

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Lesson 8

REVELATION 2

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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.

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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, and¹ 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--

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Seven Churches of Revelation

— Chapters 2-3 —

- ① Ephesus
- ② Smyrna
- ③ Pergamos
- ④ Thyatira
- ⑤ Sardis
- ⑥ Philadelphia
- ⑦ Laodicea

Island of Patmos: where John received the vision



The Seven Churches of Revelation



THYATIRA

40 miles southeast of Pergamos

Smaller city

Abundant crops

THE CHURCH WAS SMALL

(rebuke)

Small city

Small church

“Longest letter”

REVELATION 2

v. 18 – v. 29

THYATIRA

Trade route between Pergamum and Sardis

Local artisans

Bakers, painters, tanners, tailors

Potters and workers of wool, linen and metal.

Controlled by “guilds”

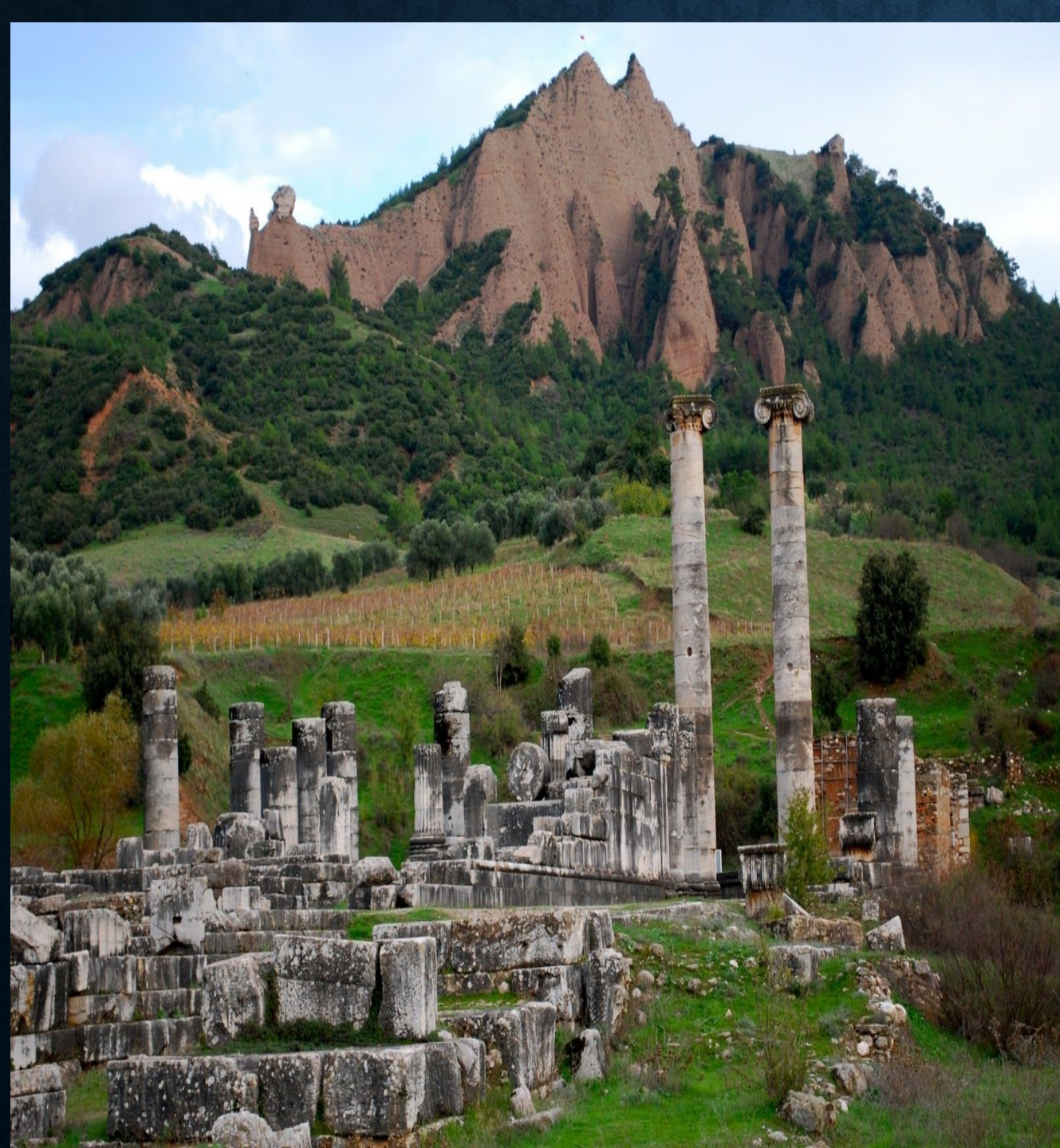
Homage to Apollos (Zeus) and Artemis (Diana)

