

Assembly at Thyatira

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Location



Leading idea for each Assembly

- Ephesus – A cooling heart
- Smyrna – A crushed heart
- Pergamum - A compromising heart
- Thyatira – A Careless heart
- Sardis – A cold heart
- Philadelphia – A committed heart
- Laodicea – A complacent heart

Meaning of the names

Name of the Assembly	Meaning	Prophetic timelines
EPHESUS	Desirable	70-170 AD
SMYRNA	S-myrrh-NA - The sweet-bitterness of myrrh	170-312
PERGAMOS	Marriage. Mixture	312-606
THYATIRA	Continual Burning	606 – Rapture
SARDIS	A Remnant escaping	1517 – Rapture
PHILADELPHIA	Brotherly Love	1750 – Rapture
LAODICEA	The Rights of the People	1900 - Rapture

Discourse for each Assembly

Destination

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Reading from Rev 2:18-29

Re 2:18 ¶ And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet *are* like fine brass;

Re 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.

Re 2:20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

Re 2:21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

Re 2:22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds.

Re 2:23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

Re 2:24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

Re 2:25 But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.

Re 2:26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

Re 2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.

Re 2:28 And I will give him the morning star.

Re 2:29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

Destination

1. Thyatira was a smaller city located further inland in the fertile Lycus River valley.
2. It was initially founded as a Greek colony by Seleuces one of the Alexander's generals – this city was named Thyatira in honour of his daughter's birth
3. It once belonged to the kingdom of Pergamum
4. According to Acts 16:14, Thyatira was the home of Lydia, a "dealer in purple cloth" and a "worshiper of God" whom Paul encountered at Philippi in Macedonia.
5. The city had a significance in connection with the dye industry
6. This is the longest of the 7 letters and is the only other letter with a name mentioned

Presentation – Rev 2:18

Re 2:18 ¶ And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the **Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;**



- 1) This city was supposed to a frontier city to guard against intrusions
- 2) With the defeat of Seleucus by the Romans the military power was only a memory and the significance was lost
- 3) Fine brass was used to make weapons for the Roman legions this industry was well known in the city
- 4) The Lord introduces himself as the “Son of God” in warrior power
- 5) The Lord presents as "The Son of God," but He has at least ten other "Son" titles. He is Son of the Father, Son of the Blessed, Son of the Highest, Son of Mary, Son of Joseph, Son of the Carpenter, Son of David, Son of Abraham, Son of Man, Son of His Love. "Son of God" is full of Divine authority and personal glory.

Coinage of the City represented the sun-god as a warrior riding with a double edged battle axe symbol of power

Commendation

Re 2:19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last *to be* more than the first.

- 1) Works – this assembly abounded with works, there was progress as far as works were concerned
- 2) Love – unfeigned love toward the Lord and the believers
- 3) Faith – willingness to believe and hence obey
- 4) Ministry – serving one another
- 5) Patience (endurance) – continuing in the face of difficult circumstances

Condemnation (Rev 2:20-23)

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Lu 2:36 And there was one Anna, a **prophetess**, the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Aser: she was of a great age, and had lived with an husband seven years from her virginity; - the only other Prophetess in the NT, but was a OT prophetess

Jezebel

1. Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians, and went and served Baal, and worshipped him. **1Kgs 16:31**
2. Cut off the prophets of the Lord – 1 Kgs 18:4
3. She had a table where the prophets of Baal ate – 1 Kgs 18:19
4. Vowed to kill Elijah – 1Kgs 19: 2
5. Conspired against Naboth and killed him 1 Kgs 21 : 8 to 10
6. She stirred up Ahab to do wickedly – 1Kgs 21:25, now she seduced the believers to commit fornication (v20) – she taught that it was fine to be part of the temple gatherings as part of the guilds and therefore obtain jobs.
7. She repented not - **Re 2:21** And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. – she willed not to repent – “the space to repent” would be a divine warning that God gave through possibly John.

Condemnation – 7 things introduced by the Catholic Church

1. Trans-substantiation – As defined by Pope Pius IV – In the mass is offered to God a true, proper and propitiatory sacrifice for the living and the dead . In the most holy Eucharist there is truly, actually and really the body of Christ together with the soul and divinity of the Lord Jesus Christ.
2. Mary worship
3. Canonize – saint worship
4. Relic worship
5. Purgatory
6. Extreme Unction – a minister if sent for and the sick is given bread and the lips sealed it is believed that after death there would be a short time in purgatory
7. Oracular Confession

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3 Fold Judgment

1. **Person** – “cast her into a bed” – this is indicative of sickness
2. **Partners** – “great tribulation” – in the absence of a definite article this need to be distinguished from “the great tribulation” – **Rev 7: 14** And I said to him, My lord, *thou* knowest. And he said to me, These are they who come out of the great tribulation
3. **Progeny** – Her children – those who were nurtured by her teaching and produced features similar to Jezebel

Exhortation Rev 2:24-28

Re 2:24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

Re 2:25 But that which ye have *already* hold fast till I come.

- 1) The overcomers as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan – they were not stained with this doctrine of corruption nor did they indulge in fornication
- 2) I will put upon you none other burden – they carried the burden of holding the correct doctrine
- 3) Rule and administration - **Re 2:26** And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will **I give power over the nations:**
Re 2:27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. – This is reference to the battle of the “great day of God Almighty 16:14)
- 4) Morning Star – is reference to Christ (2Pe 1:19, [Re 2:28](#); [22:16](#).)

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