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Thyatira — the 'daughter'

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I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants... ²²"Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and *those who commit adultery with her* into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

[REV 2:20-22]



REVELATION 2

18 And to the angel of the church of Thyatira write: These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like to a flame of fire, and his feet like to fine brass.

The angel of the church

LUKE 1:19-20, the angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and was sent to speak to you and bring you these glad tidings. ²⁰"But behold, you will be mute and not able to speak until the day these things take place, because you did not believe *my words which will be fulfilled in their own time*".

Thyatira – “daughter”*

ACTS 16:14, One who heard us was a woman named Lydia, from the city of Thyatira, a seller of purple goods, who was a worshiper of God. *The Lord opened her heart* to pay attention to what was said by Paul;

MAL 2:11, Judah has been faithless, and abomination has been committed in Israel and in Jerusalem. For Judah has profaned the sanctuary of the LORD, which he loves, and *has married the daughter of a foreign god*.

Write... the words

LUKE 24:44-45, He said to them, "These are the words which I spoke to you while I was still with you, that all things must be fulfilled which were written in the Law of Moses and the Prophets and the Psalms concerning Me." ⁴⁵And *He opened their understanding*, that they might comprehend the Scriptures.

Son of God

LUKE 1:31-33, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you shall call his name Jesus. ³²He will be great and *will be called the Son of the Most High*. And the Lord God will give to him the throne of his father David, ³³and he will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of his kingdom there will be no end";

ROM 1:4, [Jesus Christ] who through the Spirit of holiness was *declared with power to be the Son of God* by his resurrection from the dead: Jesus Christ our Lord.

Eyes are like blazing fire

JER 20:12-13, O Lord of hosts, You who test the righteous, And *see the mind and heart*, Let me see Your vengeance on them; For I have pleaded my cause before You...;

2PET 3:12, For *the eyes of the Lord are on the righteous*, And His ears are open to their prayers; But the face of the Lord is against those who do evil".

Feet are like burnished bronze

NUM 21:7-9, the people came to Moses, and said, "We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord that He take away the serpents from us." So Moses prayed for the people. ⁸Then the Lord said to Moses, "Make a fiery serpent, and set it on a pole; and it shall be that everyone who is bitten, when he looks at it, shall live." ⁹So Moses made a bronze serpent, and put it on a pole; and so it was, if a serpent had bitten anyone, when *he looked at the bronze serpent, he lived*;

JOHN 3:14, And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, *even so must the Son of Man be lifted up*.

CONSIDER THIS —

ROM 1:3-4, Jesus Christ our Lord... [was] declared with power to be the Son of God [How?] by his resurrection from the dead!

* Last session, Pergamos exemplified the church ‘married’ to the world. Being seduced by the lusts of this world (such as Balaam taught), now we find the result of such a marriage: Thyatira. The ‘daughter’, or offspring, from the union of God’s ways with pagan, idolatrous rituals.



REVELATION 2

19 I know thy works, and thy faith, and thy charity, and thy ministry, and thy patience, and thy last works which are more than the former.

I know

MATH 9:2-6, behold, they brought to Him a paralytic lying on a bed. When Jesus saw their faith, He said to the paralytic, "Son, be of good cheer; your sins are forgiven you." ³And at once some of the scribes said within themselves, "This Man blasphemeth!" ⁴But *Jesus, knowing their thoughts*, said, "Why do you think evil in your hearts? ⁵For which is easier, to say, 'Your sins are forgiven you,' or to say, 'Arise and walk'? ⁶"But that you may know that the Son of Man has power on earth to forgive sins"-then He said to the paralytic, "Arise, take up your bed, and go to your house";

LUKE 11:15-17, some of them said, "He casts out demons by Beelzebub, the ruler of the demons." ¹⁶Others, testing Him, sought from Him a sign from heaven. ¹⁷But *He, knowing their thoughts*, said to them: "Every kingdom divided against itself is brought to desolation, and a house divided against a house falls.

