

THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Church at Thyatira - Part II

Reference: **Revelation 2:18-29**

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ONE...the church at **Ephesus** “The **Loveless** Church”

Reference: **Revelation 2:1-7**

TWO...the church at **Smyrna** “The **Persecuted** Church”

Reference: **Revelation 2:8-11**

THREE...the church at **Pergamos** (Pergamum) “The **Compromised** Church

Reference: **Revelation 2:12-17**

FOUR...the church at **Thyatira** “The **Corrupt** Church”

Reference: **Revelation 2:18-29**

COMMENDATION:

Jesus commended this church on some specific things: works, love, service, faith, patience and more works.

CONDEMNATION:

verse twenty-one (see screen)

Jesus intended to punish three offending parties at this church:

- _____
verse twenty-two (see screen)
- Jezebel's _____ - _____
verse twenty-two continued (see screen)
The words “*great tribulation*” are not a reference to the prophetic eschatological tribulation period; but, this term “*great tribulation*” means “_____ or trouble.”
- Jezebel's _____
verse twenty-three (see screen)
The statement, “...*I am he who searches the minds and hearts*” is just another verification that Jesus is God because Jesus has just made the same claim to be omniscient that God does. Omniscience means possessing _____.
Reference: **I Chronicles 28:9** (see screen); **Psalms 7:9**; **Proverbs 24:12**; **Jeremiah 11:20, 17:10, and 20:12.**

verse twenty-three continued (see screen)

COUNSEL:

verse twenty-four (see screen)

Some people misuse that statement to mean that God won't permit us to have more trouble than we can handle and then misuse **I Corinthians 10:13** to reinforce that.

Reference: **I Corinthians 10:13** (see screen)

The temptation mentioned in this verse is a temptation and solicitation to _____; so, that isn't applicable to this situation at Thyatira because that word "temptation" isn't describing troubles and tough times.

Principle: God does sometimes permit us to have more trouble than ____ can handle; but, it's never more trouble than ____ can handle.

Reference: **II Corinthians 1:8-9** (see screen NKJ and NLV)

Principle: Sometimes bad stuff happens to test our faith ____ God and test our faithfulness ____ God.

verse twenty-five (see screen)

CHALLENGE:

verse twenty-six (see screen)

In this case Jesus promises two more things to someone that has over-come (a Christian).

- Jesus promises us _____ in the millennial kingdom.

verse twenty-six continued (see screen)

- Jesus promises us _____ in the most personal, complete and comprehensive sense possible.

verse twenty-eight (see screen)

Question: **Who** or **what** is this morning star?

Answer: **Revelation 22:16** (see screen)

Before He left this earth about 30 A.D. Jesus promised He would return.

The big question is **when**? Jesus actually answered that question but unfortunately most people don't appreciate His answer

References: **Mark 13:32-33** (see screen)

There are three principle lessons to learn from this text.

One...nowhere in Scripture are we encouraged to discover the _____ of Jesus return.

Two...Scripture nowhere gives us explicit data which we can then use to determine the _____ of Jesus return.

Three...Jesus does give us specific instructions on _____ we are to do until He returns.

- **Watch** means to "be on _____ and beware."

References: **Matthew 7:15; 24:23-24** and **Acts 20:29** (see screen)

- **Pray**