

The Compromising Church

Rev. 2:18-29

9/8/19 by Philip Pinto @ Village Bible Church (Series: End Times Motivation!)

Understanding Thyatira

- ∞ 40 miles inland
- ∞ Established by Alexander the Great as a military outpost to protect Pergamum
- ∞ Economy driven by agriculture of fertile plain of the Lycus River valley
- ∞ “Working man’s” town – prevalence and influence of trade guilds (like unions)
- ∞ Guild festivals to pagan gods
- ∞ Famous for production of purple dye from a root

The Church at Thyatira

- ∞ Probably established by Paul
- ∞ Approximately 40 years old (2nd generation)
- ∞ Reversed problems of Ephesus
 - Ephesus zealous for orthodoxy (right teaching), love grew cold
 - Thyatira zealous for love and faith, orthodoxy grew cold

Structure/outline of the Text

- I. Words of: (18)
 - A. The _____ _
 - B. Who has eyes like a flame of fire
 - C. Whose feet are like burnished bronze
- II. “I know your works...” (19)
 - A. Love, faith, service
 - B. Patient endurance
 - C. Latter works exceed the first
- III. “But I have this _____ you, that you _____ that woman Jezebel” (20-23)
 - A. Described (c.f. 1 Kings 16:30-31; 17:4)
 1. _____ - _____ prophetess (c.f. 1 Jn. 4:1; 2 Cor. 10:18)
 2. Teaching/seducing believers away from _____ (orthopraxy)

- i. Practice _____ immorality
 - ii. Eat food sacrificed to idols
3. How did she manage it?
- i. Claimed _____ from God
 - ii. Abused God's patience in doling out consequences, leading to hardened hearts unable to even *recognize* the eventual consequences

B. Coming _____

1. On _____

- i. She was given _____ (21)
 - 1) Thrown into sickbed
 - 2) Thrown into great tribulation
 - 3) Children struck dead (c.f. Is. 57:3-5)

2. On her _____

- i. Suffer the same _____
- ii. Done in the _____ of and for
_____ to _____ churches
- iii. c.f. (2:18 & 23)

IV. To those who do _____ to this teaching (24-25)

- A. These are "the deep things of _____."
 ▪ God's truths are not _____. (c.f. Lk. 10:21; 1 Cor. 1:26-29)
- B. Would not add _____ ("other")
"burden" on them (24c)
- C. "Hold fast what you have until I come" (25)

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- V. Words of: (18)
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 - B. Who has eyes like a flame of fire
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- VI. “I know your works...” (19)
 - A. Love, faith, service
 - B. Patient endurance
 - C. Latter works exceed the first
- VII. “But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel” (20-23)
 - A. Described (c.f. 1 Kings 16:30-31; 17:4)
 - 3. Self-proclaimed prophetess (c.f. 1 Jn. 4:1; 2 Cor. 10:18)

4. Teaching/seducing believers away from **true living** (orthopraxy)
 - iii. Practice **sexual** immorality
 - iv. Eat food sacrificed to idols
5. How did she manage it?
 - i. Claimed **authority** from God
 - ii. Abused God's patience in doling out consequences, leading to hardened hearts unable to even *recognize* the eventual consequences

C. Coming **judgment**

1. On **Jezebel**

- i. She was given **time** (21)
 - 1) Thrown into sickbed
 - 2) Thrown into great tribulation
 - 3) Children struck dead (c.f. Is. 57:3-5)

2. On her **followers**

- i. Suffer the same **punishment**
- ii. Done in the **sight** of and for **testimony** to **all** churches
- iii. c.f. (2:18 & 23)

VIII. To those who do **not hold to** this teaching (24-25)

- A. These are "the deep things of **Satan**."
 - God's truths are not **hidden**. (c.f. Lk. 10:21; 1 Cor. 1:26-29)
- B. Would not add **additional** ("other") "burden" on them (24c)
- C. "Hold fast what you have until I come" (25)

Endnotes