

# THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA

## I. THE SOURCE - Gen. 10:8-10a

- 8 And Cush begat Nimrod: he began to be a mighty one in the earth.  
9 He was a mighty hunter before the Lord: wherefore it is said, Even as Nimrod the mighty hunter before the Lord.  
10 And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel,

## II. THE TYPE - 1Kings 16:29-32

29 And in the thirty and eighth year of Asa king of Judah began Ahab the son of Omri to reign over Israel: and Ahab the son of Omri reigned over Israel in Samaria twenty and two years.

30 And Ahab the son of Omri did evil in the sight of the Lord above all that were before him.

31 And it came to pass, as if it had been a light thing for him to walk in the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, that he took to wife Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him.

32 And he reared up an altar for Baal in the house of Baal, which he had built in Samaria.

18:4 For it was so, when Jezebel cut off the prophets of the Lord, that Obadiah took a hundred prophets, and hid them by fifty in a cave, and fed them with bread and water.

18:19 Now therefore send, and gather to me all Israel unto mount Carmel, and the prophets of Baal four hundred and fifty, and the prophets of the groves four hundred, which eat at Jezebel's table.

21:25 But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the Lord, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up.

## III. THE PRINCIPLE - Matt. 13:33

33 Another parable He spoke to them: The kingdom of the heavens is like leaven, which a woman took and hid in three measures of meal until the whole was leavened.

## IV. THE DEVELOPMENT - Rev. 2:18-29 - The Church in Thyatira

- A. And to the messenger of the church in Thyatira write: These things says the Son of God, who has eyes as a flame of fire, and His feet like shining brass:
- B. I know your works and love and faith and service and your endurance, and that your last works are more than the first.
- C. But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, and she teaches and leads My slaves astray to commit fornication and to eat idol sacrifices.
- D. And I gave her time that she might repent, and she is not willing to repent of her fornication. Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works; And I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the inward parts and the hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your works.
- E. But I say to you, the rest in Thyatira, (as many as do not have this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they say) I place no other burden upon you; Nevertheless what you have hold fast until I come.
- F. And he who overcomes, and he who keeps My works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, And he will shepherd them with an iron rod, as vessels of pottery are broken in pieces, as I also have received from My Father;
- G. And I will give him the morning star.
- H. He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

## V. THE CONSUMMATION - Rev. 17:1--18:6

1 And one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and spoke with me, saying, Come here, I will show you the judgment of the great prostitute who sits on many waters,

2 With whom the kings of the earth have committed fornication, and they who dwell on the earth have been made drunk with the wine of her fornication.

3 And he carried me away in spirit into a wilderness; and I saw a woman sitting on a scarlet beast, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And the woman was clothed in purple and scarlet, and gilded with gold and precious stone and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the unclean things of her fornication;

5 And upon her forehead a name was written, Mystery, Babylon the Great, The Mother of the Prostitutes and the Abominations of the Earth.

6 And I saw the woman drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the witnesses of Jesus. And I marveled, seeing her, with great marvel.

7 And the angel said to me, Why did you marvel? I will tell you the mystery of the woman and of the beast who carries her, who has the seven heads and the ten horns.

8 The beast whom you saw was, and is not, and is about to come up out of the abyss and go into destruction. And they who dwell on the earth, whose names have not been written from the foundation of the world in the book of life, shall marvel when they see the beast, how that he was, and is not, and shall be present.

9 Here is the mind which has wisdom. The seven heads are seven mountains on which the woman sits,

10 And are seven kings: five have fallen, one is, the other has not yet come; and when he comes, he must remain a little while.

11 And the beast who was, and is not, he also is the eighth, and is of the seven, and goes into destruction.

12 And the ten horns which you saw are ten kings, who have not yet received a kingdom, but receive authority as kings one hour with the beast.

13 These have one mind, and they give their power and authority to the beast.

14 These shall make war with the Lamb, and the Lamb shall overcome them, for He is Lord of lords and King of kings; and they who are with Him are called and chosen and faithful.

15 And he said to me, The waters which you saw, where the prostitute sits, are peoples and multitudes and nations and tongues.

16 And the ten horns which you saw and the beast, these shall hate the prostitute and shall make her desolate and naked, and shall eat her flesh and shall burn her utterly with fire;

17 For God has put it into their hearts to do His mind, and to come to one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast until the words of God shall be accomplished.

18 And the woman whom you saw is the great city, which has a kingdom over the kings of the earth.

1 After these things I saw another Angel coming down out of heaven, having great authority; and the earth was illumined with His glory.

2 And He cried with a strong voice, saying, Fallen, fallen is Babylon the great! And she has become a dwelling place of demons and a hold of every unclean spirit and a cage of every unclean and hateful bird;

3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the fury of her fornication, and the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich by the power of her luxury.

4 And I heard another voice out of heaven, saying, Come out of her, My people, that you may not participate in her sins, and that you may not receive of her plagues;

5 For her sins have been piled up to heaven, and God has remembered her wrongs.

6 Pay her back even as she has paid, and double to her double according to her works. In the cup which she has mixed, mix to her double.

## VI. AN EXAMPLE - 1Tim. 4:1-3

1 But the Spirit says expressly that in later times some will depart from the faith, giving heed to deceiving spirits and teachings of demons,

2 In the hypocrisy of men who speak lies, seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,

3 Forbidding to marry, commanding to abstain from foods which God has created to be partaken of with thanksgiving by those who believe and have fully known the truth.

Christ's Resurrection

Christ's Second Coming

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**Ephesus**

circa 0 -100 A.D.  
"Desirable"

**Smyrna**

circa 100 - 325 A.D.  
"Myrrh"

**Pergamos**

circa 325 - 575 A.D.  
"Marriage"

**Thyatira**

circa 575 A.D. -  
"Sacrifice of Perfume"  
"Unceasing Sacrifice"

**Sardis**

circa 1525 A.D. -  
"The remains"  
"Remainder"

**Philadelphia**

circa 1825 A.D. -  
"Brotherly love"

**Laodicea**

circa 1875 A.D. -  
"Opinion of the people"

The Kingdom - 1000 year millenium

New Jerusalem - Eternity Future

