

Chapter Two: To the Church of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, and Thyatira

A Verse by Verse Exposition
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CHURCHES OF REVELATION

THE SEVEN CHURCHES OF REVELATION

- City
- One of the "Seven Churches" (Rev. 2-3)
- Principal Roman roads



I. The Message to the Church at Ephesus

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A. The Character of Christ Reviewed

- 1. The Position of the Church:** “Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; *These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;*”
- 2. The Position of Christ:** “Unto the angel of the church of Ephesus write; These things saith he that holdeth the seven stars in his right hand, *who walketh in the midst of the seven golden candlesticks;*”

B. The Commendation of Christ Received

1. Dedicated Service: *"2 I know thy works, and thy labour..."*

2. Diligent Suffering: *"2 ...and thy patience...3 And hast borne, and hast patience, and for my name's sake hast laboured, and hast not fainted."*

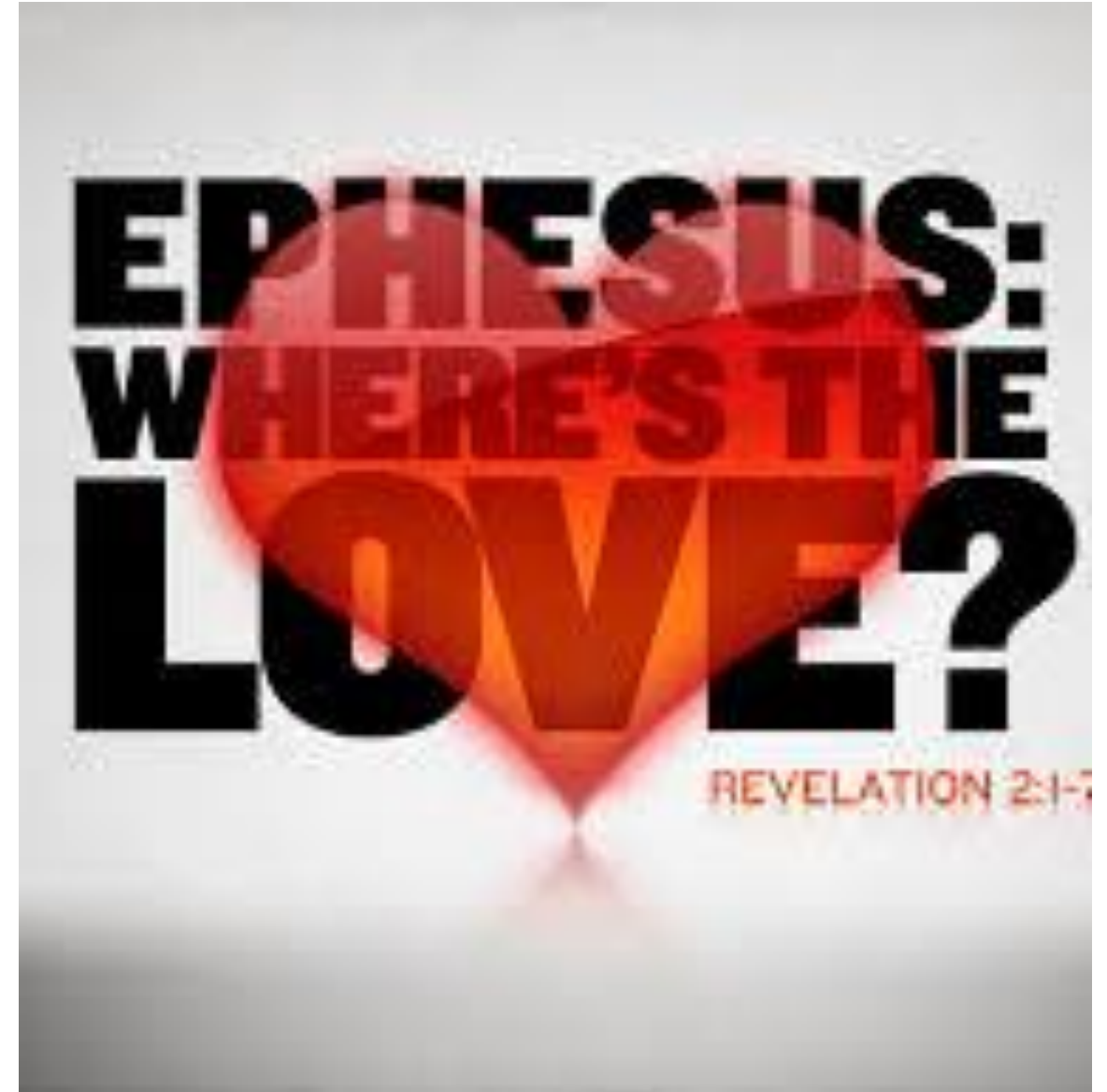
3. Discerning Spirits: *"and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars..."*

4. Despising Sin: *"2 ...and how thou canst not bear them which are evil: and thou hast tried them which say they are apostles, and are not, and hast found them liars: ...6 But this thou hast, that thou hatest the deeds of the Nicolaitans, which I also hate."*