Your deeds

ACTS 26:20, [Paul] declared first to those in Damascus and in Jerusalem, and throughout all the region of Judea, and then to the Gentiles, that they should repent, turn to God, and *do works befitting repentance*.

Your... faith

ROM 1:8, I thank my God through Jesus Christ for all of you, that *your faith is proclaimed throughout the whole world*.

Your Love

LUKE 6:34-35, if you lend to those from whom you hope to receive back, what credit is that to you? For even sinners lend to sinners to receive as much back. ³⁵"But *love your enemies*, do good, and lend, hoping for nothing in return; and your reward will be great, and you will be sons of the Most High. For He is kind to the unthankful and evil;

ROM 5:5, hope does not disappoint, because *the love of God has been poured out in our hearts* by the Holy Spirit who was given to us.

Your service

ROM 12:1, I beg you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is *your spiritual service*;

2TIM 4:5, be watchful in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, *fulfill your ministry*.

Your... perseverance

ROM 2:6-7, He will render to each one according to his works: ⁷*to those who by patience in well-doing seek for glory and honor and immortality, he will give eternal life*.

CONSIDER THIS —

Reciprocal love is the world's definition: I do this for you, so you will do that for me, etc.

LUKE 6:35, But Jesus taught us to *love your enemies*, to do good, and to lend, hoping for nothing in return;

The love of God is like this: while we were sinners Christ died for us (ROM 5:8);

You are now doing more

1PET 2:11-12, I beg you as sojourners and pilgrims, abstain from fleshly lusts which war against the soul, ¹²having your conduct honorable among the Gentiles, that when they speak against you as evildoers, they may, *by your good works which they observe*, glorify God in the day of visitation;

ROM 12:6-9, *Having gifts differing according to the grace that was given to us*, if prophecy, let us prophesy according to the proportion of our faith; ⁷or service, let us give ourselves to service; or he who teaches, to his teaching; ⁸or he who exhorts, to his exhorting: he who gives, let him do it with liberality; he who rules, with diligence; he who shows mercy, with cheerfulness. ⁹Let love be without hypocrisy. Abhor that which is evil. Cling to that which is good.

More than you did at first

ROM 12:2-3, do not be conformed to this world, but *be transformed by the renewing of your mind*, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God. ³For I say, through the grace given to me, to everyone who is among you, not to think of himself more highly than he ought to think, but to think soberly, as God has dealt to each one a measure of faith;

ACTS 20:32, now, brethren, I commend you to God and to the word of His grace, which *is able to build you up* and give you an inheritance among all those who are sanctified;

JUDE 1:20, you, beloved, *building yourselves up on your most holy faith*, praying in the Holy Spirit.





REVELATION 2

20 But I have against thee a few things: because thou sufferest the woman Jezabel, who calleth herself a prophetess, to teach, and to seduce my servants, to commit fornication, and to eat of things sacrificed to idols.

I have this against you

ROM 1:18, the wrath of God is revealed from heaven *against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men*, who suppress the truth in unrighteousness;

ACTS 6:11-14, they secretly induced men to say, "We have heard him speak blasphemous words against Moses and God."¹²And they stirred up the people, the elders, and the scribes; and they came upon him, seized him, and brought him to the council.¹³They also *set up false witnesses* who said, "This man does not cease to speak blasphemous words against this holy place and the law;¹⁴"for we have heard him say that this Jesus of Nazareth will destroy this place and change the customs which Moses delivered to us".

You tolerate that woman

ROM 1:21-22, because, although they knew God, they did not glorify Him as God, nor were thankful, but became futile in their thoughts, and *their foolish hearts were darkened*.²²Professing to be wise, they became fools.

