

The Year of the Revelation

~ Thyatira - The Apostolic Church ~

I. Description of Himself -

- A. The Son of God –vs– Prophetess
- B. Eyes like a blazing flame - to see
- C. His feet of bronze - judgment and wrath upon sin!

II. Word of Commendation -

I know your deeds, your love . . .
* To obey is better than sacrifice! *

III. Word of Correction -

You tolerate the woman Jezebel.

Historical:

Wife of King Ahab.
Brought her false gods.
Ahab could not control her.
Killed prophets of God.
Led the people into false worship.

Called herself a prophetess
Teaches and leads my bondservants astray
Causes them to commit acts of immorality and eating meats
sacrificed to idols

Who is this Jezebel?

The Church Outside the Leadership of Jesus

A time when the church (bride) begins to develop and teach traditions that were added to scripture
(sometimes contrary to scripture.)

Leaving the Word of God

The Middle of Dark Ages

A Biblical Comparison

Intertestamental Period

400 Years

Development of the Sects
of Pharisees, Sadducees, Essenes

During His earthly ministry,
with whom did Jesus have His most
difficult time?

Their traditions were more
important than God's Word.

Thyatira Age

900 to 1,000 Years

The Roman Catholic Church (Established Church)
Eastern Orthodox Church

Developed their traditions
Gave traditions equal authority with the Bible!

Jesus in the Revelation is dealing with these same problems.

What are some of the traditions:

Papal infallibility; Baptismal regeneration; Purgatory; Indulgences - Temporal punishment
Confession to Priests; Mary's Assumption
Defense of Church - Martyred others who believed differently - Inquisition!

III. God's Mercy - "I gave her time to repent."

IV. God's Judgment -

- A. I will cast her upon a bed of sickness;
- B. Great Tribulation - Barbarians from the North; Muslims from the East
- C. I will kill her children with pestilence.
Black Plague - 75 to 200 million
Reduced the population in Europe by 50%.

V. The Remnant -

- A. Do not hold to this teaching (depths of Satan)
- B. What you have, hold fast until I come.

To him who overcomes:

- (1) The rod of rulership over the nations -
- (2) The morning star - when it is darkest the dawn shall appear!