



Revelation Series Week #5: The church on Satan's porch

Key Verse: Revelation 2:12-17

The person wielding the sword is _____.

Revelation 2:12b (ESV)

To the Church in Pergamum

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

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The Message to the Church in Pergamum

13 "I know that you live in the city where Satan has his throne, yet you have remained loyal to me. You refused to deny me even when Antipas, my faithful witness, was martyred among you there in Satan's city.

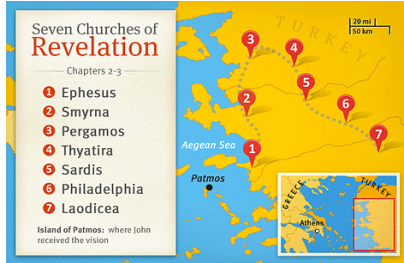
14 "But I have a few complaints against you. You tolerate some among you whose teaching is like that of Balaam, who showed Balak how to trip up the people of Israel. He taught them to sin by eating food offered to idols and by committing sexual sin. 15 In a similar way, you have some Nicolaitans among you who follow the same teaching. 16 Repent of your sin, or I will come to you suddenly and fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

17 "Anyone with ears to hear must listen to the Spirit and understand what he is saying to the churches. To everyone who is victorious I will give some of the manna that has been hidden away in heaven. And I will give to each one a white stone, and on the stone will be engraved a new name that no one understands except the one who receives it.

Revelation 2:13-17 (NLT)

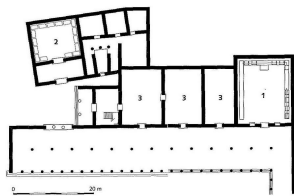


Overview of the city of Pergamum



- Pergamum was located a _____ miles from Ephesus and Smyrna was located halfway in between Ephesus and pergamum.
- Unlike the other two Pergamum was not a port city was _____ Inland from the Aegean Sea
- By the time this letter had been written pergamo was the capital city of Asia Minor for over _____ years

The Great Library of Pergamum



Library Layout

1. (Far right) **The library hall**
 - 55 feet by 47 feet
 - Contained book cases, Athena Parthenos statue., and marble slabs with inscriptions of scholars.
 - Used as reading room and for "Pergamum School"
2. (Upper left) **Banqueting hall**
 - For dining events
3. (Middle) **Storage rooms**
 - For storage of library items

Pergamum Library in the northwest of Ankara (ground plan), and of the floor plan of the building (left).

Layout of Pergamum Library. Source: "Libraries," in Brill's New Pauly: Encyclopedia of the Ancient World Antiquity, edited by Hubert Cancik and Helmuth Schneider (Leiden: Brill, 2002) 7:499-506.

One of the things that made Pergamum So great Was its huge library It contained over _____ hand written volumes Second only to the library at Alexandria

Who sent this library to Cleopatra? _____



1. Encouragement For the church of Pergamum.

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Question: why do you think names matter so much to God?

Pergamum may have been called The Throne of Satan because of the gigantic altar to, _____ or because of its adamant worship of Greco-Roman god Asklepios. The crazy _____ Worship starting with Augustine.

The Believers in Pergamum we're under constant threat of martyrdom for Unwillingness to pledge _____ to the emperor worship.

Question: why was Jesus encouraged by this church?

2. Concern For the church of Pergamum