

**Book of Revelation, part 24**  
*The Church as Thyatira*

- I.** The Church Thyatira—*continual sacrifice* (Rev. 2:18-29).
  - 1. Represents the Roman Catholic church, about 590AD to the present, through the Tribulation ending at the Second Coming of Christ.
  - 2. City known as a commercial trade center: purple dye (Acts 16:14).
- II.** The church contrasted to the chapter one Image of Judgment.
  - 1. “Son of God” (cf. 1:13).
  - 2. “Eyes of flame of fire” (1:14; 19:12 cf. 1 Cor. 4:5).
  - 3. “Feet like fine brass” (1:15; 19:15).
- III.** “I know your works” (Rev. 2:19).
  - 1. The love, the faith, the service, the patience, the works of you: a good start but with the wrong perspective.
  - 2. The ‘works’ are greater than the love.
  - 3. Patience is an acquired human skill (Rom. 5:3).
  - 4. Service and patience must be driven by love (1 Cor. 13:7).
- IV.** “Contrariwise”, (as opposed to the good start), “I have a few things against you” (Rev. 2:20).
  - 1. The pastor tolerated/had patience with the perversion of doctrine represented by Jezebel.
    - 1) Three grammatical references to female points to addition of a female person to the Godhead.
    - 2) As Ahab’s wife she seduced Ahab to worship Baal (1 Ki. 16:30-32).
    - 3) Jezebel came to symbolize a seductive non-believer who entices a Jew to commit idolatry under the pretext of righteousness and for material gain (1 Ki. 21:1-16).
  - 2. Spiritual fornication, eating things offered to idols.
    - 1) Eating with religious significance.
    - 2) In contrast to a ‘grace’ approach (1 Cor. 8:4-13; 10:16-22).
    - 3) The ‘sacrament’ of the ‘Eucharist’ goes beyond symbolism to the transference of life.
    - 4) The bread becomes Christ’s body, the wine His blood.
  - 3. Those with this false doctrine will not repent (v. 21).

