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live
I'm gonna
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See they
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Revelation

Chapter 2-3: Letters to the Churches

Rev 2-3: Letters to the Churches

What to Look For:

1. Jesus' Salutation
2. Self-Designation
3. Commendation
4. The Complaint
5. Exhortation
6. Warning
7. Promise

Chapter 2:12-17 Letter to Pergamum

A. Salutation: Church Character v. 12

Rev 2:12 to the angel of the **church in**

Pergamum write:

City in wide valley
15 mi. from Aegean

Most **beautiful city** in
east: with Temples,
Theater, Library with
200K vol 2nd only to
Alexandria, Egypt



Colonists struck
the **first coins**
here in 420BC.

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PERGAMUM



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B. Jesus' Self-Designation 2:12

Rev 2:12 One who has the
sharp two-edged sword

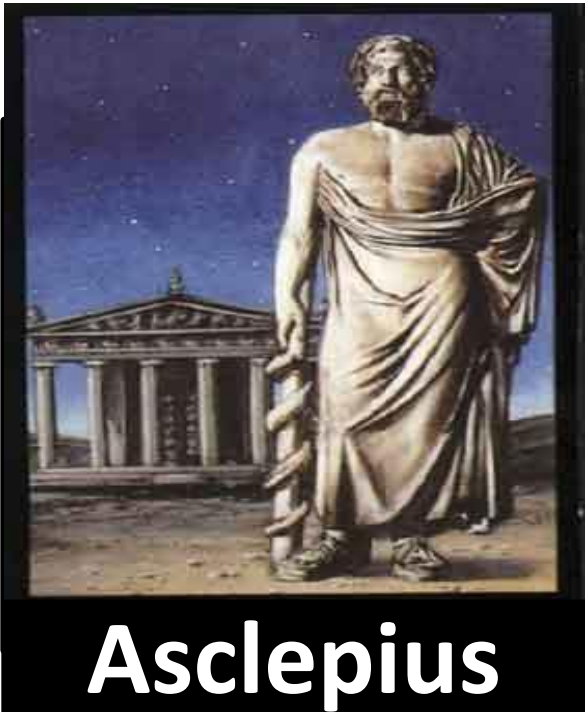
- a. Sword: In (Rev 1:6) from His Mouth
- b. Symbol: In (Eph 6:16) = **Word of God**.
- c. Use: (Rev 19:15) Word is a weapon
“with it He might smite the nations.”
“God's Sword is described as His instrument of judgment (Isa 34:5; Jer 12:12; 47:6; Isa 66:15-16).” *Inter Varsity Press*



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C. Commendation 2:13

Rev 2:13 I know where you dwell, **where Satan's throne is!**



Asclepius

THREE temples to the Caesars.

TWO temples for *Greek religions*

- To **Zeus**—mercy & justice.
- To **Athena**—wisdom, war.

TWO temples for *Asiatic Religions*

To **Dionysus**- farms, wine & orgies.

To **Asclepius**—healing & medicine.

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C. Commendation 2:13

Rev 2:13 **Did not deny My faith** even in the days of **Antipas**, My witness, My faithful one who was killed among you **where Satan dwells**.

McClintock & Strong Encyclopedia: **ANTIPAS**,
“A martyr, said to have been a bishop of Pergamum, and put to death in a tumult there by the priests of Aesculapius, (**Eusebius**, *Hist. Eccl.* 4, 5). Tradition relates that he was burned in a brazen bull under **Domitian**.”

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D. Complaint 2:14-15

Rev 2:14-15 But I have a few things against you

1 Some held the teaching of Balaam—
sexual sin & idolatry is accepted. Fatal
compromise in religion (Num 31:15-16).

2 Some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans
“Professing Christians, introduce a false freedom”
(Fausset's). “Mingling themselves in the orgies of
idolatrous feasts, they brought the impurities
of those feasts into the meetings of the
Christian Church.” (from Smith's

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E. Warning 2:16

Rev 2:16 'Therefore repent; or else
*I am coming to you quickly, and I will
make war against them with the
sword of My mouth.*

His word has **POWER** to calm the sea,
created worlds, & raised dead.

