

LENTEN LUNCH - 3/22/2022

Letters to the

7 Churches

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Laodicea

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Thyatira



Letter to the Church in Thyatira

Turning Southeast and traveling approx. 40 miles

It's the longest of the 7 letters

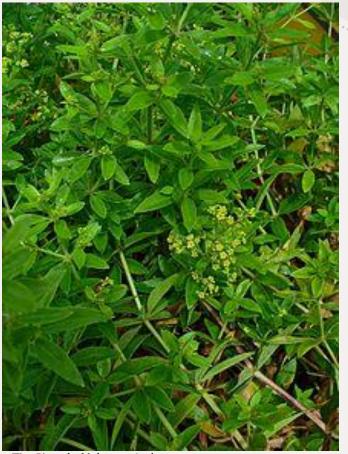
Enjoyed commercial distinction with numerous trade guilds

Especially known for its reddish-purple dye called "Turkey Red"

- "It is extracted from the madder root and is still manufactured today in the area."
 - (R. Losch, The Uttermost Part of the Earth: A Guide to Places in the Bible, 233)
- Lydia (Acts 16:14) was from Thyatira and "a seller of purple goods"

Madder Plant – Rubia Tinctorium





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Madder Plant dye



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Revelation 2:18-29

¹⁸"And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write: 'The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze. ¹⁹"'I know your works, your love and faith and service and patient endurance, and that your latter works exceed the first. ²⁰But I have this against you, that you tolerate that woman Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess and is teaching and seducing my servants to practice sexual immorality and to eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹I gave her time to repent, but she refuses to repent of her sexual immorality. ²²Behold, I will throw her onto a sickbed, and those who commit adultery with her I will throw into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³and I will strike her children dead. And all the churches will know that I am he who searches mind and heart, and I will give to each of you according to your works. ²⁴But to the rest of you in Thyatira, who do not hold this teaching, who have not learned what some call the deep things of Satan, to you I say, I do not lay on you any other burden. ²⁵Only hold fast what you have until I come. ²⁶The one who conquers and who keeps my works until the end, to him I will give authority over the nations, ²⁷and he will rule them with a rod of iron, as when earthen pots are broken in pieces, even as I myself have received authority from my Father. ²⁸And I will give him the morning star. ²⁹He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.'

• ESV Bibles. ESV Prayer Bible (p. 2933). Crossway. Kindle Edition.

Gold on the Surface

What is significant about the description of Christ in v. 18?

→ Jesus knows and commends 6 things (v. 19), what are they? What stands out?

 \blacktriangleright What does He have against them (v. 20)?



 \blacktriangleright What are they commanded to do (v. 25)?

 \blacktriangleright How do we make sense of the promise given (vv. 26-28)?

Digging Deeper

Who is Jezebel? (See 1 Kings 16:29-33; 19:1-3; 21:1-26; 2 Kings 9:30-37)

What is the danger? What do we learn from vv. 21-23?



Moving Forward by Faith

What do we think of when we hear the word "Tolerance"? Is it ever good and right to be <u>Intolerant</u>?

What is the danger of "guilds" today? What is <u>syncretism</u> and why do we need to be careful within the church?

To we know, believe, and tell ourselves and others the truth about Jesus as Judge?

T How can we grow in holiness, both as individuals and as a church?