C. The Condemnation of Christ's Rebuke

1. **Deficiency Announced:** “4 *Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.*”
2. **Departure from Affection:** “4 *Nevertheless I have somewhat against thee, because thou hast left thy first love.*”



D. The Cure for the Church-Repent

1. Remember: “5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. “

2. Repent: “5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, *and repent*, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, *except thou repent.* “

3. Return: “5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, *and do the first works*; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. “



E. The Consequences for the Church Reminded

1. The Judgment – Rapidity: “5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or *else I will come unto thee quickly*, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, except thou repent. “

2. The Judgment – Removal: “5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, *and will remove thy candlestick out of his place*, except thou repent. “

3. The Judgment – Remedy: “5 Remember therefore from whence thou art fallen, and repent, and do the first works; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will remove thy candlestick out of his place, *except thou repent*. “



F. The Command to the Church Relayed

1. Command to the Spiritually

Discerning: *"7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."*

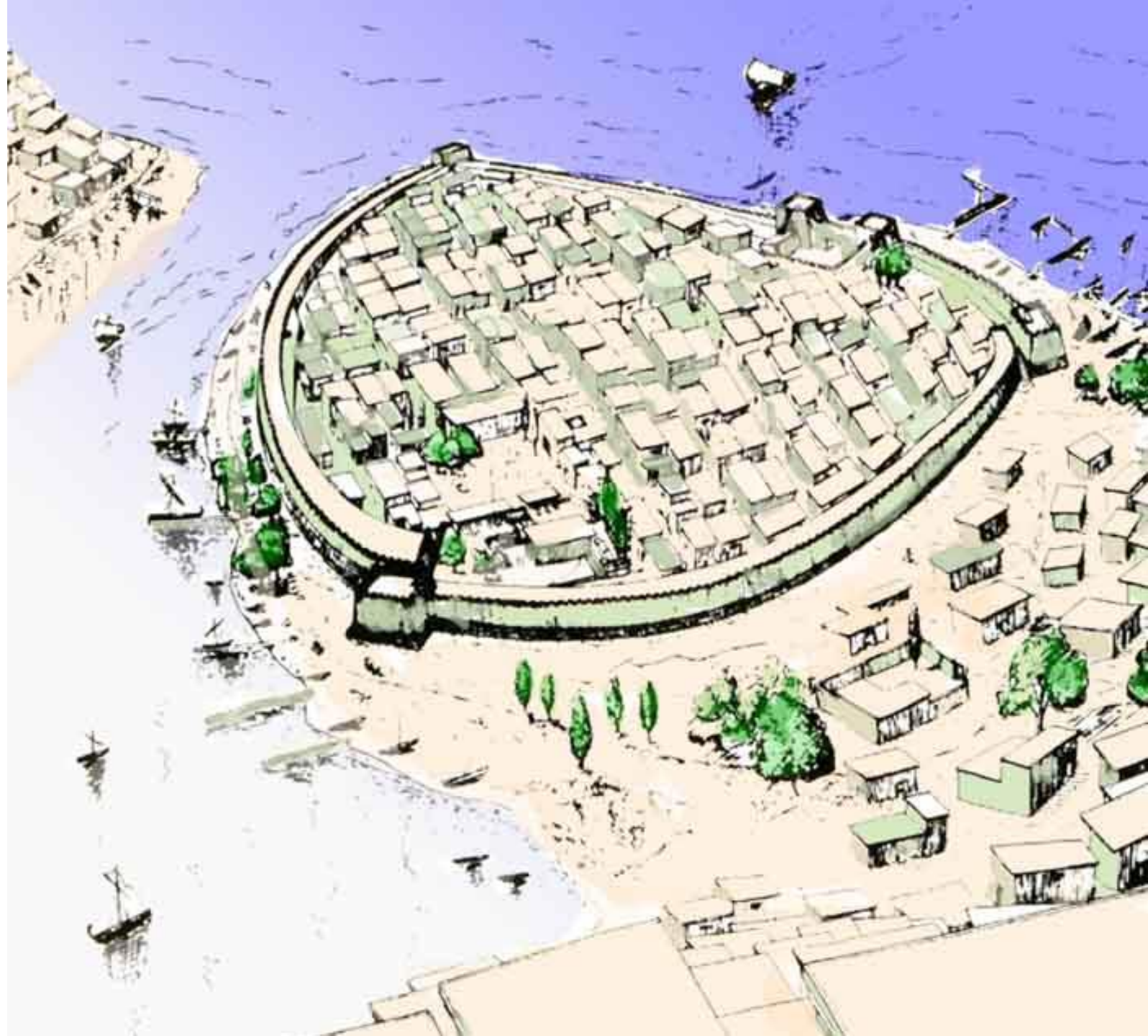
2. Commendation of the Spiritually

Dynamic: *"7 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the tree of life, which is in the midst of the paradise of God."*



II. The Message to the Church at Smyrna

“8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write; These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive; 9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. 11 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.”



