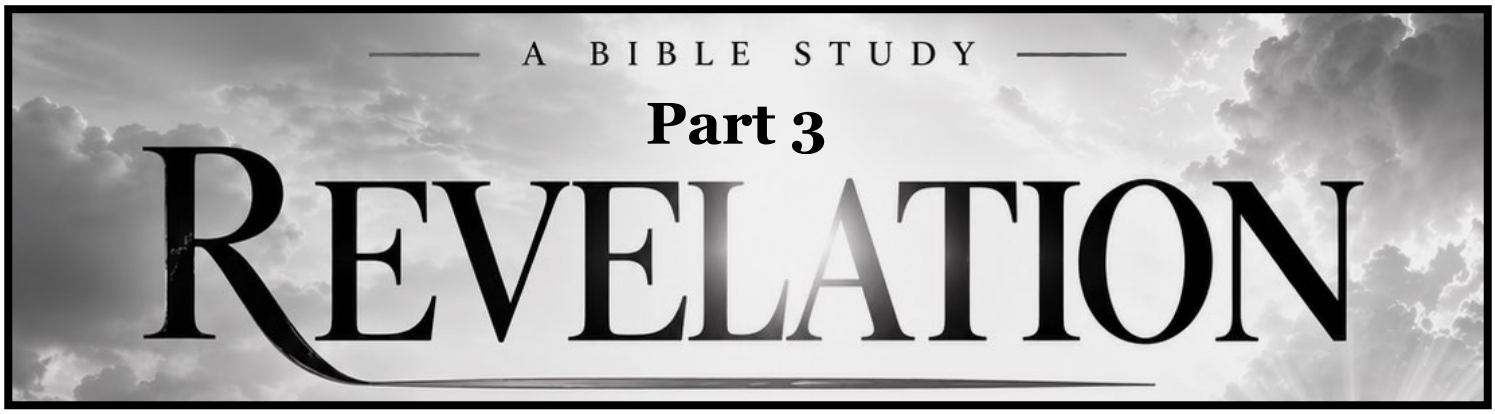


The churches that John wrote about in Revelation were in Asia Minor which is modern day Turkey. This is where the Ark settled, this is where Noah's family had a clean slate, a new start and free will to choose if they were going to continue in the footsteps of obedience like their father Noah or their own path.

John is being held as a prisoner on the Isle of Patmos for speaking the Truth about who Jesus is and what you must habitually do to be spend eternity in Heaven with Him. He is addressing the churches (what they are doing right/righteous and wrong or sin one last time before he went to be with Jesus.

The warnings, information or revelation by John was a bringing forth of all the divine mysteries of the other 65 books in the Bible. The warning to the 7 churches was not new information, it was not different information then what had already been spoken…it was the "never changing" Word of God.

The New Testament writers were not creating a "new" way of what it means to be obedient to God's Word but confirming that what the "Never Wrong" Prophets spoke in the Old Testament became true… He, the Way, the Truth, and the Life had come in the flesh in the exact way as was prophesied.

He, Jesus went away and is coming back in the clouds at the time of the rapture prior to the 7 year Tribulation (His Coming). Then, at the conclusion of the 7 year tribulation (consummation of the age), those who were "caught up together" or raptured will join Jesus and come down to set up the Millennium Reign in Israel.

Here are just some of the warnings from the New Testament writers and Jesus himself to the church prior to the 7 year Tribulation that John addresses in Revelation chapters 2 and 3.