As a result neither Nicolaitans, Balaamites
left documents nor institutions behind.

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Poisoned Pergamum



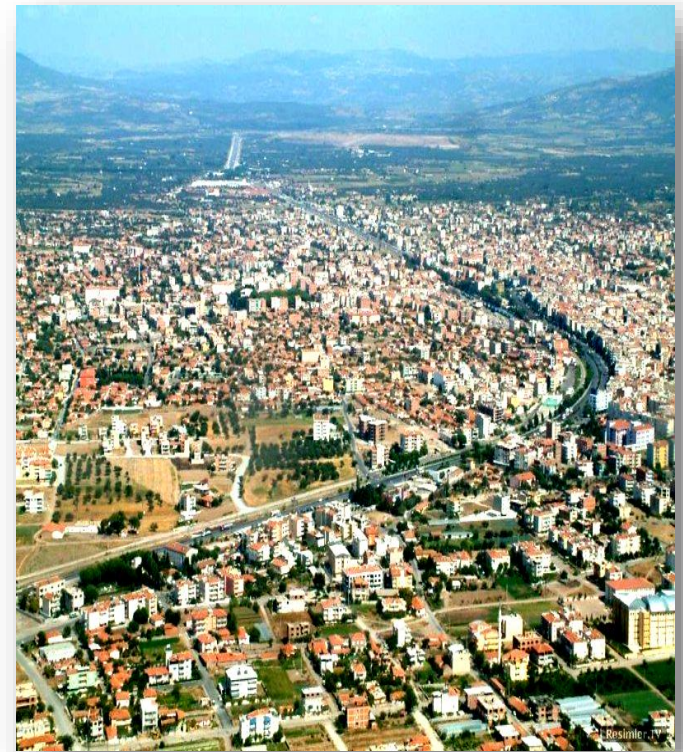
Chapter 2:18-29 Letter to *Thyatira*

A. Salutation v. 18

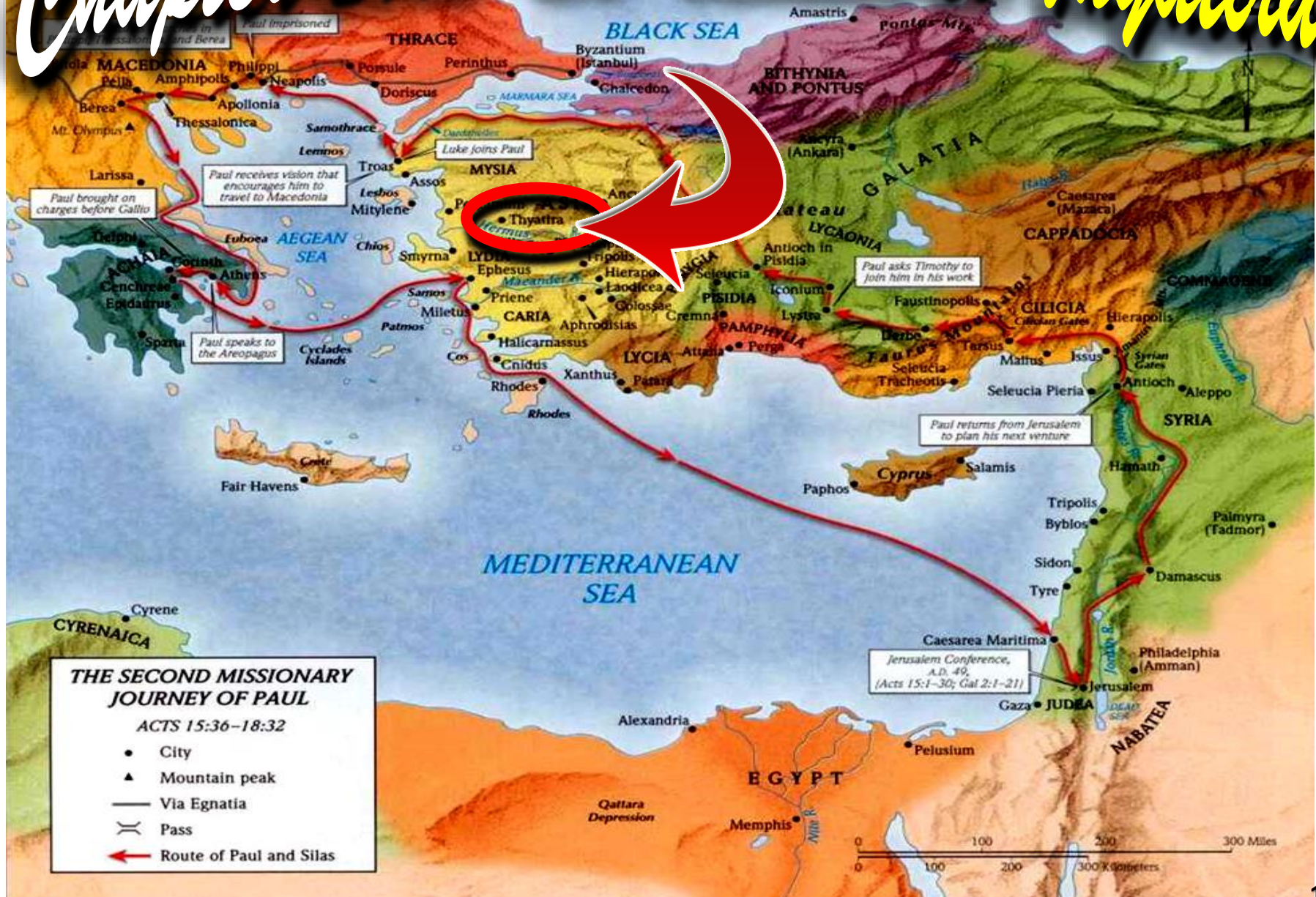
Rev 2:18 To the angel of the church
in Thyatira

