



“The Church at Pergamum”

Revelation 2:12-17

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INTRODUCTION:

12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: 13 'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit [acts of] immorality. 15 'So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 'Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war 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, to him I will give [some] of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.' [Rev 2:12-17]

1. The _____ to the church at Pergamum.

"And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: v12.

1) The **city of Pergamum**. Περγάμω -

✳ **Anatolian God's** - Indo-European people Dionysos - “bull” and Asclepius - “god of healing” Feeding a living serpent in the temple

✳ **Greek Selucid God's** - Zeus, Athena,

✳ **Roman Emperor worship** - 1st temple in Asia 29 BC to Augustus. 2nd to Trajan

2) The _____ of the glorified Christ.

The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this: v12.

✳ **Attributes expressed to the church in _____.**

(1) The word of Christ has the power of _____ and _____.

🔊 12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: **The One who has the sharp two-edged sword** says this: [Rev 2:12]

(2) The word of Christ has authority over _____ and _____ worlds.

🔊 16 In His right hand **He held seven stars**, and **out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword**; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. [Rev 1:16 NASB95]

✳ **Attributes expressed to the church in _____.**

(1) Christ is _____.

🔊 1 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: The One who holds the seven stars in His right hand, **the One who walks among the seven golden lampstands**, says this: [Rev 2:1 NASB95]

(2) Christ is _____.

🔊 12 Then I turned to see the voice that was speaking with me. And having turned I saw seven golden lampstands; 13 and **in the middle of the lampstands [I saw] one like a son of man**, clothed in a robe reaching to the feet, and girded across His chest with a golden sash. 14 His head and His hair were white like white wool, like snow; and His eyes were like a flame of fire. 15 His feet [were] like burnished bronze, when it has been made to glow in a furnace, and His voice [was] like the sound of many waters. 16 In His right hand He held seven stars, and out of His mouth came a sharp two-edged sword; and His face was like the sun shining in its strength. [Rev 1:12-16 NASB95]

✳ **Attributes expressed to the church in _____.**

(1) Christ is _____.

8 "And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this: [Rev 2:8 NASB95]

(2) Christ has _____ power of life over death.

17 When I saw Him, I fell at His feet like a dead man. And He placed His right hand on me, saying, "Do not be afraid; I am the first and the last, 18 and the living One; and I was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore, and I have the keys of death and of Hades. [Rev 1:17-18 NASB95]

2. The _____ of the church at Pergamum. v13

'I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

1) The glorified Christ _____...

(1) ...the church _____ to His name.

14 Therefore, since we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us **hold fast** our confession. [Heb 4:14 NASB95]

(2) ...they dwell where Satan dwells and _____.

2 And the beast which I saw was like a leopard, and his feet were like [those] of a bear, and his mouth like the mouth of a lion. And **the dragon gave him his power and his throne and great authority.** [Rev 13:2 NASB95]

✳ The Roman Caesar worship was given civil authority and wielded the power of the _____.

(3) ...they did not deny the gospel when Antipas was _____.

4 For whatever is born of God overcomes the world; and this is the victory that has overcome the world--our faith. 5 Who is the one who overcomes the world, but he who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? [1Jo 5:4-5 NASB95]

2) The _____ of Satan.

Some possibilities for a Satanic seat of authority:

(1) _____ - "god of healing" Feeding a living serpent in the temple

(2) _____ worship - Roman temples to Augustus and Trajan.

3. The _____ of the church at Pergamum.

14 'But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit [acts of] immorality. 15 'So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. [Rev 2:14-15]

1) Some hold the _____ of Balaam:

(1) Social and business interactions with the _____ may have led to compromises.

(2) Freedom to intermarry or fornication with _____.

2) The teaching of the _____:

(1) Followers of the Gentile deacon of Jerusalem church, _____ of Antioch.

(2) A sect that _____ the flesh with idolatry and immorality.

(3) Practices that blurred the distinction between the church and the world.

(4) A promotion of a divisive _____ hierarchy.

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3) A warning of _____.

16 'Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth. [Rev 2:16 NASB95]

(1) Repent of doctrinal compromises leading to _____ practices.

(2) Compromise with God's word _____ with His authority.

(3) This is not the 2nd Coming but _____.

5 "I am the vine, you are the branches; he who abides in Me and I in him, he bears much fruit, for apart from Me you can do nothing. 6 "If anyone does not abide in Me, he is thrown away as a branch and dries up; and they gather them, and cast them into the fire and they are burned. [Jhn 15:5-6 NASB95]

4. The _____ reward.

17 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give [some] of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.' [Rev 2:17]

1) To hear is a _____.

17 'He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches.

(1) The Holy Spirit _____ to churches by the conviction of the word of God.

(2) If you are _____ do not _____ the truth.

18 For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men who **suppress the truth** in unrighteousness, 19 because that which is known about God is evident within them; for God made it evident to them. 20 For since the creation of the world His invisible attributes, His eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood through what has been made, so that they are without excuse. [Rom 1:18-20 NASB95]

2) The overcomer is _____ at the Bema Seat of Christ with three things.

(1) “Hidden _____” - a heavenly _____ not meat sacrificed to idols.

(2) “A white _____” - an admission pass to the _____ of the Lamb

9 And the angel said to me, "Write this: Blessed are those who are invited to the marriage supper of the Lamb." And he said to me, "These are the true words of God." [Rev 19:9]

(3) “With a new _____ written on the stone”

7 You are the LORD, the God who chose Abram “exalted father” and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans and gave him the name Abraham “father of multitudes.” [Neh 9:7 ESV]

5 No longer shall your name be called Abram, but your name shall be Abraham, for I have made you the father of a multitude of nations. [Gen 17:5 ESV]

28 He said, "Your name shall no longer be Jacob “supplanter”, but Israel “soldier or contender of God”; for you have striven with God and with men and have prevailed." [Gen 32:28 NASB95]