THYATIRA

Purple dye

ACTS 16

14 Now a certain woman named Lydia heard us. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul.



An aerial photograph of Akhisar, Turkey, showing a dense urban area with many buildings. In the foreground, there are ruins of ancient structures, including a large rectangular building with a grid of columns. The city extends to the horizon under a clear sky.

Lineage

THYATIRA, TURKEY

LOCATIONS FROM THE SKY

City of Akhisar

The Shrine at Thyatira
(outside the city's wall)

“The Shrine of the Sambathe”
(related to the ancient Canaanite god Baal)

“Persian Sibyl”
Prophetess in the shrine

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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;

REVELATION 2

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The Son of God: affirmation of His deity

Deviated from the true worship of Jesus Christ,

THE SON OF GOD

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Eyes like a flame of fire: piercing vision

(v. 23 I am He who searches the minds and hearts)

His feet like fine brass: righteous judgement

(v. 27 They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's
vessels)

REVELATION 2

19 "I know your works, love, service (ministration to the suffering members of the church), faith, and your patience (perseverance); and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

Ephesus first works decreased

Thyatira first works increased

20 "Nevertheless I have a few things against you.....

because you allow that (your) woman (wife) Jezebel

Wife of one of the elders

Leader?

A false messenger of God

Who calls herself **a prophetess**, to teach and seduce My
servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things
sacrificed to idols.

Teach and persuade:

Adopt a lifestyle that would allow them to be accepted in the world and to continue membership in the church. By accommodating themselves to the lifestyle that a guild required, the church members no longer had to fear being ostracized.

“No one can serve two masters”

SHE WAS ENCOURAGING BELIEVERS TO:

To continue their pagan worship of idols which characterized the unbelievers in the city

They were permitted to participate in the idolatrous feasts by eating things sacrificed to idols but they were also instructed to take part in the immorality which characterized the worship of idols.

JEZEBEL

1 KINGS 16

29 In the thirty-eighth year of Asa king of Judah, Ahab the son of Omri became king over Israel; and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty-two years.

30 Now Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the LORD, more than all who were before him.

31 And it came to pass, as though it had been a trivial thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took as wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians; and he went and served Baal and worshiped him.

32 Then he set up an altar for Baal in the temple of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

Jezebel was the wife of Ahab, the king of Israel

She was the daughter of Ethbaal, king of Sidon

She combined the worship of Israel with Baal

1 KINGS 16

33 And Ahab made a wooden image. Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel who were before him.

She was responsible for the killing of Naboth and possession of his vineyard for her husband

(1 KINGS 21:1-16)

She had also killed practically all the prophets of the Lord and did what she could to kill the Prophet Elijah

(1 KINGS 19:2).

1 KINGS 18

3 And Ahab had called Obadiah, who was in charge of his house. (Now Obadiah feared the LORD greatly.

4 For so it was, while Jezebel massacred the prophets of the LORD, that Obadiah had taken one hundred prophets and hidden them, fifty to a cave, and had fed them with bread and water.

