

The Church of Thyatira



Revelation 2:18-29

- An address to a particular congregation. (Name of the church)
- An introduction of Jesus.
- A statement regarding the condition of the church.
- A verdict from Jesus regarding the condition of the church.
- A command from Jesus to the church.
- A general exhortation to all Christians.
- A promise of reward.

Revelation 2 and 3 Report card

Name	Ephesus	Smyrna	Pergamos	Thyatira	Sardis	Philadelphia	Laodiceans
Title	X	x	X				
Commendation	X	x	X				
Concerns	X		X				
Exhortation	X	x	X				
Promise	X	x	x				



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Revelation 2:18 The Church, Thyatire

- Means =Daughter
- Previous names= Pelopia, then Semiramis then Euhippia
 - **Semiramis (from last week, the mother of tummaz/Baal)**
 - All paganism has it roots in Babylon.
- Lysimachus the cith to Nicator who named it after his daughter who during the siege she was being born.
- The Babylon priesthood moved from Babylon to Pergamos when Cyrus conquered Babylon.
- Later on this would be shifted to Rome.

Spread of the Mother-Child Cult

	Mother	Child
Assyria	Ishtar	Tammuz
Phoenicia	Astarte	Baal
Egypt	Isis	Osirus/Horus
Greece	Aphrodite	Eros
Rome	Venus	Cupid
Asia	Cybele	Desius
India	Isi	Aswara
Roman Catholicism	Mary	Jesus
Israel	Queen of Heaven (Jer. 7:18; 44:17)	Tammuz (Ezek. 8:14-15)

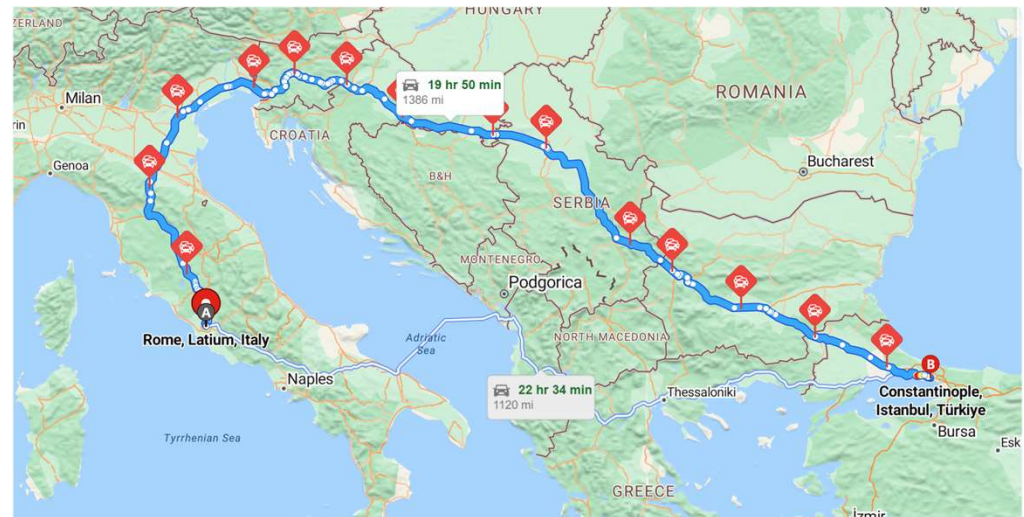
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Thyatire

- When they founded a new center at Pergamos the King took the name Pontifex Maximus AKA the high priest of the Pegan system.
- All the Ceasers kept that name until 378 AD when Damasus, the Bishop of Rome completed the absorption of Babylon religion into the Roman Church and assumed the name.
- Now The title “supreme priest” (*pontifex maximus*), which had been the prerogative of the emperor, now given to the pope.

Constantine

- Says Christianity is no longer illegal in 325 AD (edict of Toleration)
 - He favored Christians
 - Exempted minister from taxes
 - Issued a general exhortation that all should become Christian. (not a state religion)
- He moves the Empire from 330 AD From Rome to Constantinople



Constantine

- Ended gladiatorial fights
- Stopped abortion
- Abolished crucifixion
- Assumed headship of the church
- Declared Sunday a day of worship (Combined the sun worshipers and the Christians into one day)

So far...

