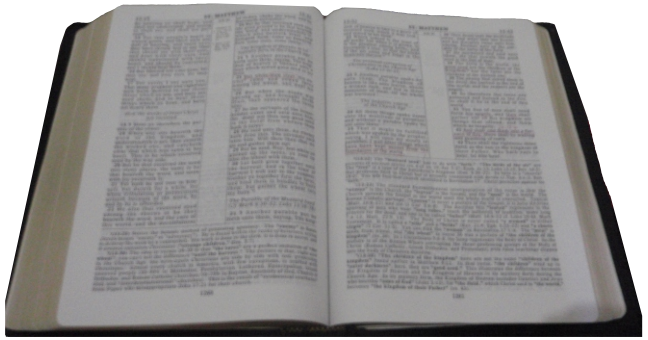
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Revelation
Chapter 2

Comparing spiritual things with spiritual

The entrance of thy words giveth light
Ps. 119:130

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The 7 churches

2:1- Ephesus = Fully purposed

- 2:4- thou hast left thy 1st love.

- 2:6- The danger in this church is the Nicolaitans.

- Nico = Conquer

- Laitan = Laity

- The danger in the 1st Church is a group of people called clergy, who are trying to run the people- the laity.

- Their trying to conquer the common everyday Christian.

- That's the danger.

2:8- Smyrna = Myrrh

- It pictures suffering

- 2:10- The danger is being persecuted and thrown into prison.

- 2:9- Somebody was saying they were Jews and were not.

- 2:9- but are the synagogue of Satan.

- If you would look in church history at a church in that time who claimed to have all the promises of Israel that would be the church.

- They claim to be a spiritual Jew so God is all done with Israel.

2:12- Peragmos = Much Marriage

- This is the church that married and settled down with the world.

2:8- Smyrna is the only church in chapter 2 that didn't get rebuked.

3:7- Philadelphia is the only church in Chapter 3 that didn't get rebuked.

2:18-29- Thyatira

- Church history the Roman Catholic church is in complete control.

- This period begins with Gregory the Great and runs up to the first crusade, and ends about the millennium.

-2:13- Where they are is where the devils seat is.

- The devil has a seat he sets in.

- 2:14- Commit fornication

- 2:15- Now it is the doctrine of the Nicolaitans

- It was the deeds of the Nicolaitans **2:6**

2:18- Thyatira = Odor of affliction

- This church people are getting killed right and left.

- 2:20- It's a church that is represented by a adulterous woman.

- This woman has had time to get right and she isnt right.

- This is the dark ages.

- 2:24- Some people have plumited to the depths of Satan.

3:1- Sardis = Red Ones

- The church is bloody- being killed

- Their soaking in blood.

- 3:4- This is a dead church but it still has a few names that are right.

3:7- Philadelphia = Brotherly Love

- Philo = lover of somebody

- Delphia = the brethren

- 3:8- Church of the open door.

- This is the only church that is not rebuked.

- 3:8- This is the only church that kept the word of God.

- So if you want the word of God you need to find out where that church is.

- The Apostolic church did not keep it.

3:14- Laodicea

- Laos = Laity or common people

- Dicea = righteousness

- The rights of the people

- Civil rights

- Human rights

- We the people

- A government for the people by the people.

- There will never be a right government until Jesus comes.

The Church age - Ephesus -33-200 Ad

- Smyrna - 200 - 325

- Pergamos - 325-500

- Thyatira - 500 - 1000

- Sardis - 1000 - 1500

2:27- shivers = splinters - old english

2:28- Morning star in Revelation is Jesus Christ himself.

- Rev. 22:16

- 2Pet. 1:19- Christ is called the day star.

- You have a tribulation reference here doctrinally.

- It has an element of faith and works.

- Thier waiting for the Lord to come back and their being told they will be given Jesus Christ.

- Rev. 2:28- And I will give him.

- Doctrinely its not like the free gift of God in the Church age.