Jezebel

1KING 21:1-16, ...⁷Then Jezebel his wife said to him, "You now exercise authority over Israel! Arise, eat food, and let your heart be cheerful; I will give you the vineyard of Naboth the Jezreelite."⁸And she wrote letters in Ahab's name, sealed them with his seal, and sent the letters to the elders and the nobles who were dwelling in the city with Naboth.⁹She wrote in the letters, saying, Proclaim a fast, and seat Naboth with high honor among the people;¹⁰and seat two men, scoundrels, before him to *bear witness against him*, saying, "You have blasphemed God and the king." Then take him out, and stone him, that he may die...

Jezebel... calls herself a prophetess

2PET 2:1-2, there were also false prophets among the people, even as there will be false teachers among you, who will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord who bought them, and bring on themselves swift destruction.²And *many will follow their destructive ways*, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed;

1KING 19:1-2, Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, also how he had executed all the prophets with the sword.²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So *let the gods do to me, and more also*, if I do not make your life as the life of one of them by tomorrow about this time";

2KING 9:35-37, they went to bury her, but *they found no more of her than the skull and the feet and the palms of her hands*.

³⁶Therefore they came back and told him. And he said, "This is the word of the Lord, which He spoke by His servant Elijah the Tishbite, saying, 'On the plot of ground at Jezreel dogs shall eat the flesh of Jezebel;³⁷and the corpse of Jezebel shall be as refuse on the surface of the field, in the plot at Jezreel, so that they shall not say, "Here lies Jezebel!'"

By her teaching she misleads

ROM 1:24-25, Therefore God gave them up in the lusts of their hearts to impurity, to the dishonoring of their bodies among themselves,²⁵because *they exchanged the truth about God for a lie* and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever! Amen;

1KING 21:25, There was none who sold himself to do what was evil in the sight of the LORD like Ahab, whom *Jezebel his wife incited*;

DEUT 13:5, that prophet or that dreamer of dreams shall be put to death, because he has spoken in order to turn you away from the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of

CONSIDER THIS —

Peter warns us of false prophets among the people, even as there are false teachers among us!

He gives us how you find them out, though:

2PET 2:1-2, they will secretly bring in destructive heresies, even denying the Lord.²Unfortunately, many will follow their destructive ways, because of whom the way of truth will be blasphemed.

Such are the ways of Jezebel.

Egypt and redeemed you from the house of bondage, *to entice you from the way in which the Lord your God commanded you to walk*. So you shall put away the evil from your midst.

Misleads my servants

1KING 18:17-21, when Ahab saw Elijah, that Ahab said to him, "Is that you, O troubler of Israel?" ¹⁸And he answered, "I have not troubled Israel, but you and your father's house have, in that you have *forsaken the commandments of the Lord and have followed the Baals*. ¹⁹Now therefore, send and gather all Israel to me on Mount Carmel, the four hundred and fifty prophets of Baal, and the four hundred prophets of Asherah, who eat at Jezebel's table." ²⁰So Ahab sent for all the children of Israel, and gathered the prophets together on Mount Carmel. ²¹And Elijah came to all the people, and said, "How long will you falter between two opinions? If the Lord is God, follow Him; but if Baal, follow him." But the people answered him not a word;

EZE 34:7-10, "Therefore, you shepherds, hear the word of the Lord: ⁸"as I live," says the Lord God, "surely because My flock became a prey, and My flock became food for every beast of the field, because there was no shepherd, nor did My shepherds search for My flock, but the shepherds fed themselves and did not feed My flock" ⁹therefore, O shepherds, hear the word of the Lord! ¹⁰Thus says the Lord God: "Behold, *I am against the shepherds, and I will require My flock at their hand*; I will cause them to cease feeding the sheep, and the shepherds shall feed themselves no more; for I will deliver My flock from their mouths, that they may no longer be food for them".

Sexual immorality

ROM 8:5-9, those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. ⁶For *to be carnally minded is death*, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. ⁷Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. ⁸So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹But you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. Now if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, he is not His.

