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Rev. 2:18-29

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We come from the passage of Hell's Headquarters located where Satan's throne or seat was positioned to discuss one of the longest of the seven letters addressed to the churches.

This is the longest letter and yet the least important city, Thyatira.)

It is going North from Ephesus and it is about 60 miles or half way between Sardis and Pergamos. It was written to the church in this city (Pliny) dismisses this city as that other unimportant community.) It was a military town, it was built to guard the capito / city of Pergamos. It was one of those out-posts that was to fight delaying action while the capitol city prepared for the main attack. It was a town that was destined to be destroyed. And to be re-built and destroyed again.

In the days of the Roman Empire a great trade (route went through that area.

It was the center of the (wool) and (dying industry. (Lydia) was a native of this city and she was well known among the merchants. Dealing in purple, costly, precious dye of purple, from two sources. One, the madder roote - which grew around the city. And (second), from a little seashell, fish - called the murex from the throat of that tiny sea animal they could extract one tiny drop of that precious dye. Pliny, the elder says that one pound of it could not be bought for a thousand (denarii) One denarius was an ordinary working man's one days pay. Lydia must have been a wealthy

merchant. Dealing in one of the most costly substances in the Roman Empire. (Today) this city is a little city of about 25,000 people - and the means of livelihood today is weaving oriental rugs.

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There is no direct account of the origin of this church -- it may have been

one of Paul's converts from Ephesus. Or one who was converted at Philippi. Who came back here and has helped to establish this church. It could have been Lydia.

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in the church of Ephesus. One walking among the seven lampstands. At Smyrna, he said, I am the one who is the first and the last. Who was dead and is alive. At Pergamos, he introduced himself as having a sharp two-edged sword. And he took this sword to go against the doctrine of Balaam. And the Nicolaitans. So in the church at Thyatira he says, these things saith the Son of God. The Lord uses this description because he is thus infallible in two ways in which he mentions. He adds here — first, in omniscient. Piercing eyes is penetrating perfect knowledge, his thorough insight into all persons and all things. And all secrets.

Second, the quality of judgement. He has feet of brass. The church must hear him for he has power to judge. And the judge is steady, awful, with perfect strength.

So the central/theme here of this letter is God's judgement upon the prophets

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V. (9) - Commendation. He acknowledges their virtues. He knows their works, their service rendered to God, their love, and their faith, and their fidelity to their religion. Their pressure, and to think that he notes here is that the Chings that they are doing now are better than the first things. As they started out - so this was an indication that there had been growth in grace. Among these people. And they had gotten developed in their church. Working Garder Now Then you did at Fivet 50me good Things to talk About! We are Not to forsake over church Because a few Hypocrites in it!

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V. (20) - A complaint/is offered. I have a few things against thee thou has suffered the woman Jezebel. The best of Churches are often Troubled with unworthy By A Woman -

Now, we need to discover here the rebuke that is summarized by the word Jezebel The (church) was in sympathy) with her. It was tolerating such a woman and allowing her followers to remain in their midst unrebuked.

Her character indicates by her (name) something of who she was. Thou sufferest that woman Jezebel. Which calleth herself a prophet.

Now, how (can)we identify Jezebel here.

First, we could go to that ancient day when Ahab, the King, married a daughter of the King of Sidon. And she came to live with him, in the Old Testament. was a worshipper of the God Baal. And she brought with her this worship and Ahab made groves in I Kings 16:31-33. You have an account of this influence and how

spiritually disastrous it was, for Ahab. She not only worshipped the idols herself, but she became a promoter.

She encouraged her husband to be broad-minded, about his religion. We can almost hear her say, what difference does it make what one believes. After all, you have your God, I have my God - let us be broad-minded about this thing.

Ahab was strongly influenced by Jezebel. Now, I don't know whether you would call that being a hen-pecked husband. But she actually ruled over him. She opposed with violence the prophets of God. And when Elijah came on the scene, he thought that he was the lone survivor. But Obadiah had taken 700 others - and they had been out in hiding. Gezebe attempted to displace God's word with the words of men. And that was spiritual fornication. She corrupted the government. She opposed God's work and in the end, the government she destroyed - destroyed her.

A good woman is one of God's best gifts on earth. An evil woman, on the other hand, is one of the worse things that could come on the earth.

But Jezebel claimed to be a prophetess even as some women today. Who claim to have visions and new revelations. And they are spiritually dangerous. The present day false cults were established by women who claimed special inspiration and special teaching for our times. They claimed to have the key to unlock the Scripture. But the Lord called these things the deep things of Satan.

