V#17– He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that <u>overcometh</u> will I give to eat of the <u>hidden</u> <u>manna</u>, and will give him a <u>white stone</u>, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.

Overcometh - Gk. {nikao}; to subdue, prevail, conquer

Hidden Manna — As we know, that was given in the Exodus while they wandered. Some of the manna was placed in a pot and stored in the ark of the covenant. The ark disappeared from earth, but is mentioned in Rev 11:9 as being seen within God's temple. As your question refers to an earlier part of Revelation, John could have had that manna from the hidden ark in mind.





White Stone - A white stone was used to gain admission to certain events in Roman times. That would imply that those who overcome will be granted admission to the Kingdom. In ancient times, the white stone was used in many ways. When someone was accused of a wrong doing and taken to court - - - when they were acquitted they were given a white stone as a symbol of their innocence. They could show anyone their white stone to prove their innocency.

The white stone was also used in elections. A person voting was given a white stone and a black stone. The white stone meant acceptance - - - the black stone meant rejection.

A white stone was given to the High Priest in Israel worn in front upon the ceremonial robes when seeking the Will of God on the behalf of the Jewish nation. This is not to be mistaken with the breastplate holding the 12 stones representing the 12 tribes of Israel. They called it an interpreter or seer stone by which the wearer could by looking into it find knowledge or revelation from God. see "Exodus" An individual worthy and prepared and proven righteous on his way to live with Heavenly Father would have his own seer stone - it is so because your new name will be on it, pardon the comparison: a student who has graduated and become a karate "Dan" wears his black belt to show his achievement and by tradition his name and date of being awarding such a status is marked on the belt in traditional script

V#18 – And unto the angel of the church in <u>Thyatira</u> 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;

Thyatira – "odour or afliction"

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V#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.

V#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.

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

V#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.



Could be gorgeous, yet diabolical!

V#23 – And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.

V#24 – But unto you I say and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden.

V#25 – But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.

V#26 – And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:

V#27 – And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father.