

Thyatira

A Heretical Church

Revelation

2:18-29

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Revelation 2:18-19

- 18** “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, ‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:
- 19** “I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and *as* for your works, the last *are* more than the first.

***The Son of God
Confronts Thyatira
"Akhisar"***

Revelation 2:18-19

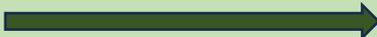
- ❖ Military Outpost to protect Pergamum
- ❖ Famous for guilds or collegia
- ❖ Home of Lydia (Acts 16:14)
- ❖ Frequent earthquakes
- ❖ Most famous for the Sibyl Sambathe





The Lord Identifies Himself
Revelation 2:18-19

- Eyes – Omniscience
- Feet – Strength (Fine bronze)

Greek  ***Chalkolibanon***

A ***hapax legomena*** (1:15, 2:18)

Strabo – Distilled zinc mixed with copper

and ***leibo***  "Poured"

The Sibylline Oracles

- From Etruscan era – 6th century B.C.
- Burned by Roman General Flavius Stilicho (AD 365 – 405)
- Pseudo Sibylline Oracles from late 1st century
- Possible Association with Delphi

Revelation
2:20

**The Problem of
Jezebel**

²⁰ Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

Revelation
2:20

**The Problem of
Jezebel**

- Debut in 1 Kings 16
- Likely not her name but her character
- Claimed prophetic denouement
- A woman instructing men in church
- Taught inclusion of Idols and sexual promiscuity

The Prohibition of Scripture

1 Timothy 2:12-15

- ¹² And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence.
- ¹³ For Adam was formed first, then Eve.
- ¹⁴ And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.
- ¹⁵ Nevertheless she will be saved in childbearing if they continue in faith, love, and holiness, with self-control.

1 Corinthians 11:3

- ³ But I want you to know that the head of every man is Christ, the head of woman *is* man, and the head of Christ *is* God.

**Both
Passages
respond to
Creation
Order**

*Prohibition Not
Based on:*

- **Value**
- **Ability**
- **Achievement**
- **Worth**

Prohibition Based on:

- **Creation Order**
- **Protection of Family**
- **Vitality of Church**

Revelation
2:21-23

²¹ And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

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.

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.

***Impending
Judgement***

Revelation 2:21-23

- ❖ **Space to repent**
- ❖ **Sickness and tribulation**
- ❖ **Followers (Children) face death**
- ❖ **God responds according to reaction**

Revelation

2:24-29

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.

25 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.

29 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’

*Hope for
Thyatira*

*Revelation
2:24-29*

- No further Burden
- Hold fast to what you have
- Power over nations

Psalm 2:8

Ask of Me, and I will give *You*
The nations for Your inheritance,
And the ends of the earth *for* Your
possession.

The Morning Star

Revelation 22:16

“I, Jesus, have sent My angel to testify to you these things in the churches. I am the Root and the Offspring of David, the Bright and Morning Star.”