

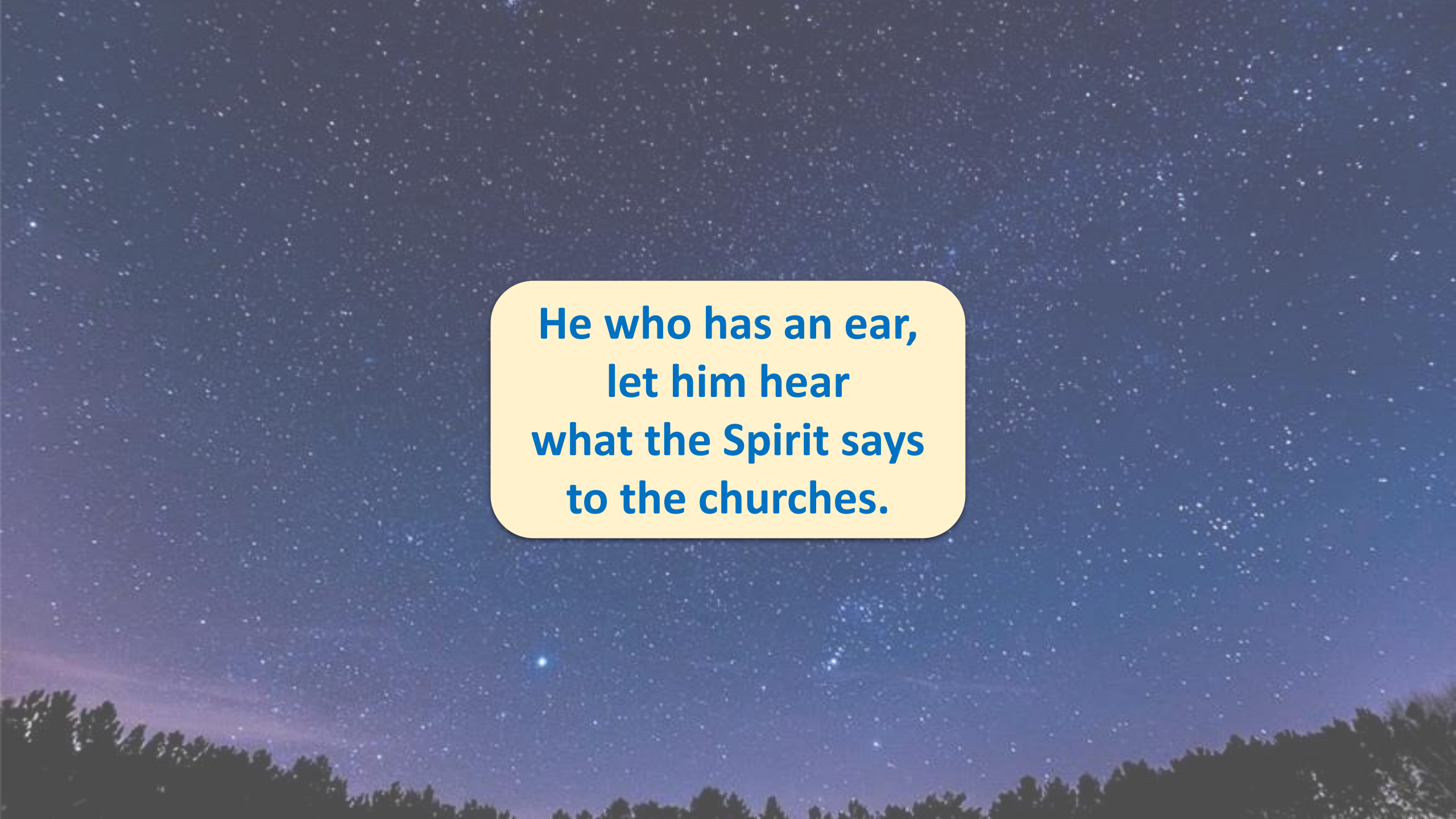


The

Revelation of **Jesus Christ**

An overview

6. The Lord's message to Thyatira



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

Overview of the first section

Chapter 1

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- The Lamb takes the sealed scroll and is worshipped

Chapters 6 & 7 and 8:1

- The scroll's seven seals are opened



The Lord's messages to the seven churches

"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...”

Ephesus

Smyrna

Pergamum

Thyatira

Sardis

Philadelphia

Laodicea

Ephesus

“You have left your first love...”

