

“Destroying a Spirit of Dominance”

Revelation 2:18-29; cf. Gen. 3:16; Matt. 20:20-28; Jn. 13:1-17;

Gal. 5:13-15; Eph. 5:21; Phil. 2:1-11

Message #5: Jesus’ Letter to Thyatira

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“Evil flourishes when good men do nothing”—Edmund Burke

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The Ancient Church of Thyatira (Rev. 2:18)

1. The city was well known for it’s many _____ .
2. _____ , a dealer in purple cloth, was an early believer in this city (Acts 16:14).
3. Challenge/Rebuke : Tolerating _____ .

How did Jesus describe Himself to Thyatira? (Rev. 2:18)

How did Jesus commend the Christians at Thyatira? (Rev. 2:19)

Who was Jezebel? What is the Spirit of Jezebel? (Rev. 2:20)

(אִיזֶבֶל, *izevel*). Baal-worshiper who kills prophets of the Lord, threatens Elijah, and orders the murder of Naboth (1 Kgs 16:31; 18:4; 19:2; 21:5–14). Jezebel is the wife of King Ahab of Israel (874–853 BC) and the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians. She carried out her desires by controlling and dominating Ahab and others. She is killed at the command of King Jehu, who is chosen by Yahweh to destroy the house of Ahab (2 Kgs 9:6–7; 30–33).

The Jezebel Spirit

- ❖ Seeks out other individuals they feel are weaker to control, influence and dominate
- ❖ Has an unnatural sense of self-importance
- ❖ Requires excessive admiration and attention
- ❖ Shows arrogant, haughty behaviors or attitudes
- ❖ Lacks self control, unable to control emotional outbursts, unconcerned with effecting others
- ❖ Exploitative, abusive, takes advantage of others to achieve his/her own goals, manipulative, lies
- ❖ Totally void of empathy; will falsely mimic empathy to seduce and control their victims
- ❖ Jealous and envious of others, yet delusional in believing others are jealous/envious of them
- ❖ Defensive and combative whenever confronted about anything
- ❖ Fantasies about themselves having unlimited admiration, beauty, power, success, brilliance or perfected worship in love
- ❖ Believes that he/she is superior and unique and can only be understood by other superior people
- ❖ Has a sense of entitlement; demands automatic compliance with his/her expectations; unreasonable expectations of others, critical when disappointed



What was the REAL Problem with and Challenges for the Christians at Thyatira? (Rev. 2:20)

“TOLERATED”: Gk. ἀφιέναι means “to let go” or “to leave”: also means “to leave behind or to set aside,” “to let alone”...“to allow or permit”

How do Christians destroy a Spirit of Dominance? (Rev. 2:21-25; cf. Gen. 3:16; Matt. 20:20-28; Jn. 13:1-17; Gal. 5:13-15; Eph. 5:21; 6:1-18; Phil. 2:1-11; Jam. 4:7; 1 Pet. 5:8-10)

What are the Rewards Jesus Will Give to Those who Overcome A Spirit of Dominance? (Rev. 2:26-29)