

Aspects of Thyatira at the time of Revelation

-) From a Roman perspective, the least important of the cities of Asia.
-) Reconstructed by the Seleucids (3rd century BCE) as a frontier garrison; after 190 BCE, subject to control by Pergamum.
-) Populated by traders and artisans, including: wool merchants, linen workers, clothing cleaners, coppersmiths, potters, tanners, leather cutters and bakers.
-) Regional center of the Asian slave trade network
-) Patron god was Apollo Tyrimnus
-) Referenced at Acts 16.14-15 as the hometown of Lydia, whom Paul meets near Philippi.