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The Revelation to John

CHAPTER TWO

LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN THYATIRA (18-29)

A. THE LORD’S SELF-DESIGNATION (18)

1. “The Son of God”
2. “Who has eyes like a flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass.”

B. COMMENDATION (19)

1. For their works, love, service, faith, and patience.
2. Their last works are more than the first.

C. CONDEMNATION AND WARNING (20-24)

1. Condemnation
 - a. They allow that woman Jezebel
 - 1) Who calls herself a prophetess.
 - 2) To teach and beguile His servants to commit sexual immorality and eat things sacrificed to idols.
 - b. The Lord had given them time to repent of her sexual immorality, but she did not.
2. Warning
 - a. He will cast her into a sickbed.
 - b. Those who commit adultery with her will have great tribulation unless they repent.
 - c. He will kill her children with death, and the churches will know He searches the minds and hearts.
 - d. He will give to each one according to their works.
 - e. For those in Thyatira who do not follow her doctrine, or have not known the depths of Satan, as they call it, He places on them no other burden.

E. EXHORTATION AND PROMISE (25-29)

1. Hold fast to what they have till He comes.
2. To him who overcomes and keeps His works until the end...
 - a. He will give power over the nations, just as He received from the Father.
 - b. He will give the morning star.

3. Hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

CHAPTER THREE

Outline

I. LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN SARDIS (1-6)

A. THE LORD'S SELF-DESIGNATION (1a)

1. "He who has the seven Spirits of God" - cf. **Isa 11:1-2; Zech. 4:1-10; Re 1:4; 4:5**
2. "...and the seven stars"

B. CONDEMNATION AND WARNING (1b-3)

1. Condemnation
 - a. They have a name that they are alive but dead.
 - b. Their works have not been found perfect before God.
2. Warning
 - a. Be watchful and strengthen the things which remain and are ready to die
 - b. Remember how they had received and heard.
 - c. Hold fast and repent.
 - d. If they don't watch, the Lord will come upon them as a thief.

C. COMMENDATION (4)

1. Few names in Sardis have not defiled their garments.
2. They shall walk with Him in white, for they are worthy

D. PROMISE AND EXHORTATION (5-6)

1. He who overcomes...
 - a. Shall be clothed in white garments.
 - b. The Lord will not blot his name from the Book of Life
 - c. The Lord will confess his name before My Father and His angels
2. Hear what the Spirit says to the churches

II. LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN PHILADELPHIA (7-13)

A. THE LORD'S SELF-DESIGNATION (7)

1. "He who is holy, He who is True."
2. "He who has the key of David, He who opens, and no one shuts and shuts and no one opens" --- cf. **Isa 22:22**

B. COMMENDATION (8)

1. The Lord has set an open door before them and none can shut it
2. For they have a little strength, have kept His word, and not denied His name

C. PROMISE AND EXHORTATION (9b-11)

1. Concerning the “synagogue of Satan” (who claim to be Jews, but are not)...
 - a. He will make them come and worship before their feet.
 - b. He will make them know that He has loved those in Philadelphia
2. Because the church has kept His command to persevere...
 - a. He will keep them from the hour of trial.
 - b. Which is coming to test those who dwell on the earth.
3. Behold, He is coming quickly!
 - a. Hold fast to what they have.
 - b. That no one may take their crown.
4. He who overcomes, the Lord will...
 - a. make him a pillar in the temple of His God, and he shall go out no more
 - b. Write to him:
 - 1) The name of His God
 - 2) The name of the city of His God, the New Jerusalem which comes down out of heaven from His God
 - 3) His new name
5. Hear what the Spirit says to the churches

III. LETTER TO THE CHURCH IN LAODICEA (14-22)

A. THE LORD’S SELF-DESIGNATION (14)

1. “The Amen, the Faithful, and True Witness”
2. “The Beginning of the creation of God”

B. CONDEMNATION AND WARNING (15-20)

1. Condemnation
 - a. They are neither cold nor hot
 - 1) He wished they were cold or hot
 - 2) But because they are lukewarm, He will spew them out of His mouth
 - b. They are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked
 - 1) Though they say they are rich, wealthy, and in need of nothing
 - 2) Therefore, He counsels them...
 - a) To buy from Him:
 - 1/ Gold refined in the fire, that they may be rich
 - 2/ White garments, that their nakedness be not revealed
 - b) To anoint their eyes with eye salve, that they might see
2. Warning
 - a. As many as He loves, He rebukes and chastens; therefore be zealous and repent
 - b. He stands at the door and knocks; if any will hear Him and open the door, He will come in and dine with him

C. PROMISE AND EXHORTATION (21-22)

1. To him who overcomes...
 - a. The Lord will grant to sit with Him on His throne
 - b. Just as He overcame and sat down with His Father on His throne
2. Hear what the Spirit says to the churches