



THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 2:18-29

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Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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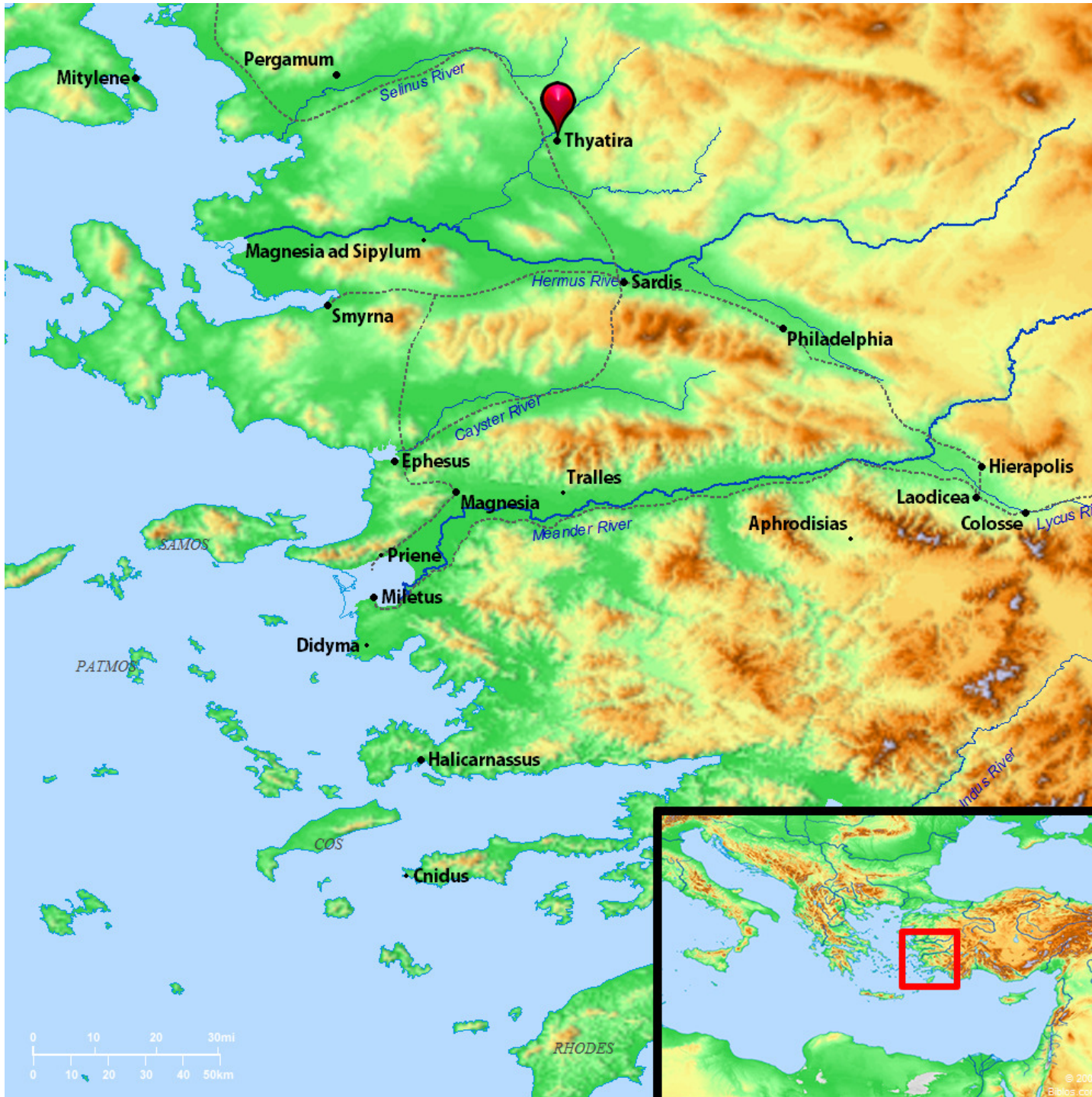
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A. What the Lord Detected About This Church, 2:18-19

1. What He Emphasized About His Person, 2:18

Rev. 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;

Acts 16:14 And a certain woman named **Lydia, a seller of purple, of the city of Thyatira**, which worshipped God, heard *us*: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.



