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**Thyatira**

The Compromising Church

Revelation 2:18-29

*2: 18. And unto he angel of the Church of Thyatira write; these things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass*

Introduction:

Thyatira was a smaller city located further inland in the fertile Lycus River valley. Little is known of its history beyond the fact that it once belonged to the kingdom of Pergamum, and few archaeological remains have been found. Yet the message to Thyatira is the longest of the seven messages.

According to Acts 16:14, Thyatira was the home of Lydia, a "dealer in purple cloth" and a "worshiper of God" whom Paul encountered at Philippi in Macedonia. The reference suggests the city's significance in connection with the dye industry, and perhaps also the relative freedom and mobility of at least some of its women in pursuing careers.

**Read Rev. 2:19**

THERE ARE SIX THINGS WHICH THYATIRA WAS COMMENDED ON

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| 1. Works   | 4. Faith           |
| 2. Charity | 5. Patience        |
| 3. Service | 6. Increased works |

...Their works had increased until they exceed their first works...

## FOUR THINGS AGAINST THYATIRA

- 1). Permitting Jezebel to teach.
- 2). Permitting her to seduce my servants.  
(Christians to commit fornication) We are held accountable for what comes from our mouths. The souls are important to God!
- 3). Permitting her to seduce Christians to eat things sacrificed to idols.
- 4). Tolerating her in spite of impenitence.

### **Read Rev. 2:20**

The power and influence of Jezebel, a self-styled propheticess at Thyatira, must be viewed in light of some specific facts:

- Women prophesied freely in early Christianity (see, for example, Acts 2:17; 21:9; 1 Cor 11:5);
- Women often played major roles as priestesses in contemporary Roman and Eastern cults in Asia Minor;

### **Read Rev. 2:21**

The risen Jesus makes no distinction between prophets who condone idolatry and immorality and those who practice such things. His Judgement is given upon ALL those who are not compliant to His Word.

### **Read Rev. 2:22**

Food for thought – Jezebel’s followers at Thyatira (those who commit adultery with her), still had time to repent, but are similarly in danger of intense, though unspecified, sufferings (v. 22). As for her children, that is, anyone who perpetuates her teaching, they will be struck dead by a plague.

### **Read Rev. 2:23**

#### THREE - FOLD JUDGEMENT THREATNED AGAINST JEZEBEL

- 1). Cast her (Jezebel into a bed of sickness (v 22-correspondence, Job 33:19)
- 2). Bring tribulation upon all the commit adultery with her (v 22)
- 3). Kill her children (followers) with death

## Read Rev. 2:24-26

Notes:

• The depths of Satan

• God wanted them to hold on (hold fast) until he came, and he would give them power.

## Read Rev. 2:27-29

And he shall rule over them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers; even as I received of my Father. 28. And I will give him the morning star. 29. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

\* Jesus is the morning star

### FOUR THINGS PROMISED FOR THOSE WHO OVERCOME

- 1). Power over the nations - v 26 - (this is divine angelic authority)
- 2). Ruling nations with a rod of iron - v 27 - (the millennial reign)
- 3). Crushing all resistance of nations - v 27- (the battle of Armageddon)
- 4). The morning star -v 28 - (all saints will be kings or priests for Christ and will rule the earth forever (Rev. 2:26-27; 1:6; 5:10; 20:4-6; 22:4-5).

### CONCLUSION:

He that hat an ear... This phrase appears 7 times in the gospels; 8 if you count Mark 4:23. (Most modern translations omit that one.) These words, only used by the Lord, underscore something important. It's as if He's saying, "Pay attention now. This part is not optional!"