

## CCCN Bible Study End Times Notes – Pastor John Stackhouse

### Revelation 2 – Letter to the church in Thyatira

2:18 –the city of Thyatira was about forty-five miles due east of Pergamum. Acts 16:14 mentions that Lydia, a seller of purple garments, came from the Jewish settlement at Thyatira. It has been suggested that some of Paul’s converts at Ephesus went out and evangelized Thyatira (Acts 19:10).



2:19-29 – The letter states the church allowed an immoral woman named Jezebel to influence them. According to commentary, the congregation had allowed this false prophetess to remain in the church and to continue to teach the saints to indulge in “sexual immorality” and to “eat food sacrificed to idols”. She must have been elevated to prominence in the church because of her unusual gifts. But only a small minority saw through her deception (v. 24); the rest either followed her or ignored her views without objecting to her presence in the church.

As in the case of Jezebel, Christ’s strongest threat to the offenders is not in regard to their sin, serious as that is, but to their reluctance to repent. The Lord is walking among his churches. He judges evil; but he also offers deliverance to those who have fallen, if they repent and stop doing Jezebel’s deeds.