



# CHURCHES

OF REVELATION

# THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF THE ROMAN PROVINCE OF ASIA





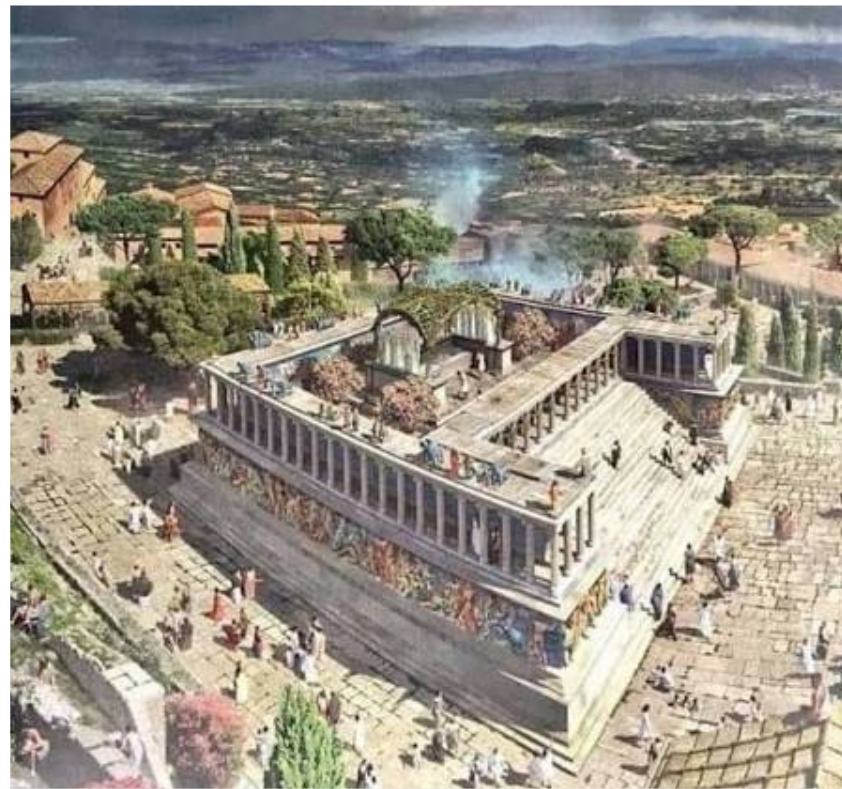
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**PERGAMUM**

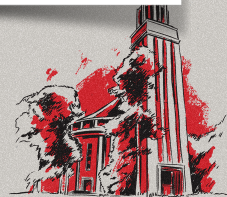


# Pergamum





# Altar to Zeus



Pergamum is a culture that  
celebrates STRENGTH and POWER  
above all else.



## Revelation 2:12 (ESV)

12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: “The words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword...”





*IUS GLADII*

**The Power of  
the Sword**



## Revelation 2:13 (ESV)

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



“For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places.”

**(Ephesians 6:12)**



To shine Christ's light in Pergamum  
means to engage in SPIRITUAL  
WARFARE.



“On this rock [Peter’s profession of faith in Christ] I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matthew 16:18)



The New Testament teaches us to  
SOBERLY RESIST the devil,  
standing against his schemes, firm in  
our faith and in humble submission  
to God and His Word.



## Revelation 2:10 (ESV)

10 Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and for ten days you will have tribulation. Be faithful unto death, and I will give you the crown of life.



# Antipas of Pergamum



“May the LORD judge between me and you, may the LORD avenge me against you, but my hand shall not be against you.”

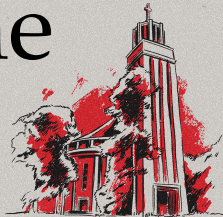
**(1 Samuel 24:12)**

“Lord, do not hold this sin against them.”

**(Acts 7:60)**



“Therefore take up the whole armor of God, that you may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand firm. Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth, and having put on the breastplate of righteousness, and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.” (Ephesians 6:13-15)



“In all circumstances take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming darts of the evil one; and take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God, praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints.” (Ephesians 6:16-18)



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**4. We fearlessly and joyfully endure. (Luke 21:12-19; Rev. 2:10)**



## Revelation 2:14 (ESV)

14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, so that they might eat food sacrificed to idols and practice sexual immorality.



## Revelation 2:15-16 (ESV)

15 So also you have some who hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. 16 Therefore repent. If not, I will come to you soon and war against them with the sword of my mouth.



- How is Jesus inviting you to demonstrate your loyalty to Him today?
- Looking at our own culture, in what ways are we most tempted to compromise?
- To which of your appetites is Satan trying to appeal?



## Revelation 2:17 (ESV)

17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it.



“For all the promises of God find their Yes in Him. That is why it is through Him that we utter our Amen to God for His glory. And it is God who establishes us with you in Christ, and has anointed us, and who has also put His seal on us and given us His Spirit in our hearts as a guarantee.””

**(2 Corinthians 1:19-22)**

