

# The Church at Thyatira

Revelation 2:18-29



Not many ruins to see

it took thousands of snails to produce one ounce of dye. Once the snails were harvested from the sea, the mucus glands were removed and placed in a lead pot filled with brine. The pot was then slowly heated for about ten days until the mixture turned a reddish-purple color.

Natural History, Pliney the Elder, 23-79 AD



“And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:  
‘The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like  
a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished  
bronze.’”

– Revelation 2:18

“And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

– Hebrews 4:13

“From his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron. He will tread the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God the Almighty.”

– Revelation 19:15

“ I have trodden the winepress alone, and from the peoples no one was with me; I trod them in my anger and trampled them in my wrath; their lifeblood spattered on my garments, and stained all my apparel.”

– Isaiah 63:3 KJV

“I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first.”

– Revelation 2:19



“But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality.”

– Revelation 2:20-21

# Jezebel in the Old Testament

- ◆ Wife of Ahab – the worst in a long line of evil kings 2 Kings 16:29-33
- ◆ Daughter of a Phoenician king. Phoenicians worshipped Baal. She essentially wanted to make Baal worship the state religion.
- ◆ Baal prophets ate at her table 1 Ki. 18:19
- ◆ Killed prophets of the LORD 1 Kings 18:13



# Jezebel in the Old Testament

- ◆ There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the Lord like Ahab, whom Jezebel his wife incited. 1 Kings 21:25



# Jezebel in Revelation 2

- ◆ Calls herself a prophetess
- ◆ Teaching and seducing believers, inciting them to sin
- ◆ Fornication as a mystery religious rite
- ◆ Eat food sacrificed to idols
- ◆ Refuses to repent (maybe she could have)



# Apostles' Council to Gentiles

- ◆ It was a surprise to the apostles and elders that Gentiles were coming into the faith.
- ◆ The big question was do they need to be circumcised and keep the law of Moses.
- ◆ 28 "For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell." Acts 15:28-29

# In the Epistles to the Church

- ◆ The Acts 15 instructions are repeated many times in Acts and epistles
- ◆ 2 “For you know what instructions we gave you through the Lord Jesus. 3 For this is the will of God, your sanctification: that you abstain from sexual immorality” 1 Thessalonians 4:2-3
- ◆ What do I imply then? That food offered to idols is anything, or that an idol is anything? No, I imply that what pagans sacrifice they offer to demons and not to God. I do not want you to be participants with demons. You cannot drink the cup of the Lord and the cup of demons. You cannot partake of the table of the Lord and the table of demons. 1 Corinthians 10:19-21

“Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works.”

– Revelation 2:22-23

“And you shall strike down the house of Ahab your master, so that I may avenge on Jezebel the blood of my servants the prophets, and the blood of all the servants of the Lord. And the dogs shall eat Jezebel in the territory of Jezreel, and none shall bury her.”

2 Kings 9:7, 10a





“When Jehu came to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it. And she painted her eyes and adorned her head and looked out of the window... He said, “Throw her down.” So they threw her down. And some of her blood spattered on the wall and on the horses, and they trampled on her...”

2 Kings 9:30, 33



“When they came back and told him, he said, “This is the word of the Lord, which he spoke by his servant Elijah the Tishbite: ‘In the territory of Jezreel the dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel, and the corpse of Jezebel shall be as dung on the face of the field in the territory of Jezreel, so that no one can say, This is Jezebel.’”

2 Kings 9:36, 37



“But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. Only hold fast what you have until I come.”

– Revelation 2:24,25

# Is the Jezebel spirit alive today?

- ☑ Idolize wealth, status, bodies
- ☑ Learn depths of Satan among power elite
- ☑ Fornication as a mystery religious rite
- ☑ Superstition and actual pagan worship in other countries



“The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father.”

– Revelation 2:26,27

# Grace is grace and works still matter

- ◆ and I will give to each of you according to your works - Rev 2:23
- ◆ The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end - Rev 2:26
- ◆ For we must all appear before the judgment seat of Christ, so that each one may receive what is due for what he has done in the body, whether good or evil. - 2 Cor 5:10
- ◆ knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ. For the wrongdoer will be paid back for the wrong he has done, and there is no partiality. - Col. 3:24,25

“And I will give him the morning star. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

– Revelation 2:28,29

"I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star."

– Revelation 22:16



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