



Pergamos = evil + marriage



Thyatira was not only %a+but %of+the world

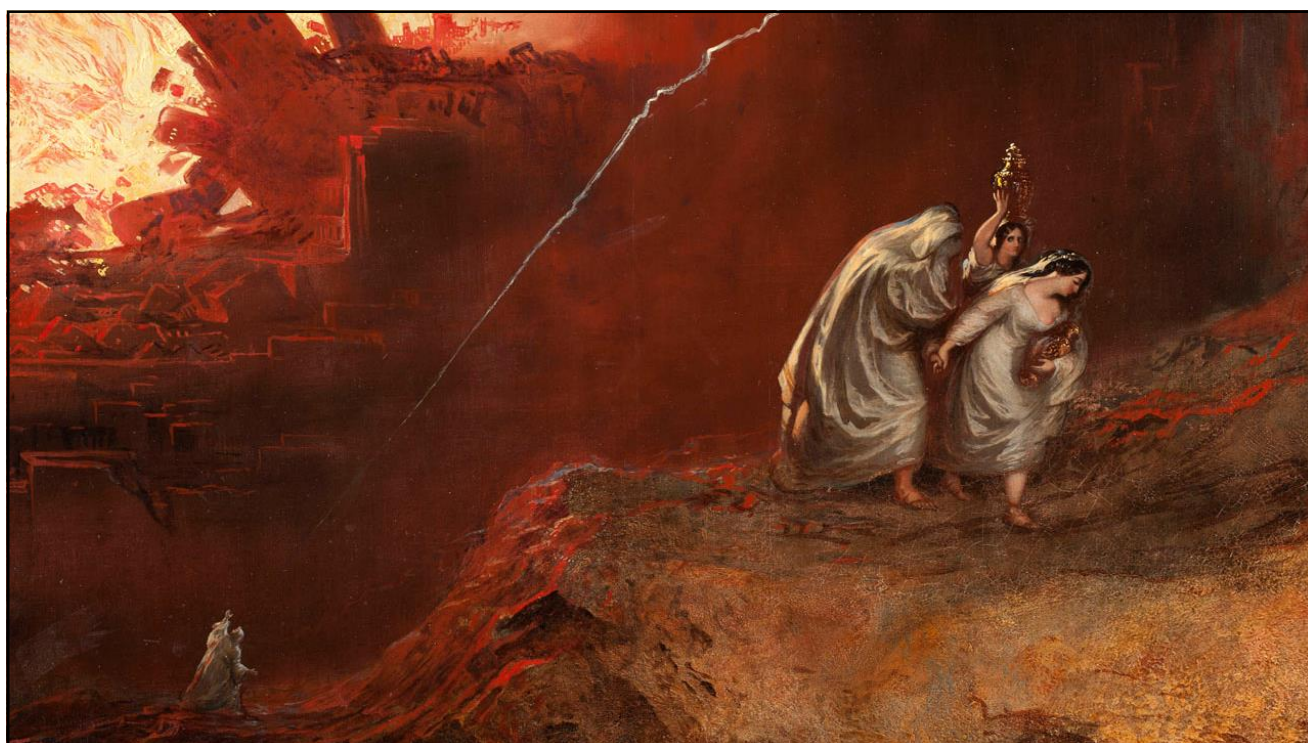




**Rev 2:18-29** And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write, These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: <sup>19</sup>Know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first. <sup>20</sup>Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols. <sup>21</sup>And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent. <sup>22</sup>Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of their deeds. <sup>23</sup>I will kill her children with death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.



**1 Jn 2:15-17** Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. <sup>16</sup>For all that is in the world . the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life . is not of the Father but is of the world. <sup>17</sup>And the world is passing away, and the lust of it; but he who does the will of God abides forever.





