

Solomon's wives when they came to him from other countries brought their own gods with them and we read that that is what wrecked the religious life of Solomon <sup>in</sup> the land of Israel was the concession he made to these women who came from the royal families of other kingdoms. But they seem to have been satisfied to have freedom to carry on their own worship without being interfered with. This woman was different. She was a propagandist. She was a missionary for that in which she believed. She was anxious to convert all of the people of Israel to the worship of M\_\_\_\_\_ *end of 30 - beginning of 31.*

So Jezebel looked down on what she thought was the backward nature of the Israelite religion and the Israelite ~~culture~~ culture and tried to bring in the worship of M\_\_\_\_\_ Now M\_\_\_\_\_ was the name of the deity but they usually simply called him lord, just as the name of our God is represented in the revised version as Jehovah which probably is not the original ~~pronunciation~~ pronunciation (no one knows what the original pronunciation <sup>was</sup> ~~would be~~) but it is simply translated Lord in our modern Bible. Similarly this god of Tyre whose name was ~~M6666~~ was generally addressed simply by the name lord. And this word lord (there are various words meaning lord in the Bible) but this particular word meaning lord was pronounced Baal, and Baal, the word for lord was applied sometimes even to the God of Israel in earlier days. From this time on the habit developed of not applying the name Baal to the God of Israel because it was a name which came to be a particularly applied to this god of Tyre. There were other Baals. There were other heathen gods which were called Baal, but the name does not after this time used to any great extent for the God of Israel and was used very largely for this one particular heathen deity, M\_\_\_\_\_, the god of Tyre, that Jezebel brought with her. Jezebel brought with her a sizeable number of priests of M\_\_\_\_\_, or Baal. She set up quite an establishment. There is no evidence that Ahab himself ever went over to the worship of Baal. As far as our evidence goes, Ahab considered himself a follower of Jehovah.