

THE BOOK OF REVELATION

A REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

REVELATION CHAPTER 2:18-29

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Revelation 2:18-29

Remembering Back with Me...

By the Conclusion of Just Chapter 1 Alone we Learned that...
The Book of Revelation was About the One who is Called;

Jesus

That **He is** The Christ

He is the Faithful Witness

He is The First Begotten of the Dead

He is The prince of the Kings of the earth

He is The One who loved us and washed us from our sins in His own blood

He is The one who comes with clouds

He is The one who was pierced for us

He is The alpha and the Omega

He is The beginning and the Ending

He is The First and the Last

He is the Lord

He is the Almighty

He is The Son of Man

He is He that Liveth and was dead and is Alive forever More

And Now as we have been studying Chapter 2 we see that for each Church,
for each of its particular reasons have been in need of hearing again exactly what they and every
believer in Jesus Christ was in need of...

A Jesus Christ who is exactly as the word of God has revealed Him to be

In Each of the Letters Written

To the seven churches of ancient asia, John is given a list of key descriptions of Jesus Christ !

Revelation 1:10-16

I was in the Spirit on the Lord's Day, and I heard behind me a loud voice, as of a trumpet, :11 saying, "I am the Alpha and the Omega, the First and the Last," and, "What you see, write in a book and send *it* to the seven churches which are in Asia: to Ephesus, to Smyrna, to Pergamos, to Thyatira, to Sardis, to Philadelphia, and to Laodicea." :12 Then I turned to see the voice that spoke with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands, :13 and in the midst of the seven lampstands *One* like the Son of Man, clothed with a garment down to the feet and girded about the chest with a golden band. :14 His head and hair *were* white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire; :15 His feet *were* like fine brass, as if refined in a furnace, and His voice as the sound of many waters; 16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword, and His countenance *was* like the sun shining in its strength.

Each one of these Attributes of Jesus Christ Does and
Will Apply to Their Lives as well as Ours...

Revelation 2:18-29

"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: :19 "I know your works, **love, service, faith,** and your **patience**; and as for your works, the last *are* more than the first. :20 Nevertheless I have a few things against you, #1 - because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and #2 – to eat things sacrificed to idols. :21 And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. :22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. (we're talking conversion here) :23 I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works. :24 "Now to you (the true believers) I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. :25 But hold fast what you have till I come. :26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—' :27 "*He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels*—as I also have received from My Father; :28 and I will give him the morning star. :29 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches." '

WHAT KIND OF A CHURCH ARE YOU?

I.) **When your God is an ACTUAL REALITY vv. 18-19**

Revelation 2:18-19

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In the Back of Your Bible you should have several pages of maps and one of those maps will show you the locations of these seven churches of ancient Asia or Turkey today, we started in Ephesus and moved north to Smyrna, north still to Pergamum and now we go south easterly to Thyatira, more inland from the Mediterranean sea... *a rough circa!*

Thyatira, of Mysia

A temple to the Greek god Apollo was there as well as shrines to Artemis, to Helios, and to Hadrian.

three large gymnasiums have been unearthed, there are a great amount of ornate statues and shops detailed by tile mosaics of each specific trade. i.e. a tiled mosaic pattern of sandal announced a show store. A mosaic of **A-Sk-leep-p-us** announced a doctor of medicine

Thyatira was a major wool exporter to the old world. It had the first wool workers trade union There were numerous dyers and fullers in and around Thyatira, as well as the neighboring cities of Laodicea, Hierapolis, and Colossae

Trade guilds and Trade unions were created here on a grand scale

Not known for its beauty as a city, It was a place of great commerce and industry.

One of the Many Things Jesus has Taught us is, That Church begins with Just One

You May Remember from the Book of Acts

Acts 16:14-15

That there was a certain woman named Lydia who heard preach Christ. She was a seller of purple from the city of Thyatira, who worshiped God. The Lord opened her heart to heed the things spoken by Paul. :15 And when she and her household were baptized, she begged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come to my house and stay." So she persuaded us.

It is believed that during one of Paul's outreaches to Philippi (Thyatira) and is believed to be the woman who got a church going in Thyatira

When your God is an ACTUAL REALITY

1.) **Your Christianity will be a LIVING REALITY**

v.18

... 'These things says the Son of God...

And There in Thyatira was a Dominating Cult Veiled in Christianity...

, (he has) *the eyes like a flame of fire, and (he has) His feet like fine brass...*

Verse 18

*... 'These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine **brass:***

There are historical records that mention

that the worshippers of Apollo and Helios were encouraged to **imagine that;**

Apollo who has eyes like a flame of fire

and Helios who's feet were imagined to be like fine brass.

Both of these deities appear on the city's coinage that have been uncovered.

They had to imagine, create, dream of their gods to be a reality.

1 Corinthians 13:12

For now we see in a mirror, dimly, but then face to face...

A Flame of Fire

(the all-knowing, piercing vision of Jesus Christ – He blazes through, into our very person...