## 1. What Jesus expects from His church:

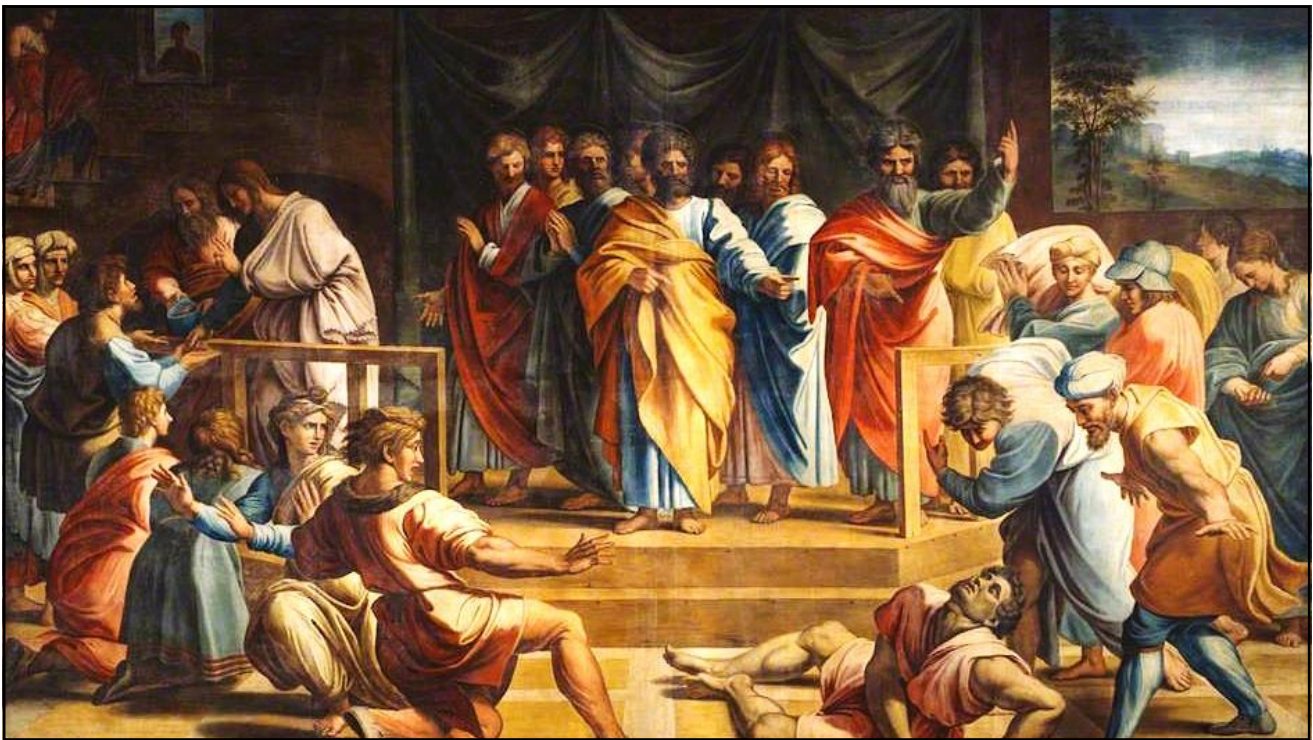
**1 Pet 2:9** But you are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, His own special people, that you may proclaim the praises of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;

**Phil 2:15-16** that you may become blameless and harmless, children of God without fault in the midst of a crooked and perverse generation, among whom you shine as lights in the world, <sup>16</sup>holding fast the word of life,



**Eph 5:25-27** just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself for her, <sup>26</sup>that He might sanctify and cleanse her with the washing of water by the word, <sup>27</sup>that He might present her to Himself a glorious church, not having spot or wrinkle or any such thing, but that she should be holy and without blemish.

**2 Cor 11:2** For I am jealous for you with godly jealousy. For I have betrothed you to one husband, that I may present you as a chaste virgin to Christ.





## 2. One lump affects the whole church

**1 Cor 5:6** your glorying is not good. Do you not know that a little leaven leavens the whole lump?

**Ananias and Sapphira** . Acts 5:1-11

**1 Tim 1:20** of whom are Hymenaeus and Alexander, whom I delivered to Satan that they may learn not to blaspheme.

**1 Cor 5:1-5** It is actually reported that there is sexual immorality among you, and such sexual immorality as is not even named among the Gentiles- that a man has his father's wife! <sup>2</sup>And you are puffed up, and have not rather mourned, that he who has done this deed might be taken away from among you. <sup>3</sup>For I indeed, as absent in body but present in spirit, have already judged (as though I were present) him who has so done this deed. <sup>4</sup>In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, when you are gathered together, along with my spirit, with the power of our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>5</sup>deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of the flesh, that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.

**1 Pet 4:17** For the time has come for judgment to begin at the house of God; and if it begins with us first, what will be the end of those who do not obey the gospel of God?  
<sup>18</sup>Now ~~if~~ the righteous one is scarcely saved, where will the ungodly and the sinner appear?+

~~We~~ are living in a most tolerant age. Everyone must be allowed to ~~do~~ his own thing. This is the age of relativism in morals and syncretism in religion. There are no absolutes. The spirit of the age has crept into the church. To denounce a belief as heresy is to be branded intolerant. Certainly there is no room for bigotry, but to accept anything in the name of Christian charity is a spirit foreign to Scripture. The strongest language in the Bible is reserved for those who depart from revealed truth.+



John Phillips



### 3. The Lord sees ñ

**Rev 1:14** His head and hair were white like wool, as white as snow, and His eyes like a flame of fire;

**2:18** These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass:

**19:12** His eyes were like a flame of fire, and on His head were many crowns.

**Dan 10:6** His body was like beryl, his face like the appearance of lightning, his eyes like torches of fire, his arms and feet like burnished bronze

**Heb 4:13** And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are naked and open to the eyes of Him to whom we must give account.