It was a wealthy commercial town in the Lycus valley. It has a population of 100,000.

The gospel may have reached here as a result of Paul's conversion of Lydia (Acts 16:15) or his teaching in Ephesus (Acts 19:10).



Chapter 2:18-29 Letter to Thyatira



Chapter 2:18-29 Letter to *Thyatira*

A. Salutation 2:18a

Thyatira was noted for its trade guilds. Every artisan belonged to a guild, & every guild, owned property, wielded a wide influence.

Lydia sold her purple fabrics in places like *Philippi*, and was a native of *Thyatira*.



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B. Jesus Self-Designation 2:18b

Rev 2:18 The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire and his feet are like burnished bronze Eyes Searching-Penetrating

Heb 4:13 Is no creature hidden from His sight.. all things are open & laid bare to the eyes of Him...



2 Chron 16:9 **The eyes of the Lord move** to and fro throughout the earth that He may strongly support those whose heart is completely His.

Chapter 2:18-29 Letter to **Thyatira**

C. Commendation v. 19

Rev 2:19 I know your deeds, and your love and faith & service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first.

Thyatira toiled & persevered like Ephesus but also maintained it's Love (2:5)

And was better than Sardis who didn't complete deeds (3:2)

I don't
stop
when
I'm tired,
I stop
when
I'm done.



Chapter 2:18-29 Letter to *Thyatira*

Rev 2:20 **D. Complaint v. 20-21**

But I have this against you, that you **tolerate the woman Jezebel**

Probably the name is used metaphorically for Extremely wicked woman of the Bible.

Who calls herself a **prophetess**, ***and she teaches and leads My bond-servants astray so that they commit acts of immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.***



Chapter 2:18-29 Letter to *Thyatira*

D. Complaint v. 20-21 *continued*

Rev 2:21 I gave her time to repent, & she does not want to repent of her immorality.

Church Discipline is Critical (1 Cor 5: 1-13)

God shows More or Less Patience Depending
(2 Peter 3:9) *God is patient* toward you not wishing
for any to perish but for all to come to repentance.

Show Love. Anticipate the progress. Set time to CHANGE.

What is needed: 2 days? 14 days ? More/Less?
But some people just don't *want* to change!

