



**The Book of Revelation Session 8:**  
**The Letter to the Church at Thyatira Pt 2**  
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**Revelation 2:18-29** "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. 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. 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.

**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."

*Key things to keep in mind, the bible is an intentional written book from the inspiration God Himself.*

*The bible reveals Jesus Christ, shows God divine design for humanity and it is useful “to prepare and equip his people to do every good work” as stated in 2 Timothy 3:16-17.*

*The Book of Revelation is about The Revelation or Unveiling of Jesus Christ and things which will soon take place.*

*A Unique Promise*

**Revelation 1:3** tells us to “Read... Hear... understand and Keep” what is written in this book will receive a special blessing:

With in the book of revelation are Letters to the Seven Churches. These letters are **God’s report card** for each of these churches.

Not only did God have a report card on them, but God also has a report card on the churches today and on us. For it states seven times in this book, “**He that has an ear let Him hear what the Spirit is saying**” if you can hear then there is a report card on you in Heaven.



These seven Letters should be viewed from three perspectives.

- 1) **Historical view:** these were actual churches in Asia Minor or what we call Turkey today.
- 2) **Life application:** How this information in these letters applies to us today.
- 3) **Prophetic:** In their *particular order*, they lay out the history of the church.

We will be studying these churches primarily from a life application viewpoint.

*Seven Design Elements or features in the structure of Each of the Letters.  
We will teach with these seven in mind.*

- **Name of the Church, Title Chosen of Jesus Christ, Commendation, Concern, Exhortation, Promise to the Overcomer, and the emphasis that the letters were written to everyone. “He that hath an ear, hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”**

### **The Letter to the Church at Thyatira**

**Thyatira, The Wrong Doctrine Church:** The church of Thyatira had love, faith, and good works. They were even patient people who were eager to grow. Where they fell short was their doctrine, which was infiltrated by idolatry, sexual sin, and pagan traditions.

**Name of Church:** Thyatira” (Greek, *thygater*, for daughter)

This church was willfully and unapologetic about their unfaithfulness the Jesus Christ by running after other Gods.

In doing these pagan rituals, traditions, and practices, it showed that they were disregarding the command of Jesus. spoken in **Mark 12: 30** *This verse Jesus says, “And you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’ This is the first commandment.*

This scripture, when understood properly, explains how to keep the first three of the ten commandments.

**Exodus 20:3-5** "You must not have any other god but me. 4 "You must not make for yourself an idol of any kind or an image of anything in the heavens or on the earth or in the sea. 5 You must not bow down to them or worship them, for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God.

### **Title of Christ**

**Revelation 2:18** 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:



“**The Son of God**” indicates the Jesus is asserting His power and authority for judgment: over this church because their idolatrous ways.

“**Eyes like fire**, Eyes of inspection, *looking and booking. Not only to this church, but over all of us.*

*Not only does Jesus sees what we do but He knows the motive in why we do what we do.*

**Fire**, the symbol of Judgement.

*Just because Jesus is looking at His people through the eyes of judgement doesn't mean He is looking for something wrong.*

*Jesus is always looking for the good so he can do greater to us, for us and through us!*

**2 Chronicles 16:9 For the eyes of the Lord run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to show Himself strong on behalf of those whose heart is loyal to Him.**

*The greater the loyalty to Jesus, the Greater Jesus will show Himself strong through us.*

*He is always looking for the good but never ignores the wrong.*

“**feet like brass**”, feet denotes travel or coming.

“**Brass**”, like fire, symbol of judgment!

Jesus is telling this church because of their deeds; He is coming to pronounce Judgement on them if they don't change.

*But we will see that if they change, He will reward them as well.*

### **Commendation**

**19 "I know your works, love, (towards others) service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.**

No matter how bad our deeds or lifestyle may seem to be, know that Jesus always finds ways to commend us for our good.

*I know that some people may look down at others because of their sexual status, bad habits or other sins they may be involved in, one of the things these letters teach us is Jesus never ignores someone's good because of their short comings.*

*I'm not saying that He disregards the bad. But in His sight, He sees it all the good and bad.*

“**I know thy works...**”: He is always fully informed about our actions and conditions. From our physical condition to the condition of our heart, Christ knows it all.

First Jesus has good news: Jesus' knowledges their “**works, love, service, faith, patience.**”



*This lets us know that people can still be doing wrong and love the Lord.*

Jesus knows these things about all of us. He knows whether our qualities are genuine or not.

**“...and as for your works, the last are more than the first”**. Jesus names six positives...and tells them they are improving it the things they are doing good.

### Concern

**20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess.**

There were several prophetesses in the bible. Example: Even in the New Testament. Phillip had four daughters who were prophetesses.

