

# *A Study of the End Times!*

*The Revelation of Jesus Christ*



# **Our Journey Through the Book of Revelation!**

**The Text:**

***Revelation 2:18-29!***

**The Title:**

***Our Lord's Message to the Church: Then & Now!***

**The Theme:**

***Revealing of the Things  
Which Must Shortly Come to Pass!***

# **Our Approach to the Book of Revelation!**

**The Outline is revealed in Revelation 1:19:**

**Chapter One / The Past**

**The Things Which Were!**

**Chapters Two and Three / The Present**

**The Things Which Are!**

**Chapters Four through Twenty-Two / The Future**

**The Things Which Must Take Place!**

## II. (2:1-3:22) Focus is Present: Write The Things Which Are!

### A. (2:1-7) The Church at EPHESUS: The **LACKING** Church!



# Our Lord's Message to the Seven Churches!



## II. (2:1-3:22) Focus is Present: Write The Things Which Are!

### A. (2:8-11) The Church at SMYRNA: The LOYAL Church!



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### A. (2:12-17) The Church at PERGAMUM: The **LICENTIOUS** Church!

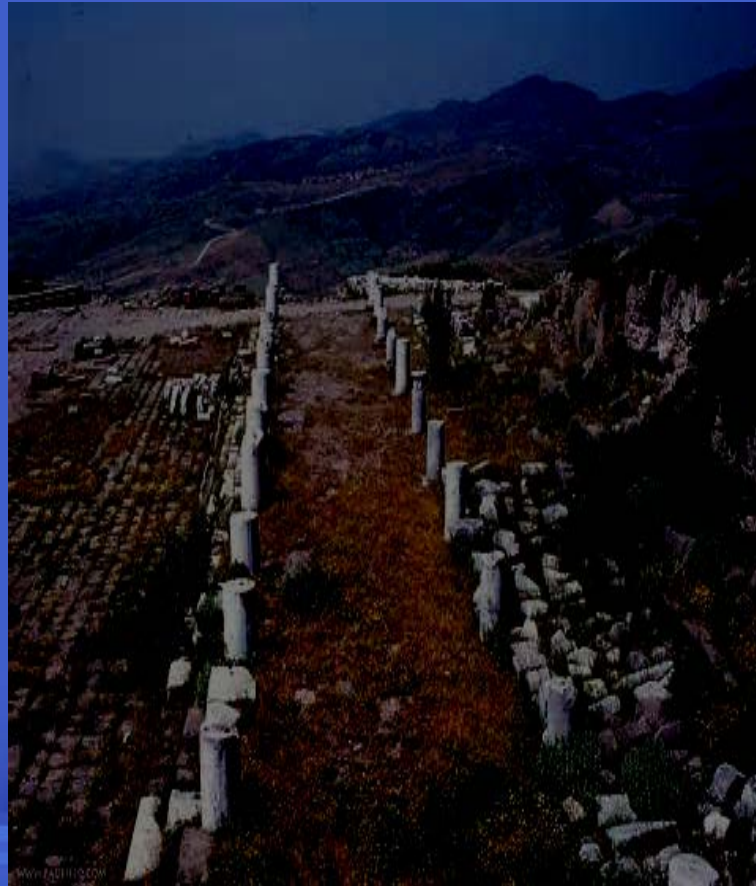






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### A. (2:18-29) The Church at THYATIRA: The LAX Church!