**Lk 12:2** For there is nothing covered that will not be revealed, nor hidden that will not be known.

**1 Cor 4:5** Therefore judge nothing before the time, until the Lord comes, who will both bring to light the hidden things of darkness and reveal the counsels of the hearts. Then each one's praise will come from God.

**1 Cor 3:13** each one's work will become clear; for the Day will declare it, because it will be revealed by fire; and the fire will test each one's work, of what sort it is.

## 4. Jesus commended this church

**Rev 2:19** I know your works, love, service, faith, and your patience; and as for your works, the last are more than the first.

## 5. Jesus condemned this church

**Rev 2:20** Nevertheless I have a few things against you, because you allow that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.



“ The Thyatira church was founded by a woman . Lydia (Acts 16:14-15)

“ But it was also floundering by a woman . Jezebel (Rev 2:20 that woman Jezebel)

1 Tim 2:12-14 And I do not permit a woman to teach or to have authority over a man, but to be in silence. <sup>13</sup>For Adam was formed first, then Eve. <sup>14</sup>And Adam was not deceived, but the woman being deceived, fell into transgression.

1 Tim 3:1-2,4-5 This is a faithful saying: If a man desires the position of a bishop, he desires a good work. <sup>2</sup>A bishop then must be blameless, the husband of one wife ã <sup>4</sup>one who rules his own house well, having his children in submission with all reverence <sup>5</sup>(for if a man does not know how to rule his own house, how will he take care of the church of God?);



%The problem was not external persecution, but internal compromise; not vicious wolves from outside the flock, but perverse people from within.+

## 6. Works cannot save, but they can damn

- ” Jesus says %come+before He says %go+
- ” Jn 4:24 %worship in spirit and in truth+
- ” %in spirit+because of who He is.
- ” %in truth+because of what we are.

**Rev 2:20** to teach and seduce My servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.

**1 Cor 6:18-20** Flee sexual immorality. Every sin that a man does is outside the body, but he who commits sexual immorality sins against his own body. <sup>19</sup>Or do you not know that your body is the temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and you are not your own? <sup>20</sup>For you were bought at a price; therefore glorify God in your body and in your spirit, which are God's.



**1 Cor 8:4,9-13** Therefore concerning the eating of things offered to idols, ã ⁹But beware lest somehow this liberty of yours become a stumbling block to those who are weak. ¹⁰For if anyone sees you who have knowledge eating in an idol's temple, will not the conscience of him who is weak be emboldened to eat those things offered to idols? ¹¹And because of your knowledge shall the weak brother perish, for whom Christ died? ¹²But when you thus sin against the brethren, and wound their weak conscience, you sin against Christ. ¹³Therefore, if food makes my brother stumble, I will never again eat meat, lest I make my brother stumble.

**Mt 18:6-10** ¶Whoever causes one of these little ones who believe in Me to sin, it would be better for him if a millstone were hung around his neck, and he were drowned in the depth of the sea. ⁷Woe to the world because of offenses! For offenses must come, but woe to that man by whom the offense comes! ⁸¶If your hand or foot causes you to sin, cut it off and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life lame or maimed, rather than having two hands or two feet, to be cast into the everlasting fire. ⁹And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast it from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire. ¹⁰¶Take heed that you do not despise one of these little ones, for I say to you that in heaven their angels always see the face of My Father who is in heaven.+

## 7. Jesus counseled this church

**Rev 2:21** And I gave her time to repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.

**Rom 2:4** Or do you despise the riches of His goodness, forbearance, and longsuffering, not knowing that the goodness of God leads you to repentance?

**Rev 2:23** and all the churches shall know that I am He who searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one of you according to your works.

**“ Judgment is not only disciplinary, it is exemplary:**

Ananias & Sapphira (Acts 5:11 So great fear came upon all the church and upon all who heard these things.)

**1 Tim 5:20** Those who are sinning rebuke in the presence of all, that the rest also may fear.



## ” Judgment is according to works:

**Rom 2:6** who ~~%~~will render to each one according to his deeds+

**1 Sam 2:3** For the Lord is the God of knowledge; and by Him actions are weighed.

**Dan 5:27** You have been weighed in the balances, and found wanting;

**2 Tim 4:14** Alexander the coppersmith did me much harm. May the Lord repay him according to his works.

**Rev 20:11-15** Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. <sup>12</sup>And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is the Book of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. <sup>13</sup>The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. <sup>14</sup>Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. <sup>15</sup>And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.

**Rev 2:24-29** ¶ Now to you I say, and to the rest in Thyatira, as many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the depths of Satan, as they say, I will put on you no other burden. <sup>25</sup>But hold fast what you have till I come. <sup>26</sup>And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations . <sup>27</sup> ¶ He shall rule them with a rod of iron; They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels, as I also have received from My Father; <sup>28</sup>and I will give him the morning star. <sup>29</sup> ¶ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. ¶