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v. 22-23
Warning

Rev 2:22-23
Behold, I will:

1. Throw her on a bed of sickness *She'll suffer.*
2. Those Commit adultery with her into great tribulation, *(Huge problems for ungodly acion.)*
3. I will kill her children with pestilence, *(death)*
4. All the churches will know *(Secret sin punished)*
5. I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. *(Gal 6:7) Reap-Sow*

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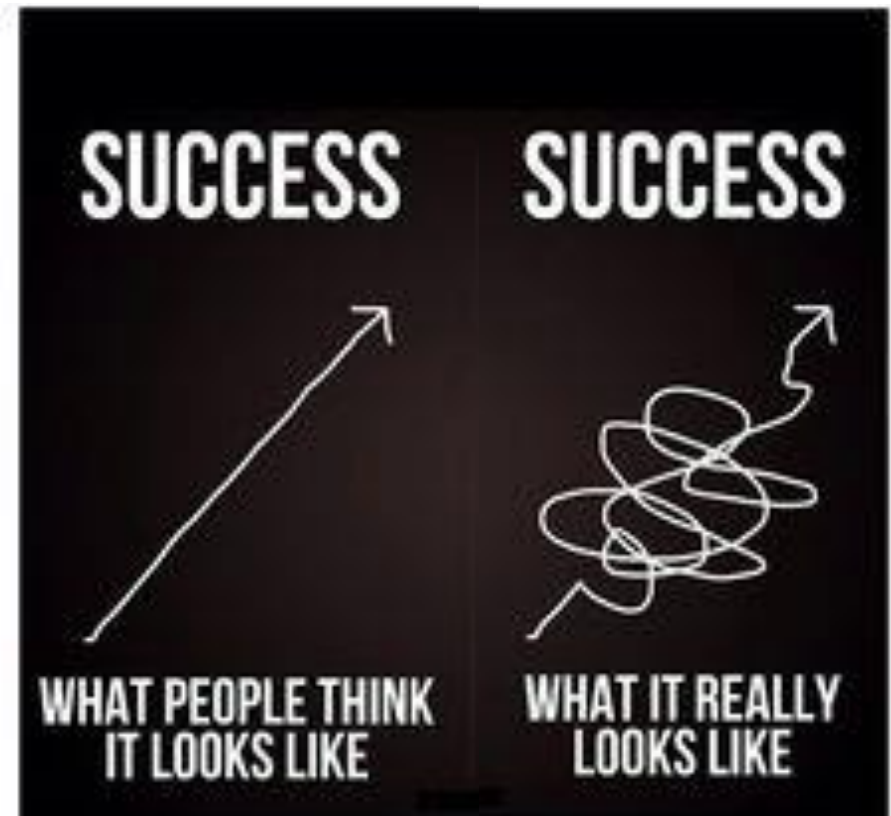
F. Exhortation v. 25

Rev 2:25 Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.

What you have: they had several good points: *toil, perseverance, love, faith & service*. (v.19)

Hold Fast: Hang on tight (*Imperative* Greek Mode)

Till I come: coming in Earthly judgment (v 22-23).



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G. Promise v. 26-29

Rev 2:26 He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end—to him I will give authority over the nations & he shall rule them with a rod of iron



Saints not viewed as defeated—but Victorious

Christ breaks nations with a rod of iron (Ps 2:8-9)

Christ rules in midst of enemies (Ps 110:1-2)

But here it's *Overcoming Believers* that have Power.

Your prayers impact kingdoms

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G. Promise v. 26-29 *continued*

Rev 2:29 And I will give him
the morning star.

“Morning star” — is *Venus* : high in
the eastern sky just before sunrise.

Rev 22:16 [Jesus] The bright morning star.

Nu 24:17 [Jesus] Star shall rise from Jacob.

[Jesus] promises to give *Himself* to overcomers.

He brings light, life, and joy. *Pulpit*

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Tolerant

Thyatira

REVIEW

Chapter 2

1. Empty Ephesus
2. Suffering Smyrna
3. Poisoned Pergamum
4. Tolerant Thyatira

AHEAD

Chapter 3

5. Sleeping Sardis
 6. Powered Philadelphia
 7. Lukewarm Laodicea
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Rev 2:29 He who has an ear, let him hear
what the Spirit says to the **CHURCHES**.