- 361 -363 Julian
 - Sought to restore paganism
- 363-364 Jovian
 - Sought to re-establish the Christian religion
- 378-395 Theodosius
 - Made Christianity a state religion.
 - Forced conversions to fill the church
 - Ambition to rule with a world-wide church

So far...

468-483 AD Simplicius The Roman Pope

- when Western Rome fell and became the commanding figure in the west (Eastern Rome fell in 1453)
- 590-604 AD Gregory 1 is considered by many as the first pope (lots of debates about this)
- 752-747 AD Stephen 2 Gave the center of Italy to the Pope until 1870 when it was returned to Italy (beside Vatican city)
- 843 AD Charlemagne divided his empire into what is now Germany, France and Italy

So far...

- 1806 Napoleon brought an end to the Holy Roman empire.
 - This is the first of the 3rd reich
 - Roman empire, the Holy Roman empire, The 3rd Reich.
 - It will return BTW
 - The lion represents the King of Babylon.
 - The bear represents the Persian.
 - The leopard represents the Greek Empire.
 - The fourth beast represents the Roman Empire
 - This little horn represents a powerful religious system that would align with the last seven of the 10 political horns that were to arise after the fall of Rome. This coordination between church and state produced what ultimately became known as the Holy Roman Empire. (Dan 7:8)

Thyatire

- Trade guilds
 - Membership required by law
 - Each one was under a pagan deity
 - Meeting where often mixed with worship to the god.
 - Think about this. Could not get a job unless you were part of a guild
 - Then had to partake in the guild's activities to be a member.
- Also known for their dyes
 - Acts 16:14,15 Lydia, from Thyatira living in Philippi.

So the mixed marriage from before

- Now become the PERVERTED MARRIAGE!
 - Pagan temples become Christian churches
 - Pagan festivals become Christian festivals
 - Pagan priest become Christian priest
 - The change was mostly nomenclature
- When persecution could not accomplish, marriage with the world would. (hint, the coming Jezebel)

Revelation 2:18 Name of Jesus

- The Son of God
 - Only time used.
(opposite of the queen of heaven)

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Revelation 2:18 Name of Jesus

- Eyes like flame of fire
 - Important note, like is not it is.
 - A simile is a **figure of speech that compares two things using the words “like,” “as,” or “than”**.
 - It is a phrase that uses a comparison to describe
 - The eyes of inspection (1 Cor 3:13)
 - The eyes of testing
- Feet like fine brass
 - Feet deal with ones walk or life
 - Brass deals with judgement

Revelation 2:18 Name of Jesus

- So in His Name, it reveals Him coming as Judge.
 - Note Jesus will judge His church before He judges the world.

Revelation 2:19 Commendation

- I know your works
- Charity
- Service
- Faith
- Patience
- Your work are more than the first
 - Their walk was good and improving.

