## **PERGAMUM:** The Worldly Church

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Revelation 2:12-17

<sup>12</sup> "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write,

'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: <sup>13</sup> "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne *is*. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. <sup>14</sup> But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. <sup>16</sup> Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

<sup>17</sup> "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives *it.*" '

You could call this season, p\_\_\_\_\_ u\_\_\_\_.

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2:12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, 'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

The sword represents J\_\_\_\_\_.

THE D\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHURCH <sup>13</sup> "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne *is.* 

The Lord commends this church for 3 specific things.

1. He knew the C\_\_\_\_\_ of their faith. Pergamum reveals religion as big business.

2. He knew the C\_\_\_\_\_ of their faith. ...and you hold fast to My name,

3. He knew the C\_\_\_\_\_ of their faith. <sup>13</sup>...and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

Jesus condemns them for the C\_\_\_\_\_ of their faith.

THE D\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHURCH

<sup>16</sup> Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

THE D\_\_\_\_\_ OF THE CHURCH

"He who has an ear, let him hear."

"To him who overcomes," Jesus says, "I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it" (v. 17). "Hidden manna"

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## **APPLICATION:**

Jesus encourages us to keep the faith...hang on...for great is your reward in heaven!