Food sacrificed to idols

ACTS 15:28-29, it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: ²⁹that you *abstain from things offered to idols*, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well;

ROM 14:14-15, I know and am convinced by the Lord Jesus that there is nothing unclean of itself; but to him who considers anything to be unclean, to him it is unclean. ¹⁵Yet if your brother is grieved because of your food, you are no longer walking in love. *Do not destroy with your food the one for whom Christ died*;

ROM 14:20-23, Do not destroy the work of God for the sake of food. All things indeed are pure, but *it is evil for the man who eats with offense*. ²¹It is good neither to eat meat nor drink wine nor do anything by which your brother stumbles or is offended or is made weak. ²²Do you have faith? Have it to yourself before God. Happy is he who does not condemn himself in what he approves. ²³But he who doubts is condemned if he eats, because he does not eat from faith; for whatever is not from faith is sin.





REVELATION 2

21 And I gave her a time that she might do penance, and she will not repent of her fornication.

22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed: and they that commit adultery with her shall be in very great tribulation, except they do penance from their deeds.

I have given her time to repent

2PET 3:9, The Lord is not slow in fulfilling His promise, in the sense in which some men speak of slowness. But *He bears patiently with you*, His desire being that no one should perish but that all should come to repentance.

She is unwilling [to repent]

2KING 9:22, What peace can there be, *so long as the whorings and the sorceries of your mother Jezebel are so many?*"

ROM 13:4-5, if you do evil, be afraid; for he does not bear the sword in vain; for he is God's minister, an avenger to execute wrath on him who practices evil. ⁵Therefore *you must be subject, not only because of wrath but also for conscience' sake.*

Her immorality

JUDE 1:7-8, Sodom and Gomorrah, and the cities around them in a similar manner to these, having *given themselves over to sexual immorality and gone after strange flesh*, are set forth as an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. ⁸Likewise also these dreamers defile the flesh, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries;

ACTS 21:25, concerning the Gentiles who believe, we have written and decided that they should observe no such thing, except that they should keep themselves from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and *from sexual immorality.*

I will cast her

ROM 13:11-14, now our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. ¹²The night is far spent, the day is at hand. Therefore *let us cast off the works of darkness*, and let us put on the armor of light. ¹³Let us walk properly, as in the day, not in revelry and drunkenness, not in lewdness and lust, not in strife and envy. ¹⁴But put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to fulfill its lusts.

Bed of suffering

1KING 21:4, he [Ahab] lay down *on his bed*, and turned away his face, and would eat no food;

2KING 1:16, Thus says the Lord: 'Because you have sent messengers to inquire of Baal-Zebub, the god of Ekron, is it because there is no God in Israel to inquire of His word? Therefore *you shall not come down from the bed to which you have gone up*, but you shall surely die'.

Those who commit adultery with her

HEB 6:4-8, it is impossible for those who were once enlightened, and have tasted the heavenly gift, and have become partakers of the Holy Spirit, ⁵and have tasted the good word of God and the powers of the age to come, ⁶if they fall away, to renew them again to repentance, since they crucify again for themselves the Son of God, and *put Him to an open shame*. ⁷For the earth which drinks in the rain that often comes upon it, and bears herbs useful for those by whom it is cultivated, receives blessing from God; ⁸but if it bears thorns and briars, it is rejected and near to being cursed, whose end is to be burned.

CONSIDER THIS —

How do we define immorality?

JUDE 1:7-8, Sodom and Gomorrah, gave themselves over to sexual immorality and went after strange flesh; they are an example for us, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire. ⁸Likewise *these defile the flesh*, reject authority, and speak evil of dignitaries.

Suffer intensely

PSM 7:14-16, Behold, the wicked brings forth iniquity; Yes, he conceives trouble and brings forth falsehood. ¹⁵He made a pit and dug it out, And has fallen into the ditch which he made. ¹⁶*His trouble shall return upon his own head*, And his violent dealing shall come down on his own crown.

