

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

Chapter 2:18-29

The church of Thyatira represents the Papacy Period.

The word papacy refers to the office and jurisdiction of the pope, or the rise and development of the Catholic Church.

Thyatira means continual sacrifice, which describes Catholicism to a tee.

- Catholic Priests refer to their Mass as “The sacrifice of the Mass.”
- They believe that one of their functions as a priest is to offer up the Lord Jesus Christ as a continual sacrifice for the sins of the living and the dead, and this is done through the Eucharist.
- Transubstantiation means that the bread and wine in the Eucharist are transformed into the body and blood of Jesus.
- They believe it actually BECOMES the body and blood of Christ.

vs 19 Jesus is commending them for what they have done.

- The last (referring to works), is more than the first.
- He means that as the church grew larger, they did greater and greater things.

The rebuke:

- Jezebel is symbolic.
- During this period of Church history, they began mixing Judaism and heathenism into Christianity, which is spiritual fornication.
- They also began introducing icons and images into their worship practices, which is idolatry.
- This is exactly what Jezebel did to Israel during the time of Elijah.

vs 21 Reformers were raised up by God throughout Europe, in order to persuade the Catholic Church to repent, but she refused.

vs 22 The great tribulation is the 7 year period right before Jesus Christ returns.

- Her children refers to her _____.
- “To kill with death” is a Hebrew idiom, which means “slay utterly.”
- Those who trust in the church for salvation will experience the 2nd death.
- Salvation is only through Jesus Christ.

vs 24 There are many in the Catholic Church that are saved, and have a personal relationship with Jesus.

- They won't go through tribulation if they are alive during that time.
- The one burden upon all Christians is to **hold fast** to the word of God.

vs 26-27 We will get to rule with Jesus during the millennium.

- He will give us the morning star, which is _____.