I suppose that is why Paul forbid the women to speak in tongues and to prophesy.

In public manifestation. I Cor. 14:13, 34, 35. Now you cannot remove these things from the Scriptures. They were often teaching the wrong things in the assembly under false control.

Of course you and I know that many of our churches today would crumble if it were not for Godly women, who helped to carry on the work.

But this brilliant woman who was so zealous and slew the prophets, of Jehovah, and swept Israel off its religious feet, subverting the doctrine of God and even brought (Elijah to his knees. And a feeling that he ought to die instead of live.

Some of these doctrines like this today are dangerous. I heard a man say that he would never work in another church in which he was doing some kind of work, and they discovered they had a class of little tiny small children. And they were teaching them to wave their hands - like praising God. And they were telling these little children - you've got to do it faster and faster, and faster. Well, that is just like preparing an orchestra to get ready to put on a show. If it doesn't come out of the heart, what good is it.

Now there are various ways in which people have sought to identify Jezebel

First some have said to the angel, to the pastor of the church, I have somewhat against thee because thou sufferest thou wife Jezebel. Who claims to be a better preacher than you are and certainly more able to seduce my servants. Now there are people who believe that Jezebel was the wife of a pastor.

Who subverted the good work of the man of God. But there is small evidence that this is the right interpretation.

The second interpretation of Jezebel is -- that she had received some famous oracle as a priestess who was famous in tremendous influence over the people. And they thought that she could bring her influence against the Christian faith and thus destroy it. So, she was a pythoness. Jezebel was on he inside of the church not on the outside.

an organized guild and since all of the commercial people belong to the guilds, and since everyone was dedicated to a patron God or Goddess. That was an opportunity of an influencial woman an able woman in the church to teach the people that they belong to the guild. And to enter into the sacrifices and the orgies that went along with the pagan about this worship. That this would be acceptable. That here was a Christian woman who could compromise and do both. Now this suggestion really has some merit to it.

That she could have come back to her hometown and found that her business interests conflicted with her religion devotion -- and therefore, she proposed a compromise.

Let us, she is supposed to have said, serve God and also worship an idol. So, they say that Jezebel was Lydia. And that doesn't sound reasonable.

The meaning of Jezebel here - who called herself an oracle of God a prophetess who spoke with infallibility. Who taught God's servants to turn aside. From the

of prophecy. And God is speaking here of a development in the church. In the age of the Thyatiran history of his people.

The Smyrian age, the persecution and the tribulation of the church. The Pergamanian age, was when the church was established and married to one - to the Roman Government. And it was no longer persecuted or hated at that time -- but it was exalted and lifted up.

And then, naturally, the (Thyatira) age would follow, when the church was dressed up in purple and in silk with golden chains around their neck and she speaks as the infallible prophetess of God. Subverting the word of the Lord himself, this is the apostate church.

Now there are many reasons for such an identification - the church always represented by a woman. It is always referred to as she or as her. Never as he or him. The him in our religion is the Great God. And our Saviour, Jesus Christ. But the church is described as the bride of Christ. And we see that a woman - a figure of the church - when the woman is called Jezebel. Immediately the Lord is speaking about an apostate church when she claims for herself the oracles of God, a prophetess to speak, and she can replace the word of God, himself. Then we know that here is a period in history that he refers too -- that the church is going to be rich, dressed in purple, silk, and gold. And she speaks an oracle of God infallible - what she teaches is seduction of God's people. Taking them from a simple revelation of the word of the Scripture.

This would fit in well with the Bible - divine pattern. And all of the pieces are put together. Everything would fit. The parables of our Lord in the 13th chapter of Matthew. The fourth parable is identical in meaning to Christ's letter to this fourth church. They are one in the same. The kincdom of Heaven is like unto leaven. Which a woman took and hid in three measures of well. Til the whole was leaven. The letter to the fourth church - thou sufferest that woman Jezebel. Which calleth herself a prophetess. And infallible authority to teach and to seduce my servants - my own people. The plain meaning of the meal offering represented our Lord - he is the bread of life. He is the food from Heaven. He is our staff and stay. He is the true manna from Heaven. The woman took the Teaven which was the symbol of corruption and evil - and placed it in the word of God. The leaven corrupted the great truth. The doctrine of the Son of God. And this woman, is charged with doing this. And she says this and that. And that false doctrine seduced God's servants. Until the whole was leavened. Til all of Christendom became corrupt.