A. The Christ of the Church

1. His Addressees Indicated: *"8 And unto the angel of the church in Smyrna write...*

2. His Attributes Illustrated: *"8These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;"*

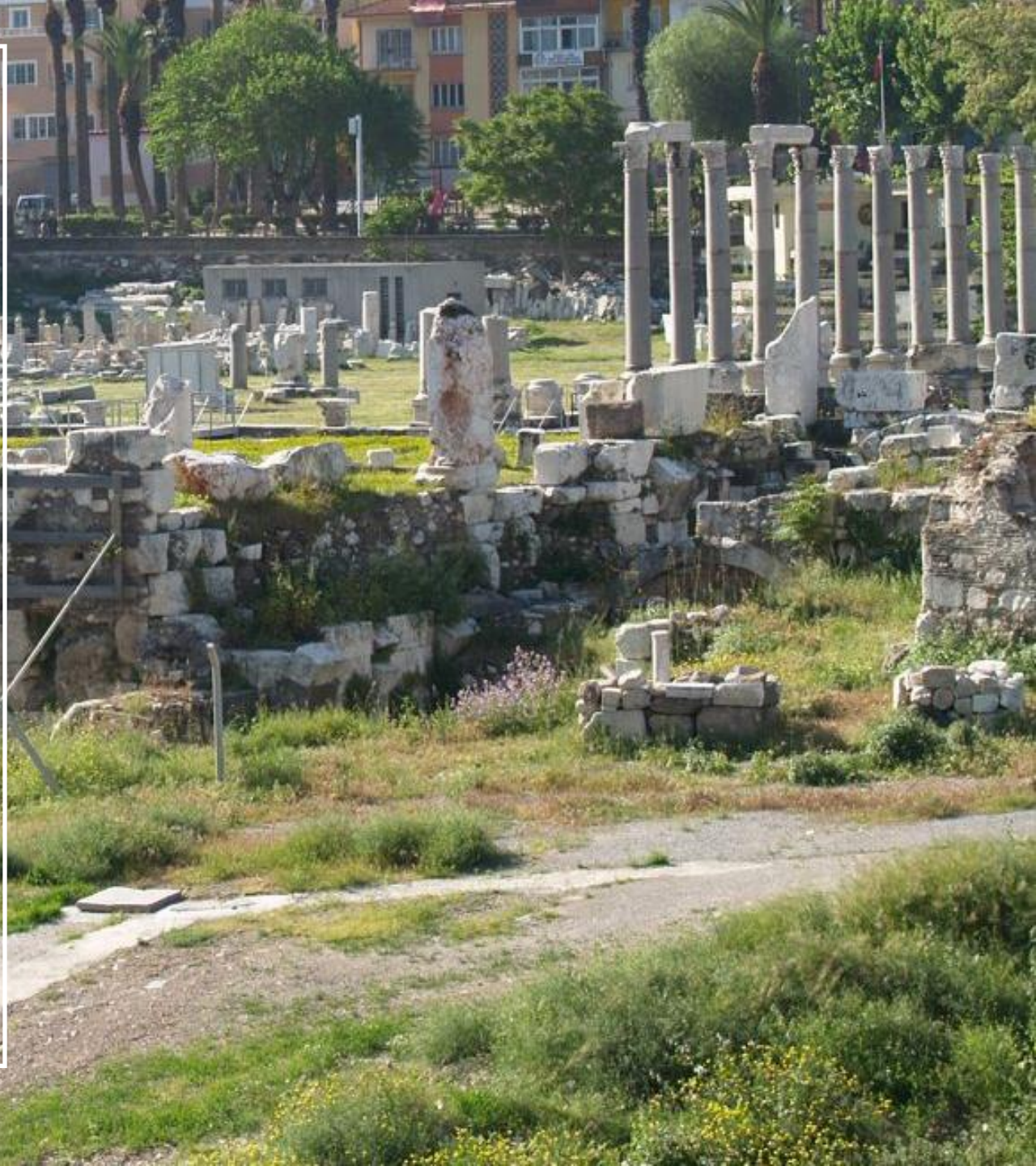
a. Timeless Deity: *"8 ...These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;"*

b. Triumphant over Death: *"8 ...These things saith the first and the last, which was dead, and is alive;"*



B. The Commendation of the Church

“9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan. 10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.”



1. The Comfort of the Fearful Sufferers

a. Christ knows their works: “9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich)...”

b. Christ knows their persecution: “9 I know thy works, *and tribulation*, and poverty, (but thou art rich)...”

c. Christ knows their poverty: “9 I know thy works, and tribulation, *and poverty*, (but thou art rich)...”

d. Christ knows their wealth: “9 I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (*but thou art rich*)...”



THE SYNAGOGUE OF SATAN

2. The Condemnation of the False Synagogue

a. Their Terrible Indictment: *"...and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."*

b. Their True Identification: *"...and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."*

3. The Contemplation of the Future Sufferings

a. The Encouragement for the Persecuted:

"10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

b. The Enemy's Purpose: *"10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."*

c. The Extent of the Persecution: *"10 Fear none of those things which thou shalt suffer: behold, the devil shall cast some of you into prison, that ye may be tried; and ye shall have tribulation ten days: be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."*



4. The Consolation of the Faithful Saints

a. Remain Constant to Death:

"...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."

