



The

Revelation of **Jesus Christ**

6. The Lord's message to the churches - Thyatira

He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the churches.

Blessed is he who **reads** and those who **hear**
the words of this prophecy,
and **keep** those things which are written in it;
for the time is near.

(Revelation 1:3)

Overview of the first two sections

Chapter 1

- Introduction
- The first vision – Christ in the midst of the lampstands

Chapters 2 & 3

- **The Lord's messages to the 7 churches** ←

Chapters 4 & 5

- All heaven worships God upon His throne
- The Lamb takes the sealed scroll and is worshipped

Chapters 6 & 7 and 8:1

- The scroll's seven seals are opened



*“Write what you see in a book
and send it to the seven churches...
(Revelation 1:11)*



“Write what you see in a book and send it to the seven churches...”



- To the angel/messenger of the church in...
- These things says He who...
- **I know your works...**
- Commendation and/or correction, and **guidance**
- A promise **to each one who overcomes** the local challenges
- The call to hear what is said **to the churches**

**To the messenger of
the church in Thyatira
write...**



Thyatira in history

Now a certain woman named **Lydia** heard us. She was a seller of **purple** from the city of **Thyatira**...

(In Philippi - Acts 16:14)

In the 1st century Thyatira was known for its **dyeing** facilities, particularly the **purple cloth** trade. Many trade guilds existed, each with a patron god that had to be honoured.



The Guild of **purple-dyers** whose workshops were on the eighteenth street...



The madder plant (*Rubia tinctorum*)



Or messenger

To the angel of the church in Thyatira
write:

Revelation 1:14-15 { These things says **the Son of God**,
who has **eyes** like a flame of fire,
and His **feet** like fine brass...
(Revelation 2:18)

I know your works...

✓ your **love** → ✓ your **service**
✓ your **faith** → ✓ your **patient endurance**

and as for your works, the last **are more** than the first.
(Revelation 2:19)

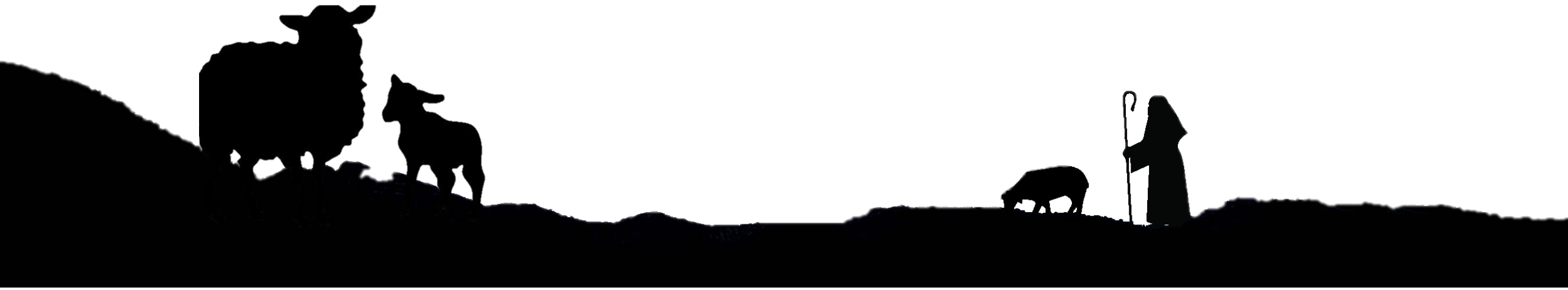
But I have this against you...

that you tolerate that woman **Jezebel**,

The depths of Satan...
(Revelation 2:24)

who calls herself a prophetess
and is **teaching** and **seducing my servants**

- to practice sexual immorality
 - and to eat food sacrificed to idols.
- } The local idolatrous
customs and behaviour
(Revelation 2:20)



Who is Jezebel?

Ahab took as wife **Jezebel** the daughter of Ethbaal, king of the Sidonians
(1 Kings 16:31)

Jezebel massacred the prophets of the LORD...
(1 Kings 18:4)

...the 400 prophets of **Asherah**, who eat at **Jezebel's** table.
(1 Kings 18:19)

There was no one like **Ahab** who sold himself to do wickedness
in the sight of the LORD, because **Jezebel** his wife stirred him up.
(1 Kings 21:25)

Who is Jezebel?

And concerning **Jezebel** the LORD also spoke, saying,
*“The dogs shall eat **Jezebel** by the wall of Jezreel.”*

(1 Kings 21:23)

When Jehu came to Jezreel, **Jezebel** heard of it. And she painted her eyes and adorned her head and looked out of the window.

(2 Kings 9:30)

They threw her down ... and they trampled on her.

(2 Kings 9:33)

But when they went to bury her, they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands.


(2 Kings 9:35)

The corpse of **Jezebel** shall be as dung on the face of the field in the territory of Jezreel, so that no one can say, ‘This is **Jezebel**.’

(2 Kings 9:37)

But I have this against you...

You tolerate that woman **Jezebel**...

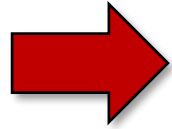


I gave her time to repent,
but **she refuses to repent** of her sexual immorality.
Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed,
and those who commit adultery with her
into great tribulation, **unless they repent of her works,**
and I will strike her children dead...

(Revelation 2:21-23)

But I have this against you...

You tolerate that woman **Jezebel**...



...and all the churches will know that
I am He who searches minds and hearts,
and I will give to each of you according to **your works**.
(Revelation 2:23)



*The kingdom of heaven is like a man traveling
to a far country, who called his own servants
and delivered his goods to them...*


(Matthew 25:14)

HOLD FAST!

But to the rest of you in **Thyatira**...
to you I say, **I do not lay on you any other burden.**

But **hold fast** what you have **until I come.**

(Revelation 2:24-25)

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| ✓ your love | → | ✓ your service |
| ✓ your faith | → | ✓ your patient endurance |

Gracious promises...

Who overcomes
these challenges

To the one who conquers
and who continues in **my works** until the end,

I will give him **authority** over the nations—

*he will rule them with an iron rod
and like clay jars he will break them to pieces,*

Psalm 2:9

just as I have received the right to rule from My Father...

(Revelation 2:26-27)

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...and I will give him **the morning star**.

(Revelation 2:26-28)

2 Peter 2:19

*I am the root and
the descendant of David,
the **bright morning star**.*

(Revelation 22:16)

Pay attention!

He who has an ear,
let him hear what **the Spirit**
says to **the churches**.

(Revelation 2:29)

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Revelation 2:18-29

What have we seen in Thyatira?

✓ your **love**



✓ your **service**

✓ your **faith**



✓ your **patient endurance**



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