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

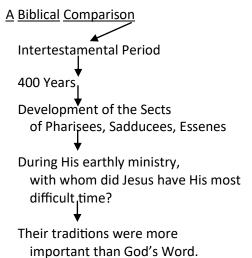
Who is this Jezebel?

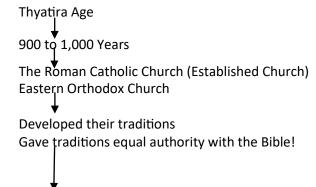
The Church Outside the Leadership of Jesus

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





Jesus in the Revelation is dealing with these same problems.

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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
- 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!