Revelation 2:20-21 Concern

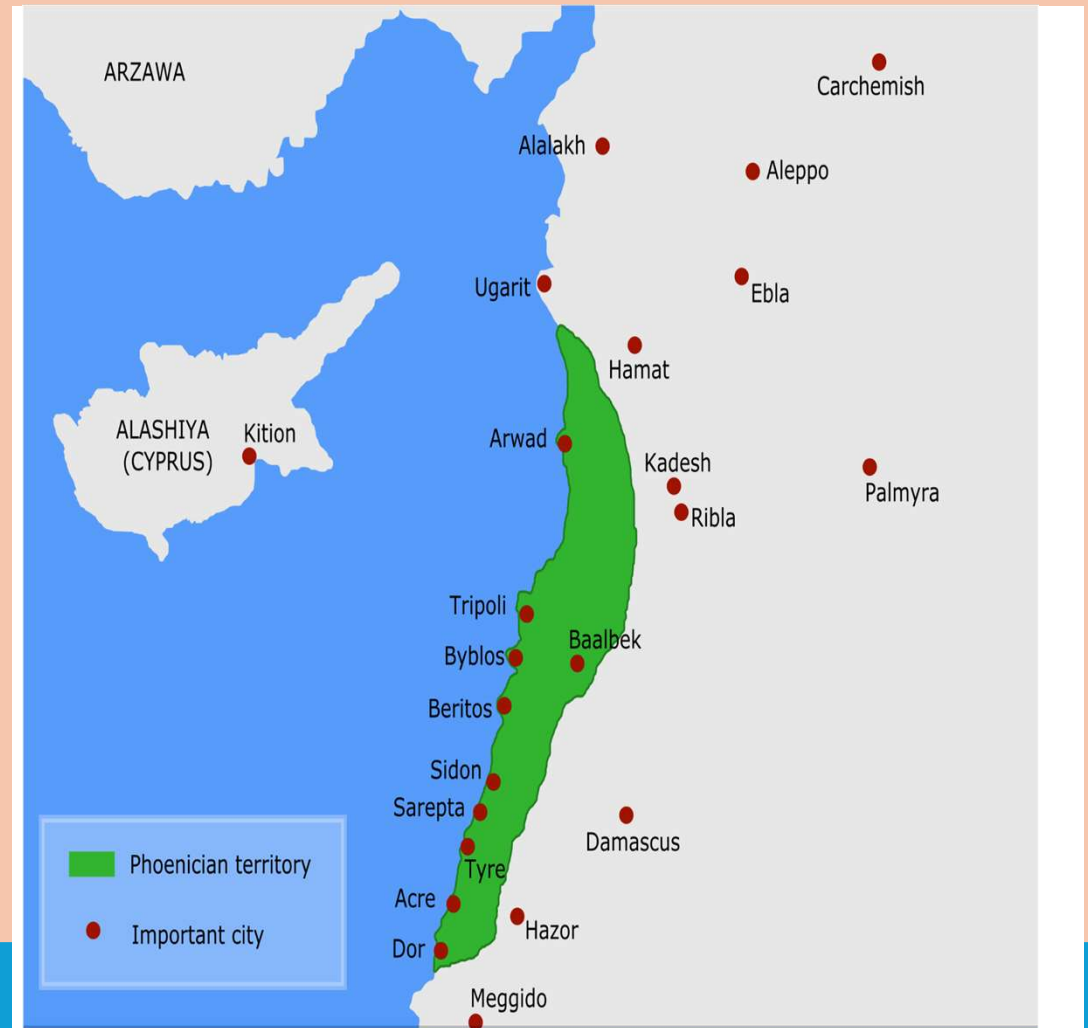
- Allow that woman Jezebel (The problem is not Jezebel)
 - Who calls herself a prophetess
 - To teach
 - And seduce you
 - Commit sexual immorality
 - Worshiping false gods
 - And eat thing offered to idols.
 - She did not repent

Revelation 2:22 Concern

- I will cast her into a bed
- Those with her
- And INTO GREAT TRIBULATION
 - First use of this term
 - It says if they don't change, they will go into the great tribulation
 - Also implies that if they do change, they really wont change.

Jezebel

- Daughter of Eth-Baal the king of Sidon
 - He was a priest of Astarte (Phoenicia)
 - Phœnicia, was an ancient **Semitic thalassocratic** civilization originating in the coastal strip of the Levant region of the eastern Mediterranean, primarily located in modern Lebanon.



Phoenicia Religion. (Baal worship)

- The religious practices and beliefs of Phoenicia were generally common to those of their neighbors in Canaan, which in turn shared characteristics common throughout the ancient Semitic world.
- Religious rites were primarily for city-state purposes; payment of taxes by citizens was considered in the category of religious sacrifices. The Phoenician sacred writings known to the ancients have been lost.
- Several Canaanite practices are alleged in ancient sources and mentioned by scholars, such as temple prostitution and child sacrifice. Special sites known as "Tophets" were allegedly used by the Phoenicians "to burn their sons and their daughters in the fire",

