



P TO THE CHURCH IN **Pergamum**

A review by Jesus...

Revelation 2:12-17



CHURCHES of REVELATION





modern day
TURKEY



Pergamos



Thyatira



Smyrna



Sardis



Philadelphia



Ephesus



Laodicea



GOD IS OBSERVING

Proverbs 5:21 For the ways of a man are before the eyes of the LORD, And He watches all his paths.

Proverbs 15:3 The eyes of the LORD are in every place, Watching the evil and the good.

Ecclesiastes 12:13-14 Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God and keep His commandments, For this is man's all. 14 For God will bring every work into judgment, Including every secret thing, Whether good or evil.









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Rev 2:12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:”

- ◆ Revelation 1:16 we read: “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.”
- ◆ Hebrews 4:12 “For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.”

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Rev 2:13 “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”

- ◆ Hebrews 4:13 “And there is no creature hidden from His sight, but all things are open and laid bare to the eyes of Him with whom we have to do.”
- ◆ hold fast - means to not discard or let go, to keep carefully and faithfully
- ◆ Antipas - church elder at Pergamum, burned alive

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Rev 2:14-15 “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. So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans.”

- ◆ Hebrews 12:6 “For those whom the Lord loves he disciplines, and he scourges every son whom he receives.”
- ◆ Revelation 3:19 “Those whom I love, I reprove and discipline; therefore be zealous and repent.”

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Rev 2:14-15

- ◆ Sin of Neutrality - Not taking a stance
 - ◆ Mt 18:15-17, James 5:19-20, and Ez 3:17-21
- ◆ Galatians 5:9 that “A little leaven leavens the whole lump.”
- ◆ Balaam: Numbers 31:16, 18; Numbers 25:1-3
- ◆ Nicolaitians: sensuality
- ◆ Greek word (pheugo) is translated flee 31 times in the NT.
Literally means to run away, flee, escape

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

- ◆ REPENT is directed towards two groups at Pergamum
 - ◆ 1st: Position of Neutrality
 - ◆ 2nd: Following the teaching of Balaam and Nicolaitans
- ◆ Their options: Repent or Die

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Rev 2:17 “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.”

- ◆ Manna to those who overcome
- ◆ Hidden in the Ark of the Covenant - Ex 16:31-33, Heb 9:4
- ◆ Jesus is the hidden manna for Christians John 6:31-35, 49-58
- ◆ Salvation is only known by those who receive: Lu 19:42; Col 2:1-3

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Rev 2:17

- ◆ Stone (psephos) only found in Acts 26:10 - translated casting a vote. (one white and one black stone)
- ◆ New Name
 - ◆ Revelation 3:12 ““He who overcomes, I will make him a pillar in the temple of My God, and he shall go out no more. I will write on him the name of My God and the name of the city of My God, the New Jerusalem, which comes down out of heaven from My God. And *I will write on him* My new name.”
 - ◆ Isaiah 62:2 “The Gentiles shall see your righteousness, And all kings your glory. You shall be called by a new name, Which the mouth of the LORD will name.”

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Those who participate in Neutrality or in a particular
Sin will be rejected