Unless they repent of her ways

DAN 9:13-14, As it is written in the Law of Moses, all this disaster has come upon us; yet we have not made our prayer before the Lord our God, that *we might turn from our iniquities and understand Your truth*. ¹⁴"Therefore the Lord has kept the disaster in mind, and brought it upon us; for the Lord our God is righteous in all the works which He does, though we have not obeyed His voice.





REVELATION 2

23 And I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am he that searcheth the reins and hearts, and I will give to every one of you according to your works. But to you I say,

I will strike... dead

EXO 4:21-23, the Lord said to Moses, "When you go back to Egypt, see that you do all those wonders before Pharaoh which I have put in your hand. But I will harden his heart, so that he will not let the people go. ²²"Then you shall say to Pharaoh, "Thus says the Lord: "Israel is My son, My firstborn. ²³"So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But *if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn*"; EXO 22:23-24, If you afflict them in any way, and they cry at all to Me, I will surely hear their cry; ²⁴"and My wrath will become hot, and *I will kill you with the sword*; your wives shall be widows, and your children fatherless.

Her children

1KING 19:10, So [Elijah] said, "I have been very zealous for the Lord God of hosts; for *the children of Israel have forsaken Your covenant*, torn down Your altars, and killed Your prophets with the sword. I alone am left; and they seek to take my life";

1KING 19:17-18, ...¹⁸"Yet *I have reserved seven thousand* in Israel, all whose knees have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him.

All the churches will know

ROM 2:1-3, you are inexcusable, O man, whoever you are who judge, for in whatever you judge another you condemn yourself; for you who judge practice the same things. ²But *we know that the judgment of God is according to truth* against those who practice such things. ³And do you think this, O man, you who judge those practicing such things, and doing the same, that you will escape the judgment of God?

I am he

ISA 43:10-11, You are My witnesses," says the Lord, "And My servant whom I have chosen, That you may know and believe Me, And *understand that I am He*. Before Me there was no God formed, Nor shall there be after Me. ¹¹I, even I, am the Lord, And besides Me there is no savior.

Searches hearts and minds

JER 17:10, I, *the Lord, search the heart, I test the mind*, Even to give every man according to his ways, According to the fruit of his doings;

ACTS 15:8-9, *God, who knows the heart*, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, ⁹"and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith;

ROM 8:27, *He who searches the hearts knows what the mind of the Spirit is*, because He makes intercession for the saints according to the will of God.

I will repay each of you

2TIM 4:14-15, Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. *May the Lord repay him according to his works*. ¹⁵You also must beware of him, for he has greatly resisted our words.

According to your deeds

HOS 12:2-5, The Lord also brings a charge against Judah, And will punish Jacob according to his ways; *According to his deeds He will recompense him*. ³He took his brother by the heel in the womb, And in his strength he struggled with God. ⁴Yes, he struggled with the Angel and prevailed; He wept, and sought favor from Him. He found Him in Bethel, And there He spoke to us ⁵That is, the Lord God of hosts. The Lord is His memorable name.

CONSIDER THIS —

PRO 24:19-22, Do not fret because of evildoers, Nor be envious of the wicked; ²⁰For ... The lamp of the wicked will be put out. ²¹My son, fear the Lord and the king; *Do not associate with those given to change*; ²²For their calamity will rise suddenly...

Thankfully, there is a remnant who remain faithful to God. (see 1KING 19:17-18)



REVELATION 2

24 And to the rest who are at Thyatira: Whosoever have not this doctrine, and who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will not put upon you any other burthen.

The rest of you in Thyatira

1JON 3:9, Whoever has been born of God does not sin, for *His seed remains in him; and he cannot sin*, because he has been born of God;

ZECH 9:6-7, A mixed race shall settle in Ashdod, And I will cut off the pride of the Philistines. ⁷I will take away the blood from his mouth, And the abominations from between his teeth. But *he who remains, even he shall be for our God*, And shall be like a leader in Judah, And Ekron like a Jebusite.

