

Seven Assemblies of Revelation

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Location



Leading idea for each Assembly

- Ephesus – A cooling heart
- Smyrna – A crushed heart
- Pergamum - A compromising heart
- Thyatira – A Careless heart
- Sardis – A cold heart
- Philadelphia – A committed heart
- Laodicea – A complacent heart

Meaning of the names

Name of the Assembly	Meaning	Prophetic timelines
EPHESUS	Desirable	70-170 AD
SMYRNA	S-myr-rh-NA - The sweet-bitterness of myrrh	170-312
PERGAMOS	Marriage. Mixture	312-606
THYATIRA	Continual Burning	606 – Rapture
SARDIS	A Remnant escaping	1517 – Rapture
PHILADELPHIA	Brotherly Love	1750 – Rapture
LAODICEA	The Rights of the People	1900 - Rapture

Discourse for each Assembly

Destination

Presentation

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Condemnation

Exhortation

Assembly at Pergamum

Reading from Rev 2:12-17

Re 2:12 ¶ And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;

Re 2:13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat *is*: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth.

Re 2:14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.

Re 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

Re 2:16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

Re 2:17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth *it*.

Destination



Aesculapius

1. PERGAMOS - means marriage – Pontifex Maximus – Constantine took this title first -*pontifex* literally means "bridge-builder" (*pons* + *facere*); "maximus" literally means "greatest".
2. It was an illustrious city of wealth, fashion, and mystery, renowned for its learning, its refinement, its medicine and science.
3. It boasted a library of some 200,000 volumes, second only in the world to the great library of Alexandria.
4. It was the Cathedral City of Paganism, where Temples, Universities, and Palaces of Paganism abounded. There were temples to Juno, Jupiter, Venus, Bacchus, and Aesculapius.
5. Here, first, in Asia, was set up the worship of the Emperor as God. The image of Caesar was venerated with the burning of incense. Here too, was the residence of the pagan Roman Viceroy. In a word, the Throne of Satan was there in Pergamos.

Presentation – Rev 2:12

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3 times there is a mention of this sword
Rev 1:16, Rev 19:15, 21 and Rev 2:12 –
this is

Associated with his mouth indicative of
Penetrative and executive power of his
mouth

- 1) Until the first century this city was the capital of the province of Asia.
- 2) From 133 BC King Attalus III ceded the kingdom to Rome for protection from Syria.
- 3) The city was the centre of administration for the whole of the province and the symbol of power was the sword.
- 4) The proconsul as the chief magistrate had the right of passing death penalty without any recourse to higher authority.
- 5) This in the Roman empire was known as the “Right of the Sword”

Commendation

Re 2:13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's **seat** is: - **θρονος**
thronos



Commendation



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Some truths about Antipas

- 1) Personal Devotion -He held the name of Christ Vs Caesar – scriptural revelation of Christ
- 2) Severe testing of his/their faith – hast not denied my faith
- 3) Faithful - tradition says that he was a dentist and refused to burn incense to Caesar.
- 4) Martyr – the same word has been translated witness. Rev 1:5 - **Re 1:5** And from Jesus Christ, *who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead*
- 5) Public killing – By the order of the magistrate he was killed along side or before the other believers
- 6) History – he was enclosed in a brazen bull which was made red hot during the days of Domitian 81-96



Condemnation

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1. Balaam - Num 25

- There were those who held the doctrine of Balaam – to dilute the value of separation
- Error of Balaam – Jude 11 – to imagine that God change his mind and curse Israel
- 2 Pet 2:15 – way of Balaam - to sell prophetic gifts for money

2. Deeds of the Nicolaitans have become the doctrine of Nicolaitans- *Nico-*, combinatory form of *nīkē*, "victory" in Greek, and *laos* means people, or more specifically, the laity; hence, the word may be taken to mean "lay conquerors" or "conquerors of the lay people".

Exhortation

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- **Repent** - μετανοεω **metanoeo** – complete change of mind
- **Hidden manna** – knowledge of the life and person of Christ the 30 years of obscurity
- **White stone**
 - Voting pebble – white stone for acquittal and black for condemnation
 - The honour of getting admission into a wealthy home
 - Victor in the games would get a white stone with his name written

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