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The Book of Revelation: Thyatira: The Church of the Evil Prophetess

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Revelation 2:18-29 (NKJV)

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. 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.” ’

The city of Thyatira.

Name of the Church.

Description of Yeshua. (Rev. 2:18; Rev. 1:14-15; 1 Tim. 2:5-7; Jn. 5:22)

Notes

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Revelation 1:14-15 (NKJV) – ¹² Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, ¹³ and in the midst of the seven lampstands One like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. ¹⁴ His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; ¹⁵ His feet were like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters.

1 Timothy 2:5-7 (NKJV) – ⁵ For there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus, ⁶ who gave Himself a ransom for all, to be testified in due time.

John 5:22-23 (NKJV) – ²² For the Father judges no one, but has committed all judgment to the Son, ²³ that all should honor the Son just as they honor the Father. He who does not honor the Son does not honor the Father who sent Him.

Commendation to the church. (Rev. 2:19)

- Works (*ergon*).
- Love (*agape*).
- Faith (*pistis*); Hebrews 11:6; Galatians 5:6; James 2:20.
- Service (*diakonia*) or ministry.
- Patience (*hupomone*).

Rebuke to the church. (Rev. 2:20-23; 1 Kng. 16:30-34; Jon. 2:8; Rev. 2:24; 1 Cor. 2:10, Jude 4; Rom. 6:15)

1 Kings 16:30-34 (NIV) – ³⁰ Ahab son of Omri did more evil in the eyes of the LORD than any of those before him. ³¹ He not only considered it trivial to commit the sins of Jeroboam son of Nebat, but he also married Jezebel daughter of Ethbaal king of the Sidonians, and began to serve Baal and worship him. ³² He set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal that he built in Samaria. ³³ Ahab also made an **Asherah pole** and did more to provoke the LORD, the God of Israel, to anger than did all the kings of Israel before him. ³⁴ In Ahab's time, Hiel of Bethel rebuilt Jericho. He laid its foundations at the cost of his firstborn son Abiram, and he set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, in accordance with the word of the LORD spoken by Joshua son of Nun. (See Joshua 6:26)

The worship was also associated with that of Astarte, the **deity of the planet Venus**, the principal goddess of the Sidonians (1 Kings 11:5, "Ashtoreth"). All this kind of worship was prohibited by God (Exodus

34:13). It was accompanied by the most licentious rites. It was carried on under the shade of trees and on high hills (Deuteronomy 12:2; 1 Kings 14:23). Images of the goddess were made of wood (1 Kings 15:13); or an Asherah could be a tree planted or fixed (Deuteronomy 16:21).¹

Jonah 2:8 (NIV) – “Those who cling to worthless idols forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

1 Corinthians 2:10 (NKJV) – deep things of God. (Compare Rev. 2:14)

Jude 4 (NKJV) – For certain men have crept in unnoticed, who long ago were marked out for this condemnation, ungodly men, who turn the grace of our God into lewdness and deny the only Lord God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

Romans 6:15 (NKJV) – What then? Shall we sin because we are not under law but under grace? Certainly not!

Hyper-Grace by Michael Brown, (Lake Mary, FL: Charisma House, 2014)

Ahab, 3 of his children:

- Jehoram – “Yahweh is exalted”
- Athaliah – “Afflicted of the Lord.”
- Ahaziah – “Yahweh holds / possesses.”

What about the children in Revelation 2:23?

- The Second Commandment. Emphasis in on mercy.
- The 10th Plagues. Emphasis on distinction of Israel.
- The children of Ahab and Jezebel (1 Kings 21:21) .
- And, then there is the wonderful grace of Ezekiel....

Ezekiel 18 (NKJV)

¹ The word of the LORD came to me again, saying, ²“What do you mean when you use this proverb concerning the land of Israel, saying:

‘The fathers have eaten sour grapes,
And the children’s teeth are set on edge’?

³“As I live,” says the Lord GOD, “you shall no longer use this proverb in Israel.

⁴ “Behold, all souls are Mine;
The soul of the father

¹ Vine, W. E., & Bruce, F. F. (1981). [Vine's Expository dictionary of Old and New Testament words](#) (Vol. 1, p. 75). Old Tappan NJ: Revell.

As well as the soul of the son is Mine;
The soul who sins shall die.

⁵ But if a man is just

¹⁰ “If he begets a son *who is* a robber

¹³ Shall he then live?

¹⁴ “*If*, however, he begets a son

Who sees all the sins which his father has done,

And considers but does not do likewise;

¹⁷ He shall not die for the iniquity of his father;

He shall surely live!

¹⁸ “*As for* his father,

Because he cruelly oppressed,

Robbed his brother by violence,

And did what *is* not good among his people,

Behold, he shall die for his iniquity.

²¹ “But if a wicked man turns from all his sins which he has committed, keeps all My statutes, and does what is lawful and right, he shall surely live; he shall not die. ²² None of the transgressions which he has

committed shall be remembered against him; because of the righteousness which he has done, he shall live. ²³ Do I have any

pleasure at all that the wicked should die?” says the Lord GOD, “*and* not that he should turn from his ways and live?

²⁴ “But when a righteous man turns away from his righteousness and commits iniquity, and does according to all the abominations that the wicked *man* does, shall he live? All the righteousness which he has done shall not be remembered; because of the unfaithfulness of which he is guilty and the sin which he has committed, because of them he shall die.

- God gave His Son for our children. With God, there is always hope – especially when it comes to the children of the faithful.
- On the other hand, we should never think that our behavior is not very significant when it comes to our children.

Instructions to the church. (Rev. 2:24-26; Rom. 1:24-28; Ezek. 18)

Romans 1:24-28 (NKJV)

²⁴ Therefore God also gave them up to uncleanness, in the lusts of their hearts, to dishonor their bodies among themselves, ²⁵ who exchanged the truth of God for the lie, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

²⁶ For this reason God gave them up to vile passions. For even their women exchanged the natural use for what is against nature.

²⁷ Likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust for one another, men with men committing what is shameful, and receiving in themselves the penalty of their error which was due.

²⁸ And even as they did not like to retain God in *their* knowledge, God gave them over to a debased mind, to do those things which are not fitting;

Promise to the church. (Rev. 2:24-27)

- Power over the nations (ethnos).
- The morning star.

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Prophetic Message? – Time period: A.D. 600 - 1520 (Middle Ages)

- Purgatory – Yeshua – one whose eyes are like fire.
- Sexual immorality.
- Exaltation of Mary begins.
- Idols in the form of religious statutes were introduced.
- Corruption of the ecclesiastical system of the church fell apart during this era.
- Many who emphasized loving Christ.
- The Black Plague.