- No body in the Tribulation is born again.

- This is where every lost person ends up.

- You should thank God you got saved.

- People don't know what you know and how corupt satan is.

2:28- This is another double application, because we already have Christ.

- From the book of Hebrews to the book of Revelation it is jumping back and forth from the church age to the tribulation and millennium.

- Man takes drink
  drink takes drink
  drink takes man

- All sin works this way.

- Dirty thought- Magazine- Porno

- Before you know it your perverted

- Many people are being raped and tortured

- Its only by the grace of God you don't turn into this.

- Sin ends up where you enjoy hearing people scream
- That's what hell is.

2:26- Tribulation application

2:26- he that overcometh

- The christian has already overcome.

- 1Jh. 4:4, 5:4

2:26- unto the end

- The end of the tribulation not someones life.

2:26- Notice the works has to do with the reign of Christ not with getting to heaven.

- We can spiritualize it for us.

- 2Tim. 2:12- If we suffer with him we shall also reign with him.

2:26- power over the nations - The Millennium reign

2:27- Rod of Iron- Millennium reign of Christ

- Phelidelphia - 1500- 1900

- Laodicea - 1900 - 2020?

- The church age ends with a luke warm church bragging about its property, wealth, etc.

- 3:17- ...wretched, and miserable, and poor, and blind and naked.

2:1- Scofield says Angel = Pastor

- This Angel gets spued out of Gods mouth in 3:16

2:1- Angels - Are appearances

- Messingers but not every Angel has a message.

- Sometines their killers. They don't have a message they just kill people.

- The Angel that came and helped Christ had no message he came to strengthen him.

- Every commentary says their messengers and their not.

- An Angel of the Lord is an apperance of the Lord.

- Every Angel is an appearance.

- Satan himself is transformed into an Angel of light.

- He appears as an Angel of light.

- So every local church on earth has an appearance up in heaven.

- Every person, church and country does.

- In Daniel Israel and the United Nations are represented in heaven.

- Dan. 10:13,20

- Thier represented by Angels.

- Israel's angel is Michael the ArchAngel.

2:1- Ephesus

- The Lord has some kind of set up in heaven where he can see everything down here up there.

- But without sin.

- Heaven is absolute holiness.

2:2- Jh. 3:13- Jesus Christ is on earth and in heaven at the same time.

- We are in heaven right now.

- Eph. 2:6

- We are sinners but our appearnce in heaven is sinless.

2:2- I know thy works

- The Lord knows what you do.

- Work - Mental, physical, spiritual

- Patience - This church worked for the Lord, they laboured for the Lord and they had patience

2:2- how thou canst not bear them which are evil

- This church didn't tolerate sin..

2:24- depths of satan, as they speak

- It has two applications

1- Many don't know the dangers in bad translations.

- You can lead a man to Christ out of any bible.

- Any bible has enough truth in it to lead a man to Christ, but that doesn't mean it's a bible.

- Most people have no knowledge about corupt bibles.

2- The devil ends up in the lake of fire.

- In Ezekiel when God wants to talk about the devil he says the devil is likened unto Pharoah.

- He will die and go to hell and see all the people and have comfort in his multitude.

- Eze. 32:31

- The only place in the bible the devil gets any comfort is when he goes to hell and see's all the people he has damned.

- Sin has a way of growing on you.

- Cigerette - 1 a day, 2 a day, 1 pack, 2 pack

- Start out smoking pot and end up smoking meth.

- You say I could never enjoy hearing or seeing a person scream, you don't understand the power of sin.

- It will take you places you don't want to go.

- Calling a priest your father is an old testament reference to a young unmarried priest who worships idols.

- Baal worship has a male and female diety.

- The woman is a prostitute

2:20- These pagan worshipers get into sodomy, beastiality, etc.

- Jezebel is a prophetess so she is a religious figure.

