A godly woman who seeks refuge &amp; protection in God; the evil dragon (satan) tries to destroy Israel and the messianic line  <i>Likely not Mary, mother of Jesus</i></p>
<p><b>Babylon, the Great Harlot</b> -- Rev. 14:8; 17:1-6, 15-18; 18:1-24          Harlot imagery is used in the Bible to show the "spiritual immorality", in which people turn from God to worship idols. This harlot might have been Rome which tried to turn people away from God. <i>could be satan</i></p>	<p><b>The Wife (Bride) of the Lamb</b> -- Rev 19:7-8          This woman takes steps to make herself ready as the day for the marriage approaches. She is clothed in righteous acts of the saints. Who is this woman? Who is she to marry?  <i>Eph 5:22-32</i></p>

*Worldwide political, economic, & religious system of antichrist (Rev 17:14 Jesus & saints conquer satan) See the following passages as they related to the worldly culture which is against God -- Ezekiel 16 & 23; Jeremiah 51; Nahum 3:4; Isaiah 23:16-17*

III. Can/do women today influence men for good or evil? How?

IV. What questions do you have???????