

**THE REVELATION
OF
JESUS CHRIST**

Lesson 7

First Message:

These things says He who holds the seven stars in His right hand, who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

EPHESUS

“I have this against you, that you have left your first love.”

Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works, or else I will come to you quickly and remove your lampstand from its place-- unless you repent.

Second Message:

“These things says the First and the Last, who was dead,
and came to life”

SMYRNA

10 "Do not fear any of those things which you are about to suffer. Indeed, the devil is about to throw some of you into prison, that you may be tested, and you will have tribulation ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

Third Message:

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

“I KNOW (see) YOUR WORKS”

PERGAMOS

REVELATION 1

16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword,

EMPHASIS:

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

SWORD: machaira
(HEBREWS 4:12)





TWO EDGED SWORD: **rhomphaia**
(spear like)

1.

LUKE 2

34 Then Simeon blessed them, and said **to Mary** His mother, "Behold, this Child is destined for the fall and rising of many in Israel, and for a sign which will be spoken against

35 "yes, **a sword (RHOMPHAIA)** will pierce through your own soul also), that the thoughts of many hearts may be revealed."

2.

REVELATION 1

16 He had in His right hand seven stars, out of His mouth went a sharp two-edged sword (RHOMPHAIA) and His countenance was like the sun shining in its strength.

3.

REVELATION 2

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

4.

REVELATION 2

16 `Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword (RHOMPHAIA) of My mouth.

5.

REVELATION 6

8 So I looked, and behold, a pale horse. And the name of him who sat on it was Death, and Hades followed with him. And power was given to them over a fourth of the earth, to kill with sword (RHOMPHAIA) with hunger, with death, and by the beasts of the earth.

6.

REVELATION 19

15 Now out of His mouth goes a sharp sword
(RHOMPHAIA) that with it He should strike the nations.
And He Himself will rule them with a rod of iron. He Himself
treads the winepress of the fierceness and wrath of
Almighty God.

7.

REVELATION 19

21 And the rest were killed with the sword (RHOMPHAIA) which proceeded from the mouth of Him who sat on the horse. And all the birds were filled with their flesh.

TWO-EDGED SWORD

The Word of God

Separates vessels of grace from condemnation
from the world

Condemnation and rejection

SALVATION AND DEATH

PERGAMOS



North of Smyrna
Twenty miles from
the Mediterranean
Sea
Many Temples, idol
worship
City full of statues
altars and sacred
groves



The city that
wanted to
compete
with Athens

DIE AKROPOLIS
VON
PERGAMON
RECONSTRUIRT NACH
DEN BISHERIGEN AUSGRABUNGEN
VON F. THIERSCH. FEBR. 1882.



German Clark



Veronica Clark

PERGAMOS

Cults to:

ATHENEA: goddess of wisdom, warfare, and crafts

ASCLEPIUS: god of medicine and healing

DIONYSIUS: the god of wine, festivity, and ecstasy

ZEUS (JUPITER):

The king of the gods, the god of the sky, the god of weather, fate, law, justice, and moral conduct.

The city was famous for:

“Pergamena”

Paper or parchment

University

Large library of two-hundred volumes

REVELATION 2

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

13 "I know your works, and where you dwell,
where Satan's throne is.

(Satan's seat of government)

TEMPLE

ALTAR OF ZEUS

The god of gods
(Greek)

The god of gods (Greek)

ALTAR OF JUPITER (Roman)

(Roman)





1860s–1870s: German engineer Carl Humann notices ancient marble fragments being burned for lime in Bergama (ancient Pergamon) and begins investigating the site.

8 years later...

1878: Official excavations begin under Carl Humann, backed by an agreement with the Ottoman Empire and authorization from Sultan Abdul Hamid II.

1878–1886: Relief panels and architectural fragments are packed into stable chests, hauled down the acropolis by buffalo, shipped to Hamburg, Germany, and brought by train to Berlin's Museum Island.

1901: A first exhibition hall opens in Berlin featuring the reconstructed altar fragments.

