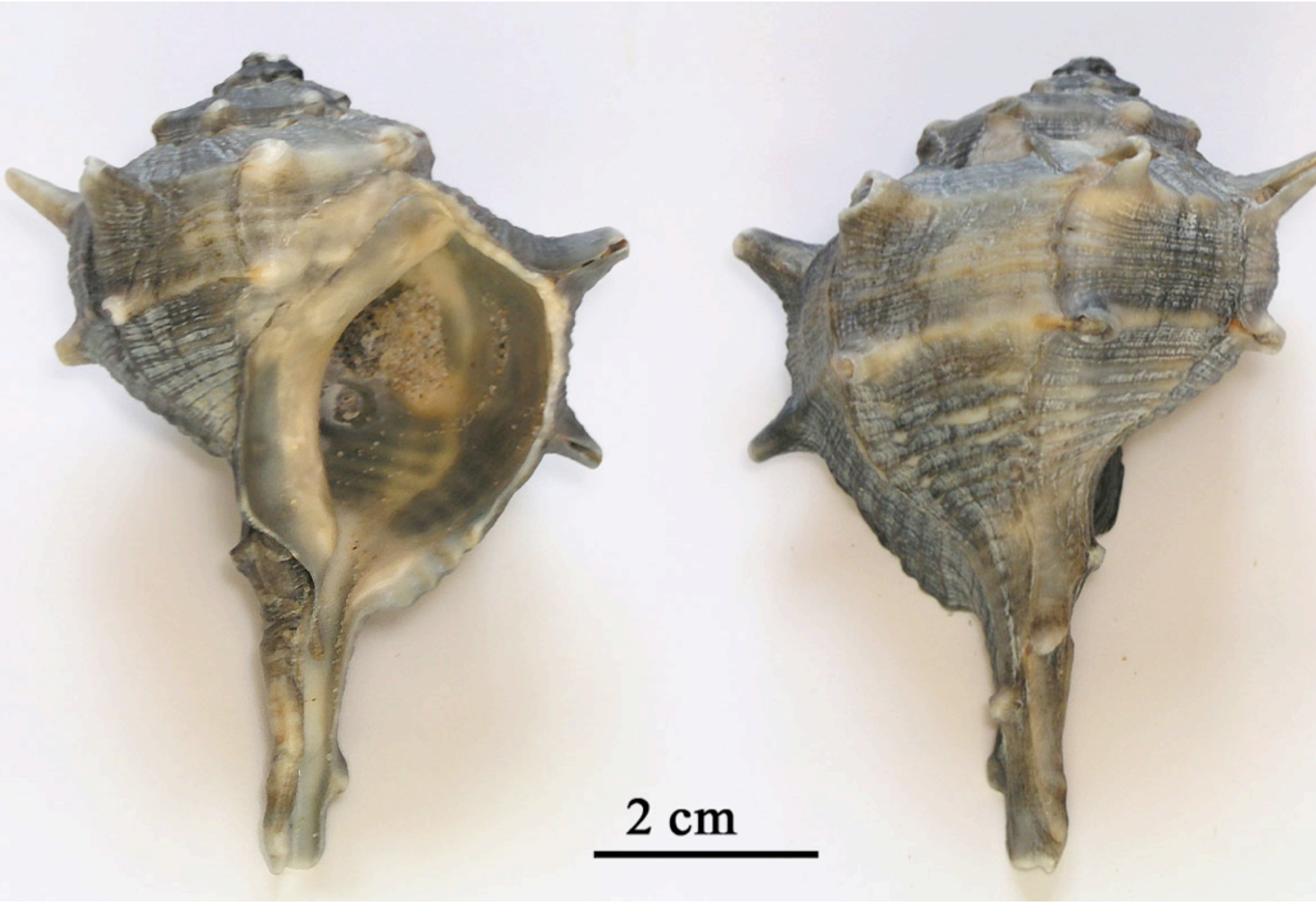
Thyatira

Revelation 2:18-29

City of Thyatira

- Not as large as the other cities
- Manufacturing and commercial center
- Archeologists have found evidence of trade guilds and unions here.
- Membership in the guild was necessary for social and financial success.
- Lydia, Acts 16:14, from Thyatira was a seller of purple. Thyatira was famous for dyeing.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Ruins at Thyatira

Revelation 2:18

- Self Designation -
  - Son of God
  - Eyes like a flame of fire Rev. 1:14
  - feet are like bronze-workers of bronze at Thyatira
  - Apollo-sun god, was worshiped in Thyatira. They needed to look to the "Sun of righteousness" Mal. 4:2; Rev. 1:16

Revelation 2:19

- Works - they were active
- Charity - they had love for God and man
- Service - not selfish, but regard others
- Faith - walked by it; a working faith
- Patience - endurance in trials
- Works - last more than first; contrast with Ephesus Rev. 1:5

Revelation 2:20

- Few things against thee Rev. 2:4, 14
- Jezebel 1 Kings 18-21 Wife of Ahab; promoted Baal worship
- Woman who took charge-called herself a prophetess
- Promoted idolatry
- Promoted fornication
- God will use her as an example

Revelation 2:21-23

- verse 21 Christ gave her space to repent
  - Punishment is not always immediate
  - Obstinate, impenitent heart
- verse 22 Punishment
  - sick bed
  - tribulation for those who participate
- verse 23
  - Her children John 8:44; 1 Cor. 4:15; 3 John 4

Revelation 2:24-29

- minority who held the doctrine of Jezebel
- They had not participated - apparently the doctrine of Jezebel was that one must know the depths of Satan in order to fight him
- verse 25 the coming of the Lord in punishment
- verses 26-27 2 Timothy 2:12; Romans 8:37
- verse 28 Revelation 22:16