You who do not hold

2TIM 2:20-23, in a great house there are not only vessels of gold and silver, but also of wood and clay, some for honor and some for dishonor. ²¹Therefore *if anyone cleanses himself from the latter, he will be a vessel for honor*, sanctified and useful for the Master, prepared for every good work. ²²Flee also youthful lusts; but pursue righteousness, faith, love, peace with those who call on the Lord out of a pure heart. ²³But avoid foolish and ignorant disputes, knowing that they generate strife.

Her teaching

EZE 28:17, Your heart was proud because of your beauty; *you corrupted your wisdom for the sake of your splendor*. I cast you to the ground; I exposed you before kings, to feast their eyes on you.

You who... have not learned

ISA 33:15-17, *He who walks righteously and speaks uprightly*, He who despises the gain of oppressions, Who gestures with his hands, refusing bribes, Who stops his ears from hearing of bloodshed, And shuts his eyes from seeing evil: ¹⁶He will dwell on high; His place of defense will be the fortress of

rocks; Bread will be given him, His water will be sure. ¹⁷Your eyes will see the King in His beauty; They will see the land that is very far off.

Satan's so-called deep secrets

LUKE 10:17-20, the seventy returned with joy, saying, "Lord, even the demons are subject to us in Your name." ¹⁸And He said to them, "I saw Satan fall like lightning from heaven. ¹⁹"Behold, I give you the authority to trample on serpents and scorpions, and *over all the power of the enemy*, and nothing shall by any means hurt you. ²⁰"Nevertheless do not rejoice in this, that the spirits are subject to you, but rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven".

I will not impose

ROM 14:12-13, each of us shall give account of himself to God. ¹³Therefore let us not judge one another anymore, but rather resolve this, *not to put a stumbling block or a cause to fall in our brother's way*.

Any other burden on you

ROM 12:14-18, Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse. ¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep. ¹⁶Be of the same mind toward one another. Do not set your mind on high things, but associate with the humble. Do not be wise in your own opinion. ¹⁷Repay no one evil for evil. Have regard for good things in the sight of all men. ¹⁸If it is possible, as much as depends on you, *live peaceably with all men*.

CONSIDER THIS —

Do not hold Jezebel's teaching. Do not place anything in our brother's way -

ROM 14:12-13, each of us shall give account of himself to God: He is the righteous judge!
¹³Therefore do not to put a stumbling block or, a cause to fall, in our brother's way.



REVELATION 2

25 Yet that, which you have, hold fast till I come.

26 And he that shall overcome, and keep my works unto the end, I will give him power over the nations.

What you have

ROM 6:22, now that you have been set free from sin and have become slaves of God, *the fruit you get leads to sanctification* and its end, eternal life.

Hold on

HOS 12:6, you, by the help of your God, return; Observe mercy and justice, And *wait on your God continually*;
1TIM 6:20-21, *Guard what was committed to your trust*, avoiding the profane and idle babblings and contradictions of what is falsely called knowledge ²¹by professing it some have strayed concerning the faith. Grace be with you. Amen.

Until I come

LUKE 12:35-40, Let your loins be girded about, and your lamps burning. ³⁶Be like men looking for their lord, when he will return from the marriage feast; that, when he comes and knocks, they may immediately open to him. ³⁷*Blessed are those servants, whom the lord will find watching when he comes.* Most assuredly I tell you, that he will gird himself, and make them recline, and will come and serve them. ³⁸They will be blessed if he comes in the second or third watch, and finds them so. ³⁹But know this, that if the master of the house had known in what hour the thief was coming, he would have watched, and not allowed his house to be broken into. ⁴⁰Therefore be ready also, for the Son of Man is coming in an hour that you don't expect him".