Jesus calls this woman Jezebel, but most scholars agree that this wasn't probably her real name. *I believe that Jesus was alluding to the ungodly spirit that she was allowing to control her.*

She seems to be saved because Jesus calls for her to repent in verse 21.

But despite His convictions, she is allowing satan to use her to corrupt this church.

How is satan using her? **...to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.**

*Although He is talking about food that is sacrificed to idols, I believe Jesus is also talking about the doctrine that is contrary to the gospel of the Kingdom of God that Jesus and the other apostles were teaching at that time. Digesting these false teaching within their souls*

*This is why I encourage all believers to be Acts 17:11 Christians. Search and know for yourselves. If you do that you are less likely to be deceived.*

She was teaching them it is ok to participate in sexual immorality, and habits that were contrary to the Word of God.

She was also teaching them, that it was OK to join in the custom practices of the world that showed intimacy to other gods.

This is why we must be careful in following the traditions of the world. Because you could be paying tributes to idols without knowing it.

**21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.** Jesus was dealing with this woman about her sins, showing her great mercy.

But she refused to turn from her wicked ways and influencing others.



No matter how bad we are the Holy Spirit will always convict our hearts before any type of judgment from our sins comes upon us.

Most of the time the process of conviction works like this.

- A) Inward conviction.
- B) Rebuke/warning or counsel from an outside source.
- C) Then the consequences of our decisions will manifest.

**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.**

There is a cost for living according to the customs of this world that are not pleasing unto God.

Jesus has very stern words for this prophetess, and for those who follow her if they don't repent.

Her sickness is directly caused by her leading others into false doctrine.

He's saying, because they follow her, they will go through Great Tribulation.

Many of our trials and tribulations come because of our practices that we won't repent of, that we are convicted about.

The chief sin of this church is simply failing to raise a protest against this woman who led them into idolatrous doctrines and practices.

*They should have kicked her out, instead of going along with her teaching and guidance.*

*She wasn't a pastor, just a self-proclaimed prophetess.*

**23 I will kill her children with death, Jesus is saying because this woman is causing trouble in his house that she would have trouble in her own home.**

**and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. He makes the troubles in her house public to set an example before others.**

*We must know that Jesus not only looks at our actions but our motive as well.*

**And I will give to each one of you according to your works.**

Jesus is saying, because of this church's sin, He is going to make an example out of it for all the other churches to see.

**And I will give to each one of you according to your works.** The one who follows her, Jesus has already told us about the rewards of those who continue to follow her practices, they will have great tribulation.



### Exhortation

**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,**

The more one practices sin, the deeper one falls into sin.

**as they say, I will put on you no other burden. 25 But hold fast what you have till I come.**

Jesus is encouraging the rest of the church not to get caught in the trap, don't fall under the deception. Keep steadfast and the truth of the Word of God.

**1 Corinthians 15:58 Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.**

Holding fast is different than just holding on. Holding on is trying not to lose ground.

But holding fast is staying to course, not wavering while advancing.

**1 Peter 5:8-9 Stay alert! Watch out for your great enemy, the devil. He prowls around like a roaring lion, looking for someone to devour. 9 Stand firm against him, and be strong in your faith...**

*We must own you know our faith and not let the moral depravity of this world convince us that there is a better way than the word of God.*

### Promise to the Overcomer

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

The same power and authority that Jesus has to rule, and reign is our destined promise.

*With the power of the nation's comes the wealth of the nations as well.*

This is what that Jezebel spirit is after, it is after power and control.

*That spirit is after the inheritance of the Saints. Satan knows he lost what he had, and he wants to steal from the right heirs, the church of the living God.*

*This spirit gets its power by influencing putting tares among the leadership or controlling godly leadership to lead others to worship idols through ungodly traditions and practices.*

**"...and keeps My works until the end"** The Overcomer here is commanded to keep His works.

Loving God - By spending time with Him and by doing what He says.

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**1 John 5:2-4 By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and keep His commandments. 3 For this is the love of God, that we keep His commandments. And His commandments are not burdensome.**

Loving Others-

**27 'He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels'.**

Born again believers have the right to rule with the authority of Jesus Christ if we keep our faith and trust in him.

In the millennial Kingdom, we will rule and reign with Jesus over all the others who are left here on the earth.

We will help Jesus usher in the Utopia that God had ordained from the foundation of the world.

*Where Adam and Eve fail, we will exceed with the second item Jesus Christ.*

**as I also have received from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star.**

Since Jesus is the Morning Star, He is saying that He will be ours, what our hearts have long for, and we will be His forever more!

He will be our King as we get our authority from Him.

He will be our Lord as He shares all that He has with us.

He will be our ultimate Friend, never leaving us or forsaking us. Always there to help and guide in any way possible.