



Church in Pergamum  
7 Letters  
Revelations 2:12-17  
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**12** *“To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:  
These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword.  
(See v.16)*

#### **POINT #1**

The Sword (God’s Word) represents JUDGEMENT AND JUSTICE.  
God’s Word is the expression of His Will.

#### **Revelations 19:11-16**

**11** I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and wages war. **12** His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. **13** He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God. **14** The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. **15 Coming out of his mouth is a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations.** “He will rule them with an iron scepter.” He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. **16** On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: **KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.**

#### **Romans 13:4**

**4** For the one in authority is God’s servant for your good. But if you do wrong, be afraid, for **rulers do not bear the sword for no reason.** They are God’s servants, agents of wrath to bring punishment on the wrongdoer.

#### **POINT #2**

The earthly rulers have their authority for judgement and justice. And it is the same authority that put Christ on the cross and have put to death many Christ followers.

**Hebrews 4:12-13**

**12** For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart. **13** Nothing in all creation is hidden from God's sight. Everything is uncovered and laid bare before the eyes of him to whom we must give account.

**Ephesians 6:17**

**17** Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

**POINT #3**

God's word gives us direction and discernment to judge that which is evil and that which is Godly, in order to live a victorious, overcoming life here on earth.

***13** I know where you live—where Satan has his throne.*

*Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.*

**Matthew 10:28**

**28** Don't be afraid of those who want to kill your body; they cannot touch your soul. Fear only God, who can destroy both soul and body in hell.

***14** Nevertheless, I have a few things against you:*

*There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. **15** Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.*

**Numbers 25:1-3**

**25** While Israel was staying in Shittim, the men began to indulge in sexual immorality with Moabite women, **2** who invited them to the sacrifices to their gods. The people ate the sacrificial meal and bowed down before these gods. **3** So Israel yoked themselves to the Baal of Peor. And the Lord's anger burned against them.

**POINT #4**

Idolatry and Sexual Immorality are linked together. We are created to worship. We will worship the One True God or we will worship someone or something else.

(See Exodus 20:1-6 & Romans 1:18-32)

**16** Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

**James 4:6**

God opposes (wars against) the proud but shows favor (grace) to the humble.

**17** Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.