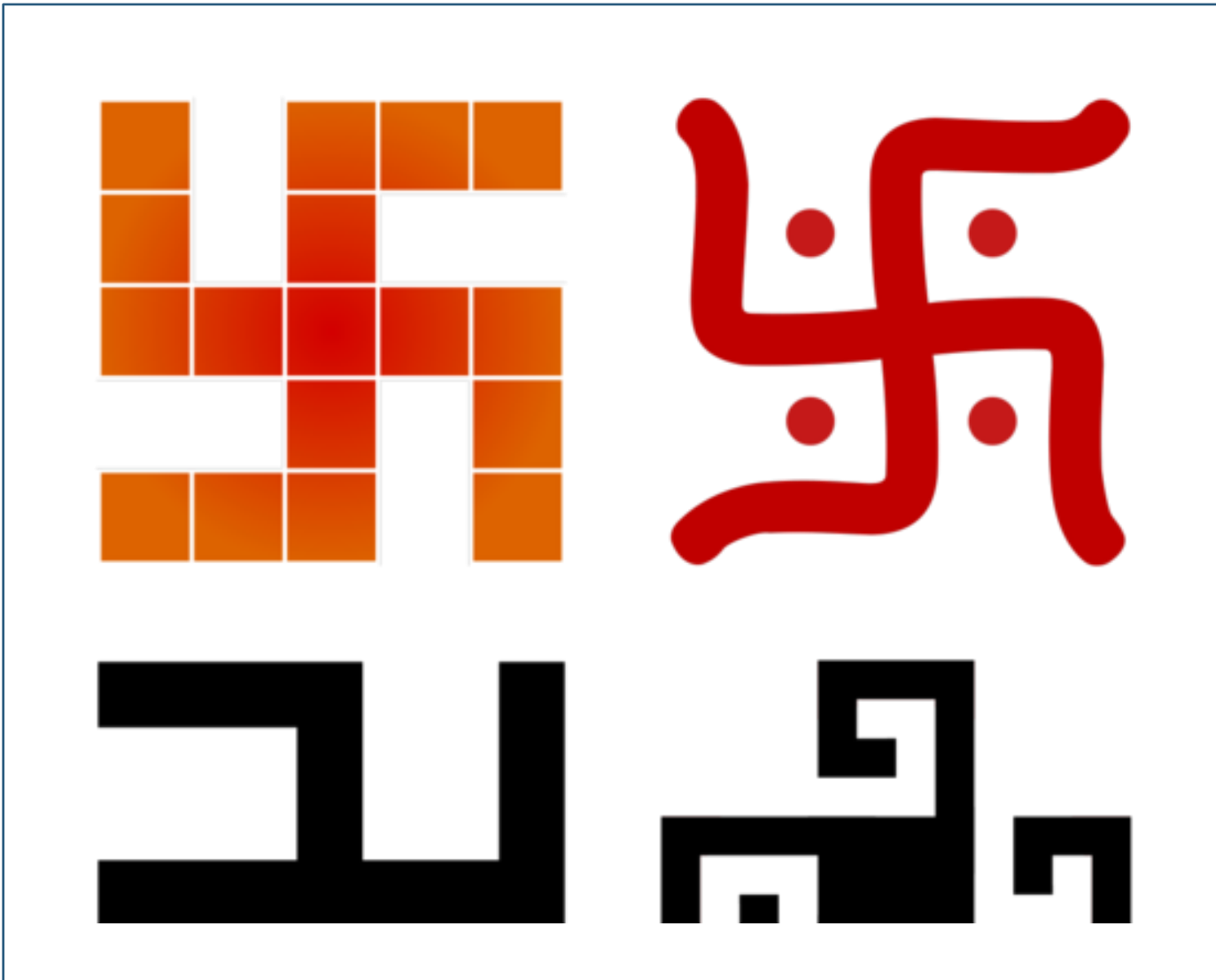
1910–1930: The dedicated Pergamon Museum is built on Museum Island to house the massive structure permanently.

1939–1945: During World War II, the altar is dismantled and stored in a Berlin tower for protection against air raids.

