



“The Indictment of the Prophetess’ Seed”

Revelation 2:23-25

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INTRODUCTION:

18 “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write:

The Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet are like burnished bronze, says this:

19 ‘I know your deeds, and your love and faith and service and perseverance, and that your deeds of late are greater than at first. 20 But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, 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. 21 I gave her time to repent, and she does not want to repent of her immorality. 22 Behold, I will throw her on a bed of sickness, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. 24 But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them—I place no other burden on you. 25 Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come. 26 He who overcomes, and he who keeps My deeds until the end, TO HIM I WILL GIVE AUTHORITY OVER THE NATIONS; 27 AND HE SHALL RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON, AS THE VESSELS OF THE POTTER ARE BROKEN TO PIECES, as I also have received authority from My Father; 28 and I will give him the morning star. 29 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.’

1. Christ will destroy the _____ of the prophetess’ false teaching.

23 And I will kill her children with pestilence, and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. v23.

1) Her children are those that carry the fruit of her _____ to others.

“23 and I will strike her children dead. [Rev 2:23 ESV]

Her children like the children of Israel entice others to follow them into...

(1) ... _____.

☞ “25 Therefore say to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: You eat flesh with the blood and lift up your eyes to your idols and shed blood; shall you then possess the land?” [Eze 33:25 ESV]

(2) ... _____.

☞ “26 You rely on the sword, you commit abominations, and each of you defiles his neighbor's wife; shall you then possess the land?” [Eze 33:26 ESV]

2) Their participation in her false doctrine leads to the consequences of a broken _____...

(1) ...the temporal judgment of physical _____.

“23 ...and I will give to each one of you according to your deeds.” [v23]

☞ “25 And I will bring a sword upon you, that shall execute vengeance for the covenant. And if you gather within your cities, I will send pestilence among you, and you shall be delivered into the hand of the enemy.” [Lev 26:25 ESV]

☞ “27 Say this to them, Thus says the Lord GOD: As I live, surely those who are in the waste places shall fall by the sword, and whoever is in the open field I will give to the beasts to be devoured, and those who are in strongholds and in caves shall die by pestilence.” [Eze 33:27 ESV]

(2) ...their _____ is cut off from the covenant and the promised land desolated.

☞ “22 And I will let loose the wild beasts against you, which shall bereave you of your children and destroy your livestock and make you few in number, so that your roads shall be deserted.” [Lev 26:22]

☞ “28 And I will make the land a desolation and a waste, and her proud might shall come to an end, and the mountains of Israel shall be so desolate that none will pass through.” [Eze 33:28 ESV]

3) The Lord will judge the _____ believer and the one who _____ truly believed.

and all the churches will know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts; [v23]

"I am" searches and judges...

(1) ...the minds inner _____ and the hearts secret _____.

▶ **All the churches will come to know Jesus Christ's _____ divine nature.**

👤 "14 God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM'; and He said, 'Thus you shall say to the sons of Israel, 'I AM has sent me to you.'" [Exo 3:14 NASB95]

▶ **All the churches will know [future middle ingressive tense] that Jesus Christ is the _____.**

👤 "2 "At the set time that I appoint I will judge with equity." [Psa 75:2 ESV]

👤 "7 but it is God who executes judgment, putting down one and lifting up another." [Psa 75:7 ESV]

(2) ...the regenerate _____.

👤 "15 If anyone's work is burned up, he will suffer loss, though he himself will be saved, but only as through fire." [1Co 3:15 ESV]

👤 "30 That is why **many of you are weak and ill, and some have died**. 31 But if we judged ourselves truly, we would not be judged. 32 But when we are judged by the Lord, we are disciplined so **that we may not be condemned along with the world**." [1Co 11:30-32 ESV]

👤 "9 [then] the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from temptation, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment for the day of judgment," [2Pe 2:9 NASB95]

(3) ...the unregenerate church attenders both temporally and _____.

👤 "22 "Many will say to Me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in Your name, and in Your name cast out demons, and in Your name perform many miracles?' 23 "And then I will declare to them, '**I never knew you; DEPART FROM ME, YOU WHO PRACTICE LAWLESSNESS**.'" [Mat 7:22-23]

👤 "21 For it had been **better for them not to have known the way of righteousness**, than, after they have known [it], to turn from the holy commandment delivered unto them. 22 But it is happened unto them according to the true proverb, The dog [is] turned to his own vomit again; and the sow that was washed to her wallowing in the mire." [2Pe 2:21-22 KJV]

(4) ...the Lord will judge all at a _____ judgment after death.