<https://bibleatlas.org/full/thyatira.htm>

1 Pet. 4:17 For **the time *is come* that judgment must begin at the house of God**: and if *it first begin* at us, what shall the end *be* of them that obey not the gospel of God?

2. What He Emphasized About His People, 2:19

Rev. 2:19 I know thy **works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works**; and the last *to be* more than the first.

Thyatira had a wonderful list of what the Lord Jesus Christ found commendable:

- Works
- Charity
- Service
- Faith
- Patience
- Works

Eph. 2:8 For **by grace are ye saved through faith**; and that not of yourselves: *it is* the gift of God:

9 **Not of works**, lest any man should boast.

10 For **we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works**, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them.

Titus 2:7 In all things **shewing thyself a pattern of good works**: in doctrine *shewing* uncorruptness, gravity, sincerity,

...

14 Who gave himself for us, that he might redeem us from all iniquity, and purify unto himself a peculiar people, **zealous of good works**.

Titus 3:5 **Not by works of righteousness which we have done**, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; ...

8 *This is* a faithful saying, and these things I will that thou affirm constantly, that they which have believed in God might **be careful to maintain good works**. These things are good and profitable unto men. ...

14 And let ours also learn to maintain good works for necessary uses, that they be not unfruitful.

Jas. 2:20 But wilt thou know, O vain man, that **faith without works is dead?**

B. What the Lord Detested About This Church, 2:20-23

1. The Source of the Heresy, 2:20a “Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because **thou sufferest that woman Jezebel**, which calleth herself a prophetess, **to teach...**”

1 Kings 16:31 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.

Judges 18:7 Then the five men departed, and came to Laish, and saw the people that *were* therein, **how they dwelt careless, after the manner of the Zidonians**, quiet and secure; and *there was* no magistrate in the land, that might put *them* to shame in *any* thing; and they *were* far from the Zidonians, and had no business with *any* man.

1 Kings 11:5 For Solomon went after **Ashtoreth the goddess of the Zidonians**, and after Milcom the abomination of the Ammonites.

2. The Seriousness of the Heresy, 2:20b “...and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.”

1 Cor. 6:9 Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? **Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind,**

10 **Nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God.**

11 And such were some of you: but **ye are washed, but ye are sanctified**, but ye are justified in the name of the Lord Jesus, and by the Spirit of our God.

3. The Stubbornness of the Heresy, 2:21

Rev. 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

4. The Suppression of the Heresy, 2:22-23

Rev. 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, **except they repent of their deeds.**

23 And I will kill **her children** with death; and all the churches shall know that **I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.**

Jer. 17:10 I the LORD search the heart, / try the reins, even to give every man according to his ways, *and* according to the fruit of his doings.

C. What the Lord Determined About This Church, 2:24-29

1. The Overseer and His Fellows, 2:24-25

Rev. 2:24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, **as many as have not this doctrine**, and which have not known **the depths of Satan**, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.
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2. The Overcomer and His Future, 2:26-29

Rev. 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth **my works** unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:
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Conclusion

1 Cor. 10:6 Now **these things were our examples**, to the intent we should not lust after evil things, as they also lusted.

7 **Neither be ye idolaters**, as *were* some of them; as it is written, The people sat down to eat and drink, and rose up to play.

8 **Neither let us commit fornication**, as some of them committed, and fell in one day three and twenty thousand.

9 **Neither let us tempt Christ**, as some of them also tempted, and were destroyed of serpents.

10 **Neither murmur ye**, as some of them also murmured, and were destroyed of the destroyer.

11 Now **all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition**, upon whom the ends of the world are come.

12 Wherefore **let him that thinketh he standeth take heed lest he fall.**