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Poor Jezebel

What would happen if political correctness and revisionism were employed to interpret familiar stories from the Bible. We might find quite a different view of things and that perspective would appear to be similar to conditions that we have today. For example, when Ahab desired the vineyard of Naboth, evil things were done to obtain it (**1 Kings 21**). Modernists might say that Ahab had developed an unhealthy fixation on his wife as a mother figure due to deficits in his own upbringing and Jezebel could be seen as a foreign nationalist who found herself married to a king, swept away from her native home. She really didn't worship idols she was attempting to exercise her religious freedom and was more comfortable with the religious practices of her homeland instead of the stifling religious conservatism of Israel. Israel of course was so unimaginative that they could only come up with an idea for one God to begin with. Jezebel, instead of a force for evil in the land, stood to be a cultural icon who attempted to enrich Israel with new experiences. When offered the world and being a part of the "community" of nations, Jezebel was murdered. Of course this was not a righteous judgment against her by God, it was the work of intolerant assassins who took revenge for her flagrant display of free will in a closed society. The Bible says otherwise. In regard to Christ, revisionist philosophy is applied to the gospels. Revisionists point out that there is no viable historical record of Christ. Without this confirmation they believe that what has been written is distorted and unreliable. In the modern view of Christ he was a great teacher who had some success with his "personal ministry" and introduced new concepts to the world. Being human, revisionists theorize that Christ may have owned land, fathered children and conducted secret affairs with known prostitutes, as depicted in a number of movies and "historical" depictions of His life. The Pharisees on the other hand, seeing the influence of Christ and his effect on the populace, aided in the apprehension and disposal of a cultural threat to the stability of the nation. Afterwards the disciples, lacking any idea of what to do with the rest of their lives, carefully engineered the story of the gospels and over a period of time, revised, rewrote and forced their belief on everyone around them eventually bringing about the religious persecution of the dark ages, the totalitarian rule of the church in the middle ages and the suppression of life and knowledge until the renaissance when a rebirth of understanding and reason began to return "sanity" to the world. All of the would be nice if it were not for the scriptures. During the days of Ahab and Jezebel the nation had already strayed from serving the Lord and the evil of Ahab was only a reflection of his fathers before him. He acted not with regressive infantile behavior due to developmental problems, he was evil and greedy, willing to do anything to get what he wanted. Jezebel was an idolatress who sought to control everything around her including her weak husband. It was Jezebel that designed the plot to kill Naboth and it was a prophecy of God, for killing the prophets of the Lord, that brought about the death of the evil queen. Christ has no historical record in secular writings because it is man's record that is flawed, not inspired scripture. Why are there so many problems with what the Bible says? If the bible is true, and we believe it is, then it means that we are all guilty of disobeying God and are therefore in need of making our lives right in his sight (**Rom 3.23, Acts 17.30**). Guilt hurts and for all of the self enrichment, those in our world seem just as unable to face their own weaknesses as ever. The answer to that is to make God go away. If we can do that, then we can feel better about ourselves while never changing a single thing. We can sit back and pat ourselves on the back for a job well done while we spin into chaos and confusion. We can raise children to not be burdened by the repressive influence of a religion that will not allow room for others. We can indulge every want, need and whim until the day we die and then we will know whether the Bible is really true or not. We can create a revision of our personal history, just like some preachers do at funerals, so that we can assure ourselves that if there is a Heaven then we are surely going there. of course after doubting and attacking God for what he left us in His book, and refusing to give in to what God "demands" that we do, what supreme being would let anyone like that in his house ? After all the unbelief and criticism how is that we would expect God to be there and welcome us. Welcome us where? Without the bible there would be no knowledge of this and so we could only fade into the fog of uncertainty. Every nation that has drifted into this way of thinking and practiced things that God condemns has ceased to exist. That is historical fact, not revision. The only revision that is needed is for us to obey God by accepting his word. There is something to be said for the stability of a well ordered life that has a promise of something better when this existence comes to an end for us. These ideas are not new. Adam and Eve faced this when they chose to sin against the limitations of God which brought about the spiritual separation of mankind from the Creator. For all the wisdom that we think we have, none of the world's problems have been solved and there are now more ethical, moral, legal, social and spiritual dilemmas facing us than ever before. God has provided us with a guide to have a better life and to reach an eternal home that has been promised to the faithful. We have the ability to choose to rewrite those things we do not wish to accept but the final say will be the Lord's on the day of judgment.

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