

The Book of The Revelation



The Church at Thyatira Revelation 2:18 -29

A Life Changing Experience



History of the church at Thyatira

Thyatira is the ancient name of the modern Turkish city Akhisar.

Greek deities worshipped in Thyatira. (the chief deity, the sun god Apollo)

Famous for its dyeing and was the center of the indigo trade.



History of the church at Thyatira

Served as the main business/commercial route between Pergamos & Sardis.

Wealthy City, known in particular for its purple dye & dyed Garments.

Thyatira covers the period known as the dark ages (600-1500)



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Guilds were known to be in Thyatira than any other contemporary city in the Roman province of Asia.

The trade guilds: wool-workers, linen workers, makers of other garments, dyers leather workers, Tanners, potters, More bakers, slave –dealers, bronze-smiths.



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Joining a guild , you were prosperous, associated to the practices, and each guild would worship the "gods" or "goddess" of their trade.



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Pagan Worship

Worshipping the idol of the trade., Festivals, Orgies, Eating what was sacrificed to a particular idol.

When the fun began, you could not walk out unless you wanted to be ridiculed or persecuted.



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Pagan Worship

Lydia (Acts 16:13-15) Paul' s convert at Philippi was from Thyatira and of the trade guild, she was a seller of purple.



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Of the Seven Letters, the one to Thyatira is the longest of all. (229 words in the Greek compared with 147 words to Ephesus, 98 to Smyrna, 147 to Pergamum, 142 to Sardis, 194 to Philadelphia and 187 to Laodicea.



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This did not mean that God considered this church to be more important than the other six. All seven messages were of equal importance to the specific fellowship.

Each letter was a dynamic and living word coming from God, via John.



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- Pagan gods





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Self-designation

Revelation 2:18

And unto the angel of the church at Thyatira write: These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet (are) like fine brass;



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Self-designation

This is the only letter that contains the title 'Son of God'

(because of the worship of idols gods) The church needed to know who was speaking, the only true and living God.(Jesus)



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"eyes like a flame of fire and feet like burnished bronzed".

This description of Jesus, can imply that God is a refiner of His people (Malachi 3:2-3)

Fire(can also be used to denote God's refining process, (Malachi 3:2) and Zech. 13:9) and it is an important part of the production of bronze) and used as a description of the wrath of God that burns against sin, (V23)



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demonstrates his wrath. Jeremiah 4:4 and Nahum 1:6 shows how fire is used to denote anger. The description of Jesus' feet and eyes refer equally to two characteristics: (1) Jesus as the purifier of His people (2) One who displays His anger towards sin.



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Commendation

Revelation 2:19

*I know thy works and charity, and service,
and faith, and thy patience and thy works;
and the last (to be)more than the first.*



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Unlike the church at Ephesus who had left their first love, this church was doing more now than at the beginning of their walk.

***** Increase of sacrifice is no substitute for obedience to the true Word of the Lord.***



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Condemnation

Revelation 2:20

20. Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.



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Story of Jezebel from the OT, (I Kings 16)

Jezebel from the OT was the wife of the wicked king of Israel Ahab.

She caused idolatry to permeate the nation of Israel.

The church at Thyatira tolerated (the woman)Jezebel



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Allowed her to teach, influence of her teaching: influenced the church to commit fornication, eating things sacrificed to idols. Leading people to a life of compromises with the world. She spoke as one having divine power or knowledge

*****Because someone has a dynamic personality and a slick presentation, does not guarantee they are preaching truth.***



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Repentance:

Revelation 2:21

*And I gave her space to repent of her fornication;
and she repented not.*



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God's grace and his mercy. God gave her time (don't know how much) only God knows the time and space for repentance for any given person.

Jezebel allowed time to run out and failed to respond to repentance.

The Lord is longsuffering" not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance. (II Peter 3:9)



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Warning

Revelation 2:22

Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.



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Warning

Rev elation 2:23

23. I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.



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A reference to her stance on sexual immorality and those who commit adultery with her (both Physical and spiritual adultery) into great tribulation , great suffering.

Those who follow her teachings will suffer with her, all will suffer punishment together.



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Same words Jesus used to describe one of the most horrendous times the earth has ever known. (Matt 24:21)

"For then shall be great tribulation, such as was not since the beginning of the world to this time no, nor ever shall be.



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Warning Continued:

Romans 2:1-11 (Read for the Bible)

Psalms 7:9

Oh let the wickedness of the wicked come to an end, But establish the just; For the righteous God tests the heart and minds.



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Warning Continued:

God is no respecter of persons. He is a Merciful God and gives us space to repent, but a day of reckoning for those who do not obey the gospel.



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Encouragement

Revelation 2:24

"Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden."



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The church or the saints in the church who did not go along with the false teachings, Jesus is encouraging them to remain faithful to all that they have received from the Lord, up to that point.

They had progressed in their quality of love, faith, service and endurance. Jesus is not going to lay upon them anything more, but to live up to all that they had already attained.

Acts 15:28-29. (Read)



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Promise

Revelation 2:25-28

But hold fast what you have till I come

26. And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations

27. He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels as I also have received from My Father

28. And I will give him the morning Star.



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The promise to the faithful remnant

- *Jesus exhorts them to be steadfast in the faith*
- *They were told to hold fast regardless of the wickedness and immorality of other.*



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The promise to the faithful remnant

- They were to refuse to compromise, resting assured that one day Jesus would deliver them from the trial and suffering they were in at this time*
- Hold fast "Till I Come" this world is not our home*
- We will receive a full reward for our faithful labor of love in the Lord*



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Promise Continued.

The one who keepeth the work of the Lord until the end

Will be crowned, have power over the nations, and will reign and rule with Jesus.

Analogy with metal this time it is Iron



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Promise Continued.

During the millennium , the thousand year of Christ (Revelation 20) those who overcome will have the honor and privilege of reigning with Christ over the nations.

Christ's kingdom rule will not be a rule of meekness, but justice will be done fairly.



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Jesus is the bright and morning star.

Revelation 22:16

" I Jesus have sent mine angel to testify unto you these things in the churches. I am the root and the offspring of David, and the bright and morning star.



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Revelation 2:29

He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

This was the message given to all the churches, we must heed the warnings and open our ears and heart to receive what the Lord has to say.



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Questions?????????

Comments



*"I come that they
might have life..."*

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