

## Outline - Sunday, June 29, 2014

**Sermon Title:** The Church at Thyatira: A Representation of Ahab and Jezebel's Reign **Scripture Reading:** Ezekiel 8:1-18/Rev 2:24

## 1. The historical premise for the severe judgment: vs 20-23

- a. "The pejorative epithet is itself a warning"—Jezebel
- b. Her historical relevance? (1 Kg 16:30-24)
  - —"A compromised marriage"
- c. The proliferation of false prophets (1 Kg 18:18-19)
  - -"Her children"
- d. An abandonment of the gospel (1 Kg 19:10/Ps 50:16-18)
- e. She kills the prophets of GOD (1 Kg 18:4, 13/Rev 17:4-6)
- f. The condition of their <u>reign spiritually</u>—famine (1 Kg 17:1/Lev 26:17-26/Amos 8:11)
- g. The pathetic rule of Ahab: "save the animal" (1 Kg 18:5)
  - —Twisted priority
- h. Her lack of respect for divine boundaries—The vineyard (1 Kg 21:7-15)
- i. The curse on her seed—the death of her spiritual seed (1 Kg 19:1; 21:21/2 Kg 1:1—Ahaziah/2 Kg 8:25-29—Joram/ Jehu—2 Kg 9:2, 6-10, 22/2 Kg 10:1)—70 sons
- j. Jezebel teaches Israel to sin against God (1 Kg 19:10/Rev 2:19-20)—Leaders

## 2. It starts in the Dark but the Son of God sees it: vs 18c

- a. They creep in first (Jude 4)
- b. They disseminate gradually (2 Tim 2:17/Gal 5:9)
- c. They practice secret worship (Ez 8:3-25/Jude 18:19)—GOD SEES

## 3. She rejects the voice of Christ in Godly leadership: vs 21

- a. He that receiveth you receiveth Me (Mt 10:40/John 17:8/Mt 18:15-20)
- b. Only two spirits in the world (1 John 4:4-6/2 Thess 2:9-12)
- c. The heretic is to be corrected or rejected (Titus 3:10-11)
- d. She avoids discipline by her self-proclaimed office (2 Pet 2:10)

