

1 **KEEP ONESELF UNSPOTTED**

Revelation 2:18-29

2 **THYATIRA AT A GLANCE**

Thyatira was a busy trade center but was the least 'important' city of the seven that received letters from Jesus.

It was located in a valley between two cities and had no natural defenses. As a result, it had a long history being destroyed and rebuilt.

A Roman garrison served as its main protection, and some would argue that its only value was as a military outpost.

3 **ANOTHER GLIMPSE OF JESUS**

"Eyes like blazing fire and feet like burnished bronze" (1:14-15)

To Ephesus "the One who holds the 7 stars in His right hand and walks among the 7 golden lampstands"

To Smyrna "the First and the Last, who died and came to life again"

To Pergamum "the One who has the sharp double-edged sword"

4 **VS. 19 COMMENDATIONS**

I know your...

Deeds

Love

Faith

Service

Perseverance

And your deeds have shown improvement!

5 **VS. 20 HOWEVER...**

Again, the sins mentioned in this letter sound much like we read about in the letter to Pergamum (Sexual immorality and eating meat offered to idols)

What makes this different? Couldn't Jesus have written one letter addressed to both congregations?

Not so fast. Pergamum had 'some among them who practiced...' Thyatira allows this 'Jezebel' to teach. This is corruption in leadership... (Consider 1 Tim. 3 and James 3:1)

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6 **VSS. 21-22**

"I gave her time to repent...and she did not"

(Noah, Gen 7:16)

"But I thought I had more time!"

"I was going to get to that tomorrow!"

Rom. 6:1-2

"Shall we continue in sin that grace may abound?"

Judgment upon her and all who follow ("her children")

7 **VS. 22-23** "...UNLESS THEY REPENT"

Incredible mercy

A purpose statement:

"All the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts, and I will give to each one of you according to your works."

MacArthur: "Works don't save, but they do evidence salvation."

Matt. 25:31-46; Eph. 2:8-9; James 2:14-26

8 **VSS. 24-28 TO THE FAITHFUL**

The faithful will be singled out and spared!

To him who overcomes and does My will *to the end*
will be given authority over the nations (Ps. 2)

"I will also give him the Morning Star..."

Jesus, in His fullness (2 Peter 1:19; Rev. 22:16)