Jude AMPC

3 ***Beloved,*** *my whole concern was to write to you in regard to our common salvation.* ***[But] I found it necessary and was impelled*** *to write you and urgently appeal to and exhort [you] to contend for the faith which was once for all handed down to the saints [the faith which is that sum of Christian belief which was delivered verbally to the holy people of God].*

4 For certain men have ***crept in stealthily*** *[gaining entrance secretly by a side door].* ***Their doom was predicted long ago, ungodly (impious, profane) persons who pervert the grace (the spiritual blessing and favor) of our God into lawlessness and wantonness and immorality,*** *and disown and deny our sole Master and Lord, Jesus Christ (the Messiah, the Anointed One).*

5 ***Now I want to remind you, though you were fully informed once for all, that though the Lord [at one time] delivered*** *a people out of the land of Egypt, H****e subsequently destroyed those [of them] who did not believe [who refused to adhere to, trust in, and rely upon Him].***

6 ***<u>And angels who did not keep</u>*** *(care for, guard, and hold to) their own first place of power but abandoned their proper dwelling place—these* ***<u>He has reserved in custody in eternal chains (bonds) under the thick gloom of utter darkness until the judgment and doom of the great day.</u>***
7 ***<u>[The wicked are sentenced to suffer]</u>*** *just as Sodom and Gomorrah and the adjacent towns—which likewise* ***<u>gave themselves over to impurity and indulged in unnatural vice and sensual perversity</u>*** *—are laid out [in plain sight] as an* ***<u>exhibit of perpetual punishment [to warn] of everlasting fire.</u>***
8 Nevertheless in like manner, ***<u>these dreamers also corrupt the body, scorn and reject authority and government, and revile and libel and scoff at [heavenly] glories (the glorious ones).</u>***

<u>Isaiah 56:10-12 AMPC</u>
10 [Israel's] **<u>watchmen are blind,</u>** they are all **<u>without knowledge;</u>** they are all **<u>dumb dogs</u>**, they **<u>cannot bark;</u>** **<u>dreaming</u>**, lying down, they love to slumber.
11 Yes, **<u>the dogs are greedy</u>**; they never have enough. And **<u>such are the shepherds who cannot understand</u>**; **<u>they have all turned to their own way,</u>** each one to his own gain, from every quarter [one and all].
12 Come, say they, **<u>We will fetch wine, and we will fill ourselves with strong drink!</u>** And tomorrow shall be as this day, a day great beyond measure.

<u>Proverbs 23:31-32 AMPC</u>
31 Do not look at wine when it is red, when it sparkles in the wineglass, when it goes down smoothly.
32 At the last it bites like a serpent and stings like an adder

Paul wrote to the church that he was astonished at how quickly they started following false teaching, watered down versions of the truth, following pastors who deleted "things" about sin, judgment, righteousness and the signs or prophesied things/signs to come, following religions that added to the "things" in God's Word. From works done unto religion instead of the "works" or acts of obedient to God's Word or Commands (James 2).

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Galatians 1:6-16 AMPC

6 I am ***surprised and astonished that you are so quickly turning renegade and deserting Him*** *Who invited and called you by the grace (unmerited favor) of Christ (the Messiah) [and that you are transferring your allegiance] to a different [even an opposition] gospel.*

7 ***Not that there is [or could be] any other [genuine Gospel],*** *but there are [obviously]* ***some who are troubling and disturbing and bewildering you*** *[with a* ***different kind of teaching*** *which they offer as a gospel] and want to* ***pervert and distort the Gospel of Christ*** *(the Messiah) [into something which it absolutely is not].*

8 ***But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to and different from that which we preached to you,*** *let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!*
9 As we said before, so I now say again: ***If anyone is preaching to you a gospel different from or contrary to that which you received [from us]****, let him be accursed (anathema, devoted to destruction, doomed to eternal punishment)!*
10 ***Now am I trying to win the favor of men, or of God? Do I seek to please men? If I were still seeking popularity with men, I should not be a bond servant of Christ (the Messiah).***
11 For I want you to know, brethren, ***that the Gospel which was proclaimed and made known by me is not man's gospel [a human invention, according to or patterned after any human standard].***
12 For indeed I did not receive it from man, nor was I taught it, but [it came to me] through a [direct] revelation [given] by Jesus Christ (the Messiah).
13 ***You have heard of my earlier career and former manner of life in the Jewish religion*** *(Judaism),* ***how I persecuted and abused the church of God furiously and extensively,*** *and [with fanatical zeal did my best] to make havoc of it and destroy it.*
14 And [you have heard how] I outstripped many of the men of my own generation among the people of my race in [my advancement in study and observance of the laws of] Judaism, ***so extremely enthusiastic and zealous I was for the traditions of my ancestors.***