2:21-23- The next church age ather this the Black Death hits Europe, it killed as many people as Ww2

- Around 120 AD

- The Catholic church had 7 crusades against muslims and lost many young men.

2:24- The doctrine of Jezebel

2:20

2:14

- In any church or false church you have innocent people that doesn't know how corupt it really is.

- They don't know the depths of satan.

- Some are saved people that don't know anything.

- This is a system not an individual.

- In the dark ages the greatest evangelical movement was the Cathari.

- These were believers who stayed in the church and evangelized.

- Can you imagine some one getting up in your church and saying your have a good work here because your people don't tolerate wickedness.

- Most churches don't care what you do as long as you pay your tithes and don't hurt anybody.

2:2- Apostles- Found them liars

- Do you know people who claim to have the apostlic signs and gifts.

- Put these people to the test.

- Heat this man

- They say - I cant tempt the Lord

- I am not in the Spirit

- Rom. 8:9- If you don't have the Spirit your not in Christ.

- 2Cor. 12:12- signs of an Apostle

- All these cults lie - Mormons
  Jw's
  7th Day Adventist
  Charismatics
  Catholics etc.

2:3- Patience - 2 times

- 2:2- laboured with patience

- 2:3- and hast patience

- They have gone through the trouble, sorrow with patience.
- This is a good Church

2:3- for my names sake

- They have the right motive.

- Their doing it for the Lord.

2:3- laboured and hast not fainted

- They laboured and didn't quit when times got tough.

- Gal. 6:9

- These people wernt they worked hard to win the lost.

2:4- Neverthe less I have somewhat against thee,

What is it?

2:4- Because thou hast left thy first love.

- This is the only thing he had against this first church.

- This is a problem a lot Christians have today they have left their first love.

- Married couples know how hard it is to keep your first love.

- You have to work at it, but it's not the same because before you didn't have to work at it.

- Before you knew this person you didn't know their habits.

- Now you know them they all make mistakes.

- Living with a person all the time you start seeing their inconsistencies.

- It's the little things that wear on you.

-1Kg. 18:26-28

- 18:27- Noon- Baal worships the Sun god, sunday

- 18:27- Elijah mocking their god

- 18:28- Cut themselves trying to do pennance for their sins

- Like they do in Philippines, Spain and Italy and South America.

- 2Kg. 10:22- vestments, vestry,

- Ashtoreth is a female diety, she is the moon goddess that matches the male princible.

- Judges 2:13- These are the Gods of Ahab and Jezebel.

- Ashtoreth's title is called the Queen of Heaven.

- In Jeremiah this female goddess is called the queen of heaven.

- This is an ancient religion that has nothing to do with biblical christianty.

- They burn incense to her

- They have drink offering to her

- They make cake offerings to her.

- Jere. 44:15- 19

- There priest are called father

- Jud. 17:5, 10, 18-20

- What is Baal worship?

- 1Kg. 16:31-

- We are studing what Jezebel, Baal, and Balaam have to do with the tribulation and how and when the Roman Catholic church comes into power after Pope Gregory 1st

- 1Kg. 16:31- Jezebel the daughter of Ethbaal king of the Zidonians.

- Gen. 10:6, 15

- Zidonians are from Ham. Their call Phenisians in world history and come from Ham.

- 1Kg. 16:31- and went and served Baal.

- 1Kg. 16:33- Ahab made a grove.

- Ex. 20:3-5

- Deu. 16:21-22

- The bible says fon't make any images or groves for the Image.

- If you want to see this today drive by any Catholic church or one of its members where they have Mary in a grove.

- The only thing that wil expose this is the truth.

- This lets all get alone and love one another will not do it.

Baal

- 1Kg. 18:19, 23

- 1Kg. 18:23- When you sacrifice to Baal you use a bull not a lamb, bull, bullock, baal

- ILL- A man has 3 things in life; friendship, courtship and battleship.

- You have to work at it.

- you have to be nice to them when you want to yell at them.

