



Rev. 2:18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.

To the angel (Messenger or Pastor) of the church in Thyatira - Known for its dyeing industry (Acts 16:14) but also for metal working, hence we see the words that describe the Lord Jesus feet are like “fine brass”; and other words like “rod of iron” (v.27) and “vessels of a potter” (v.26). The Lord knows all about the members of the church. He sees Jezebel’s sin and will tramp down on her and others who are with her. Christ also knows the pastor: his works, charity, service, faith, patience, works. The last is more than the first (the last works resulted in more in fruitfulness than the first). The pastor’s sin is that he allowed the false prophetess, Jezebel to teach and to seduce the men of the church. Idolatry and fornication are twin sins that dominated the lives of the Thyatira church membership. Those who committed adultery with her will join her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. God gave her space to repent but she did not. God will also judge her children with death. The Lord searches the “reins (kidneys) and the heart” – inner most parts of man (Ps. 7:9; Pro. 4:23).

But to the Pastor and the remnant church members who have not participated in the “depths of Satan, as they speak” (opposite of the depths of God, 1 Cor. 2:10) – hold fast till I come. Rewards of overcoming and keeping Christ’s works unto the end is power over the nations – to rule them with a rod of iron. They shall also have the morning star (who is Jesus Christ in Luke 24:22 and Rev. 22:16). The NIV renders “morning star” instead of Lucifer in Isa. 14:12 – therefore giving Satan one of Christ’s name/title.