Verse 1:14

His **eyes** like a flame of fire;

Meaning That He Exercises Perfect Judgment

He sees all things, thoughts and dreams and imaginations and,

Intent and Motive – He knows why we say what we say and do what we do,
Motive! - - He knows our every motive of our every action!

Psalm 44:21

Will not God search all things out? For He knows the secrets of our hearts.

This is That Court Room Setting we Looked at Back in Chapter 1

Where, in a courtroom, all humanity is gathered in eternity, and there the great judge of mankind enters and takes his lofty throne and looks out upon mankind and begins... knowing everything, about every one of us - - everyone with His holy, perfect vision - - eyes that are red like fire !!!

He Sees All

Verse 18...

and (he has) **His feet like fine brass...**

The Feet of Pure and Holy Judgment (Execution) – (The Treading)
Brass speaks of the **wrath** of God **Brass**, the Metal of the **Military**

To the Unsaved – the brass of Judgment and Condemnation
To the Saved – the brass of Leadership and Command

When your God is an ACTUAL REALITY

2.) **Your Christianity will be a HEALTHY REALITY**

Verse 19

“I know your works, **love**, **service**, **faith**, and your **patience**...

When your Christianity is Healthy

There will be the obvious signs of LIFE ! And according to Jesus those signs are four (4) blood-types, if you will of a Healthy Church.

You Have Four (4) Really Good Things Working

“I know your works, it’s **love**,

(*ajgaóph* **agape**, ag-ah´-pay deep, practical affection and benevolence)
unlike Ephesus, dead right in their Christianity!

“I know your works, it’s **service**,

(*diakoni ÷ a* **diakonia**, a church willing to attend to the needs of the body)

“I know your works, it’s **faith**,

(*pi ÷ stið* **pistis**, pis´-tis; loyal, non-spasmodic – but moral and spiritual conviction, your desire for truth, your reliance upon Christ for salvation; - - your constancy and assurance about Christ being your savior.)

“I know your works, it’s **patience**

(*uJpomnh/* **hupomone**, hoop-om-on-ay´; to take it when its tough // you’re cheerful and hopeful waiting for Jesus. Your glad endurance, - your continuance at waiting for His return)

“I know your works, **love, service, faith,** and your **patience...**

When your God is an ACTUAL REALITY

3.) Your Christianity will be an ADVANCING REALITY

v.19

and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

“I know your works, **love, service, faith,** and your **patience...**
and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

“I know your works is **love,** *and your love is growing*

“I know your works is **service,** *and your service is growing*

“I know your works is **faith,** *and your faith is growing*

“I know your works is **patience** *and your patience is growing*

WHAT KIND OF A CHURCH ARE YOU?

II.) When God examines our CONFESSION vv. 20-23

I am Sorry, but Personally - I am Sickened to Think
That someday I may hear these words or you who sat here in Church

*“Thank you Jack so much for all your devotion, but
Nevertheless I have a few things against you”*

When God examines our CONFESSION

1.) We MUST BE DILIGENT to teach the word of God

v.20

Nevertheless I have a few things against you, #1 - because **you allow** that woman **Jezebel**, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and #2 - to eat things sacrificed to idols.

**It Failed at Applying the Bible to Everyday Life.
Which Translated into a Lack of Personal Holiness in Living**

Remember Satan’s War-plan

What worked for satan at Ephesus was urgency // loveless
What worked for satan at Smyrna was persecution // fear
What worked for satan at Pergamos was heresy // doubt
What worked for Satan at Thyatira was // an evil “morality”

Every one of us holds to a certain morality But is that a Good Thing ?
The Bible Says a Humanistic Morality Leads You Away from God

Amplified Version Rom. 2:22

You who say, “Do not commit adultery,” have you not commit adultery in your heart? You who preach against idol worship, do you withhold things that you have that belong to God? :23 and You who judge other people as to how they should live morally, aren’t you dishonor God by breaking His law toward another man?

The name Jezebel here is a name of the wife of Ahab. The name now is synonymous with false worship and church sanctioned sexual activity. (She Ordered the Murder of True Believers in YHWH God)

In New Testament Times - - "Title" Jezebel" is a Freakish Hybrid Worship System that hides in Name of Christianity that allows Sexual Indulgence without punishment or the fear of judgement...

She had Priests and priestesses
That encouraged an immorality appeased by religion

This Demonic Representation of Jezebel Claimed to be the Oracle = The Mouth Piece of God

Jeremiah 7:15-18

The children gather wood, the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough, to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and *they* pour out drink offerings to other gods, that they may provoke Me to anger. :16 "As for the word that you have spoken to us in the name of the LORD, we will not listen to you! :17 But we will certainly do whatever has gone out of our own mouth, to burn incense to the queen of heaven

Things That Creep In Over Time

When God examines our CONFESSION

2.) **We must NOT BE LIKE those stuck in religion v.21-22**

Jesus Here Issues a Strong and Damning End to Such False Christians.

21...And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. :22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

These "Very Religious People" needed to Experience Conversion = Salvation !

What These Jeze-Belly's Failed to Do = Repent !!!

Remember when we were kids and we'd form a club. We'd build a fort or tree house and before you could enter in, You had to say that password?

