

Revelation

The 7 Churches:

Thyatira



Bithynia

Asia

Galatia

Pisidia

Pamphylia

Lycia

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Smyrna

Ephesus

Laodicea

- Ephesus –
 - Fought and challenged false doctrine
 - Lost it's first love! REPENT! Re-do first works!
- Smyrna –
 - Persecuted Church...
 - Stay Focused on Jesus
- Pergamum –
 - Prosperous, worldly church – Balaam!
 - Repent or face the two-edge sword!



Our next church:

- 40 miles SE of Pergamum
- Known for trade of purple; Lydia (Ac 16:14)
- Major worship center for Apollo (Zeus)
- Wool and cloth = trade unions and guilds
- Social activity = commerce and **MONEY!**
- To what extent do we compromise?

To the Church IN Thyatira:

- Son of God – affirmed title of Christ
 - Eyes & feet – image from Ch. 1
 - Fire and burnished bronze – symbols of judgment
- I Know: (*oida*)
 - Deeds, love, faith, service, perseverance – WOW!
 - Doing better than you did at first
 - Such a list most would be content with... **BUT**

“I have THIS against you”

- In the midst of all this, there was an issue
 - Personified in an OT name – Jezebel
 - Wife to Ahab, 1Ki 16:31-21:25; death in 2Ki 9
 - Probably a “famous” teacher/leader
 - “calls herself prophetess”
 - Leads *doulos* into error, ‘wander’
 - Vs. 20 - Sexual sins – *porneuo*; Idol “meals”

'Jezebel'

- **COMPROMISE!**
 - Used title to claim power over the church
 - Mix pagan with Jesus... it's ok, right?
 - Taught with deceptive & false foundations (vs 24!)
 - Led them away from holiness – 2Pet 2; 2Tim 3
- People were forced to choose – “boiled frogs!”
 - Compromise is always slow & “reasonable”

Judgment warnings

- I gave her time to repent (21)
- Starts with Jezebel – *metanoeo*, to change
 - Judgment was now going to come upon her
 - “does not want to repent” Mt 23:37 – unwilling!
 - Willful defiance of God’s call to repent – *porneia*
 - This is searing the conscience
 - Titus 1:15; 1Tim 4:1-3

Judgment warnings

- Judgments:
 - Cast upon a bed (sickness vs adultery) yuch!
 - Those who have commit adultery – *moicheuo*
 - Great tribulation – *thlipsis*, the pressing!
 - “I will kill with death” – literal or the followers?
- **ALL THE CHURCHES WILL KNOW I AM...**
 - Search the minds and hearts... (23)

To the others: (24)

- To the others, no further burden...
 - “not known the depths of Satan” = compromise
 - Remember the commendations, vs 19!
 - God does not forget our works Heb 6:10
- **HOLD FAST** what you have!
 - Do not compromise and lose the good walk!
 - It’s a daily decision to refuse this world - Gal 5:16

Promises

- Overcome & keep “My deeds”! (only qualifier)
 - Why does Jesus add this to this church?
- Promises for overcomers...
 - Authority over nations (Ps 2:8-9)
 - As Messiah, with a rod of iron (Lk 19:17; 1Co 6:2)
 - Authority as received from Father (Jo 17:2,18)
 - The morning star – Christ Himself! (Rev 22:16)