- In a marriage you keep your mouth shut, don't speak everything that comes to your mind.

- It might be the devil putting it in there.

- Both husband and wife need to have grace with the other, you will have to work together at it.

2:4- A lot of this has to do with the word of God.

- When you first got saved you loved reading the word

- As the years go by the word has gotten cold to you.

ILL- Song Near the Cross

- We need to keep near the cross.

2:5- Remember therefore from whence thor art fallen,

- Fallen from your first love.

- As an older christian you have forgotten what it felt like to be lost.

- You were lost on the way to hell, miserable no joy afraid to die.

- You need to get back to the basics.

- Your not going to hell

2:5- do the first works

- When you first got saved you didn't know any doctirne.

- All you knew was people were dying and going to hell and you were trying to prevent them.

- Start soul winning, reading your bible, passing out tracts, praying and fasting, go back to your first love.

- Do the first works, youv'e grown cold and uncarring.

2:5- remove thy candlestick

- The candlestick is the Church.

- Rev. 1:20

- If the Ephesus Church dosent get right he's going to get rid of them.

- The Lord will take a local assmebly and remove it.

- He'll shut the doors.

- Churches are closing faster now than anytime in history.

- There are many Churches were there are only 4 or 5 old people left in church.

- The light has gone out.

- Mt. 5:15-16- Let your light shine

- Lk. 11:33- that they which come in may see the light.

- 2019- between 6000 and 10,000 churches closed in USA

- This is happening every year.

2:19- Charity- they give

2:19- Service- they work

- This is a good church.

2:19- and the last to be more that the first.

- Their last works were better than the first.

- This church has faith, patience, and their working harder now then when they started.

2:20- notwithstanding - there is always something.

2:20- Jezebel- it has to be figurtive

- Jezebel is dead.

- The rule of thumb is

  - If it can't be tken literally it is figurative

- We don't believe this is literal, God would have to resurrect Jezebel in the tribulation just for this one church.

2:20- Jezebel teaches a few things

2:14- Jezebel and Balaam are a lot alike.

- A love religion is dangerous, because it ends up not as God is love but love is God.

- Love is not God - God is love and also a cunsuming fire.

- How are these two connected it must be through Baal worship.

2:17- white stone - don't know

- stone - new name ? don't know

- Nobody knows they just guess.

2:18- Thyatira = Odor of affliction

- The last church married the world and this church the true believers are being persecuted.

- 500 - 1000 AD

- Roman Catholic church is coming into power and killing anyone who doesn't side with them.

- The Catholic church is the geeatest force on earth to oppose biblical christianty.

- Communism is nothing compared to the Catholics.

- Communism is barely 1000 ys old.

- Stalin and Kruchef both went to seminary

2:18- Durning this time their burning Waldensens,Bogomiles Paulicieans, Donatist at the stake.

- Agustan said everone is damned who doesn't believe in infant baptism,

- Coucil of Carthage.

- This is church history you don't hear about.

2:18- This is what John saw in Chapter 1 the risen Christ.

2:19- I know thy works

2:6- which I also hate

- It's ok to hate, God hates

- This is oppisite what TV and Radio teach

- Mt. 5:22- without a cause

- Without a cause is taken out of all the false bibles trying to make Jesus in danger of judgment.

- Lk. 6:22- Blessed are ye when.....

- Preachers don't preach like this anymore, colleges schools, churches.

- God hates some things and you better find out what they are so God don't hate you.

- God is saying - There is one thing I like about you <u>you hate</u> the Nicolaitans.

2:6- the deeds of the Nicolaitans

- It's ok to hate the actions of some groups.

- If you don't hate the works of this bunch then your not in tune with God.

- If your godly then like the Lord

- If you like the Lord you will like and hate the same things.

- God hates the deeds of the Nicolaitans

- Nicolaitans is a greek compound word.

- Nico = Rule

- Laity = Laos - people

- Rule over the common people.