If you had the password – you got in. Listen
Because you knew that password, you also knew that you were going to get in.

In Christianity, There is a Code Word "**In Christ!**"

1 John 5:11-13

And this is what the record declares: that God has **now given** us eternal life, and this life is in His Son Jesus Christ. :12 He who has the Son of God has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. :13 These things I have written to **you who believe in the "name" of the Son of God**, that you may **know** that you have eternal life, (do you, right now, know this?)

1 John 5:20

And **we know** (do you know?) that the Son of God has come and has given us an understanding (do you understand?), that we may know (do you?) Him who is true; and that we are in Him who is true, in His Son Jesus Christ. This is the true God and eternal life.

If we know Him, then we will not get confused by false teachers
and we will not be led astray by man-made religions.

John 10:14
I am the good shepherd; and I know My sheep and my sheep know me

John 10:27-28
My sheep hear My voice, and I know them, and they follow Me. :28 And I give them eternal life, and they will never perish; neither shall anyone steal them out of My hand.

John 10:4-5
And Jesus says of Himself that "when he brings out his own sheep, he goes before them; and His sheep follow him, for they know his voice. :5 Yet they will by no means follow a stranger, but will flee from a stranger, because they do not know the voice of strangers."

When God examines our **CONFESSION**

3.) We must COME OUT from among that which is dying v.23

I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

Verse 21-22

"And I gave her time to repent"

***"Because she mocked and rejected and made light of God's warnings
"She has 22 ...Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.***

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His Nature Leaves the Door Open – But Judases often Refuse the Offer !!!

" She Made Her Bed – Now Let Her Lay in It "

came from this verse. Her bed was awesome, it felt so right, so warm. It was a bed that made you give thanks because it made you feel so good. But after a while those smooth silk sheets made you feel and think in other ways as well. Until the bed she made for us gave us such a feeling that nothing that we did could be wrong and if by chance it was wrong - - she would cover that too." – *sweet*

A Sickbed is a Bed that Leads to Hell

In comfort, pleasure and ease

The Spirit of Jezebel Says;
You Can Live Like The World, You Can Be A Christian
" What Can Be Better Than That "

Verse 23

I will kill her children with death

Please Hear Me on This – Not Me, But The Lord Jesus Christ

These are not Christian believers here – these are they who have been lied to...
And they want it so...

John 3:6-8, 14-21

That which is born of the flesh is flesh, and that which is born of the Spirit is spirit. :7 Do not marvel that I said to you, “You must be born again.” :8 The wind blows where it wishes, and you hear the sound of it, but cannot tell where it comes from and where it goes. So is everyone who is born of the Spirit.” :14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of Man be lifted up, :15 that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life. :16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life. :17 For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved. :18 ¶ “He who believes in Him is not condemned; but he who does not believe is condemned already, because he has not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God. :19 And this is the condemnation, that the light has come into the world, and men loved darkness rather than light, because their deeds were evil. :20 For everyone practicing evil hates the light and does not come to the light, lest his deeds should be exposed. :21 But he who does the truth comes to the light, that his deeds may be clearly seen,

Verse 23

...and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins (minds = Kidneys) and hearts:... and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

2 Corinthians 6:16-18

And what agreement hath the temple of God with idols? for ye are the temple of the living God; as God hath said, I will dwell in them, and walk in them; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. :17 Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the **unclean thing**; and I will receive you, :18 And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.

Lack of water, hurting kidneys

WHAT KIND OF CHURCH ARE YOU?

III.) *When God is trusted with OUR ETERNITY vv. 24-29*

:24 “Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. :25 But hold fast what you have till I come. :26 And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations—:27 “*He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels*”—as I also have received from My Father; :28 and I will give him the morning star. :29 ¶ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.”

When God is trusted with OUR ETERNITY

1.) *We will never look to another v.24-26*

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Known in the Dark Ages was a Saying;

The Church that is, is the Church that Shall be, The Universal Church Forever and Universal it Shall Reign!

And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations...

It was the Belief of the Church at Thyatira that because it was approved by Emperor Pontiff Maximus Constantine and by the Office religion of the State of Roman and the Noble Empire -
- The Newly Named Church, The Universal Church would **co-reign**, with Rome.

Their Doctrine was This That God Could only Be reached through a Mediator, This Mediator was Called His Mother, The Queen of Heaven – This was the Doctrine of Jezebel

Apart from her approval there was no entrance into heaven

When God is trusted with OUR ETERNITY

2.) We will never love another

v.21-22

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those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.*

those who commit adultery

Spiritual Adultery

Is the love of another more than the love of Jesus Christ

1 Timothy 2:5

For *there is one God and one Mediator between God and men, the Man Christ Jesus,*

To Pray to a Statue, an Icon, a Saint. If you are Praying to Peter, Paul and Mary
It is an abomination to God and Spiritual ADULTERY

No One Takes Jesus’ Place

When God is trusted with OUR ETERNITY

3.) We will never leave him for our comfort

v.27-29

—:27 *“He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s vessels’—as I also have received from My Father; :28 and I will give him the morning star. :29 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.” ’*

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