Dr. Ironsides says, this resulted in a union of church and state. Back in the 7th century The beginning of which he taught for centuries that the church was becoming more corrupt. And farther away from the word of God until the 7th century, they had and were ready for an acknowledged Pope. To head up all of Christendom.

The Roman Catholic once asked a Protestant (girl) what was your church. Where was your church before the days of Henry VIII. Why/sir, where yours never was -- in the Bible.

Thyatira, it seems that they were offering a continual sacrifice. Now one

Stands in awe to think that this world will be converted - is a fantastic thing.

The 13th chapter of the Gospel of Matthew there are four kinds of soil. And only one kind produced for God. The tares grow with the wheat. The leaven grow in the lump until the time of the end. There never was a time without tares. It is only in the days of the end that God's Judgement is going to come and separate the wheat and burn up the tares with fire.

There never has been a time when the Gospel converted the world. And this Parable teaches us that the corruption and men's false doctrines enter into the truth of God and take hold. The Kingdom of Heaven is referred too here in this earth - administered by men. But God comes and speaks to the situation that was serious. And actually people were yielding to the false teachings.

V. (21) - They are given warning to repent. But she was not willing.

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[22] Judgement is eminent. Those that commit adultery with her physically and spiritually will find pain - not pleasure.

V 23 I will kill and bring the second death - and there will be no more hope for salvation because the wages of sin is death. Be not deceived - for God is not mocked. The scandal of your sin will become known.

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deep things of Satan, this was one of their boasts. As Paul spoke of the deep things of God. These things, come from experienceing sin.

God refers here to what she teaches as the depths of Satan. She, of course, would call it the depths of God. You cannot learn this book for yourself - she says. You must come to me and let me teach you the deep things of God. Man cannot read the simple Gospel for himself. He cannot listen to the Word of God and repent of his sins. And trust Jesus and be saved. He must come to my institution and be instructed by lectures, by classes about the deep things of God. And he says, I call these the deep things of the Devil.

One stands is aw at the unfolding of this prophecy which is written by the figure of God in this amazing book. He says, a thing will come to pass - and it comes to pass, but as it is written in the book. This woman (ezebe) subverts almost all Christianity - almost or a few. They are a minority. Who are faithful.

- V. 25 They have been following unto you he says, who have not this doctrine. Who do not follow this teaching I have some words to say to you. (Hold fast.) Get a grip on things) Keep on. Keep on holding on.)
- V. 26 And I am going to give unto you, he says, a reward. That you that overcometh. V. 26. The one who is by faith following the Messiah. Will share with him over his enemies., He will rule he says.

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- V. 27 He quotes from Isalm 2:9) And he shall rule them with a rod of iron, as the vessels of the potter they shall be broken. This is their punishment a sure sign of the triumph of the Lord. In this quotation. as Vessels of Potter of your Oppose, Shall Be Broken to Shivers.

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This tells us there is a limit to which false doctrine can go. God will not

put up with Jezebel forever. God will judge this woman and those who claim to be infallible and who prevert God's way. God will give his people a great victory. He has promised it here—he says I will kill her children with death. And he describes that.

Y. 8 I will give him the morning star. Here is a great reward - that he is going to give. To those who wait. And those who will become. He is going to give his guidance - he is going to give his leadership. In the dark hour of troubles and trials.

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In the dark hour preceding the dawn, I imagine, you have looked at the beauty of a star as you have walked in the darkness. You could see the light from it.

He says, now those who have been faithful you hold on You refuse this false leadership. And you wait for this star This will be Christ, himself, leading you. The morning star. When Christ gives us the morning star - we have him. This is the announcement of dawn, the coming of daybreak. If we have Christ and are with him, then we will be with him in glory. When that new day dawns.

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Arise, go down to meet Ahab king of Israel, which is in Samaria: behold, he is in the vineyard of Naboth, whither he is gone down to possess it. And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, Hast thou killed, and also taken possession? And thou shalt speak unto him, saying, Thus saith the LORD, In the place where dogs licked the blood of Naboth shall dogs lick thy blood, even thine. . . . And of Jezebel also spake the LORD, saying, The dogs shall eat Jezebel by the wall of Jezreel.

1 Kings 21:18–19, 23

I introduce to you Naboth, a devout Israelite who lived in the town of Jezreel. Naboth was a good man. He abhorred that which is evil. He clave to that which is good.