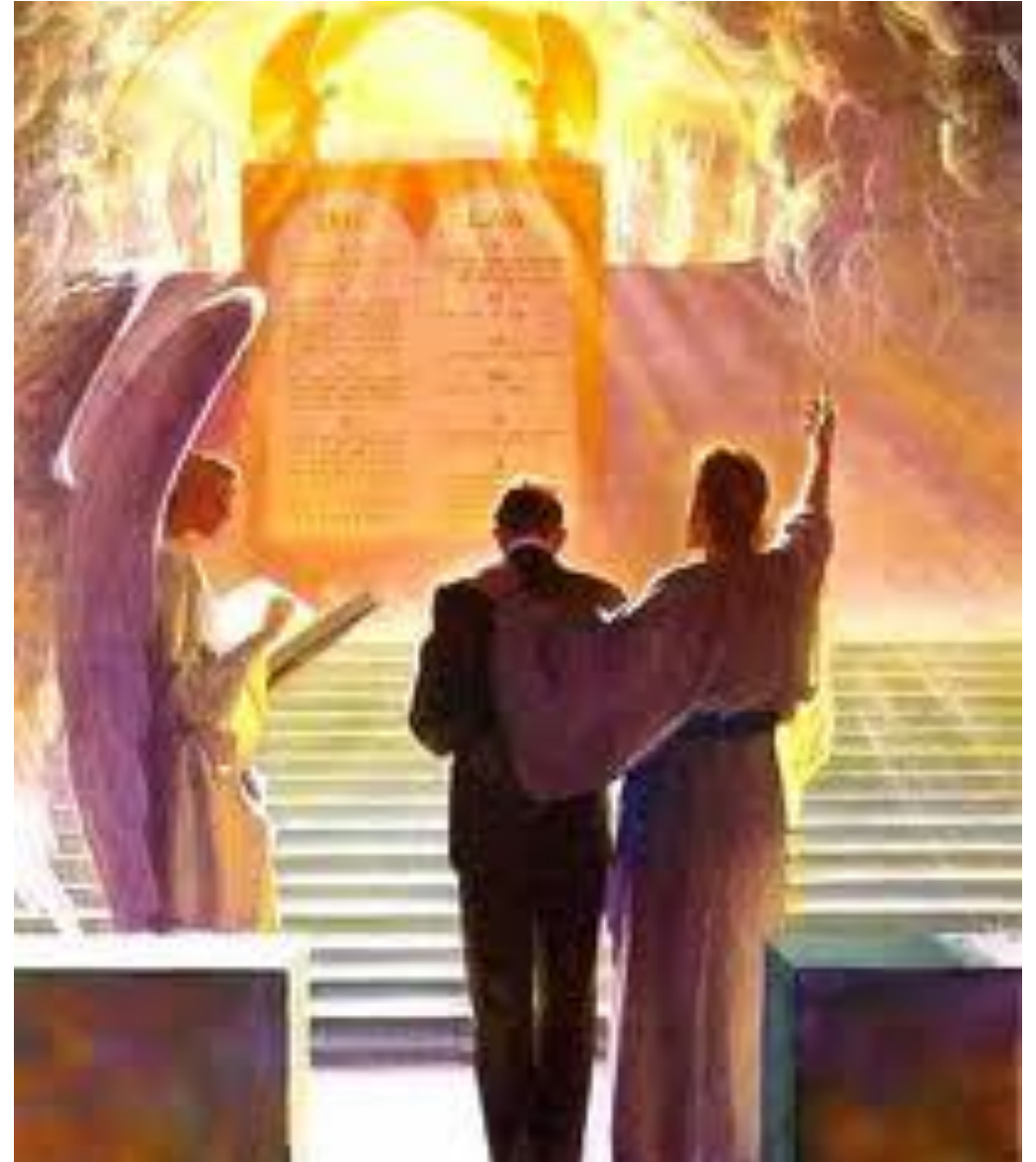
b. Receive a Crown of Life: *"...be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."*