Overcome

JOHN 12:34-36, people answered Him, "We have heard from the law that the Christ remains forever; and how can You say, 'The Son of Man must be lifted up'? Who is this Son of Man?"
³⁵Then Jesus said to them, "A little while longer the light is with you. Walk while you have the light, lest darkness overtake you; he who walks in darkness does not know where he is going. ³⁶*While you have the light, believe in the light, that you may become sons of light.*" These things Jesus spoke, and departed, and was hidden from them.

Does my will

ACTS 13:22-23, [God] raised up David to be their king, to whom he also testified, 'I have found David, the son of Jesse, *a man after my heart, who will do all my will.*' ²³From this man's seed, God has brought salvation to Israel according to his promise.

To the end

LUKE 19:11-27, ...²⁶For I tell you that to *everyone who has, will more be given*; but from him who doesn't have, even that which he has will be taken away from him. ²⁷But bring those enemies of mine who didn't want me to reign over them here, and kill them before me".

Authority over the nations

REV 20:6, they will be priests of God and of Christ, and *they will reign with him for a thousand years*;
2TIM 2:12, If we endure, *we will also reign with him.* If we will deny him, he also will deny us.

CONSIDER THIS —

How do we continue until Jesus returns?

HOS 12:6, ...Observe mercy and justice, And *wait on your God continually.*

2TIM 2:12, If we endure, we will also reign with him. If we will deny him, he also will deny us.



REVELATION 2

27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron, and as the vessel of a potter they shall be broken,

He will rule them

NUM 24:18-20, Edom shall be a possession; Seir also, his enemies, shall be a possession, While Israel does valiantly. ¹⁹*Out of Jacob One shall have dominion, And destroy the remains of the city.* ²⁰Then he looked on Amalek, and he took up his oracle and said: "Amalek was first among the nations, But shall be last until he perishes";

HEB 3:4-6, every house is built by someone, but He who built all things is God. ⁵And Moses indeed was faithful in all His house as a servant, for a testimony of those things which would be spoken afterward, ⁶but Christ as a Son *over His own house, whose house we are* if we hold fast the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

Iron scepter

PSM 2:8-9, Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage, and the ends of the earth your possession. ⁹*You shall break them with a rod of iron and dash them in pieces like a potter's vessel*";

MIC 6:9, Listen! The LORD is calling to the city— and to fear your name is wisdom— "*Heed the rod and the One who appointed it*;

ISA 11:3-5, His delight shall be in the fear of Yahweh; and he shall not judge after the sight of his eyes, neither decide after the hearing of his ears; ⁴but with righteousness shall he judge the poor, and decide with equity for the humble of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with *the rod of his mouth*; and with the breath of his lips shall he kill the wicked. ⁵Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins.

Like pottery

1COR 4:19-21, I will come to you shortly, if the Lord wills, and I will know, not the word of those who are puffed up, but the power. ²⁰For the kingdom of God is not in word but in power. ²¹What do you want? Shall *I come to you with a rod*, or in love and a spirit of gentleness?

He will dash them to pieces

ISA 30:12-14, Therefore thus says the Holy One of Israel: "Because you despise this word, And trust in oppression and perversity, And rely on them, ¹³Therefore this iniquity shall be to you Like a breach ready to fall, A bulge in a high wall, Whose breaking comes suddenly, in an instant. ¹⁴And *He shall break it like the breaking of the potter's vessel*, Which is broken in pieces; He shall not spare. So there shall not be found among its fragments A shard to take fire from the hearth, Or to take water from the cistern";

ROM 2:5, in accordance with your hardness and your impenitent heart you are *treasuring up for yourself wrath* in the day of wrath and revelation of the righteous judgment of God.

CONSIDER THIS —

HEB 3:4-6, every house is built (edified) by someone, but He who built all things is God... ⁶Christ is the Son over His own house, *whose house we are* if we hold fast to the confidence and the rejoicing of the hope firm to the end.

