

Revelation: Church of Thyatira

1. Salutation "To the angel of the church..."

2. Title

Jesus identified as **Son of God** (2:18) - only place it is used. (Rev. 1:14)

3. Commendation

I know your deeds, your love and faith, your service and perseverance, and that you are now doing more than you did at first. (Vs. 19)

Ministry of service and endurance, motivated by faith and love; yet failed in zeal for sound doctrine, moral purity, holiness of life, false teaching.

4. Condemnation

Nevertheless, I have this against you: You tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophet. By her teaching she misleads my servants into sexual immorality and the eating of food sacrificed to idols.

Jezebel (1 Kings 16:31-33, 2 Kings 9:30-37, 1 Kings 18-21)

Mount Carmel / Naboth's Vineyard

Spirit of Jezebel: intimidation, manipulation, domination, and control.

Gnosticism: spirit = good, matter = evil

Prophetic: Era In Church History

Papacy of Roman Catholic Church from 5th-15th century

"You will not understand the history of Europe unless you understand the tensions between the Vatican and the various Kings of Europe as the Vatican aspired to temporal authority, rather than religious authority." Missler

- *Papa* = father
- 4th century - 5 major primary centres: Rome, Constantinople, Antioch, Jerusalem and Alexandria.
- 395 AD – schism of Roman Empire - East (Constantinople); West (Rome).
- Leo 1 – 445 AD.
- Gregory I – Made reforms.
- King of Franks, Pepin – son Charlemagne – reigned 46 years – responsible for making papacy a world power.

- Treaty of Verdun - divided empire into Germany, France, and Italy - endless conflict between the popes and Kings.
- Nicholas I – 857 AD – ‘Isidorian Decretals’ – proved false.
- Eastern Orthodox Church separated from Roman Catholic Church.
- 904-932 AD – “Rule of the Harlots” or Pornocracy.

“In the sometimes dark history of the papacy, nothing matches the sheer lurid thuggery of the Pornocracy, which was marked by scandal, depravity, lust, murder, nepotism, and treachery. (catholicworldreport.com)
- Pope Formosus (891-96) – Stephen VI - trial of corpse.
- Pope Sergius III, senatrix (female senators) = mistresses.
- Theodora - appoints John X; Morozia - John smothered to death.
- Popes, Leo VI, Stephen VII; John XI; Leo VII, Stephen VIII, John 12th.
- Benedict VIII, John IX
- Benedict IX
- Three rival Popes: Benedict IX, Gregory VI, Sylvester III; Clement II
- Innocent III
 - Vicar of Christ and God,
 - Initiated two bloody crusades
 - Decreed transubstantiation
 - Forced regular confession
 - Forbade reading of Bible in vernacular
 - Instituted the Inquisition
- Cathars - 1208 - severely persecuted
- 1540-1570 ~ 900 000 Protestants executed
- Renaissance popes - John 23rd
- Pope Pius II; Paul II (concubines), Paul IV (sanctioned Spanish Inquisition & introduced indulgences)
- Innocent VIII; Alexander VI
- Martin Luther and the Reformation

5. Counsel

6. Exhortation (Revelation 2:24-25).

"I will put on you no other burden." What did He mean?

Jerusalem Council.

"For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things. That you abstain from meats offered to idols, and from blood, and from things strangled, and from fornication: from which if you keep yourselves, you shall do well." (Acts 15:28-29)

"But hold fast what you have till I come."

7. Promise

"And he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to him I will give power over the nations. He shall rule them with a rod of iron; they shall be dashed to pieces like the potter's vessels."

See Psalm 2