15 But when He, Who had chosen and set me apart [even] before I was born and had called me by His grace (His undeserved favor and blessing), saw fit and was pleased
16 ***<u>To reveal (unveil, disclose) His Son within me</u>*** *so that I might proclaim Him among the Gentiles (the non-Jewish world) as the glad tidings (Gospel), immediately I did not confer with flesh and blood [did not consult or counsel with any frail human being or communicate with anyone].*

In the book of Revelation, John is addressing/reminding the churches although there were fully aware of what God expected of them…

<u>John 14:1-6 AMPC</u>
1 **<u>Do not let your hearts be troubled</u>** (distressed, agitated). You believe in **<u>and adhere to</u>** and trust in and rely on God; believe in and adhere to and trust in and rely also on Me.
2 In My Father's house there are many dwelling places (homes). If it were not so, I would have told you; for **<u>I am going away to prepare a place for you.</u>**
3 And when (if) I go and make ready a place for you, **<u>I will come back again and will take you to Myself, that where I am you may be also.</u>**
4 And [to the place] where I am going, you know the way.
5 Thomas said to Him, Lord, we do not know where You are going, so how can we know the way?
6 Jesus said to him, I am the Way and the Truth and the Life; **<u>no one comes to the Father except by (through) Me.</u>**

<u>John 1:1 AMPC</u>
1 In the beginning [before all time] was the Word (Christ), and the Word was with God, and the Word was God Himself.

Paul told Timothy that at the ***Time of the End, End of Days, Last Days*** **or in the** ***Latter Days*** that spiritually difficult times (perilous times) would occur in the church… deception, adding, deleting, false teaching etc. This is what John is describing when addressing the 7 churches in Revelation 2 & 3.

2 Timothy 3 AMPC

1 But understand this, that ***in the last days*** *will come (set in)* ***perilous times*** *of great stress and trouble [hard to deal with and hard to bear].*

2 For people will be lovers of self and [utterly] self-centered, lovers of money and aroused by an inordinate [greedy] desire for wealth, proud and arrogant and contemptuous boasters. They will be abusive (blasphemous, scoffing), disobedient to parents, ungrateful, ***unholy and profane.***

3 [They will be] without natural [human] affection (callous and inhuman), relentless (admitting of no truce or appeasement); [they will be] slanderers (false accusers, troublemakers), intemperate and ***loose in morals and conduct****, uncontrolled and fierce,* ***haters of good****.*

4 [They will be] treacherous [betrayers], rash, [and] inflated with self-conceit. [They will be] lovers of sensual pleasures and ***vain amusements*** *more than and rather than lovers of God.*

5 For [although] they hold a form of piety (true religion), they deny and reject and are strangers to the power of it ***[their conduct belies the genuineness of their profession]. Avoid [all] such people [turn away from them].***

*6 For among them are those who worm their way into homes and **captivate silly and weak-natured and spiritually dwarfed women**, loaded down with [the burden of their] sins [and easily] swayed and led away by various evil desires and seductive impulses.*
*7 [**These weak women will listen to anybody who will teach them]; they are forever inquiring and getting information, but are never able to arrive at a recognition and knowledge of the Truth.***
14 But as for you, continue to hold to the things that you have learned and of which you are convinced, knowing from whom you learned [them],
15 And how from your childhood you have had a knowledge of and been acquainted with the sacred Writings, which are able to instruct you and give you the understanding for salvation which comes through faith in Christ Jesus [through the leaning of the entire human personality on God in Christ Jesus in absolute trust and confidence in His power, wisdom, and goodness].
*16 Every Scripture is God-breathed (given by His inspiration) and **profitable for instruction**, for **reproof** and **conviction of sin**, for **correction of error** and **discipline in obedience**, [and] for **training in righteousness** (in holy living, in conformity to God's will in thought, purpose, and action),*
17 So that the man of God may be complete and proficient, well fitted and thoroughly equipped for every good work.

