

## Revelation 2

### New King James Version (NKJV)

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### The Loveless Church

1 “To the angel of the church of Ephesus write,  
‘These things says He who holds the seven stars in His  
right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden  
lampstands: 2 “I know your works, your labor, your  
patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And  
you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not,  
and have found them liars; 3 and you have persevered and  
have patience, and have labored for My name’s sake and  
have not become weary. 4 Nevertheless I have this against  
you, that you have left your first love. 5 Remember  
therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the  
first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove  
your lampstand from its place—unless you repent. 6 But  
this you have, that you hate the deeds of the Nicolaitans,  
which I also hate.

7 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to  
the churches. To him who overcomes I will give to eat from  
the tree of life, which is in the midst of the Paradise of  
God.””

### The Persecuted Church

8 “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write,  
‘These things says the First and the Last, who was dead,  
and came to life: 9 “I know your works, tribulation, and  
poverty (but you are rich); and I know the blasphemy of

those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. 10 Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

11 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes shall not be hurt by the second death.”

### The Compromising Church

12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

13 “I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. 15 Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.[a] 16 Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

17 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it.”

### The Corrupt Church

18 “And to the angel of the church in Thyatira write,  
‘These things says the Son of God, who has eyes like a  
flame of fire, and His feet like fine brass: 19 “I know your  
works, love, service, faith,[b] and your patience; and as for  
your works, the last are more than the first. 20 Nevertheless  
I have a few things against you, because you allow[c] that  
woman[d] Jezebel, who calls herself a prophetess, to teach  
and seduce[e] My servants to commit sexual immorality  
and eat things sacrificed to idols. 21 And I gave her time to  
repent of her sexual immorality, and she did not repent.[f]  
22 Indeed I will cast her into a sickbed, and those who  
commit adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they  
repent of their[g] deeds. 23 I will kill her children with  
death, and all the churches shall know that I am He who  
searches the minds and hearts. And I will give to each one  
of you according to your works.

24 “Now to you I say, and[h] to the rest in Thyatira, as  
many as do not have this doctrine, who have not known the  
depths of Satan, as they say, I will[i] put on you no other  
burden. 25 But hold fast what you have till I come. 26 And  
he who overcomes, and keeps My works until the end, to  
him I will give power over the nations—

27 ‘ He shall rule them with a rod of iron;  
They shall be dashed to pieces like the potter’s  
vessels’[j]—

as I also have received from My Father; 28 and I will  
give him the morning star.  
29 “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to  
the churches.””