

The Letters...

To Seven Churches

The Letters to Seven Churches in Asia Minor (Modern Turkey)

Revelation 2-3

1. Ephesus
2. Smyrna
3. Pergamum
4. Thyatira
5. Sardis
6. Philadelphia
7. Laodicea



About Thyatira:

- *Trade and manufacturing city**

- * Worship of Apollo**

- * Corporate guilds** of tailors, wool workers, potters, tanners, dyers (especially purple dye), leather-workers, bronze-smiths, and also slave trade...

The least significant of the 7 churches and the longest letter

Revelation 2:18-28

To the angel (or Messenger) of the church in Thyatira

**From: words of the Son of God,
who has eyes like a flame of fire,
and whose feet are like burnished bronze:**

Revelation 1:14b-15a

**14^b His head and his hair were white as white wool,
white as snow; his eyes were like a flame of fire,
15 his feet were like burnished bronze, refined as in
a furnace and his voice was like the sound of
many waters**

Daniel 10:6

**⁶ ...his face like lightning,
his eyes like flaming torches,
his arms and legs like the gleam of
burnished bronze,
and the sound of his words like
the roar of a multitude.**

I know your works... (v.19)

*** your love, faith, service, and patient
endurance.**

*** your last works are greater than the first**

This against you... (vv. 20-21)

You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet and is teaching and beguiling my servants to practice fornication and to eat food sacrificed to idols.

21 I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her fornication.

Who was Jezebel...

- 1. Actual person named Jezebel - false prophet?**
- 2. General false prophets leading people astray?**

Jezebel in 1 & 2 King: wife of King Ahab, who killed many of God's prophets and made people worship Baal.

Tolerate

(According to Merriam-Webster)

1. to allow to be or to be done without prohibition, hindrance, or contradiction

1b. to put up with

2. to endure or resist the action of (as drug or food) without serious side effects or discomfort

22-23 Beware,

- I am throwing into great distress ... unless they repent of her doings;

- I will strike her children dead.

And all the churches will know that I am the one who searches minds and hearts, and I will give to each of you as your works deserve.

What was Jesus asking them to do? (v.24)

- to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call ‘the deep things of Satan,’**
- I do not lay on you any other burden; ²⁵ only hold fast to what you have until I come.**

To everyone who conquers...

1. I will give authority over the nations

2. I will also give the morning star

²⁹ Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

Hold Fast to Christ Jesus!

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