

THE CHURCHES OF REVELATION

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TO PERGAMUM, THE SWORD

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STRUCTURED LETTERS

- An address to a particular church
- A "Revealing" of Jesus
- Jesus KNOWS the conditions of the church
- Gives a verdict based on condition
- What He Wants THEM to do about it
- What he wants the CHURCH to do
- Gives a promise





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JESUS GIVES A VERDICT "BUT"

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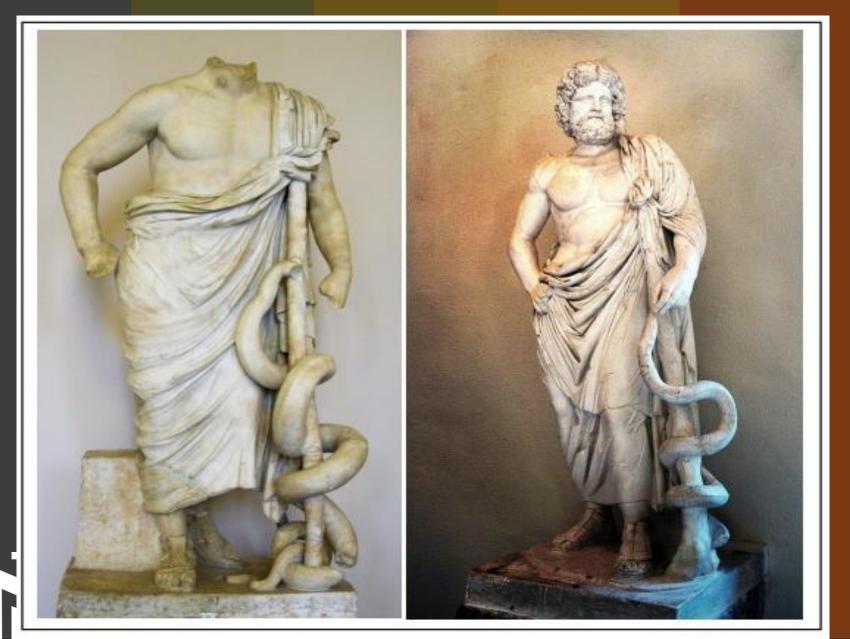
















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JESUS PRAISED THE CHRISTIANS OF PERGAMUM BECAUSE THEY DID NOT DENY HIS FAITH, EVEN THOUGH SATAN TRIED TO STRIKE FEAR IN THEM.



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THIS WAS JESUS' WAY OF REMINDING THE CHRISTIANS OF PERGAMUM THAT BEING OKAY WITH IDOLATRY AND SEXUAL IMMORALITY HAS SEVERE CONSEQUENCES.

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Numbers 31:8

They (Israel's Army) killed the kings of Midian along with the rest of those killed: Evi, Rekem, Zur, Hur, and Reba, the five kings of Midian. They also killed Balaam the son of Beor with the Sword



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THE SWORD IS THE WORD. AND THE WORD WILL STING AND SEPARATE WHAT IS TRUE AND WHAT ARE LIES.



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THE PROMISE IS "TO THE ONE WHO CONQUERS." THE ONES WHO WERE NOT OKAY WITH THE NICOLAITANS FALSE TEACHING. THE ONES WHO STAYED TRUE TO THE WORD, THE SWORD.

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