Jezebel

- She married King Ahab for a profitable trade alliance between Israel and Phoenicia (1 Kings 16:30)
- Now her past is that she is a priestess under her father, and they ruled both religion and government together.
- She was a worshipper of Baal and Astarte.
- This is what she did to Israel. Ushering in the worst period in the Old Testament. (1 Kings 16:30,33)
- (1 Kings 18:13)
 - She tried to exterminate the prophets of God

Jezebel

- She became the arch enemy of
- The Prophets
- Worship
- (The Church)

Jezebel

- Queen of heaven
 - Babylon concept (Jer 7:18, 44:15-30)
- 1 Kings 18:17,18
 - 850 false priest
 - Gathers all of Israel
 - Has a show down
 - They cut themselves (vs 28)
 - God shows up and does the work
- 1 Kings 21
 - Naboth's vineyard
 - Jezebel has him killed so Ahab can have the vineyard.

Jezebel

- 1 Kings 21:17
 - Elijah is told to go confront Ahab about the vineyard.
 - Passes judgement and say the Lord will have you placed where dogs lick the blood of Naboth, the dog will likewise lick your blood.
 - Vs 23 They shall lick Jezebel's blood as well.
 - Vs 25 Jezebel stirred him up
 - Vs 27 Ahab repents.
- 2 Kings 9:33,34 This is fulfilled
- BUT back to 1 Kings 19
 - Elijah runs from Jezebel

Jezebel

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- Jezebel will try to kill you
 - If she doesn't succeed, she will put you on the run!
 - If she cant exterminate you, she will intimidate you into silence
 - If she can **annihilate** you, she will emasculate you.
 - Take note!!! This is what is happening NOW in the church and in the World.

Revelation 2:23

- I will kill her children (opposite as to the worship of Baal)
- I am He that searches (eyes of fire)
- According to the works (your steps)

Revelation 2:24 Exhortation

- Those who do not have this doctrine (mixed group within the church)
- Have not known the depths of Satan
 - The Greek word *bathea* appears only twice in the LXX (Job 12:22; Daniel 2:22), both times referring to the deep darkness that only Yahweh can reveal (*apocalypto*). To explore the deep things of Satan is to attempt to peer beyond the clouds and darkness into things that only God can reveal.
 - Mystery of the Babylon cult!
- No burden
- Hold fast until I come
 - First time He references the second Coming in Revelation.

Revelation 2:24 Promise

- Overcomer
- Keeper of His works (until the end)
- Power to rule the nations
 - Rod of Iron
 - Potter vessel broken
- I will give him the morning star
 - Could be a reference to I will give him the new day
- He who has an ear... (the promise to the overcomer is in the body and not at the end)
 - This could extend the call for repentance into the great tribulation.

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Revelation 2:18 Levels of application

Local

The local church was under great pressure to follow Jezebel's teaching

All the Churches

Are there pagan practices in the church today? Easter, Christmas
Be careful of traditions. Allowing Jezebel in (Woman pastors, accepting abortion, gay marriage ETC...)

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Personal

Follows the same as the church.

Prophetic

3rd church is the PERVERTED church.

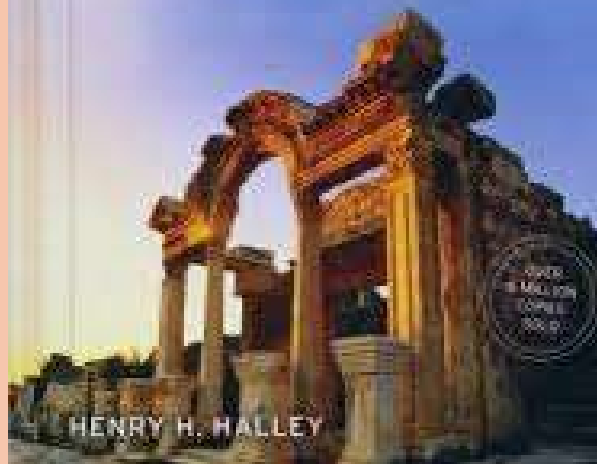
- The first three the promise is in the post scrip
- The last four it is in the body of the letter
- The last four have a reference to the return of the Lord
- Thyatira is the first to say if you don't repent, you will be thrown into Great Tribulation.

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