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2 Timothy 4:1-8 AMPC

1 I charge [you] in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, Who is to ***judge the living and the dead****, and by (****in the light of) His coming*** *and* ***His kingdom:***

2 Herald and preach ***the Word!*** ***Keep your sense of urgency*** *[stand by, be at hand and ready], whether the opportunity seems to be* ***favorable or unfavorable****. [Whether it is* ***convenient or inconvenient****, whether it is* ***welcome or unwelcome****, you as preacher of the Word are to show people in what way their lives are wrong.] And convince them, rebuking and correcting, warning and urging and encouraging them, being unflagging and inexhaustible in patience and teaching.*

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3 For the time is coming when ***[people] will not tolerate (endure) sound and wholesome instruction,*** *but, having ears itching* ***[for something pleasing and gratifying]****, they will* ***gather to themselves one teacher after another to a considerable number, chosen to satisfy their own liking and to foster the errors they hold,***

4 And will ***turn aside from hearing the truth and wander off into myths and man-made fictions.***

5 As for you, be calm and cool and steady, ***accept and suffer unflinchingly every hardship,*** *do the work of an evangelist, fully perform all the duties of your ministry.*

6 ***<u>For I am already about to be sacrificed</u>*** *[my life is about to be poured out as a drink offering]; the time of my [spirit's] release [from the body] is at hand* ***<u>and I will soon go free.</u>***
7 ***<u>I have fought the good (worthy, honorable, and noble) fight, I have finished the race, I have kept (firmly held) the faith.</u>***
8 [As to what remains] henceforth there is laid up for me the [victor's] ***<u>crown of righteousness [for being right with God and doing right],</u>*** *which the Lord,* ***<u>the righteous Judge,</u>*** *will award to me* ***<u>and recompense me</u>*** *on that [great] day—and not to me only, but also to all those who have loved and yearned for and welcomed His appearing (His return).*

Recompense Defined: to make amends to (someone) for loss or harm suffered; to compensate; to pay or reward (someone) for their effort or work:

Paul told Timothy, I know that the sacrifices I have made for the sake of the Kingdom of God, for the witness of Jesus Christ, the Word… I know I will be rewarded when I get to heaven and any harm or any loss will be restored for being a slave (bond servant) to the Gospel.

In Revelation chapter 2 and 3 John is telling the church that deception would come in the church, mocking the rapture, sin, judgement righteousness… the 3 things that Paul told Timothy to use as the guide for telling people the truth in the Last Days. John was pulling forward the last "things" Peter wrote to the church before he was killed for telling people the Truth.

2 Peter 3:1-9 AMPC

1 ***Beloved,*** *I am now writing you this second letter. In [both of] them I have stirred up your unsullied (sincere) mind by way of remembrance,*

2 That you should ***recall the predictions of the holy (consecrated, dedicated) prophets and the commandment of the Lord and Savior [given] through your apostles (His special messengers).***

3 To begin with, you must ***know and understand this, that scoffers (mockers) will come in the last days with scoffing, [people who] walk after their own fleshly desires***

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4 And say, ***Where is the promise of His coming?*** *For since the forefathers fell asleep, all things have continued exactly as they did from the beginning of creation.*

5 For they ***willfully overlook and forget this [fact]****, that the heavens [came into] existence long ago by the word of God, and the earth also which was formed out of water and by means of water,*

6 ***Through which the world that then [existed] was deluged with water and perished.***

9 ***The Lord does not delay and is not tardy or slow about what He promises,*** *according to some people's conception of slowness, but He is long-suffering (extraordinarily patient) toward you,* ***not desiring that any should perish, but that all should turn to repentance.***

This is what Jesus told His disciples who walked with Him for 3 1/2 years… that if they heard and followed false teaching and/or didn't hear the whole Truth (deleted) that they could be deceived and caught unaware by His Coming in the clouds, the Rapture.