We can have the confidence that Christ is the Son over His house, over us— Thus, He is building us up! Therefore, hold firm to our hope in Him!



REVELATION 2

28 As I also have received of my Father: and I will give him the morning star.

29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith to the churches.

I have received authority

ROM 13:1, Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. *For there is no authority except from God*, and those that exist have been instituted by God;

1COR 15:24-26, Then the end comes, when he will deliver up the kingdom to God, even the Father; when *he will have abolished all rule and all authority and power*.²⁵For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. ²⁶The last enemy that will be abolished is death.

I will also give him

PSM 28:7-9, The Lord is my strength and my shield; My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped; Therefore my heart greatly rejoices, And with my song I will praise Him. ⁸The Lord is their strength, And He is the saving refuge of His anointed. ⁹Save Your people, And bless Your inheritance; Shepherd them also, And *bear them up forever*;

ROM 8:26, *the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses*. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Morning star

NUM 24:17, I see him, but not now; I behold him, but not near: *a star shall come out of Jacob*, and a scepter shall rise out of Israel;

2PET 1:19, so we have the prophetic word confirmed, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and *the morning star rises in your hearts*;

REV 22:16, "I, Jesus, have sent my angel to testify to you about these things for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, *the bright morning star*".

Who has an ear let him hear

MATH 13:31-32, Another parable He put forth to them, saying: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed, which a man took and sowed in his field, ³²"which indeed is the least of all the seeds; but when it is grown it is greater than the herbs and becomes a tree, so that *the birds of the air come and nest in its branches*".

What the Spirit says to the churches

HEB 10:24-25, let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, ²⁵*not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together*, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching;

ROM 14:16-19, do not let your good be spoken of as evil; ¹⁷for the kingdom of God is not eating and drinking, but *righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit*. ¹⁸For he who serves Christ in these things is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify another.

CONSIDER THIS —

Let us serve Christ in the ability that God has given us, through His Spirit.

ROM 14:16-19, the kingdom of God is... righteousness and peace and joy in the Holy Spirit. ¹⁸For he who *serves Christ in these things* is acceptable to God and approved by men. ¹⁹Therefore let us pursue the things which make for peace and the things by which one may edify (build up), another.

ECC 2:26, God [the Father] gives wisdom and knowledge and joy to a man who is good in His sight.

ROM 8:26, And, the Spirit also helps [us] in our weaknesses.



GROUP DISCUSSION

REV 2:18, to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, 'These things says the Son of God...

- ⊕ **1a. Why would Jesus choose this title of Himself to address the church of Thyatira.**

This title was prophesied of Jesus, even before He was born: LUKE 1:32-33, He will be great, and will be called the *Son of the Highest*; and the Lord God will give Him the throne of His father David. ³³"And He will reign over the house of Jacob forever, and of His kingdom there will be no end."

- ⊕ **1b. How and when will the rest of this prophecy be fulfilled?**

(See REV 22:1-3, he showed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb... ³And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve him.)

REV 2:19, "I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

- ⊕ **2. What does the phrase 'the last are more than the first' tell us about the church of Thyatira?**

REV 2:22, Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds.

- ⊕ **3a. How might the members of the church 'commit adultery' with Jezebel?**

In order to commit adultery, one must be married - or, betrothed/engaged - to another. When committing 'spiritual' adultery, our love, our attention is lured away from the Son of God - to whom, the church is betrothed!

REV 19:7, Let us be glad and rejoice and give Him glory, for the marriage of the Lamb has come, and *His wife has made herself ready.*"

- ⊕ **3b. If, instead of making herself ready, His (soon-to-be) wife commits adultery, what is the promised result according to REV 2:22?**

REV 2:25, But hold fast *what you have* till I come.

- ⊕ **4. What do we have? And, how do we hold fast to it?**

(see also ROM 6:22)

NEXT SESSION —