C. The Command to the Church – Receive

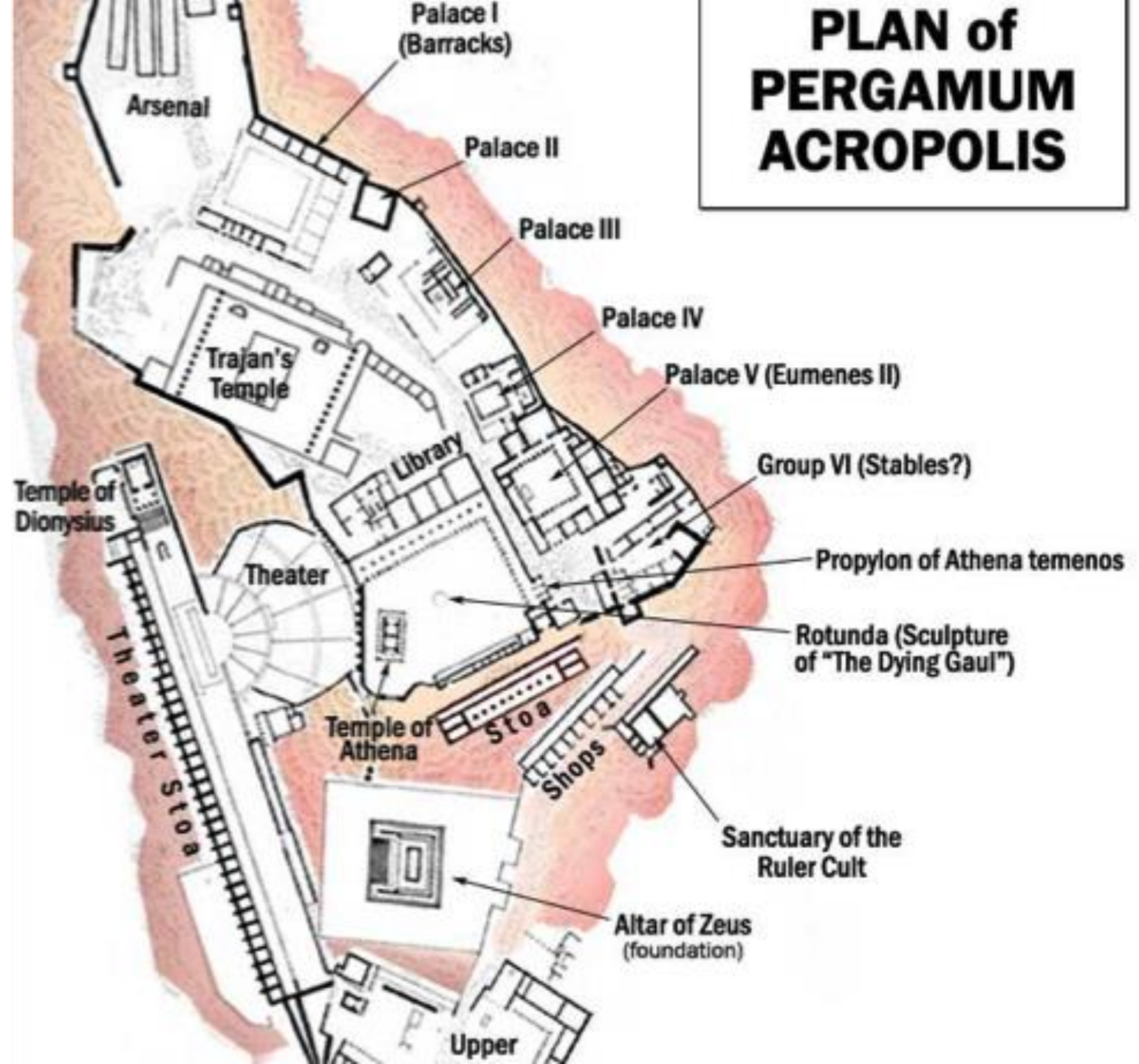
1. Command to the Spiritually Discerning: “11 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.*”

2. Commendation of Spiritually Dynamic: “11 *He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death.*”



III. The Message to the Church of Pergamos

“12 And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges; 13 I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth. 14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication. 15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. 16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth. 17 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”

