

# Week 8

Revelation week 8

Revelation 2:18-29 Church of Thyatira

Historical

\*Unlike the other cities we have mentioned it was not a city of wealth or luxury. It was considered to be very plain.

- It was located on the road to \_\_\_\_\_ which was about 40 miles away.
- Which is where it gets its identity, which it was referred to as the Gate of Pergumum. This city had one main purpose if attacked it was designed \_\_\_\_\_ to give Pergumum for the battle coming their way.
- It was not a religious city the small God that was the icon of the town had very little purpose in the Greek or Roman world.
- It \_\_\_\_\_ was \_\_\_\_\_ however a city full of different artisans and craftsman. (leather, bronze, pottery, clothiers, slave traders etc.)
- If you did not join a trade guild you \_\_\_\_\_ had no \_\_\_\_\_. No one would purchase or order things from you so there was no source of income.

Why not a Christian couldn't join guilds.

- 1.
- 2.

So the problems here did not come from persecution from outside the church but from within.

Reason the letter was written to such an unimportant church. Because this \_\_\_\_\_ church represented what they faced. These were major issues for so many Christians in this period.

Issues

Who was Jezebel?

1. The \_\_\_\_\_ of a \_\_\_\_\_
2. Possible \_\_\_\_\_ the Samba the a fortune teller known in that area. (But she was not a church member this is someone among them.)
3. Stands for a woman who is \_\_\_\_\_ intensely. This comes from the story of Ahab and Elijah in 1 Kings.

\* This woman tried to get them to commit two types of sexual immorality

- 1.
2. - A belief that you could only obtain true spirituality by giving in to your desires.

She also tried to get them to eat idols.

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\* She had been given all the chance to repent but her time had run out. Now Christ will bring correction.

Two promises to the faithful

\_\_\_\_\_ 1. - the iron rod and pottery refers to messianic psalms= Psalms 2:8-9. Promise to the coming rescue.

2. morning star- the sun that comes after the darkness. which represents the Christ. Belief in Christ brings resurrection after death again light after darkness.

### Church of Sardis Ch. 3: 1-6

#### History

- \* The city itself was a great example of a city with Past \_\_\_\_\_ and Present \_\_\_\_\_
- \* \_\_\_\_\_ centuries before it was one of the greatest cities.
- \* It had great wealth from both the \_\_\_\_\_ of the river and the mass trade of \_\_\_\_\_
- \* It sat on top of a hill that was over the valley of the river of Hermus. It was about 1500 ft up on one of the spurs of the mountain range there. This made it hard to attack because it was sheer cliffs all the way around.

- \* It became so big that the city had to create another city in the plain itself and that's where the name comes from. Sardis in Greek is plural for \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* Because of this type of protection and wealth, the citizens and King saw themselves as protected from failure or apathetic towards failure.
- \* It was also said by historians that this city (during its greatness) despised the Greeks and their culture and sought to \_\_\_\_\_.
- \* It was eventually taken by \_\_\_\_\_ and the Persian Empire, when a weakness was discovered in the cliffs around the fort.
- \* The city had several different empires take it but the lesson was never learned to always be on \_\_\_\_\_.

### Church and its failures

- The church had become like the city. It was apathetic to attack. The difference was it was a spiritual attack. This is why John says it has a name for being alive but it is dead.
- The people there stopped \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_. They were simply accepting of anything and anyone who came to teach something new.
- Because they had opened themselves up so much to these things, there was no reason for them to be \_\_\_\_\_ because it was already defeated.
- If you're in a battle and you have to choose which to attack, do you go after the group that is not wanting to fight or do you go after the one that is the biggest threat to your campaign?
- \_\_\_\_\_ does the same: he did not see them as a threat so they never really seemed be under attack. Those's why they seemed alive but were dead.

### What they must do

- They must first \_\_\_\_\_ what it was like to first hear the gospel.
- \_\_\_\_\_ from their apathetic attitudes. Start to think and challenge again.
- \_\_\_\_\_ the commands of the Gospel and the doctrine of Christ.
- \_\_\_\_\_ He reminds them that just like the city was taken because they did not watch, they too can fall from it.

### What to watch for...

- A) \_\_\_\_\_
- B) \_\_\_\_\_
- C) \_\_\_\_\_

### The reward

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ garments (meaning)
- \*Festival
- \*Victory
- \*Purity
- \*Resurrection

2. \_\_\_\_\_ in the book of life.

3) Jesus will \_\_\_\_\_ them before the Father.