

## Bible Study

### Letters to the Seven Churches of Asia Minor (Revel. 2 – 3)

#### Letter to the Church in Thyatira. Wayward Church

##### **Text:**

18: “To the angel of the church in Thyatira write: These are the words of the Son of God, whose eyes are like blazing fire and whose feet are like burnished bronze. 19: I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first.

20: Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols. 21: I have given her time to repent of her immorality, but she is unwilling. 22: So I will cast her on a bed of suffering, and I will make those who commit adultery with her suffer intensely, unless they repent of her ways. 23: I will strike her children dead. Then all the churches will know that I am he who searches hearts and minds, and I will repay each of you according to your deeds.

24: Now I say to the rest of you in Thyatira, to you who do not hold to her teaching and have not learned Satan’s so-called deep secrets, ‘I will not impose any other burden on you, 25: except to hold on to what you have until I come.’

26 To the one who is victorious and does my will to the end, I will give authority over the nations— 27: that one ‘will rule them with an iron scepter and will dash them to pieces like pottery’—just as I have received authority from my Father. 28: I will also give that one the morning star. 29: Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

##### **Study questions:**

1. How does Jesus call Himself in the Letter to the church in Thyatira? What qualities of Jesus does this title point at? What other Scriptures can you find that support this truth about Christ?
2. What does Jesus know about this church? List everything that Jesus tells about this church.
3. Does Jesus complement this church or criticize it?
4. What does “Jezebel” mean? Why is she called “prophetess”?
5. What does Jesus warn this church about and what does it need to change?
6. What does it mean “Satan’s so-called deep secrets”?
7. What promise or reward is given to the victor?
8. What does it mean that the victor will “rule with an iron scepter”? What is “the morning star”?
9. What warning to the church of Thyatira can contemporary Christians apply to themselves?
10. How can you prepare to the coming of Christ reading about this church?