

Revelation 2- The 7 Churches

The Church of Thyatira

- This city is 35 miles southeast of Pergamos, probably founded by Alexander the Great 300 BC
- A union city and headquarters for the trade guilds
- Lydia, the first European convert of Paul was a native of this city.
- **Thyatira = “continual sacrifice”**
- Symbolic of the **Church Age from 500-1500, the Catholic Church**, which rises in power and influence
- Roman Catholic doctrine teaches that Christ is sacrificed again each time mass and communion is given

1) **The Counselor 2:18**

- “eyes of _____ and feet of _____”
- Both symbolize the _____ of God in Scripture

2) **The Commendation 2:19** “I know thy works....” (told to each of the 7 churches)

- They are known for _____ and _____
- They are characterized by an emphasis on good _____ and performance of many good works
- “more than the first” = more works than all the ones that came before

3) **The Condemnation 2:20-23**

- They were allowing “the ministry of Jezebel” to continue and grow
 - OT Counterpart- pagan murderous wife of King Ahab (1 Kings 16-21) Symbolizes the slide into idolatry by God’s people and a pride in doing so
- They were allowing her _____ in the church
 - She was apparently teaching men which was forbidden (1 Tim 2:12-14)
-Note: Nuns were the first to legitimize and popularize this practice
 - She was teaching immorality and idolatry
 - Catholic church introduced many false doctrines and practices
 - Mary Worship, Indulgences, saint worship, confessional booth, etc.

- Promotes spiritual adultery and winked at actual fornication
- Her future
 - “I gave her space” – God is longsuffering = he gave them _____ yrs to repent
 - “bed of great tribulation” – to be fulfilled in Ch. 17
 - Alludes to the 2nd Coming as this church is still around for judgement!
 - “kill them with death”- reference to the _____ (Rev. 20:14) and the Great White Throne Judgment = implies that her followers are lost!

4) The Counsel 2:24-25

- “have not known the doctrine” – there were and, by implication will be, those who did not and will not go along with the false doctrine
- “no other burden” – their faith alone in Christ would be enough

5) The Challenge 2:26-29

- “keepeth my works” – speaks of the desire to identify with Christ
- “he” = Christ Jesus (Ps 2:3,9, Rev 19:15)
- “Morning Star” = _____ (2 Pet 1:19, Rev. 22:16)
- Admonition of vs. 29 has a different placement than previous churches. Before the admonition precedes the challenge. Here it follows, suggesting there is more of a warning in this challenge.