Matthew 24:3-5 AMPC

3 While He was seated on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to Him privately and said, Tell us, when will this take place, and what will be the sign of ***Your coming*** *and of* ***the end (the completion, the consummation) of the age?***

4 Jesus answered them, ***Be careful that no one misleads you [deceiving you and leading you into error].***

5 For ***many will come in (on the strength of) My name*** *[appropriating the name which belongs to Me], saying, I am the Christ (the Messiah),* ***and they will lead many astray.***

The book of Revelation *reveals* five central revelations:

- O It is a picture of the church (many Matt 24) that have lost their way (the apostate church or one world religion) before the 7 year tribulation
- O It is a revelation of earth's final seven years (Daniel's 70th week)
- O It is a revelation of the final judgments predicted by Old Testament prophets
- O It is revelation of the Messiah returning to earth, setting up His Kingdom
- O It is a revelation of God's eternal plan for His people (everything ends in eternity)

The information about these churches (7) were from the angels over that church which were supposed to be filled with the 7 fold spirit of Jesus. (Isaiah 11:1-2)

Revelation 1:4 AMPC
4 ***John to the seven assemblies (churches) that are in Asia:*** *May grace (God's unmerited favor) be granted to you and spiritual peace (the peace of Christ's kingdom)* ***from Him Who is and Who was and Who is to come,*** *and from* ***the seven Spirits*** *[the sevenfold Holy Spirit] before His throne,*

At the time the Apostle John wrote the Book of Revelation (around the late 1st century AD while exiled on the island of Patmos), this area was organized under the Roman Empire as the Roman province of Asia or Asia Minor which is modern day Turkey. The land that the Ark rested, the land where each son and a choice to go: Shem, Ham and Japheth, and the land that separates the Eastern and Western Roman Empire.

The seven spirits represent the seven spirits found in the "one to come" spoken of by the Never Wrong Prophet Isaiah. He foretold of the Messiah and the manifestations of the Holy Spirit He would have and what is to be found in the Church and in the Pastor.

Isaiah 11:1-2 AMPC
1 And there shall come forth a Shoot out of the stock of Jesse [David's father], and a Branch out of his roots shall grow and bear fruit.

2 And the Spirit of the Lord shall rest upon Him—the Spirit of ***wisdom*** *and* ***understanding****, the Spirit of* ***counsel*** *and* ***might****, the Spirit of* ***knowledge*** *and of the* ***reverential*** *and* ***obedient fear*** *of the Lord.*

These message were to the churches at that time and the churches right before the rapture of the church. These churches, leaders, ideologies were the same that existed that Peter, Paul, Timothy had been preaching and teaching about: sin, judgment, righteousness and the "things" to come that was prophesied.

Revelation 2:1 AMPC
1 To the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in Ephesus write: These are the words of Him Who holds the seven stars [which are the messengers of the seven churches] in His right hand, Who goes about among the seven golden lampstands [which are the seven churches]:

Last week we looked at the church in Ephesus and Smyrna and here is the third church… Pergamum.

Revelation 2:12-17 AMPC
12 Then to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in ***Pergamum*** *write:* ***These are the words of Him Who has and wields the sharp two-edged sword:***
13 I know where you live—a place where Satan sits enthroned. [Yet] you are clinging to and holding fast My name, and you did not deny My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed (martyred) in your midst—where Satan dwells.

14 ***Nevertheless, I have a few things against you:*** *you have some people there who are clinging to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to set a trap and a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, [to entice them] to eat food that had been sacrificed to idols* ***and to practice lewdness [giving themselves up to sexual vice].***
15 You also have some who in a similar way are ***clinging to the teaching of the Nicolaitans [those corrupters of the people] which thing I hate.***
16 ***Repent [then]!*** *Or else I will come to you quickly and fight against them with the sword of My mouth.*
17 He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the Spirit says to the assemblies (churches). To him who overcomes (conquers), I will give to eat of the manna that is hidden, and I will give him a white stone with a new name engraved on the stone, which no one knows or understands except he who receives it.