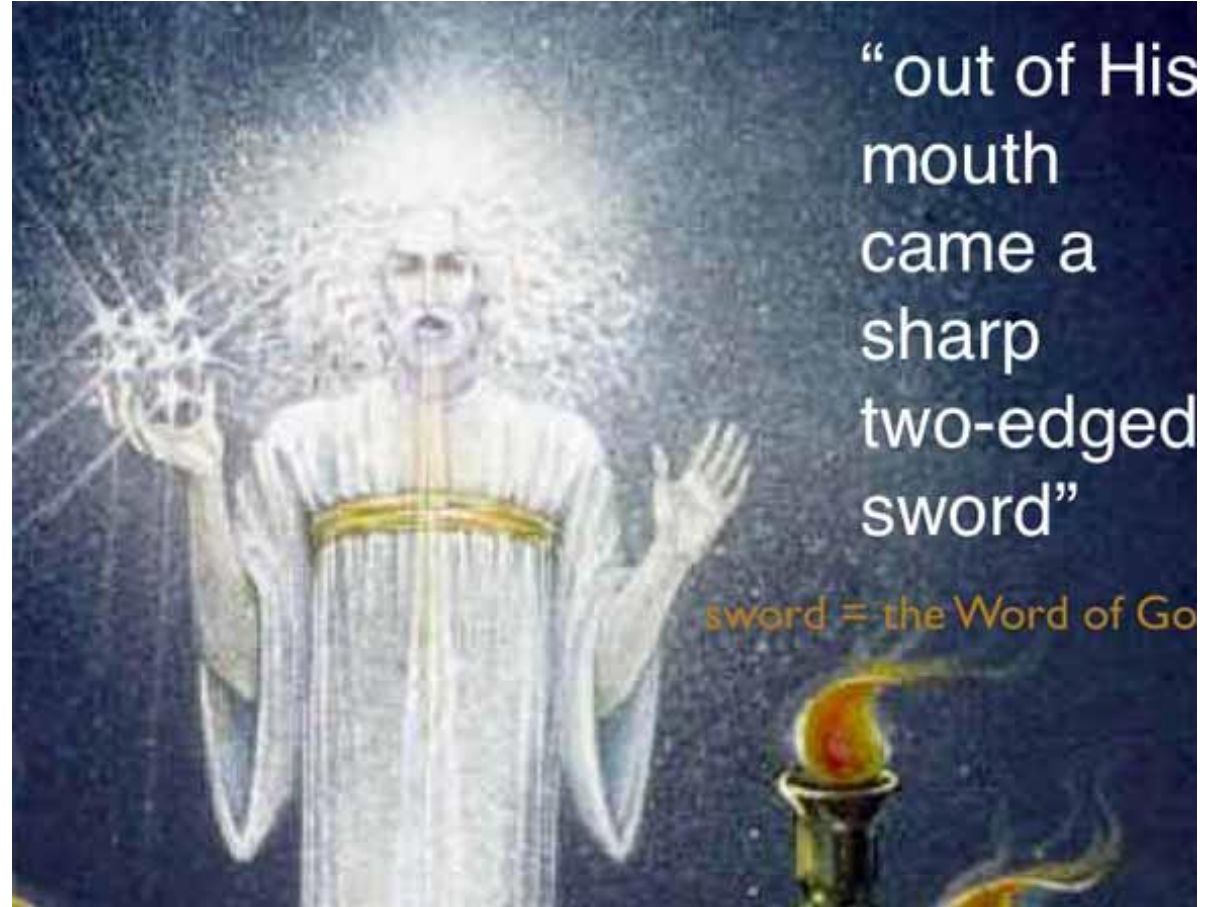


A. The Character of Christ Reviewed

1. The Pergamos

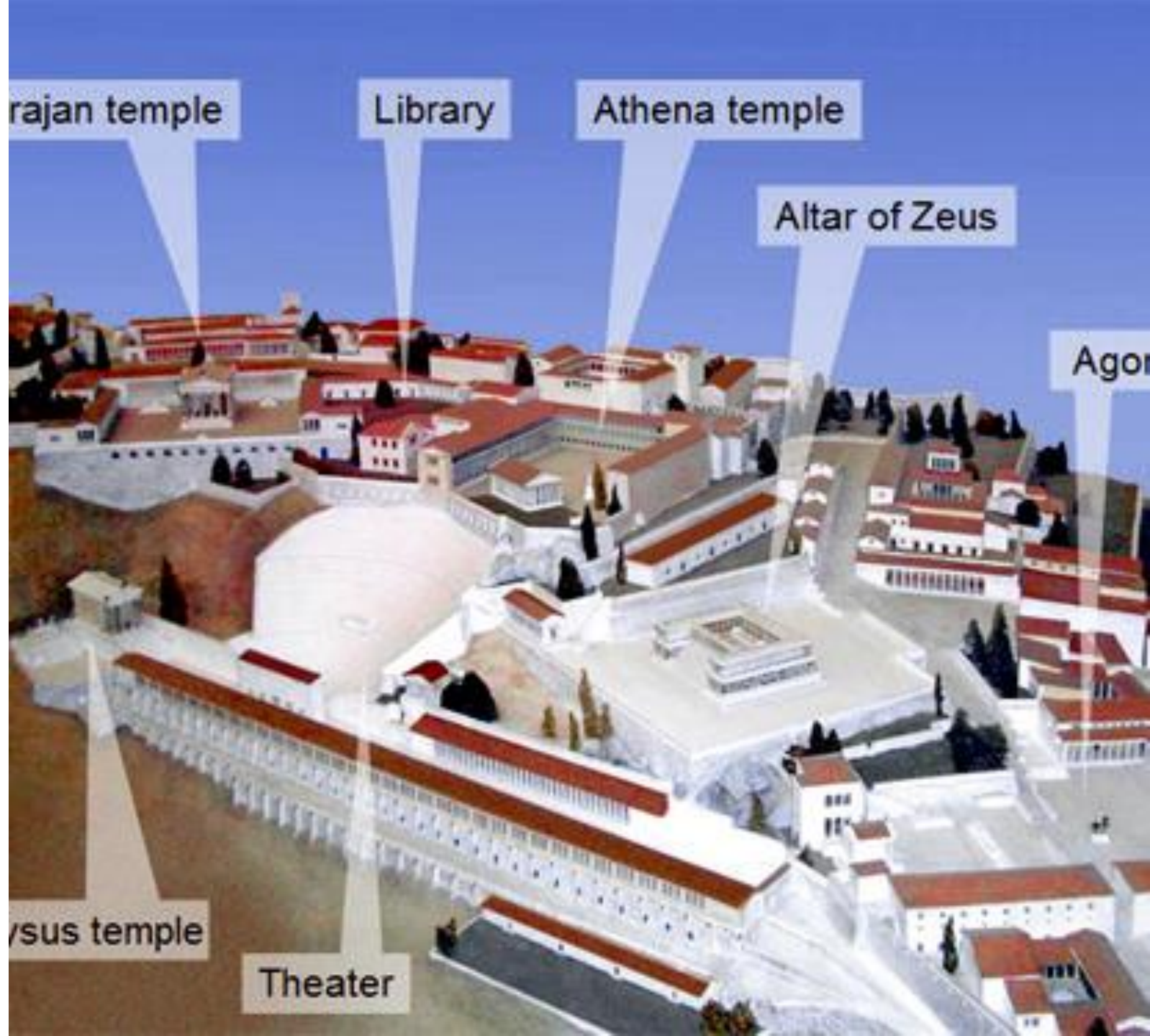
Witnesses: “12 *And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;*”

