

A Practical Look at Revelation

Seven Letters to Seven Churches Letter 4—Thyatira

¹⁸ *“To the angel of the church in Thyatira write:*

Thyatira—The Corrupted Church

The longest message was sent to the church in the smallest city! Thyatira was a military town as well as a commercial center with many *trade guilds*. Wherever guilds were found, idolatry and immorality—the two great enemies of the early church—were almost always present too.

John had to deliver a message of severe warning and judgment to this congregation, which explains the description of the Lord’s eyes (fire) and feet (bronze).

*These are the words of the **Son of God**, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze.*

→PRACTICAL APPLICATION—Jesus is in the business of _____ & _____.

*These are the words of the **Son of God***

Interesting Note—Jesus uses the title “Son of God.” Thyatira was a center of Apollo (Sun) worship. Apollo was the god of _____ and is the son of the father (Zeus).

Jesus Challenge--Jesus is the true Son of God and He is The Light, The Truth! (John 3, 14).

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*If any man builds on this foundation using gold, silver, costly stones, wood, hay or straw, ¹³ his work will be shown for what it is, because the Day will bring it to light. It will be revealed **with fire**, and the fire will test the quality of each man’s work.*

¹⁷ *For the time has come for **judgment, and it must begin first among God’s own children**. And if even we Christians must be judged, what terrible fate awaits those who have never believed God’s Good News?*
I Peter 4:17

Exodus 27 describes the brass altar where sin sacrifices would be offered.

¹⁹ *I know your deeds, **your love** ... **You tolerate**....*

→PRACTICAL APPLICATION—There Must be a Balance Between _____ & _____!

The Ephesian church had Truth but No Love (Legalism). There was no doctrinal error in Ephesus but they had left their first love! Smyrna had too much Love and not enough Truth and were too tolerant of false teachers. _____ and _____ are both hateful to God.

*Instead, we will hold to **the truth in love**, becoming more and more in every way like Christ*
Ephesians 4:15

¹⁹ I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are **now doing more than you did at first.** ²⁰ Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess. By her teaching **she misleads my servants** into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.....

→PRACTICAL APPLICATION—A Bunch of _____ Do **NOT** Excuse Sin.

Jezebel? Probably not a name of an actual person but a symbolic designation. Jezebel led Israel into an attitude of toleration--to allow pagan to be mixed within the practices of Israel. Much like Balaam.

²⁵ Only **hold on** to what you have **until I come.** ²⁶ To him who overcomes and does my will **to the end,**

→PRACTICAL APPLICATION—Our Job is to _____ !

And let us run with endurance the race that God has set before us. ² We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from start to finish. He was willing to die a shameful death on the cross because of the joy he knew would be his afterward. Now he is seated in the place of highest honor beside God's throne in heaven. ³ Think about all he endured when sinful people did such terrible things to him, so that you don't become weary and give up. ⁴ After all, you have not yet given your lives in your struggle against sin. Hebrews 12:1-4

²⁵ Only hold on to what you have until I come. ²⁶ To him who overcomes and does my will to the end, **I will give authority over the nations—** ²⁷ 'He will rule them with an iron scepter; he will dash them to pieces like pottery'—just as I have received authority from my Father. ²⁸ I will also give him the morning star. ²⁹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

→PRACTICAL APPLICATION—We are Going to _____ and _____ with Christ!

Blessed and holy are those who share in the first resurrection. For them the second death holds no power, but they will be priests of God and of Christ and will reign with him a thousand years.

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Morning Star? see Rev. 22:16 Lucifer was the bright star, Jesus the Morning star! Get your stars right!!

ANSWERS:

Judging, Purifying, Light and Truth, Love, Truth,
Unloving Orthodoxy, Loving Compromise, Good
Deeds, Finish Well, Rule, Reign