

Message Two

Rev. 2:12-17

- 12 And to the messenger of the church in Pergamos write: These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:
- 13 I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is; and you hold fast My name and have not denied My faith, even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.
- 14 But I have a few things against you, that you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat idol sacrifices and to commit fornication.
- 15 In the same way you also have some who hold in like manner the teaching of the Nicolaitans.
- 16 Repent therefore; but if not, I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war with them with the sword of My mouth.
- 17 He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give of the hidden manna, and to him I will give a white stone, and upon the stone a new name written, which no one knows except he who receives it.

II. The Church in Pergamos—Rev. 2:12-17:

- A. "Pergamos":
1. From the early part of the fourth century to the latter part of the sixth.
 2. Satan changes his strategy from what he employed against Smyrna.
- B. The Lord's name—the One having the sharp two-edged sword.
- C. The condition of the church:
1. Constantine's welcome, "Satan's throne," and Antipas.
 2. "A few things against" the church in Pergamos:
 - a. The "teaching of Balaam"—replacement.
 - (1) The Old Testament Balaam.
 - (2) Crossing the line of separation.
 - b. "In the same way" the "teaching" of the Nicolaitans—paralysis.
 - (1) The connection with the teaching of Balaam.
 - (2) "You are all brothers"—Matt. 23:8.
 3. The condition of much of Christianity today.
 4. Again, repent; the pattern of 1 Corinthians 14:26.
- D. The call and promise to the overcomers:
1. Eat the "hidden manna" and go the Lord's way.
 2. A "white stone."
- E. Measuring the church in Pergamos.