

Rev 2:18 Jesus' representation of Himself is: "...the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are burnished bronze. The Son of God is here in judgement mode since throughout God's word bronze is representative of judgement, and Scripture is clear that He will "trample" His enemies. And of course "His eyes like a flame of fire" points to His ability to search the heart and soul of men in the same manner as an X-ray does.

Rev 2:19: The good: Thyatira has a care for the lost and helpless; their "works" (in Christ) are increasingly having more of an impact than when they first started. They have true "love" for God and "patiently" continue their ministry.

Rev 2:20: The bad: They have allowed the Jezebel style worship in to their congregation. (Jezebel is always symboliz of a power hungry, violent, arrogant, and whorish woman). A follower of Baal and as such an enemy of God (Baal worship is satanic worship). To make "her" even more ugly she was a prophetess/witch and she taught false god worship and was a master at the demonic art of seduction. Jezebel is also symbolic of those who practice ungodly wrath on the Godly like her life ending hatred towards Elijah for causing the death of her 450 magicians/false prophets.

Rev 2:21 "Jezebel time to repent?" Absolutely! All though we have no literal Scriptures to refer to this being the case we do have God's personality! God wants none to perish, no not one! 2 Peter 3:9 "The Lord is not slow to fulfill his promise as some count slowness, but is patient toward you, not wishing that any

Should perish but that all should reach repentance! (12)

One excellent opportunity was when Elijah proved that he served the only real God. When he showed that his God was superior to all of the false gods combined.

That was the time that she could have, and should have, repented. The same was true of Pharaoh during the plagues, especially when Moses' staff/serpent gobbled up all the magicians/false prophets' serpents. David is a great example of precisely the correct repentance which he did when Nathan showed him his sin in a parable. (Thyatira was identified as the Corrupt Church).

Rev 2:22-23 Jesus says that He is going to "throw her onto a sickbed" which means that He is going to take her adulterous bed and make it a bed of terminal sickness; her demise. And those who stay with this adultery of God's word; God's ministry in Thyatira, will not be raptured but will go through the Tribulation, the time of God's wrath. Along with all "her" offspring (those who follow after "her"). Jesus also says, ^(Paraphrasing) don't play games! Repent! I can see what's in your hearts and minds! (Hence the description given in the opening of the letter: "eyes of fire".)

Rev 2:24-25 But to those who have recognized this evil that has crept in, Jesus promises that they will be separated, and spared from, the wrath of God that is to come. He tells them to stay strong.

Rev 2:26 Jesus also tells them, and especially us, all who stand firm in the truth, who endure in their faith will be given authority over many. (This could be a reference to the 1,000 year reign.)

Rev 2:27 (Here is my best shot at this one): Jesus will (13) rule with a rod of Iron in the millenium. And since all those who will enter the 1,000 year realm will be the survivors from the great tribulation and the third of Israel that God protected in the mountains. They all entered the Tribulation as non-believers. They will be given extended lives (like Adam & Eve), they will all be living in an idealic world (like Adam & Eve) and they all will still have their free will to choose (like Adam & Eve). Basically, it will be The Garden Of Eden 2.0.. I wouldn't at all be surprised if they also were given mega-portions of wisdom. To top it all off: Jesus will reign and rule and He will allow His Saints (us) to rule and reign with Him. We off course will no longer be able to sin because we will not only see Him as He is, but we will also be like Him (don't forget we passed the test the moment we first believed the Gospel - 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 see Printout). Yet as perfect as the setting is, and how worry free they can live there still will be those who will seek the lust of the eyes, the lust of the flesh, and the Pride of Life/to be like God. EVEN THOUGH the anti-Christ and the false prophet have been externally removed and satan has been incapacitated for the 1,000 years!

Rev 2:28 (My opinion-only) I believe the "morning star" which is not capitalized in any translation of the Bible is symbolic of the hope and glory that awaits in the morning. And like the Northstar it leads to the brilliance that is Jesus Christ. I believe that at the onset of the 1,000 years we will be the (lower case) morning stars pointing, and keeping pointed, to Jesus Himself who is the (Capital) Morning Star. (see printout
Revelation 22:16)

Rev 2:29 Again, as in all the churches, Jesus says, "He (14) who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the

churches." (I think it was just made clear to me that He was not only directing His affirmation, correction (a Tom word), or His condemnation to each individual church but also to all seven churches, and all of us at the same time. He says "Hear-the message - that I sent to -all- the churches".