BAAL WORSHIP

8 Cush begot Nimrod; he began to be a mighty one on the earth.

9 He was a mighty hunter before the LORD; therefore it is said, "Like Nimrod the mighty hunter before the LORD."

10 And the beginning of his kingdom was **Babel**, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in **the land of Shinar**.

11 From that land he went to Assyria and built **Nineveh**, Rehoboth Ir, Calah,

12 and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (that is the principal city).

BAAL WORSHIP

Nimrod's wife was Semiramis

His wife deified Nimrod as the sun god

Worshipped every morning at sunrise

First day of the week dedicated to him

SUN-day

BAAL WORSHIP

Semiramis conceived a child by (dead) Nimrod

December 25th Tammuz was born

(the child of the sun god)

“THE SAVIOR”

WORSHIP OF THE MOTHER AND GOD-CHILD

BAAL WORSHIP

Tammuz united with Ishtar

“The moon goddess and queen of heaven”

Ashtoreth (Phoenician)

Astarte (greek and roman)

Eostre and Eastre (saxon)

Isis wife of Osiris (Egypt)

BAAL WORSHIP

Tammuz was killed by a wild boar

Resurrected after three days

Every year his death and suffering was remembered

EZEKIEL 8

14 So He brought me to the door of the north gate of the LORD'S house; and to my dismay, women were sitting there weeping for Tammuz.

BAAL WORSHIP

Lord of heaven

Ashteroth

Chemosh

Molech

Dagon

SPIRIT OF JEZEBEL

21 "And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality,
and she did not repent.

2 PETER 3

9 The Lord is not slack concerning His promise, as some
count slackness, but is longsuffering toward us¹, not
willing that any should perish but that all should come to
repentance.

JUDGEMENT

22 "Indeed I will cast (throw) her into a sickbed, and those who **commit adultery (violation of the marriage vow) 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 (nephros: kidney, inmost thoughts, feelings) and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

MESSAGE TO THE CHURCH OF THYATIRA

A foreshadow of the church in the

Middle Ages, The Dark Ages

Combined Christianity with pagan philosophy

Heathen religious rites

COUNCIL OF TOLOUSE (1229AC)

Bible was declared a “forbidden” book

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EXALTATION OF MARY, THE MOTHER OF JESUS

(female deity to whom intercession is to be made)

“Co-redeemer”

Apart from her favor there can be no salvation.

She is a co-redeemer

Noble qualities in the Middle Ages church

True love of God

Selfless service and faith

The participation in idol worship and eating of things offered to idols also foreshadows the departure from the scriptural doctrine of the finished sacrifice of Christ.

“The continual sacrifice of Christ”

Lord's Supper: another sacrifice of Christ

REVELATION 2

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Not having or holding the doctrine of Jezebel and as not knowing “the depths” or the deep things of Satan.

Here reference is made to the satanic system often seen in great detail in false cults which compete with the true Christian faith.

1 CORINTHIANS 2

10 But God has revealed them to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep (bathos) things of God.

REVELATION 2

This doctrine (teaching), who have not known (experienced) the depths (bathos) of Satan.

THE GODLY REMNANT

25 "But hold fast (krateo: power) 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--

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TO THE OVERCOMERS:

They will be given a responsible position of judgment over
the nations

REVELATION 1

6 and has made us kings and priests to His God and
Father, to Him be glory and dominion forever and ever.
Amen.

7 Behold, He is coming with clouds, and every eye will
see Him, even they who pierced Him. And all the tribes of
the earth will mourn because of Him. Even so, Amen.

27 `He shall rule them (to shepherd) with a rod of iron;
They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels '--
as I also have received from My Father;
Their rule will not be simply that of executing judgment, but
also that of administering mercy and direction to those
who are the sheep as contrasted to the goats.

“The Morning Star”

Christ Himself

29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

The word of Christ to the church of Thyatira is therefore addressed to any who will hear

