



#SEVENCHURCHES

# THE 7 CHURCHES OF REVELATION





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# SPIRITUAL COMPROMISE

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## Revelation 2:12–17

“To the angel of the church in Pergamum write:  
These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. <sup>13</sup> I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name. You did not renounce your faith in me, not even in the days of Antipas, my faithful witness, who was put to death in your city—where Satan lives.

<sup>14</sup> Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who



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taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. <sup>15</sup> Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

<sup>16</sup> Repent therefore! Otherwise, I will soon come to you and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.

<sup>17</sup> Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To the one who is victorious, I will give some of the hidden manna. I will also give that person a white stone with a new name written on it, known only to the one who receives it.





*Compromise with the world can  
destroy us.*





# CHRIST'S SWORD

Revelation 2:12

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# CHRIST'S SWORD

Hebrews 4:12

For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.





# CHRIST'S SWORD

Revelation 2:16

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# CHRIST'S SWORD

Revelation 19:21

The rest were killed with the sword coming out of the mouth of the rider on the horse, and all the birds gorged themselves on their flesh.





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2 Corinthians 4:4

The god of this age has blinded the minds of unbelievers, so that they cannot see the light of the gospel that displays the glory of Christ, who is the image of God.





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1 John 5:19

We know that we are children of God, and that the whole world is under the control of the evil one.





# SATAN'S CITY

Revelation 2:13  
I know where you live...



*He doesn't say, "I know where you live....  
And you should move where it's not as  
hard."*

*He says, "I have sovereignly and  
strategically placed you here to be light in  
a dark place."*







# COMMENDATION

Jesus commends them for something  
He condemns them  
Then he offers correction





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*The church at Pergamum had elevated love above truth.*





# CONDEMNATION

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*“I know you where you live. I know it's tough. I know that you have held fast to my name and you even have martyrdom in your history.”*





*The temptation to compromise is ever-present.*





# CORRECTION

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*Their persistent compromise undermines their claim to know Jesus in a saving way*







# A PROMISE

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*At the end of our life, God pronounces us not guilty by virtue of everything his Son has done.*





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