

SEVEN

CHURCHES IN REVELATION

Revealing Jesus

Revelation 2:18-29



Revelation 2

18 "And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this: 19 'I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. 20 'But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray, so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 'And I gave her time to repent; and she does not want to repent of her immorality. 22 'Behold, I will cast her upon a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. 23 'And I will kill her children with pestilence; and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts;



Revelation 2:

and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. 24 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them — I place no other burden on you. 25 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.

26 'And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority 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.'

Seven Churches of Revelation

— Chapters 2-3 —

- 1 Ephesus
- 2 Smyrna
- 3 Pergamos
- 4 Thyatira
- 5 Sardis
- 6 Philadelphia
- 7 Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision



A Word from Jesus...

- I am WITH YOU!!!
 - Ephesus- remember your first love!
 - Smyrna- do not fear what you are suffering!
 - Pergamum – continue to be faithful
 - Every Church, no matter the situation, NEEDS JESUS!
 - We need never fear His Revelation
 - Jesus in the Church... things will happen!

A Church in Great Need

- Thyatira –
 - Great city of Commerce and MONEY!
 - Known for Purple Dye (Lydia Acts 16:14)
 - Wool and cloth
 - And, a huge temple to Apollo (Zeus) = Sun god
- Social atmosphere included:
 - Guilds; Corporate “entertainment”; Backroom Politics
 - Worldly compromise... “...It’s just BUSINESS!”

Who am I to you?

- SON OF GOD –
 - Eyes and feet of Chapter 1 emphasized – Holy Fire!
 - Jesus SEES with and STANDS on cleansing power!
 - Jesus can give victory over any sin!
- Thyatira had a power-filled Church!
 - The people were active and loving- “I know your love & faith!”
 - They were willing servants – “service and perseverance”
 - They were growing and progressing! “deeds of late are greater”

Jesus sees

- Jezebel?
 - A terrible foothold of DECEPTION had occurred!
 - Prophetess by title, not calling!
 - Leading the “Bond-servants” astray!
 - Immorality and Food issues
 - Vs. 24 – “deep things of Satan”
 - Compromise: world, society, “everybody’s doing it!”

Jesus Judges...

- Why is Jesus so concerned...
 - Because HE LOVES HIS CHURCH!
 - Jesus also knows what SIN does to us...
- **Grace to all** – “unless they repent of her deeds”
 - The punishment is on the sin, actions!
 - Jesus is still reaching our with GRACE, forgiveness...

Christ's Call!

- HOLD FAST!
 - Hebrews 6:10 For God is not unjust so as to forget your work and the love which you have shown toward His name, in having ministered and in still ministering to the saints.
- “keep my deeds”
 - If you hold Him, He will never lose you!
 - OVERCOME!