. This little vineyard had come to

Naboth as a cherished inheritance from his forefathers—and all of it was dear to his heart.

c. Ahab wore rich robes, but he had a sinning and wicked and troubled heart beneath them. He ate the finest food the world could supply—and this food was served to him in dishes splendid by servants obedient to his every beck and nod—but he had a starved soul. He lived in palaces sumptuous within and without, yet he tormented himself for one bit of land more. Ahab was a king with a throne and a crown and a scepter, yet he lived nearly all of his life under the thumb of a wicked woman—a tool in her hands.

Ahab pilloried himself in the contempt of all God-fearing men as a mean and selfish rascal who was the curse of his country. The Bible introduces him to us in words more appropriate than these when it says:

But there was none like unto Ahab, which did sell himself to work wickedness in the sight of the LORD, whom Jezebel his wife stirred up. And he did very abominably in following idols, according to all things as did the Amorites, whom the LORD cast out before the children of Israel. . . . And Ahab made a grove; and Ahab did more to provoke the LORD God of Israel to anger than all the kings of Israel that were before him (1 Kings 21:25–26; 16:33).

I introduce to you Jezebel, daughter of Ethbaal, King of Tyre (1 Kings 16:31), and wife of Ahab, the King of Israel—a king's daughter and a king's wife, the evil genius at once of her dynasty and of her country. Infinitely more daring and reckless was she in her wickedness than was her wicked husband. Masterful, indomitable, implacable, a devout worshiper of Baal, she hated anyone and everyone who spoke against or refused to worship her pagan god. As blunt in her wickedness and as brazen in her

lewdness was she as Cleopatra, fair sorceress of the Nile. She had all the subtle and successful scheming of Lady Macbeth, all the adulterous desire and treachery of Potiphar's wife (Gen. 39:7–20), all the boldness of Mary Queen of Scots, all the cruelty and whimsical imperiousness of Katherine of Russia, all the devilish infamy of a Madame Pompadour, and doubtless, all the fascination of personality of a Josephine of France. Most of that which is bad in all evil women found expression through this painted viper of Israel. She had that rich endowment of nature which a good woman ought always to dedicate to the service of her day

and generation. But—alas!—this idolatrous daughter of an idolatrous king of an idolatrous people engaging with her maidens in worship unto Ashtoreth—the personification of the most forbidding obscenity, uncleanness, and sensuality—became the evil genius who wrought wreck, brought blight, and devised death. She was the beautiful and malicious adder coiled upon the throne of the nation.

"And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it." Pause! Who is Jehu? He is the one who, twenty years before the events of this chapter from which we quote, rode down with Ahab to take Naboth's vineyard, the one who throughout those twenty years never forgot those withering words of terrible denunciation which Elijah spoke. And who is Jezebel? Oh! the very same who wrote the letters and had Naboth put to death. And what is Jezreel? The place where Naboth had his vineyard and where Naboth died, his life pounded out by stones in the hands of ruffians. "And when Jehu was come to Jezreel, Jezebel heard of it; and she painted her face, and tired her head, and looked out at a window" (2 Kings 9:30).

And as Jehu, the new king by the will and word of the Lord, entered in at the gate, she asked: "Had Zimri peace who slew his master?" And Jehu lifted up his face to the window and said, "Who is on my side? who? And there looked out to him two or three eunuchs. And he said, Throw her down" (2 Kings 9:32–33).

These men put their strong men's fingers into her soft feminine flesh and picked her up, tired head and all, painted face and

all, bejeweled fingers and all, silken skirts and all—and threw her down. Her body hit the street and burst open. Some of her blood splattered on the legs of Jehu's horses, dishonoring them. Some of her blood splattered on the walls of the city, disgracing them.

And Jehu drove his horses and chariot over her. There she lies, twisting in death agony in the street. Her body is crushed by the chariot wheels. On her white bosom are the black crescent-shapes of horses' hoofs. She is hissing like an adder in the fire. Jehu drove away and left her there.

And when he was come in he did eat and drink, and said, Go, see now this cursed woman, and bury her: for she is a king's daughter. And they went to bury her: but they found no more of her than the skull, and the feet, and the palms of her hands (2 Kings 9:34–35).

the dogs will eat Jezebel—by the ramparts of Jezreel." God had spoken! Would it come to pass?

Where is God? Where is God? Is He blind that He cannot see? Is He deaf that He cannot hear? Is He dumb that He cannot speak? Is He paralyzed that He cannot move? Where is God? Well, wait a minute, and we shall see.