2. The Power of the Word: “12 *And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write; These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges;*”



B. The Commendation of the Church Received

1. **A Passionate Service:** *"13 I know thy works ..."*
2. **A Perilous Situation:** *"13 ...and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is..."*
3. **A Pious Steadfastness:** *"13 ...and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, ..."*
4. **A Pattern of Suffering:** *"13 ...even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth."*



C. The Condemnation of the Church Relayed

- **1. Corrupt Practices – the Doctrine of Balaam:**

“14 But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumblingblock before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication...”

- **2. Controlling Priesthood – the Doctrine of the Nicolaitans:** *“15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.”*

Doctrine
of the
Nicolaitanes

Satan's Secret
Strategies

The Doctrine
of
Balaam

D. The Cure for the Church - Repentance

1. The Sorrow of the Guilty: “16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”

2. The Swiftmess Guaranteed: “16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”

3. The Sword of God: “16 Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.”



E. The Communication to the Church- Receive

“17 He that hath an ear, let him
hear what the Spirit saith unto
the churches;”



F. The Consolation for the Church – Reward

1. Sustaining Feast: “...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. ”

2. Spiritual Favor: “...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it.”

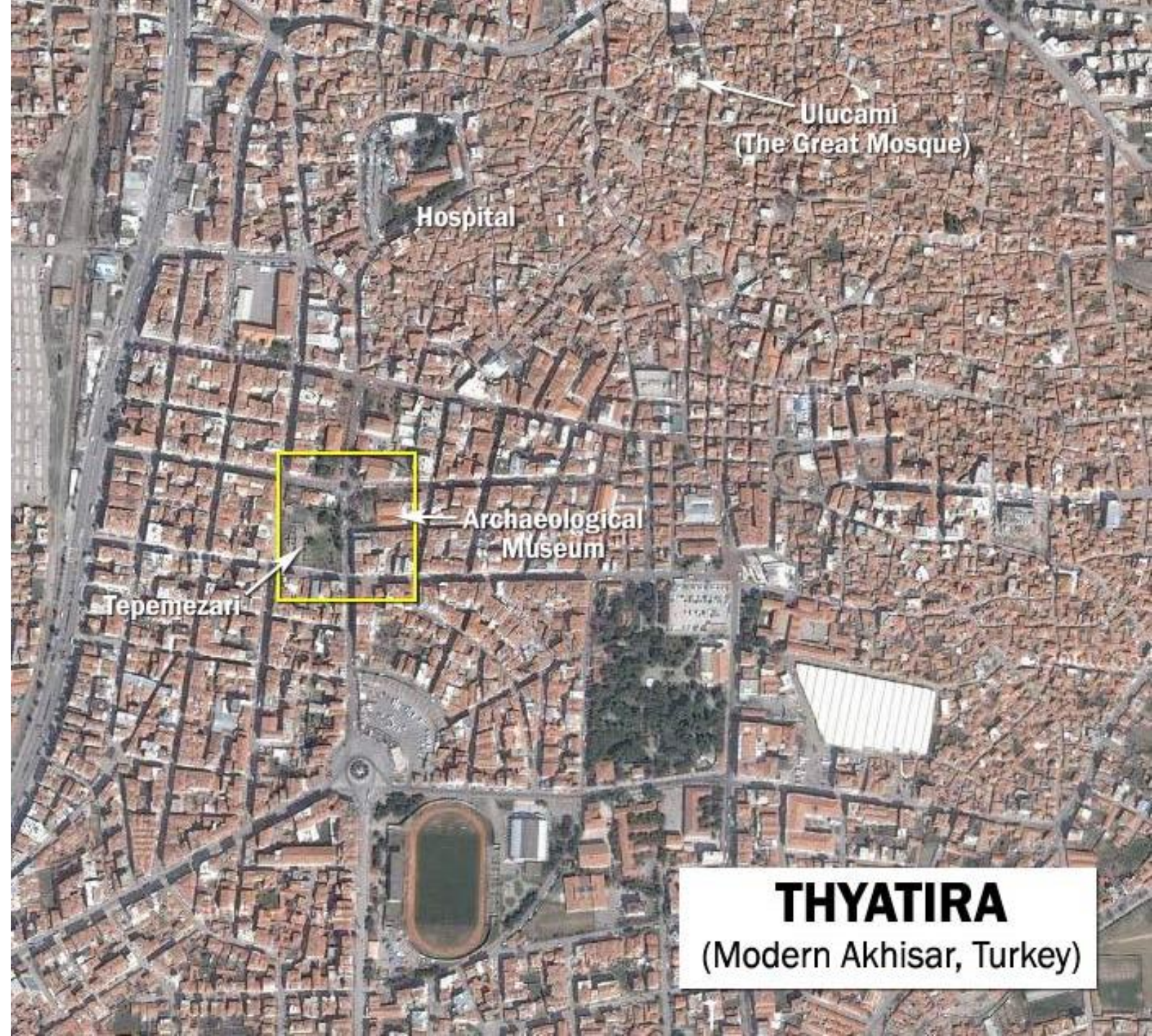
a. Symbol of Approval: “...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. ”

