

**The Letters...**

**To Seven Churches**

# The Letters to Seven Churches in Asia Minor (Modern Turkey)

## Revelation 2-3



1. Ephesus

2. Smyrna

3. Pergamum

4. Thyatira

5. Sardis

6. Philadelphia

7. Laodicea

# About Pergamum:

- \* Rich and powerful
- \* A political center where ruling influenced whole Asian-Minor,
- \* 2<sup>nd</sup> largest Library in the ancient world with a huge collection
- \* The city's theater seated 10,000 people



Hellenistic Theater for 10,000 attendees  
<https://www.enjoyeverytour.com/articles/pergamum>



## Known for 3 temples

1. Temple of Roman Emperor
2. Temple of Athena (goddess of wisdom)
3. The Great Altar of Zeus

And many more...

<https://smarthistory.org/the-pergamon-altar/>  
Pergamon Altar (today in the Pergamon Museum, Berlin,  
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Including the healing center called Asklepion  
- worshiped Asklepios (Greco-Roman god of  
medicine and healing)



Modern medicine symbol

<https://www.worldhistory.org/image/535/statue-of-asklepios/>

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## **Revelation 2:12**

**And to the angel (or Messenger) of the church in Pergamum write:**

**These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword:**

**13 “I know where you are living,  
where Satan’s throne is.**

**Yet you are holding fast to my name,  
and you did not deny your faith in me even in the  
days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one,  
who was killed among you, where Satan lives.**

# **A few things against you:**

**1. Some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam**

**2. Some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans**



**What does Jesus say about this?**

**<sup>16</sup> Repent then.**

**If not, I will come to you soon  
and make war against them  
with the sword of my mouth.**

**To everyone who conquers I will give...**

**1. some of the hidden manna**

**2. a white stone- written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.**

## **Romans 12:2**

**Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God — what is good and acceptable and perfect.**

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