

**#1113 The Door of Heaven and the Gate of God – The Two Eliakims: The *second phase* of the curse of the *second* Eliakim (Jehoiakim) and the curse of Elijah (Malachi 4:6), part 25, The Acts 16:14 Woman, Lydia, from Thyatira, who dealt in purple cloth vs. the Revelation 17:18 Woman dressed in purple, who is of the spirit of Jezebel of Thyatira**

**Lydia.** During Paul’s second missionary journey, the Holy Spirit forbade Paul to preach the gospel in other parts of Asia Minor (Acts 16:6). Then, during the night, Paul had a vision of a man of Macedonia standing and imploring him to come over to Macedonia and help them (Acts 16:9). They sailed from where they were at on the continent of Asia across the Aegean Sea into Macedonia, which was located on the continent of Europe (Acts 16:11), and traveled to Philippi (Acts 16:12). This soon led to the first European convert to the gospel of Jesus Christ, a woman named Lydia (Acts 16:14), who happened to be from Thyatira. She was a dealer in purple cloth (or purple dye).



Stained glass of Paul and Lydia in the Greek Orthodox church at Philippi, Greece

*Acts 16:13-15 (KJV) And on the sabbath we went out of the city by a river side, where prayer was wont to be made; and we sat down, and spake unto the women which resorted thither.*

*14 **And A CERTAIN WOMAN NAMED LYDIA, a seller of purple** [purple dye for cloth, or purple cloth or fabrics], **OF THE CITY OF THYATIRA,** which worshipped God [referring to Lydia], heard us: whose heart the Lord opened, that she attended unto the things which were spoken of Paul.*

*15 And when she was baptized, and her household, she besought us, saying, If ye have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come into my house, and abide there. And she constrained us.*



**Key Understanding: Lydia of Thyatira vs. the Woman of Revelation 17, who is of the spirit of Jezebel of Thyatira. With the theme of the great mystery of the Church being the wife of Christ (Ephesians 5:32) in the background, the Lord designed that a woman – the Acts 16:14 woman of God, Lydia, of Thyatira, who sold purple [purple dye for cloth, or purple cloth or fabric] – become the first Christian convert on the**

**European continent (in the city of Philippi, Macedonia), for the purpose of being contrasted with the combination of (i) Jezebel of the church of Thyatira (which is located in Asia Minor, or modern day Turkey), and (ii) the Woman of Revelation 17, who is of the spirit of Jezebel of the church of Thyatira, and who is dressed in purple.**



**Revelation 2:18-22 (KJV)** And unto the angel of the **CHURCH IN THYATIRA** write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;

19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first.

20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because **THOU SUFFEREST THAT WOMAN JEZEBEL, WHICH CALLETH HERSELF A PROPHETESS**, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.

21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.

22 **Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and THEM THAT COMMIT ADULTERY WITH HER INTO GREAT TRIBULATION, except they repent of their deeds.**

**Revelation 17:3-4 (KJV)** So he carried me away in the spirit into the wilderness: and **I SAW A WOMAN sit upon a scarlet coloured beast**, full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns.

4 And **THE WOMAN WAS ARRAYED IN PURPLE and scarlet colour**, and decked with gold and precious stones and pearls, having **a golden cup in her hand FULL OF ABOMINATIONS AND FILTHINESS OF HER FORNICATION** [which is to be compared to Jezebel and those who commit adultery with her in Revelation 2:22 (KJV), *Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and THEM THAT COMMIT ADULTERY WITH HER INTO GREAT TRIBULATION, except they repent of their deeds*].

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