

# **The Church of Thyatira**

## **Revelation 2:18-29**

### **Introduction**

God is masterfully speaking to us today through what He says to the seven churches

**Ephesus** – The Working Church that lost their first love

The One that walks in the midst of the golden candlesticks and holds the seven stars.

I will remove your candlestick and you will lose your influence unless you remember, repent and return.

**Smyrna** – The Persecuted Church that He encourages to stay strong even until death

He that is the first and last Who was dead and is risen speaks to them to hold on

If they overcome they will eat of the tree in paradise and receive a crown of life

**Pergamos** – The Worldly Church that married the world and inner mingled with the Doctrine of Balaam

The One whose Word is sharper than a two-edged sword will come in authority and fight against you quickly.

Repent and overcome and I will give you hidden manna/ a white stone/ a new name.

**Thyatira** – (Modern City of Akhisar) not on a body of water but in a fertile valley.

Thyatira was along a roman road and could be called a highway town.

Historically was guarded by a Roman Garrison because of all the goods sold in the city

Very ritualistic and traditional in pagan worship practices.

The Oracle of Sybil Sambathe was famous. A woman prophetess that gave guidance in the city.

Lydia in Acts 16 was from Thyatira and many believe she came back and started this church.

### **Verse 18 The Fire Eyes and the Brass Feet.**

1. Jesus had eyes of a flame of fire
2. The eyes see and expose all dark and hidden sins
3. The feet of Brass/ Bronze Feet (Daniel)
4. Represent strength
5. The strong feet that can handle anything
6. Jesus sees all and can handle all

### **Verse 19 The Just Qualities of the Church**

1. They worked hard
2. They loved hard (Charity)
3. They served others
4. They had great faith
5. They persevered in pressure
6. They were a growing church and not a dying church.

### **Verses 20-21 The Jezebel within the Church**

1. Jezebel is leading people in your church
2. 1 Kings 16 – 2 Kings 9
3. Jezebel/ Father Ethbal King of Sidon/ Husband Ahab/ God Astarte
4. 1 Kings 21 Naboth's Vineyard
5. 1 Kings 21:23 Elijah (Dogs will eat your flesh)
6. She brought Idolatry and Sexual Fornication into Israel
7. You have a Jezebel in your congregation (Sambothe)
8. She was leading people to compromise in idolatry and sex
9. I gave her space to repent but she would not

### **Verses 22-23 The Justice Rendered to the Guilty**

1. She will go into a bed of tribulation
2. All that follow her will go down with her
3. All her children will receive death
4. I will do this so the churches will know that I am the One that reads minds and hearts
5. All will reap all they have sown

### **Verses 24-29 The Judges Ruling with Jesus**

1. Those that do not fall into her trap – The depths of Satan
2. I will lay no other burden
3. Hold fast
4. You will rule and Judge the nations
5. You will receive the Bright and Morning Star (Jesus)
6. Isaiah 14 Satan desired to rise above the stars of Heavens
7. Numbers 24:17/ Revelation 22:16
8. 2 Peter 1:19 Let the Day Star arise in your hearts

### **Conclusion**

1. Are there elements of Jezebel in your life?
2. If so repent and hold fast
3. Long for Lifted burdens/ Position of Power/ The Morning Star
4. Let the Morning Star/Daystar arise in your heart