- 1Pet. 5:2-3- The Nicolaitans were lording over the church.

2:6- 150 AD so already there is a bunch of people wanting to run the other people.

- It's a cast system and it was first mentioned by Origen.

- Origen said it's perfectly alright to call a pastor a priest.

- He said since they have high priest in the OT its ok to call them high priest, referring to the religious leader.

- Cyprian died in 258 AD

  - He said the bishop had the authority of Christ.

  - You can only preach in the presence of a bishop and when you do your preaching in the presence of Christ.

- When we get to it later in the chapter they begin to wear funny little suits and hats and collars, so you know their not laity.

- They became monsters because they live in monastaries

2:7- Churches - plural

- Promise- This promise as it stands will not fit in the Church age.

- Promise- Is to him that overcometh

2:7- to him that overcometh

- The Chritian has already over come

- Balaam prophesied the 1st and 2nd coming of Christ and the restoration of Israel, and the premillennial coming of Christ, when the spirit of God was on him.

- Then sold them out for money.

- You have to be careful for preachers.

- If God calls ou to preach and gives you a message and if you preach that message you might lose every thing, family, church

- You preach the whole message.

2:15- The only way you can get fornication into a worship service is by this reasoning.

- God is love and love is God, God is the creator you should reverence life.

- God created man so you should reverance human life.

- If you have gotten rid of God and made him like engery that gives life

- Since the suns engery is capable of giving life the most powerful force outside of the sun is man.

- So procreation is the highest act of life and pro-creating life.

- So the act of procreating life is the highest form of wordhip.

2:16- sword of my mouth - word

2:17- hidden manna - don't know what it is.

24:10-11, 25

- It looks like this is the end of the story but it isn't.

31:15-16

31:8- ...Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.

31:15-16- You didn't know about this when you read Nu. 24.

- Look why he said that.

25:1-2, 6-9- They commit fornication and the Lord kills 24,000.

31:16- This shows us that before Balaam left and went to his place he got his money.

- Balak said you blessed them 3 times and didn't curse them you cannot have the money.

- Balaam said I had to say what God told me to say or he would kill me.

- Is the offer still good - What do you mean?

- If I can get God to curse them is the offer still good.

- If you do what I tell you do do I won't have to curse them God will do it for us.

- How?

- You let your daughters marry their sons and your sons their daughters.

- They started going to their churchs and took out the 2nd commandment and split the 10th in half to make it look like nothing ever happened.

- 1Jh. 4:4, 5:4-5

- We don't have to eat of the tree of life we have eternal life already.

- Doctrinly- this is a local church in the tribulation.

- Gen. 3:21-24- God removed Adam to keep him eating the tree of life.

- When you believed in Jesus Christ you were born again and when you were born again you over-came.

2:8- Smyrna = Myrrh

- Myrrh has to do with death and dying

- It's used in inbalming

- This is one of the gifts given by the wise men.

2:9- I know thy works

- This is how it began in Ephesus

- God knows your works

- Rev. 20:12-13

- All lost will be judged by their works at the great white throne judgment

- 2Cor. 5:10

- All Christians will be judged by their works at the judgment seat of Christ.

- 1Cor. 3:13-15

2:9- (but thou art rich)

- Poor people need God.

- When you get a lot of money you have a tendency to forget God.

- **Rev. 3:17-** the Laodicean church says they are rich and are not.

- Rev. 2:8-9- this church is poor and God says their rich.

- The Lord doesn't look at things like we do.

- The poorer you are down here the richer you will be up there.

2:9- Jews

- Amillenniumist and post millenniumist claim to be Jews

- What ever this is it is an unholy alliance and group.

- Most orginsations that deny the 2nd coming of Christ claim that all the promises to the Jews go to them.

- They also claim there is no more physical Jew God deals with.

- This leads to anti-semitism and that is the synagogue of satan.

- Satan is anti-semitic.