Pergamos means: "elevation," built on a hill overlooking the city; Asia Minor's capital. The city had a temple to Caesar and also Zeus and was a stronghold city for idols. Patron goddess was Athena – she was believed to protect the city. It was called the "place where Satan dwells" and where "Satan's seat" was located. **It was home of the Nicolaitans (the church in Ephesus also followed the ideology of the Nicolaitans.**

Who were the Nicolaitons?
The Nicolaitans were a religious group/movement/ideology under the veil of christianity condemned by Jesus. They taught that Christians could blend in with pagan Roman culture,…

attend their functions, participate in temple rituals outside of God's Word and be sexual immoral without harming their spiritual standing.

They abused the Christian doctrine of grace, claiming that bodily indulgence did not affect the soul and that moral boundaries were no longer required under freedom in Christ. Their teachings are linked directly to the teaching of Balaam, referring to the Old Testament figure who seduced the Israelites into idolatry and sexual immorality.

Although there were doing something things right or righteous, the church (several in the area) in Pergamum was teaching and following false doctrines and they were told to repent.

Revelation 2:18-29 AMPC
18 And to the angel (messenger) of the assembly (church) in ***Thyatira*** *write: These are the words of the Son of God, Who has eyes that flash like a flame of fire, and Whose feet glow like bright and burnished and white-hot bronze:*
19 ***I know your record and what you are doing****, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that* ***your recent works are more numerous and greater than your first ones.***
20 ***But I have this against you:*** *that* ***you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants*** *and* ***beguiling*** *them into* ***practicing sexual vice*** *and eating food sacrificed to idols.*

Beguiling defined: charming, enchanting in a deceptive way.

Genesis 3:1 AMPC

1 Now the serpent was more **subtle and crafty** than any living creature of the field which the Lord God had made. And he [Satan] said to the woman, Can it really be that God has said, You shall not eat from every tree of the garden?

Crafty defined: someone who is clever at achieving their goals using indirect, sneaky, or underhanded methods.

Note: "Crafty" is a synonym for "beguiling"

Revelation 2:20 AMPC

20 ***But I have this against you: that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess [claiming to be inspired], and who is teaching and leading astray my servants and beguiling them into practicing sexual vice and eating food sacrificed to idols.***

Characteristics of the Jezebel Spirit

- O Jezebel's ultimate goal is always control.
- O The Jezebel spirit is always motivated by its own agenda, which it relentlessly pursues. takes people out in their way
- O The Jezebel spirit attacks, dominates or manipulates, especially male authority.
- O Queen Jezebel usurped political authority of the kingdom. This spirit's ultimate goal is to conquer or neutralize the prophet or that one who tells the truth, because a discerning leader is its greatest enemy.
- O Jezebel causes fear, flight and discouragement.

- This spirit often causes a spiritual leader to flee from his appointed place by character assassination and ruining his reputation.
- People under Jezebel's influence are natural leaders, although often covertly.
- The Jezebel spirit attempt to seek out people of influence to win their ear, gain credibility and win endorsement for their toxic cause.
- People under Jezebel's influence are often insecure and wounded, with pronounced egocentric needs. (only think of themselves)
- They are often trying to fill a love deficit. People under Jezebel's control always have deep, unhealed wounds from sources such as rejection, resistance, fear, insecurity, self-preservation and bitterness, which in turn, spreads its defilement to many. (contaminates)
- The Jezebel spirit functions subtlety and deceptively. People controlled by Jezebel use flattery to win you over to their domination. Jezebel spirits are masters of manipulation by guilt and undermining or discrediting another's influence. Those under Jezebel's control use flirtation or flattery and are extremely jealous of anyone they perceive to be a threat.
- Ultimately, people under Jezebel's influence are proud, independent and rebellious. (who are their lieutenants) Rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft (1 Sam. 15:23) and will attempt to control others through any means other than the Holy Spirit.

