

# revelation

## SESSION #4 – PERGAMUM & THYATIRA

### CHURCH AT PERGAMUM

Revelation 2:12-17

#### PERGAMUM BACKGROUND

- Referred to themselves as the “*Greatest City in Asia Minor.*” They were also referred to as the “*Religious Capital of Asia.*”
- Library with 200,000 volumes. Second only to the great Library in Alexandria.
- They had the first temple dedicated to Caesar.

#### JESUS TELLS THE CHURCH WHAT HE KNOWS (v.13)

1. **“I KNOW WHERE YOU DWELL, WHERE SATAN’S THRONE IS”:**
  - a. Several interpretations as to what this means:
    - i. **Aeropolis:**
    - ii. **The Altar of Zeus:**
    - iii. **Temple of Asklepios:**
    - iv. **Imperial Cult Worship:**

#### WORD OF APPROVAL FROM JESUS (v.13)

1. **“YOU HAVE REMAINED TRUE”**

#### WORDS OF ACCUSATION FROM JESUS (v.14-15)

1. **“ALLOWING FALSE TEACHING IN THE CHURCH”**

#### WORDS OF WARNING FROM JESUS (v.16-17)

- **“REPENT”**
- **“LISTEN”**

## CHURCH AT THYATIRA

Revelation 2:18-29

### THYATIRA BACKGROUND

- Expendable military outpost.
- Famous for wool, linen, leatherwork, but mainly their bronze and purple dye.
- Daily life of the city was dominated by a network of trade guilds and labor unions that mixed their trade with pagan worship.
  - Each had its own pagan deity, feasts, seasonal celebrations, etc....
- Considered the least important city of the seven cities.
- The church receives the longest letter from Jesus, even though the church was likely the smallest.

### JESUS KNOWS THE TRUTH ABOUT THE CHURCH (v.18)

- **“The words of the Son of God, who has eyes like a flame of fire, and whose feet are like burnished bronze.”**
  - **BLAZING EYES OF FIRE:**
  - **FEET ARE LIKE BURNISHED BRONZE:**

### JESUS KNOWS WHAT A HEALTHY CHURCH LOOKS LIKE (v.19)

Jesus gives us indicators of a healthy church.

1. **LOVE:**
2. **FAITH:**
  - a. **Sound doctrine is important.**
    - i. **Ephesians 4:15**
    - ii. **Titus 2:1**
3. **SERVICE:**
4. **PERSEVERANCE:**
  - a. **Revelation 2:7**
  - b. **Colossians 1:23**

### JESUS KNOWS WHEN THINGS ARE WRONG IN THE CHURCH (v.20)

- **“THEY ALLOWED AN UNGODLY SPIRITUAL INFLUENCE IN THE LEADERSHIP OF THE CHURCH”**
  - **Jezebel** (reference **1 Kings 16:29-33**)
    - **How could a person like this gain influence in the church leadership?**

### JESUS CORRECTS THE CHURCH (v.21-23)

- Jesus brings His discipline.
  - His discipline is:
    - **FAIR (v.21)**
    - **FULL (v.22)**
    - **FINAL (v.23)**
    - **FEARFUL (v.23)**
    - **FAITHFUL (v.24-25)**

### JESUS ENCOURAGES THE CHURCH (v.24-29)