2:10- 100 AD - 200AD

- This is during the 10 emperial persecutions of the emperor

- Rev. 22:14- they took out

- "they that do his commandments"

- And replace it with

- "those who wash their robes"

- They change the scriptures then they ask the Lord show us something in your word.

- This is why God never shows them anything else.

Nu. 22:20- 1- If the men come

2- Go with them

3- you say what I said to say.

Nu. 22:21- He doesn't listen and he gets on his donkey and goes to Moab

- They did not come to him

- He doesn't listen

- The way of Balaam is he wants the money.

- This is the error of Balaam

- This is the reward of unrighteousness

Nu. 22:28-33- Read

Nu. 22:34- He admitts he sinned

Nu. 22:35- Go but only tell him what I say.

Nu. 23- He blesses Israel 3 times and Balak has a fit.

Nu. 24- He blesses them again.

1- Thou shalt not go with them

2- Thou shalt not curse the people

3- They are blessed

Nu. 22:13- Balaam cut out 2/3 of the message

- There is many a man in the ministry who does it just like that

- God says preach this, this and this and he only preaches 1/3 of what God said.

Nu. 22:14- Men in verse 14 left out the Lord.

- Their revising the message

- It began with 3 points then 1 point and now God isnt in it at all.

Nu. 22:16- Let nothing

- Never mind what the bible or God has to say.

Nu. 22:17- Blank check - whatever you want.

Nu. 22:18- Now he is lying, being pious he already cut out 2/3 of the message.

- Just because a man is a spirit filled prophet who believes in the fundimentals does't mean he is honest.

Nu. 22:19- why did he say more.

-They left God out

- If you havant accepted whats in the book why would you think God would show you more.

210- Crown of life - not eternal life.

- A lot of churches teach this means eternal life and it doesn't.

- God never told us if we are faithful unto death he would give us eternal life.

- Crown of life is an earned reward.

- Eternal life is a free gift.

2:11- Have you overcome? - Yes

- Then you won't be hurt by the 2nd death.

2:12- Pergamos = much marriage

- 325 AD the Church is under Constintine.

- This Church settles down with Constantine and becomes an emperian church.

- It becomes a worldy church of the emperor instead of a spiritual church of Jesus Christ.

- Emperor Constantine

- To be a bishop before 325 AD was a dangerous occupation.

- After this the bishops wore a crown with much gold

- Much marriage - they married the world.

Joke- The colosium went broke because the lions ate up all the prophets.

2:12- This is where easter bunnies and christmas trees , wedding rings all come in.

2:12- sharp sword with 2 edges

- Word of God

- Heb. 4:12

- Ps. 12:6-7

2:13- Satans seat is

- If this is Constantine then satans seat is Rome.

- Excathidra = out of the chair

- Ex = out Cathidra = the chair

2:13- holdest fast thy name

- This is a good church

- Antipas - No body knows who this man was.

- Anti = Against, Pas = all or everthing

- Antipas was against everything or everybody.

- They said this about Martin Luther.

2:14- doctrine of Balaam

- Rev. 2:14- The doctrine of Balaam

- 2Pet. 2:15- The way of Balaam

- Jude 11- The error of Balaam

- You are warned about him in 3 different ways.

- His way, his doctirne, his error

- His error was in trying to curse Israel.

- The way of Balaam was decietful and tretchery, trying to get God to curse Israel.

- The doctirne was to get Israel to sin so God would curse them.

- 2 things - 1- Eat things sacrificed to Idols

2- fornication

- To commit fornication is a doctrine

- This is a religious doctrine.

- Which means this form of religion has fornication in it as a part of worship.

Balaam

- Nu. 22:9

- This is the way, the error and the doctrine of Balaam

- Balaam is in outer darkness and is lost without hope and God.

- He is a spirit filled prophet who preaches on both advents and believes the fundamentles.

- 22:9- Balaam, Balak, Baal, Belzebub, Belial

- Nu. 22:12- God said to Balaam