

## Revelation and Daniel – Revelation 2:18-29

Church and Passage	Characterization Verse 18	Commendation Verse 19	Criticism Verses 20-23	Charge Verses 24-25	Consequence Verses 26-29
Thyatira 2:18-29	The Son of God who has flaming eyes and burnished bronze feet	Their deeds, love, faith, service, perseverance, and recent deeds	Their tolerance of seductive, immoral, idolatrous Jezebel	The faithful should hold fast	Will receive authority to rule over the nations with Christ and obtain the Morning Star

**Thyatira** – At the time, Thyatira was the smallest of the seven cities yet it received the longest letter. Thyatira was famous for its textiles, but especially for its production of purple dye.

Acts 16:14 – *“And a certain woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple fabrics, a worshipper of God, was listening; and the Lord opened her heart to respond to the things spoken by Paul.”*

### The Description of Christ – Verse 18

*The Son of God* – Emphasizes His deity and right to rule.

*Eyes like a flame of fire* – Suggests discerning and severe judgment (Daniel 10:6).

*Feet like burnished bronze* – The feet of a warrior. Note 19:12 where Jesus treads the wine press of the fierce wrath of God.

### The Commendation – Verse 19

*I know your...Deeds, Love, Faith, Service, Perseverance, Greater Deeds*

### The Criticism – Verses 20-23

*You tolerate the woman Jezebel* – Jezebel is probably not her real name but she leads astray the same way as did wicked Queen Jezebel (1 Kings 18-21; 2 Kings 9).

*They commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols* – It appears this Jezebel was encouraging the believers to join the local trade guilds and participate in their pagan feasts that included idol worship.

*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. And I will kill her children*

*with pestilence...*

*And all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.*

### The Charge – Verses 24-25

*The rest...who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them* – This teaching was inferred to be deeper than the apostle’s teaching.

1 Timothy 4:1-2, *“But the Spirit explicitly says that in the latter times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons by means of the hypocrisy of liars...”*

2 Corinthians 11:3, *“But I am afraid that, as the serpent deceived Eve by his craftiness, your minds will be led astray from the simplicity and purity of devotion to Christ.”*

*What you have, hold fast until I come* – This probably refers to Christ’s coming at the rapture.

### The Consequence – Verses 26-29

*He who keeps my deeds to the end, To him I will give authority over the nations...*

Luke 19:17, *“Well done, good slave, because you have been faithful in a very little thing, be in authority over ten cities.”*

Matthew 25:21, *“Well done, good and faithful slave; you were faithful with a few things, I will put you in charge of many things, enter into the joy of your master.”*

*I will give him the morning star...*

Jesus is the morning star (22:16, 2 Peter 1:19, Daniel 12:3)

**The overcomer will have the privilege of ruling and reigning with Christ and the joy of closeness of relationship with Him.**