I will give to each one of you according to your deeds. v23

👤 "27 And as it is appointed for **men to die once**, but **after this the judgment**," [Heb 9:27 NKJV]

✳ **The believer will be judged for the degree of the work of his _____.**

👤 "10 For **we** must all appear before **the judgment seat of Christ**, so that each one may be recompensed for his deeds in the body, according to what he has done, whether good or bad." [2Co 5:10 NASB95]

✳ **The unbeliever will be judged on the basis of his _____ works.**

👤 "11 Then I saw a great **white throne** and Him who sat upon it, from whose presence earth and heaven fled away, and no place was found for them. 12 And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is [the book] of life; and **the dead were judged** from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds." [Rev 20:11-12 NASB95]

👤 "10 "I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds." [Jer 17:10 NASB95]

2. Christ's instructions for the rest of the church body at Thyatira.

"24 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not known the deep things of Satan, as they call them--I place no other burden on you. 25

'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.'" v24-25.

1) Reproof of _____ of the false teaching was the only reproof for the church.

"24 'But I say to you, the rest who are in Thyatira, — I place no other burden on you.'" v24

The rest of the saints were commended for _____ things.

(1) They exercised _____ with their love and did not _____ the false teaching.

"24 ...the rest..., who do not hold this teaching, v24.

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☞ "9 And this I pray, **that your love may abound** still more and more **in real knowledge and all discernment**, 10 so that you may approve the things that are excellent, in order to be sincere and blameless until the day of Christ; 11 having been filled with the fruit of righteousness which [comes] through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God." [Phl 1:9-11 NASB95]

☞ "1 My son, if you will receive my words And treasure my commandments within you, 2 Make your ear attentive to wisdom, Incline your heart to understanding; 3 For if you cry for discernment, Lift your voice for understanding; 4 If you seek her as silver And search for her as for hidden treasures; 5 Then you will discern the fear of the LORD And discover the knowledge of God." [Pro 2:1-5 NASB95]

(2) They were not seduced to _____ the deep things of Satan.

"24 ...who have not known the deep things of Satan, v24.

✳ **A presumptuous prophet claims to have additional previously _____ revelation from God.**

☞ "20 'But the prophet who speaks a word presumptuously in My name which I have not commanded him to speak, or which he speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.'" [Deu 18:20]

➤ **Know that false prophets sometimes accurately _____ future things.**

☞ "1 'If a prophet or a dreamer of dreams arises among you and gives you a sign or a wonder, 2 and the sign or the wonder comes true, concerning which he spoke to you, saying, 'Let us go after other gods (whom you have not known) and let us serve them,' 3 you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams; for the LORD your God is testing you to find out if you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.'" [Deu 13:1-3 NASB95]

✳ **Satan’s “deep things” will always challenge what God has _____.**

☞ "3 but from the fruit of the tree which is in the middle of the garden, God has said, '**You shall not eat from it or touch it, or you will die.**'" 4 The serpent said to the woman, "**You surely will not die!**

✳ **Every temptation will always assault our God’s _____.**

☞ 5 "For God knows that in the day you eat from it your eyes will be opened, and you will be like God, knowing good and evil." [Gen 3:3-5 NASB95]

(3) Peer _____ “what they [her seed] call the deep things of Satan” was ineffective.

"24 ...as they call them" v24.

☞ It is better to view this as an actual claim of an element in the Thyatiran church, that **a Christian should fully know “the deep things of Satan”** in the sense that he ventures into Satan’s strongholds to **demonstrate the powerlessness of the enemy over him, or else to learn the real nature of sin in this firsthand way** (Beckwith; Morris).

☞ "8 If we say that we have no sin, we are deceiving ourselves and the truth is not in us." [1Jo 1:8]

☞ "10 If we say that we have not sinned, we make Him a liar and His word is not in us." [1Jo 1:10]

(4) ...Christ puts no other burden on them.

"24 ...—I place no other burden on you. v24.

☞ "19 "Therefore it is my judgment that we do not trouble those who are turning to God from among the Gentiles, 20 but that we write to them that they abstain from things contaminated by idols and from fornication and from what is strangled and from blood." [Act 15:19-20 NASB95]

(2) The church is exhorted to hold fast their _____ until Christ comes.

25 'Nevertheless what you have, hold fast until I come.' v25.

☞ The promised nearness of Christ coming is incentive to persevere against the cultural pressures to compromise or tolerate doctrine that shifts the faithfuls status of being in the world to of the world.

➤ **Our good works are birthed from trust in the _____, things the eye has not seen.**

☞ "9 But as it is written: "Eye has not seen, nor ear heard, Nor have entered into the heart of man The things which God has prepared for those who love Him." 10 But God has revealed [them] to us through His Spirit. For the Spirit searches all things, yes, the deep things of God." [1Co 2:9-10 NKJV]

➤ **The “deep things of God” are unsearchable _____ and _____ past finding out.**

☞ "33 Oh, the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! How unsearchable [are] His judgments and His ways past finding out!" [Rom 11:33 NKJV]