- O It takes an Ahab to let a Jezebel spirit operate unchallenged. (as long as they get paid or get to do what they want) Those under Jezebel's influence do not operate without someone under an Ahab spirit's influence enabling them to function.
- O A Jezebel spirit is always in alignment with a religious spirit. Both Jezebel in the Old Testament and Revelation in the New Testament operated under the cover of religion. Its religious deeds are done for all to see. Look how much I do for the kingdom of God….True and pure spiritual gifts attract people to Jesus, not to the people who exercise the gifts.
- O The families of people under Jezebel's influence are often out of order. (rebellious and troubled children) Those under Jezebel's influence control their partners and cause their children to take sides, grow up insecure, disrespect their fathers, feel manipulated and become distrustful toward true authority.

Revelation 2:21-29 AMPC

21 ***I gave her time to repent, but she has no desire to repent*** *of her immorality [symbolic of idolatry] and refuses to do so.*

22 ***Take note: I will*** *throw her on a bed [of anguish],* ***and those who commit adultery with her*** *[her paramours] I will bring down to pressing distress and severe affliction,* ***unless they turn away their minds from conduct [such as] hers and repent of their doings.***

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*23 And **I will strike her children (her proper followers) dead [thoroughly exterminating them]**. And **all the assemblies (churches) shall recognize and understand that I am He Who searches minds (the thoughts, feelings, and purposes) and the [inmost] hearts,** and I will give to each of you [the reward for what you have done] as your work deserves.*
24 But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not explored and known the depths of Satan, as they say—I tell you that I do not lay upon you any other [fresh] burden:
25 Only hold fast to what you have until I come.
*26 And **he who overcomes (is victorious) and who obeys My commands to the [very] end [doing the works that please Me]**, I will give him authority and power over the nations;*
27 And he shall rule them with a sceptre (rod) of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, and [his power over them shall be] like that which I Myself have received from My Father;
28 And I will give him the Morning Star.
29 He who is able to hear, let him listen to and heed what the [Holy] Spirit says to the assemblies (churches).

Thyatira was located inland in Asia Minor and the city was built in a valley with many trade routes running through it. They had a wide variety of different forms of art, carvings, jewelry, oils and scents for multiple different cultures outside of their location for sale. The chief deity was Apollo, who was said to be linked with the power of the sun. Thyatira had allowed a Jezebel spirit to seduce the men in the church to do "things" contrary to God's Commands.

In Greco-Roman mythology, Apollo is best known as the Olympian god of music, poetry, prophecy, healing, and light.

Music and Arts: He invented the lyre and served as the leader of the Muses (Musagetes), embodying harmony, rhythm, and artistic inspiration.

Prophecy and Oracles: He communicated the will of his father, Zeus, to mortals, most famously through the Oracle at Delphi, where priestesses shared visions of the future.

Healing and Disease: He possessed a dual nature as both a divine healer and a bringer of plague or sudden death, wielding a silver or golden bow (the far-shooter).

Civic and Pastoral Protection: He guarded flocks and herds, protected young people, and presided over religious law and city foundations

Sun and Light: Often called Phoebus ("bright" or "pure"), he became closely linked with the sun and illumination, though the Titan Helios was the original personification of the sun itself.

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Just like the churches we've looked at in Revelation chapter 2, Paul was addressing, warning, teaching the church to prepare them for the Coming of Jesus and not to be deceived by a false light… ***Jesus is the Light of the World.*** (John 8:12)

2 Corinthians 11:10-15 AMPC

10 As the truth of Christ is in me, this my boast [of independence] shall not be debarred (silenced or checked) in the regions of Achaia (most of Greece).

11 And why? Because I do not love you [do not have a preference for you, wish you well, and regard your welfare]? God perceives and knows that I do!

12 But what I do, I will continue to do, [for I am determined to maintain this independence] in order to cut off the claim of those who would like [to find an occasion and incentive] to claim that in their boasted [mission] they work on the same terms that we do.

13 For such men are false apostles [spurious, counterfeits], deceitful workmen, masquerading as apostles (special messengers) of Christ (the Messiah).

14 ***And it is no wonder, for Satan himself masquerades as an angel of light;***

15 So it is not surprising if his servants also masquerade as ministers of righteousness. [But] their end will correspond with their deeds.

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