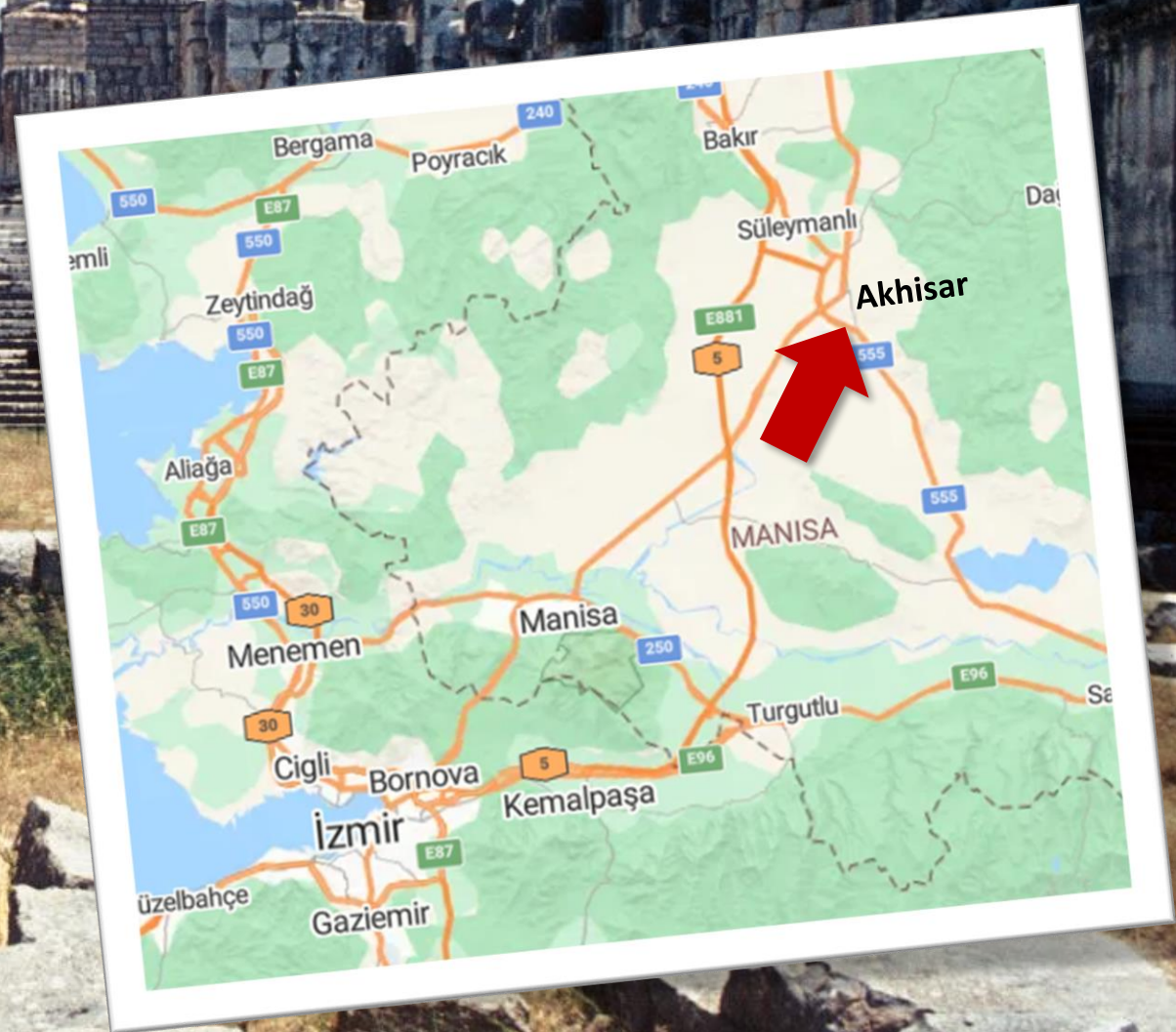
Smyrna

“Be faithful until death,
and I will give you the crown of life.”

Pergamum

“You did not deny My faith...
But I have a few things against you...”

