

Revelation

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Session 7

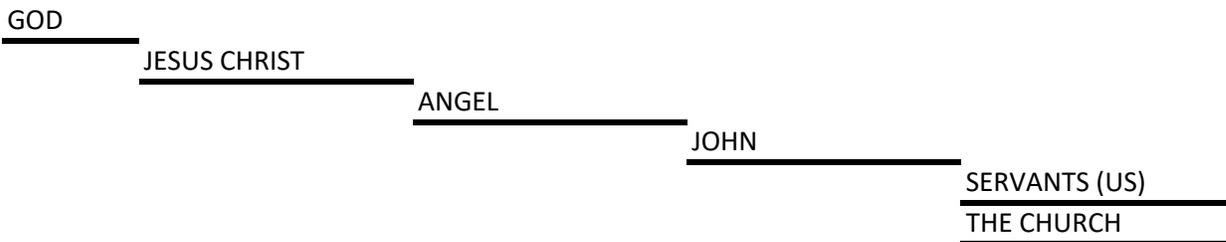
Chapter 2:1-2:11

It is **IMPOSSIBLE** to gain any understanding of Revelation without being born-again!

Remember....Only **GOD** has all the answers!

WARNING!!! SATAN does not want you to learn the **TRUTH** of God's plan!

The "STEPS" OF REVELATION



Seven stars = messenger/_____ of seven churches. Seven lampstands = Seven churches.

The Seven Churches

Each were a **CONGREGATION**.

Each had a spiritual **CONDITION**.

All but one had a **COMMENDATION**.

All but two had a **CONDEMNATION**.

All but two had a **CONSEQUENCE**.

Each represent seven basic _____ in church history.

"Paganism"

"A person who worships many gods, goddesses, the earth, or nature; whose religion is not Christianity, Judaism, or Islam.

The "State" Church

In order to "_____" the Gospel, the church felt it best to "_____" Christianity with things of the pagan culture as a means to reach more people.

Although this was the "right" _____, it plunged the church in the _____ direction.

The Church slowly began to _____ itself in "mystery" and ritualism that had a strong resemblance of Babylonian mysticism.

As The Church _____, they slowly diluted the _____ of Scripture with ritualistic polity. This happened slowly. But the repercussions are still felt _____.

The Roman _____ found it difficult to work between so many religious differences so they demanded _____ of all groups _____.

From A.D. 312 on, The Church became more _____ and less Christian in practices.

Prior, The Church was a collections of independent local churches, working _____, but not dominated by a central authority.

The name Pergamum literally means " _____ " or "elevation"

As the Church became "married" to governmental authority and "elevated" to a place of acceptance.

It _____ in Spiritual blessing and power.

The two most prominent religious _____ were the worship of Bacchus (god of revelry) and Asclepius (god of healing).

The church endured _____ false teaching and persecution.

It was a _____ church that was faithfully preaching The Gospel of Jesus Christ.

You can be "small" in size and "huge" in _____. You can be "huge" in size and "small" in strength. God's Church is always strong!

God's Church

The Church where God is in control and man is not and does not try to be! GOD IS IN CONTROL!

Look at Revelation 2:12

"And to the angel..."

Once again, this refers to the messenger/ _____ of the church.

"The words of Him Who has the sharp two-edged sword." This is the Glorified Christ with His _____.

The Word of God was the only _____ by which the church could _____ the people.

It is the same with us today. NO WORD...NO WAY!

Look at Revelation 2:13

The Commendation

The commendation falls into three basic categories:

1. "I know where you dwell, where Satan's throne is."

Pergamum was so _____, it became Satan's _____.

Satan learned during first three centuries that physically attacking Christians would never work, so his _____ was to _____ The Church from the inside out.

2. "Yet you hold fast My name..."

The church was doctrinally _____.

3. "and you did not deny My faith" The church did not _____ Christ.

"even in the days of Antipas My faithful witness, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells."

Antipas was the first _____ of Pergamum. The period when his death occurred was especially _____.

Look at Revelation 2:14-15

The Condemnation

Notice where Ephesus seemed to have "one", and Smyrna "none", Pergamum had a " _____ " condemnations.

Although their _____ was sound, their practical doctrines were radically _____.

These false doctrines fell into two main categories:

Homework: Numbers 22-31

1. The Doctrine of Balaam. Balaam tried to prophecy a _____ against Israel.

Balak, the king of Moab, hired Balaam to exact this curse. As a result, Israel had unholy alliances and intermarried with the Moabites.

This resulted in the people being _____ socially and spiritually.

Although the believers at Pergamum were faithful to Christ's name and held strong theological doctrines. they did not remain separated from the world, but compromised with _____ which predominated.

2. The Doctrine of Nicolaitans.

Whereas Ephesus rejected this, Pergamum both _____ and _____ in it.

Look at Revelation 2:16

The Counsel

_____ or be judged by The Word of God. This applies to _____ individuals and churches.

The Consequence

If they do not change their ways, The Lord will " _____ " against them!

Look at Revelation 2:17

The Charge

It is addressed to all who hear and _____. It is a call for believers to _____.

The Reward

"the hidden manna" is a symbol of the _____ food provided by God in His Word.

This is an individual " _____ ", not a Christian function.

"The White Stone" is a symbol of God's _____. White refers to the _____ of God.

"The White Stone" is a beautiful symbol of the _____ acquittal we gain through _____
in The Lord Jesus Christ.

"a new name" is believed to refer to The Holy Spirit's work of conforming believers to the _____
of Christ. You are a new person with a new name of your own!