

PERGAMOS
Revelation 2:12-17

Pergamos: **Mixed marriage** (vv.12-17)

Pergamos: Citadel - fortified; high tower; elevation. (A root word from which we get our words bigamy and polygamy) Stelman Smith and Judson Cornwall, The Exhaustive Dictionary of Bible Names

Per: mixed, objectionable (pervert, perturbation, etc.)

Gamos: marriage (bigamy, monogamy, etc.)

From About 313 AD till around 600 AD

Title (v.12)

For the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, and piercing as far as the division of soul and spirit, of both joints and marrow, and able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. - Hebrews 4:12 (NASB)

Commendation

Satan's Throne? (v.13)

Zeus is the Greek name but Jupiter is the Roman name

Antipas: Anti - over against / Pas - everything, all things

Witness: martus - a witness

Criticism (vv.14-15)

Balaam: A prophet for hire (Numbers 22-24)

Balaam Taught: Mix true worship with Paganism

Israel...began to play the harlot with the daughters of Moab. For they invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods. So Israel joined themselves to Baal of Peor, and the LORD was angry against Israel.

- Numbers 25:1-3 (NASB)

*"The children gather wood, and the fathers kindle the fire, and the women knead dough to make cakes for the queen of heaven; and they pour out drink offerings to other gods in order to spite Me.
- Jeremiah 7:18-20 (NASB)*

Ashtoreth (Phoenician) (OT - 1 Kings 11:5)

Isis (Egyptian)

Astarte (Romans & Greeks)

Astarte -The woman who makes towers (Hislop)

Ishtar (Assyrian) We say: Easter

Nicolaitans: Rule over the people (v.15)

Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. - Revelation 2:15 (NKJV)

Nikos (nee'-kos) a conquest (Thayer's: utterly vanquish)

Laos (lah-os') a people (in general) (**English:** Laity)

(v.16) **Exhortation: "Repent or else" He will make war with "Them" with the Word of God**

(v.17)

"Our fathers ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'HE GAVE THEM BREAD OUT OF HEAVEN TO EAT.'" Jesus then said to them, "Truly, truly, I say to you, it is not Moses who has given you the bread out of heaven, but it is My Father who gives you the true bread out of heaven. "For the bread of God is that which comes down out of heaven, and gives life to the world." Then they said to Him, "Lord, always give us this bread." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; he who comes to Me will not hunger, and he who believes in Me will never thirst. - John 6:31-35 (NASB)

Saying: Jesus gives Himself and a new identity