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



Thyatira in history

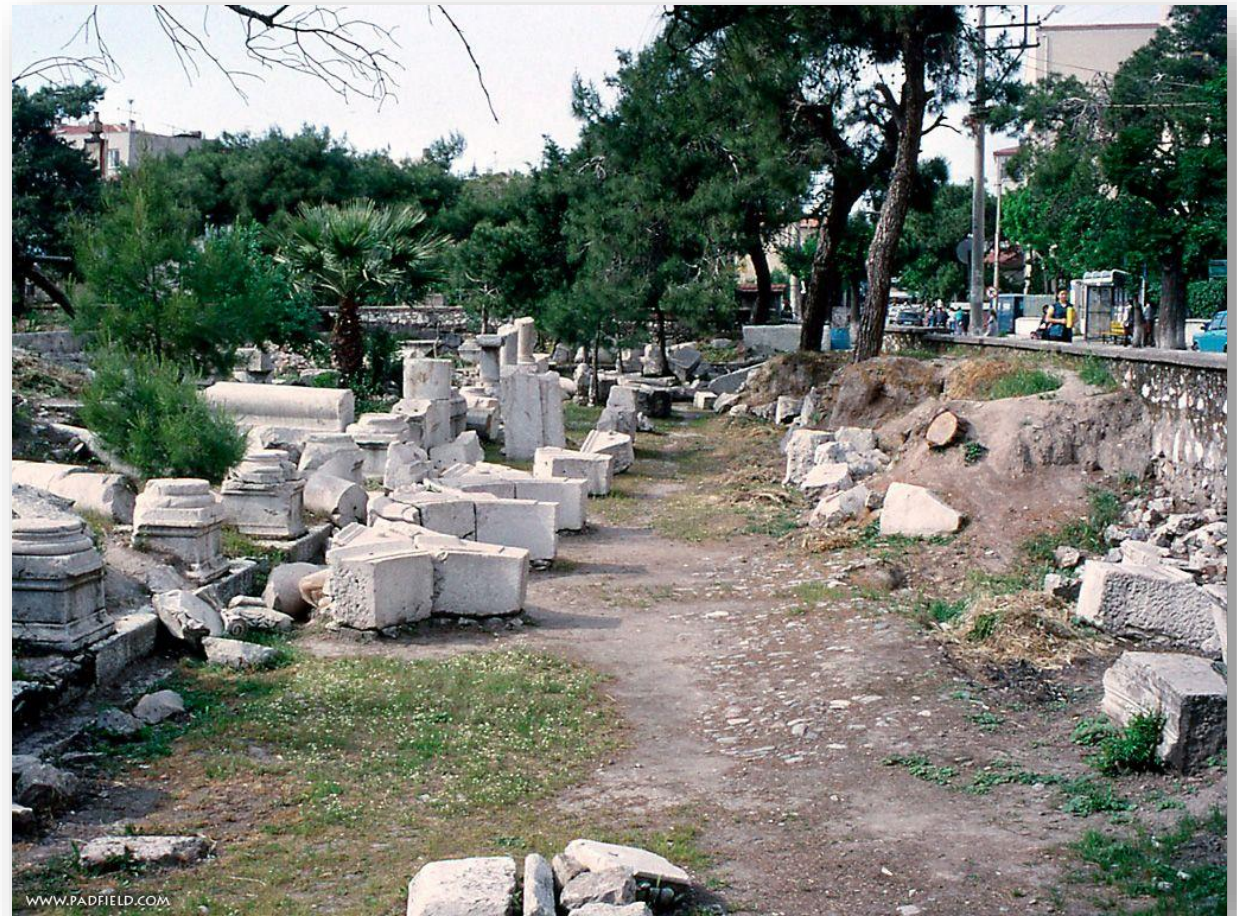
Thyatira was known for its **dyeing** facilities, particularly the **purple cloth** trade. There were many **trade guilds**, with a **god** as patron and idolatrous feasts held in its honour.



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



The madder plant
(*Rubia tinctorum*)



Now a certain woman named **Lydia** heard us.
She was a seller of **purple** from the city of **Thyatira**...
(In Philippi - Acts 16:14)

All the believers

To the angel of the church
in Thyatira write:

Polished or fine
bronze or brass

As seen in the vision
(Revelation 1:14-15)

The words of **the Son of God**,
who has **eyes** like a flame of fire,
and whose **feet** are like burnished bronze.

(Revelation 2:18)



The words of **the Son of God**

I know your works...

✓ your **love**



✓ your **service**

✓ your **faith**



✓ your **patient endurance**

Unlike the church
in Ephesus...

Like the church
in Smyrna...

and that your latter works **exceed** the first.

(Revelation 2:19)

The words of **the Son of God**

But I have this against you...

Who is Jezebel?

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 idolatrous
customs of Thyatira

(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?

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, adorned her head and looked out of the window.

They [the eunuchs] threw her down ... and they trampled on her.

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.

(See 2 Kings 9)

But I have this against you...

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

God's mercy

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
I will throw into great tribulation,
unless they repent of her works,
and I will strike her children dead...

Followers

(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 **mind** and **heart**,
and I will give to each of you according to **your works**.

Man looks at
the outward appearance,
but the LORD
looks at the heart.
(1 Samuel 16:7)

(Revelation 2:23)

Each of us
will give an account
of himself to God.
(Romans 14:12)

The words of **the Son of God**

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

Only **hold fast** what you have **until I come**.
(Revelation 2:24-25)

✓ your **love**



✓ your **service**

✓ your **faith**



✓ your **patient endurance**



The words of **the Son of God**

Who overcomes
these challenges

The one who conquers
and who keeps **my works** until the end,

To him I will give him **authority** over the nations and

*he will rule them with a rod of iron,
as when earthen pots are broken in pieces,*

Psalm 2:9

even as I Myself have received authority 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

So, what have we seen in Thyatira?



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