

Cultural, Historic, and Geographic Context



Revelation Backgrounds 9

Thyatira 2

Revelation 2:18-29



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| Revelation 2 | References |
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| <p>(22) So I am throwing her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I am throwing into great trouble unless they turn from the sins connected with what she does;</p> <p>(23) and I will strike her children dead! Then all the Messianic communities will know that I am the one who searches minds and hearts and that I will give to each of you what your deeds deserve.</p> | <p>Rom 1:26 This is why God has given them up to degrading passions;</p> <p>Deu 13:10 You shall stone him to death with stones because he sought to draw you away from the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery.</p> <p>Deu 13:11 And all Israel shall hear and fear and never again do any such wickedness as this among you.</p> <p>1Ki 18:40 And Elijah said to them, "Seize the prophets of Baal; let not one of them escape." And they seized them. And Elijah brought them down to the brook Kishon and slaughtered them there.</p> |



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| (24) But to the rest of you in Thyatira, to those who do not hold this teaching , who have not learned what some people call the ' deep things ' of the Adversary, I say this: I am not loading you up with another burden ; (25) only hold fast to what you have until I come . | Act 15:28-29 For it has seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay on you no greater burden than these requirements: (29) that you abstain from what has been sacrificed to idols, and from blood, and from what has been strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell." 1Co 2:10 these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit. For the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. |

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| Rev 2:26-29 To him who wins the victory and does what I want until the goal is reached, I will give him authority over the nations ; (27) he will rule them with a staff of iron and dash them to pieces like pottery , (28) just as I have received authority from my Father. I will also give him the morning star . (29) Those who have ears, let them hear what the Spirit is saying to the Messianic communities." ' | Psa 2:1-12 Why do the nations rage and the peoples plot in vain? (2) The kings of the earth set themselves, and the rulers take counsel together, against the LORD and against his Anointed, saying, (3) "Let us burst their bonds apart and cast away their cords from us." (4) He who sits in the heavens laughs; the Lord holds them in derision. (5) Then he will speak to them in his wrath, and terrify them in his fury, saying, (6) "As for me, I have set my King on Zion, my holy hill." (7) I will tell of the decree: The LORD said to me, "You are my Son; today I have begotten you. (8) 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 ." (10) Now therefore, O kings, be wise; be warned, O rulers of the earth. (11) Serve the LORD with fear, and rejoice with trembling. (12) Kiss the Son, lest he be angry, and you perish in the way, for his wrath is quickly kindled. Blessed are all who take refuge in him. |

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Conclusion

- Focus on the real things: love, faith service, patient endurance
- Do better today than yesterday; do better tomorrow than today
- Toleration is the world's philosophy, not God's
- Galatians 1:8 But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed.
- "In essentials, unity; in non-essentials, liberty; in all things agape." -Chuck Missler paraphrase



Jezabel and Ahab Meeting Elijah
in Naboth's Vineyard Giclee.
Print by Sir Frank Dicksee.

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And Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God"



Statue of Peter at Capernaum

Matthew 16:16



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Parable: Thyatira = Woman with Leaven

| Matthew 13 | Explanation |
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| Mat 13:33 And he told them yet another parable. "The Kingdom of Heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed with a bushel of flour, then waited until the whole batch of dough rose." | <p>Leaven: Usually, though not always, it represents sin or evil. 1 Co 5:6 Your boasting is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?</p> <p>Bushel/three measures of flour: From Genesis 18:6, a fellowship meal, by extension the grain offering. According to Leviticus 2, grain offerings are supposed to be unleavened.</p> <p>Till all was leavened: The leaven corrupted the whole batch. The flour was supposed to remain pure and unleavened.</p> <p>Meaning: In the Mustard Seed parable, the birds of the air nested, representing an external threat. The corruption came from within the dough itself in the Woman with Leaven. Jezebel was an internal threat that introduced corruption.</p> |

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Paul: Galatians - Legalistic Church with mixed Paganism

- Gal 1:6-10 I am astonished that you are so quickly deserting him who called you in the grace of Christ and are turning to a different gospel— (7) not that there is another one, but there are some who trouble you and want to distort the gospel of Christ. (8) But even if we or an angel from heaven should preach to you a gospel contrary to the one we preached to you, let him be accursed. (9) As we have said before, so now I say again: If anyone is preaching to you a gospel contrary to the one you received, let him be accursed. (10) For am I now seeking the approval of man, or of God? Or am I trying to please man? If I were still trying to please man, I would not be a servant of Christ.
- Gal 2:16 yet we know that a person is not justified by works of the law, but through faith in Jesus Christ, so we also have believed in Christ Jesus, to be justified by faith in Christ and not by works of the law, because by works of the law no one will be justified.



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Paul: Galatians - Legalistic Church with mixed Paganism

- Gal 3:1-3 O foolish Galatians! Who has bewitched you? It was before your eyes that Jesus Christ was publicly portrayed as crucified. (2) Let me ask you only this: Did you receive the Spirit by works of the law or by hearing with faith? (3) Are you so foolish? Having begun by the Spirit, are you now being perfected by the flesh?
- Gal 3:11 Now it is evident that no one is justified before God by the law, for “The righteous shall live by faith.”
- Gal 5:9 A little leaven leavens the whole lump.



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Paul: Galatians - Legalistic Church with mixed Paganism

- Gal 5:19-25 Now the works of the flesh are evident: sexual immorality, impurity, sensuality, (20) idolatry, sorcery, enmity, strife, jealousy, fits of anger, rivalries, dissensions, divisions, (21) envy, drunkenness, orgies, and things like these. I warn you, as I warned you before, that those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. (22) But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, (23) gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law. (24) And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. (25) If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.



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| | Ephesus | Smyrna | Pergamum | Thyatira | Sardis | Philadelphia | Laodicea |
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| To | Darling; desired | Myrrh; death | Height, or abnormal marriage | Daughter | | | |
| From | Holds 7 stars/ walks among lampstands | First/last dead/alive | Two edge sword | Son of God; eyes of fire; feet of brass | | | |
| + | Don't tolerate evil; Persevered; Acts 17:11 | Suffering (pressing, tribulation) and insults | Living with Satan yet holding His name | love, trust, service, and perseverance; improving | | | |
| - | Lost love they had at first | N/A | Balaam / Nicolaitans | Jezebel | | | |
| + | Hates deeds of people who do things their own way instead of God's | Do not fear suffering; remain faithful | N/A | Hold fast against teaching of deep things of Satan | | | |
| Ear | Before promise | Before | Before | After | | | |
| Promise | Eat from Tree/Life | Not taste 2nd death | Hidden Manna, white stone, new name | Authority over nations; morning star | | | |
| Age | Apostolic (70-170) | Persecuted (170-312) | Carnal-political (312-606) | Catholic (606-present) | | | |
| Parable | Four Soils | Wheat/tares | Mustard Seed | Woman/Leaven | | | |
| Paul | Ephesians | Philippians | Corinthians | Galatians | | | |



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