

# ***A Message to the Church at Pergamum***

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*The Church That Dwells Near  
Satan's Throne.*

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<sup>12</sup> “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:  
The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:  
<sup>13</sup> ‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast  
My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas,  
My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan  
dwells. <sup>14</sup> But I have a few things against you, because you have  
there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching  
Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things  
sacrificed to idols and to commit *acts of immorality*. <sup>15</sup> So you also  
have some who in the same way hold the teaching of  
the Nicolaitans. <sup>16</sup> Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you  
quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My  
mouth. <sup>17</sup> He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the  
churches. To him who overcomes, to him I will give *some* of the  
hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name  
written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.’

# Introduction:

Christ commends the Church at Pergamum for its persevering witness in the midst of persecution, condemns it for its spirit of idolatrous compromise, and exhorts it to overcome this in order not to be judged but to inherit end-time fellowship and identification with Christ.

## The Salutation (Rev. 2:12a)

“To the angel of the church in Pergamum write”

## The City of Pergamum:

- ZEUS
- ATHENA
- DIONYSIUS (BACCHUS)
- ASCLEPIUS

## Christ's Self-designation (Rev. 2:12b)

"The One who has the sharp double-edged sword"

## Commendation (Rev. 2:13)

The Church Persevered Through Tribulation.

## Charge (Rev. 2:14-15)

The Church was Tolerant  
of False Teaching.

What is the Doctrine of Balaam?

Antinomianism: The heresy that  
sin cannot violate a covenant!

**Life Truth:**  
**Satan Tries to Turn**  
**God away From**  
**People or Turn People**  
**away From God.**

# Admonition and Warning (Rev. 2:16)

Repent or Suffer Judgement!

## Promise to Overcomers (Rev. 2:17)

“Hidden Manna” – Food of LIFE

“White Stone” – VICTORY

“New Name” – New Identity