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# **The Wisdom of the Apostle Peter Spoken 30 Years Earlier**

## **I Peter 1:13-16**

**Gird your minds for action, keep sober in spirit,**

**fix your hope completely on the grace**

**to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.**

**As obedient children, do not be conformed to the former**

**lusts which were yours in your ignorance, but like the**

**Holy One who called you, be holy yourselves also in all**

**your behavior; because it is written,**

**“You shall be holy for I am Holy!”**

# **The Wisdom of the Apostle Peter Spoken 30 Years Earlier**

## **I Peter 2:9**

**You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,  
a people for God's own possession, that you may  
proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out  
of darkness into His marvelous light.**

# **The Wisdom of Jesus Spoken 60 Years Earlier**

## **Matthew 18:15-17**

**If your brother sins, go and show him his fault in private; if he listens to you, you have won your brother (Lev.19:17-18). But if he does not listen to you, take one or two more with you (Deut.19:15), so that by the mouth of two or three witnesses every fact may be confirmed. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.**

# This Morning's Sermon Outline!

## **The Letter to the Church at Thyatira:**

1. (2:18a) The **ASSEMBLY** is Thyatira.
2. (2:18b) The **AUTHOR** is the Lord Himself.



# **The Author is the Lord Himself!**

**He is described in three ways:**

## **1. The Son of God:**

Here Christ's power and authority is stressed in a stronger manner than in the first three churches. (contrast: In 1:13 He looks like a man /In 2:18 His Deity or Godness is stressed)

## **2. His eyes are like a flame of fire: Joesph A. Seiss!**

There is nothing more piercing than a flaming fire. Everything yields and melts before it. It penetrates all things, consumes every opposition, sweeps down all obstructions, and presses its way with invincible power. And of this sort are the eyes of Jesus. They look through everything; they pierce through all masks and coverings; they search the remotest recesses; they behold the most hidden things of the soul; and there is no escape from them.

## **3. His feet are like burnished brass:**

The feet of Jesus at His first coming brings good tidings of great joy over the issue of salvation. The feet of Jesus at His second coming treads the wine press with fierce wrath.



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1. (2:18a) The **ASSEMBLY** is Thyatira.
2. (2:18b) The **AUTHOR** is the Lord Himself.
3. (2:19) The **APPROVAL** is for Their Faithfulness.
4. (2:20-24) The **ADMONITION** is for Their Failure.
  5. (2:25-28) The **APPEAL** is to Repent.
  6. (2:29) The **ACTION** that is Expected.

## **Lessons From The Church at Thyatira!**

**Big problems can occur even in small places,  
so don't be surprised!**

**Where there are people, there are sinners.**

**Sin is not limited to large cities and mega churches.**

**This letter reminds us that God will judge unrepentant  
sin in the lives of His people no matter where it occurs.**

**So don't be surprised when God disciplines us.**

**He does this because He loves us!**

# **Lessons From The Church at Thyatira!**

**Wrong teaching can come from gifted individuals,  
So don't be misled!**

**Attractive, pleasant, talented people are not necessarily  
infallible intellectually or morally. Indeed, many use their  
charisma to lure people away from God and a godly  
lifestyle. Stay on guard!**

**Consistently test the claims of others against the clear  
teaching of God's Word. Let the Word of God be a lamp  
unto your feet and a light unto your path.**

# **Lessons From The Church at Thyatira!**

**Deceptive actions can hurt even the innocent,  
So don't be stubborn!**

**If you are engaged in leading people astray or in deceiving others in any way, stop it now! Repent! Set the record straight and receive God's forgiveness! If you don't, you can expect God's discipline. The Bible teaches that whom God loves He disciplines. So don't kid yourself. The Lord will not tolerate sin forever. His patience has limits. Never forget that judgment comes to all since all have sinned. Therefore hold fast to what is good until He comes. If you do this, you can expect to experience all the fulness of Christ's grace when He reigns in His kingdom.**

**Thomas Jefferson**  
**The Third U.S. President**  
**Drafter and Signer of the Declaration of Independence**

The God who gave us life gave us liberty. And can the liberties of a nation be thought secure when we have removed their only firm basis, a conviction in the minds of the people that these liberties are of the Gift of God. That they are not to be violated but with His wrath? Indeed, I tremble for my country when I reflect that God is just; that His justice cannot sleep forever; that a revolution of the wheel of fortune, a change of situation, is among possible events; that it may become by Supernatural influence! The Almighty has no attribute which can take side with us in that event.