

## THE STATE OF THE CHURCH

The Church at Pergamos (Pergamum) - Part I

Reference: **Revelation 2:12-17**

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ONE...the church at **Ephesus** “**The Loveless Church**”

Reference: **Revelation 2:1-7**

TWO...the church at **Smyrna** “**The Persecuted Church**”

Reference: **Revelation 2:8-11**

**Revelation chapters two and three** consist of seven separate messages to seven different congregations in the first century Asia Minor. Remember each of the messages consist of four basic components: a **commendation**, a **condemnation**, some **counsel** and a **challenge**.

**verse twelve** (see screen)

This sharp sword with two edges corresponds to **Revelation 1:16** (see screen)

That double edged sword represents the \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_.

The Word of God exists in two basic forms: the Word of God in **human form** and the Word of God in **written or printed form**.

- The Word of God in human form is \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **John 1:1-2, 14** (see screen)

- The Word of God in written or printed form is \_\_\_\_\_.

Reference: **Hebrews 4:12** (see screen)

### THE COMMENDATION:

The commendation is in three different parts:

**Part One** is that this church was faithful to Christ in spite of their geographical \_\_\_\_\_.  
**verse thirteen** (see screen)

There are four possibilities as to the reason Pergamos (Pergamum) was a Satanic area:

- There was a temple there dedicated to a pagan deity called \_\_\_\_\_ (god of wine).
- There was a temple there dedicated to a pagan deity named \_\_\_\_\_ (god of medicine).

- There was an altar there dedicated to a pagan deity called \_\_\_\_\_.
- Pergamos was another center of \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

**Part Two** is that this church refused to deny the essential \_\_\_\_\_ of Jesus Christ.

**verse thirteen** (see screen)

**Part Three** is the Christians at Pergamos (Pergamum) refused to renounce the Christian \_\_\_\_\_.

**verse thirteen** continued (see screen)

### THE CONDEMNATION:

The basic problem was that this church tolerated \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

There were two particular false teachings the congregation at Pergamos (Pergamum) tolerated:

- the doctrine of \_\_\_\_\_  
**verse fourteen**
- the doctrine of the **Nicolaitans**  
**verse fifteen** (see screen)

(see also The State of the Church: The Church at Ephesus Part 1) <https://vimeo.com/439655562>)

The doctrine of **Balaam**:

**verse fourteen** (see screen)

The account of Balaam is found in **Numbers chapters 22-25**

Balaam convinced Balak to entice the Israelites to commit sin:

- The first thing the Hebrews did wrong was that they ate food that had been offered to \_\_\_\_\_ (non-kosher foods).
- The second thing the Jewish people did wrong was that they committed \_\_\_\_\_ (all immoral sexual practice).  
Reference: **Numbers 25:1-3** (see screen)

Definition: The **doctrine of Balaam** is the teaching that the end \_\_\_\_\_ the means.