1948: The Red Army removes the altar pieces and takes them to Leningrad (now St. Petersburg) as war reparations.

1958: The Soviet Union returns the Pergamon Altar collection back to **the German Democratic Republic (East Germany)** in Berlin.





19th Century
Near Pergamos
EXCAVATIONS:

The Pergamon Altar in Berlin's Pergamon Museum has been closed since October 2023 and is expected to reopen on 4 June 2027.

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APRIL 20, 1889 a baby was born:

ADOLF HITLER

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APRIL 22, 1870 a baby was born:

VLADIMIR LENIN

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DECEMBER 18, 1878 a baby was born:

JOSEPH STALIN

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December 26, 1893 a baby was born:

MAO ZEDONG

1901: A first exhibition hall opens in Berlin featuring the reconstructed altar fragments.

1. Karl Marx was born on 5 May 1818
2. The Communist Manifesto was published in
February 1848

Karl Marx's writings were not widely accepted during his
lifetime.

HE DIED ON ON MARCH 14, 1883

(during the reconstruction of the altar in Germany)

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2. The Communist Manifesto was published in
February 1848
3. Lenin became acquainted with Marx's Communist
Manifesto in the 1890s, during a time when
Marxist circles were forming in Russia.

RUSSIA:

Lenin began forming the first communist groups in Russia in the early 1900s, particularly with the establishment of the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party in 1898

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Between 1860-1870 and 1901

(the excavation and the re-building of the altar in Pergamos)

Karl Marx was writing on communist ideas

Adolf Hitler was born

Mao was born

Lenin was born

Stalin was born

Karl Marx concepts became accepted

First exhibition of The Altar: 1901

1st World War: 28 July 1914

ALLIED POWERS	CENTRAL POWERS
France	Germany
United Kingdom	Austria-Hungary
Russia	Ottoman Empire
Italy	Bulgaria
United States (joined in 1917)	
ENDED	NOVEMBER 11, 1918

The communist revolution began in Russia with the October Revolution on November 7, 1917, which led to the establishment of the first communist government.

The Nazi Party, officially known as the National Socialist German Workers' Party (NSDAP), was founded on February 24, 1920.

The Chinese Communist Revolution began in 1927

SATAN'S THRONE

The Devil's altar

Berlin, Germany

THE PLACE OF THE HOLOCAUST

JEWISH HOLOCAUST IN GERMANY

1937-1945

1919

Ernest Rutherford achieved the first artificial nuclear reaction, often referred to as "splitting the atom."