b. Stone of Appellation: “...To him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth it. ”



IV. The Message to the Church at Thyatira

“18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass; 19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first. 20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols. 21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not. 22 Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds. 23 And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works. 24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden. 25 But that which ye have already hold fast till I come. 26 And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations: 27 And he shall rule them with a rod of iron; as the vessels of a potter shall they be broken to shivers: even as I received of my Father. 28 And I will give him the morning star. 29 He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches.”



THYATIRA
(Modern Akhisar, Turkey)

A. The Character of Christ Reviewed

1. The Destination of the Message: “18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;”

2. The Description of the Master: “18 And unto the angel of the church in Thyatira write; These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;”

a. His Powerful Authority: “...These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;”

b. His Penetrating Analysis: “...These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;”

c. His Prudence Applied: “...These things saith the Son of God, who hath his eyes like unto a flame of fire, and his feet are like fine brass;”



B. The Commendation of the Church Received

1. The Description of the Church: *"19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first."*

a. Labors: *"19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first."*

b. Love: *"19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first."*

c. Loyalty: *"19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first."*

d. Longsuffering: *"19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first."*

2. The Dynamic of the Church: *"19 I know thy works, and charity, and service, and faith, and thy patience, and thy works; and the last to be more than the first."*



C. The Condemnation of the Church Relayed

1. The Source of the Problem: “20
Notwithstanding I have a few things against
thee, because thou sufferest that woman
Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess,
to teach and to seduce my servants to
commit fornication, and to eat things
sacrificed unto idols.”

a. Liberal Permissiveness: “20
*Notwithstanding I have a few things
against thee, because thou sufferest that
woman ...to teach and to seduce my
servants ...*”

b. Licentious Personality: “20 ... because
thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which
calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and
to seduce my servants to commit
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2. The Seriousness of the Problem

a. The Principles that are Scripturally Faulty:

“20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because *thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.*”

b. The Premises that Scripturally False: “20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, *to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.*”

c. The Practice of Spiritual Fornication: “20 Notwithstanding I have a few things against thee, because thou sufferest that woman Jezebel, which calleth herself a prophetess, *to teach and to seduce my servants to commit fornication, and to eat things sacrificed unto idols.*”



3. The Stubborn Nature of the Problem

a. The Patience of Jesus:

“21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.”

b. The Persistence of

Jezebel: *“21 And I gave her space to repent of her fornication; and she repented not.”*



4. The Solution to the Problem

a. A Judgment that is Pertinent: “22 *Behold, I will cast her into a bed...*”

b. A Judgment that is Public: “22 *Behold, I will cast her into a bed, and them that commit adultery with her into great tribulation, except they repent of their deeds...*”

c. A Judgment that is Personal: “23 *And I will kill her children with death; and all the churches shall know that I am he which searcheth the reins and hearts: and I will give unto every one of you according to your works.*”



D. The Counsel to the Church - Remain

1. The Compassion toward the Remnant: “24 But unto you I say, and unto the rest in Thyatira, as many as have not this doctrine, and which have not known the depths of Satan, as they speak; I will put upon you none other burden...”

2. The Counsel to Remain: “25 *But that which ye have already hold fast till I come.*”



E. The Consolation of the Church - Rewards

1. The Power of Sovereignty over the Gentiles: “26

And he that overcometh, and keepeth my works unto the end, to him will I give power over the nations:”

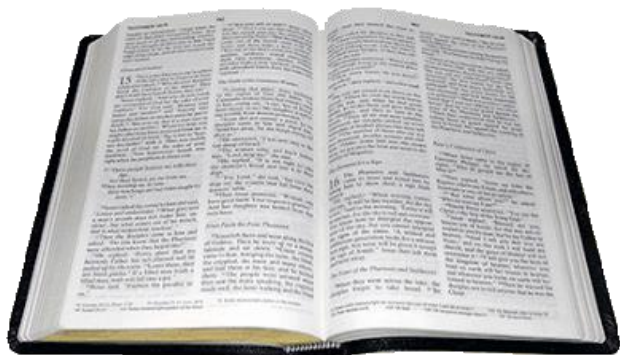
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F. The Communication
to the Church –
Receive

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TIME TO
LISTEN



Your Invitation

Bring Your
Questions to the
only One Who has
the answers...the
Lord Jesus Christ!