Rev 3:1 Jesus is now turning His attention to the church of Sardis and He is referring to His Diety as the Head of the churches, as the Light of all of His churches, (Maybe because He is writing as the Light Giver of the church to the church who's light has gone out? Because He says, "-your-reputation-is-of being alive, but you are dead. (Sardis is the dead church).

Rev 3:2 (paraphrasing): "Snap out of it, your in coma, take what you still have and start restoring yourself. I have expected, and started you off, to be so much more than you are.

Rev 3:3-5 This is a strick warning (notize He did not start out with "this you have done good,...") for them to repent and start from the beginning ("what you have received and heard"). The warning continues; "if you don't I am going to wipe you out when you least expect it!". Jesus tells them that there are a few that they have not corrupted (soiled their garments) and the church should seek them and be refreshed/renewed by them for they are righteous (walk with Him in white-clothes). He also tells them if do: Repent, let themselves be cleansed, start over and walk with those, exclusively, that are righteous then their names will not be blotted out of the Book of Life.

Which brings me again to the Rabbit Trail of the Book of

Life. Several times in the Bible names are mentioned (15) as possibly being removed from the Book of Life and that makes total sense to me because that is how God operates. I can imagine that everyone is born with their names written in the Book of Life and in everything that God does with us He guides us down the road of life keeping our names in it, satan of course tries to have us turn from God with the never ending goal of having us reject God, reject Jesus, reject the truth.

Exhibit A: A child: A child has absolutely no problem praying to God. No problem believing in God as the over-all Creator. It is not until the world pollutes their mind that they start to have doubts. But of course that is not even close to enough to getting your name blotted out. No, God continues to do everything, every single thing, in His power to keep their names in the Book. It is only after a life time of hating God and rejecting Jesus that one's name can be blotted out. It has to be a determined, educated, hardened rejection that takes place to have ones name removed. Hence, children who have not lived a determined, educated, hardened life rejecting God will automatically be present with the Lord when absent from life. David recognized that when his son with Bathsheba died after a short illness.

Exhibit B: The mentally underdeveloped: Those with psychological handicaps can not come to a rational conclusion as to the existence of Jesus Christ nor have the ability to make an informed decision on whether to accept or reject Him as Lord and Savior in their life. And since they can not conclusively accept or reject Him their name is not removed from the Book of Life.

Exhibit C: The uniformed: The pygmies of Uruguay, who (16) have never heard of God's Son Jesus Christ will not be held accountable for accepting, or rejecting, Him. I am certain that God reads their hearts, minds and souls as to the life that they have lived and will deal Righteously or Justly with them according to what He sees.

Exhibit D: Those who worry that their names have been removed: They almost certainly still have their names written in the Book. The only reason Christians worry about their names no longer being in the Book is because satan has been whispering that in their ear, and the only reason satan is whispering that in their ear is because they are Christians! (Believe God when He says, "There is therefore no condemnation for them that are in Christ Jesus"). (And repent if God is telling you to, because He loves you too much to let you do something that would cause your name to be removed).

- In conclusion to the church of Sardis, which is the same for all the churches that He rebukes, He gives them a way out. HE ALWAYS GIVES A WAY OUT! AND HE NEVER GIVES UP! Adam He gave a way out (Sacrifices), Cain He gave a way out ("If you do the right thing will I not accept you?"), Moses and anyone who would listen, He gave a way out, Lot, and all that were righteous He gave a way out and on and on He goes. Right up to your last chance before condemnation when you say, "Jesus, remember me when you come in to your kingdom." (Notice even the other thief had exactly the same opportunity. Literally exactly the same. They both heard the spoken words of Jesus and witnessed His presence. One was ministered to and the other rejected the ministry. Rev 3: 6 "He who has an ear let him hear"