1948

The Soviet Union takes the altar to Russia

29 August 1949

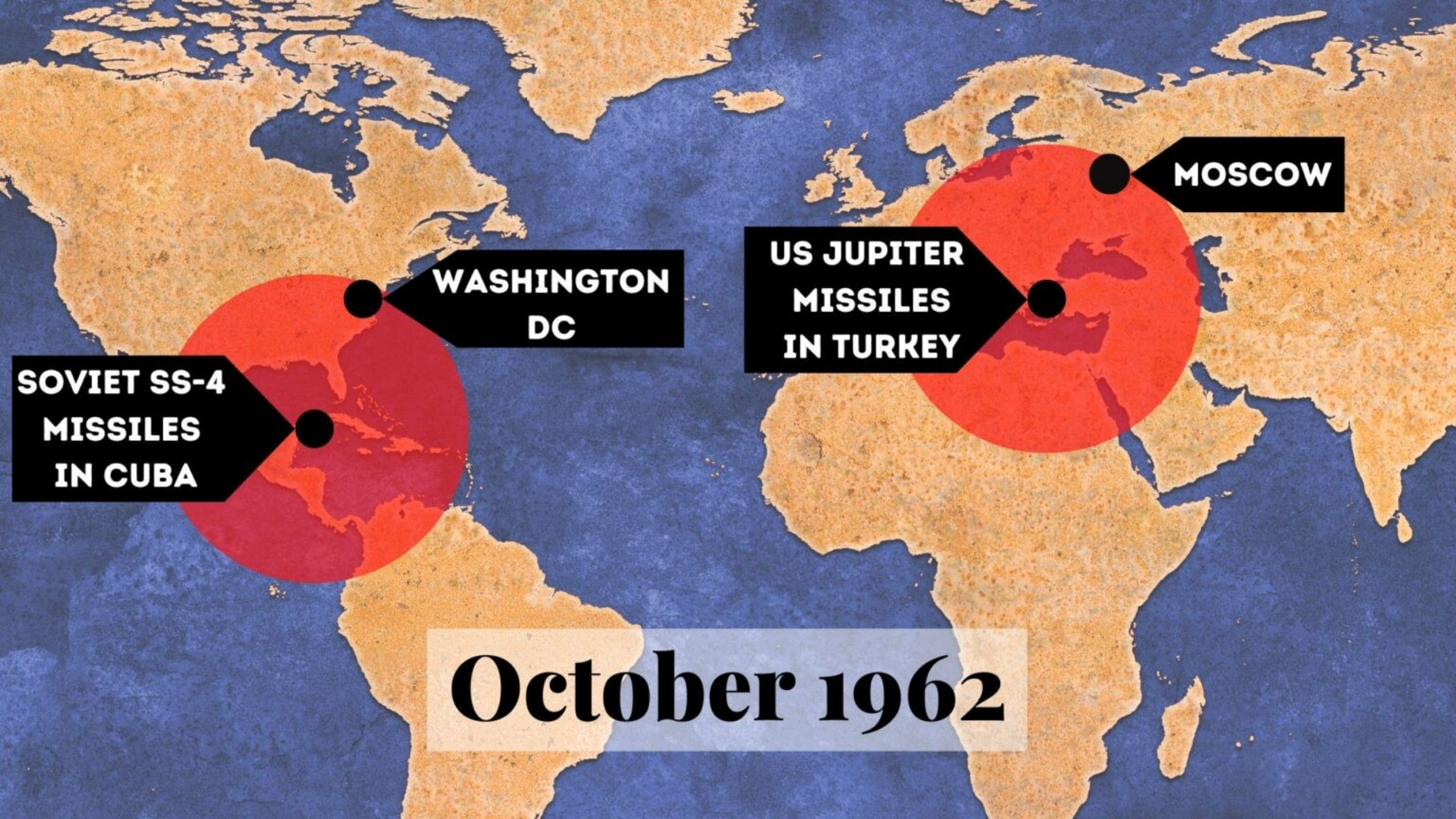
The Soviet Union performs its first test of an atomic bomb as part of the Soviet Atomic Bomb Project commissioned by Joseph Stalin.

CUBAN MISSILE CRISIS

1962

NUCLEAR HOLOCAUST

(almost)



**SOVIET SS-4
MISSILES
IN CUBA**

**WASHINGTON
DC**

**US JUPITER
MISSILES
IN TURKEY**

MOSCOW

October 1962



NOVEMBER 9,
1989

Germany united

The European
Union (EU) was
created on
November 1, 1993

JULY 24, 2008



JULY 24, 2008



**Worldwide cooperation
Global citizenship**

Will reopen:

2027

UNITY

ONE WORLD

13 "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.

Faithful in the midst of persecution

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14 "But I have a few things against you

14 "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.

15 "Thus you also have those who hold **the doctrine of the Nicolaitans**, which thing I hate.

COMPROMISE

Balam:

Hired by the kings of the Midianites and Moabites

To curse the children of Israel

TEMPTATION:

Sin against God through intermarriage with Moabite women, which would result in the worship of strange idols

DOCTRINE OF BAALAM:

The teaching that the people of God should intermarry with the heathen and compromise in the matter of idolatrous worship.

Practically all meat was offered to idols before it was consumed, and it was difficult for Christians to even to buy meat in the market

DOCTRINE OF THE NICOLAITANS:

Immoral behavior

“which things I hate”

(v. 15)

COUNSEL:

16 `Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against **them** with the sword of My mouth.

Many were faithful

Some were unfaithful

(them)

PROMISE:

17 "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."

Hidden mana: now, to go through the trial

White stone: acquittal

Accepted and favored by God

