

The background of the slide is a sunset over a body of water. A large, semi-transparent circular overlay is centered on the image, containing the text 'THE END'. The sun is a bright yellow circle on the horizon, with its reflection visible in the water. The sky is a gradient of orange and red, and the water is dark with some ripples. The overall mood is dramatic and apocalyptic.

# THE END

A STUDY OF REVELATION

Rev. 2:12-17



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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*.



## Scriptural Introduction

Rev. 1:19 Write the things which thou hast seen, and the things which are, and the things which shall be hereafter;

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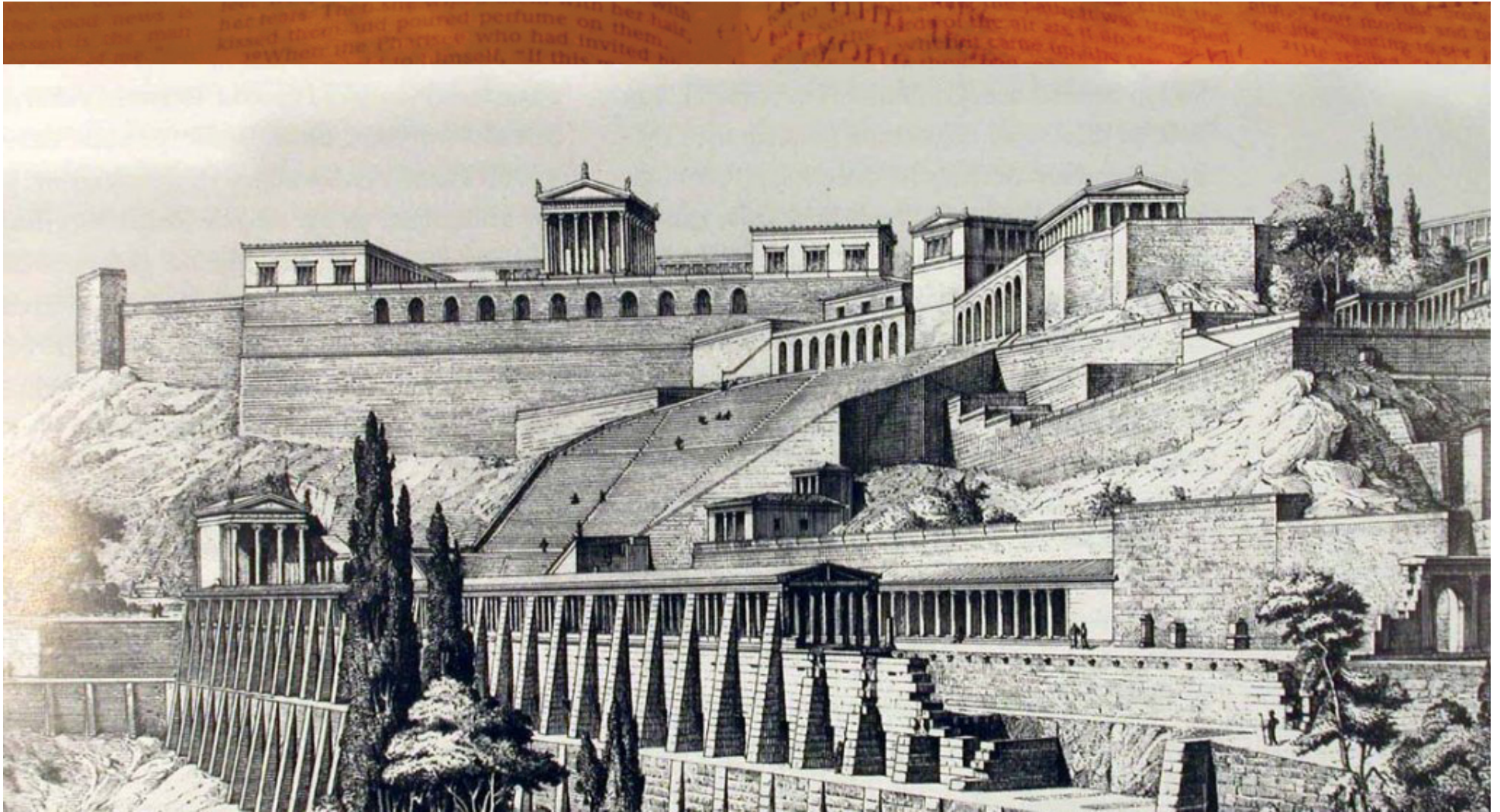
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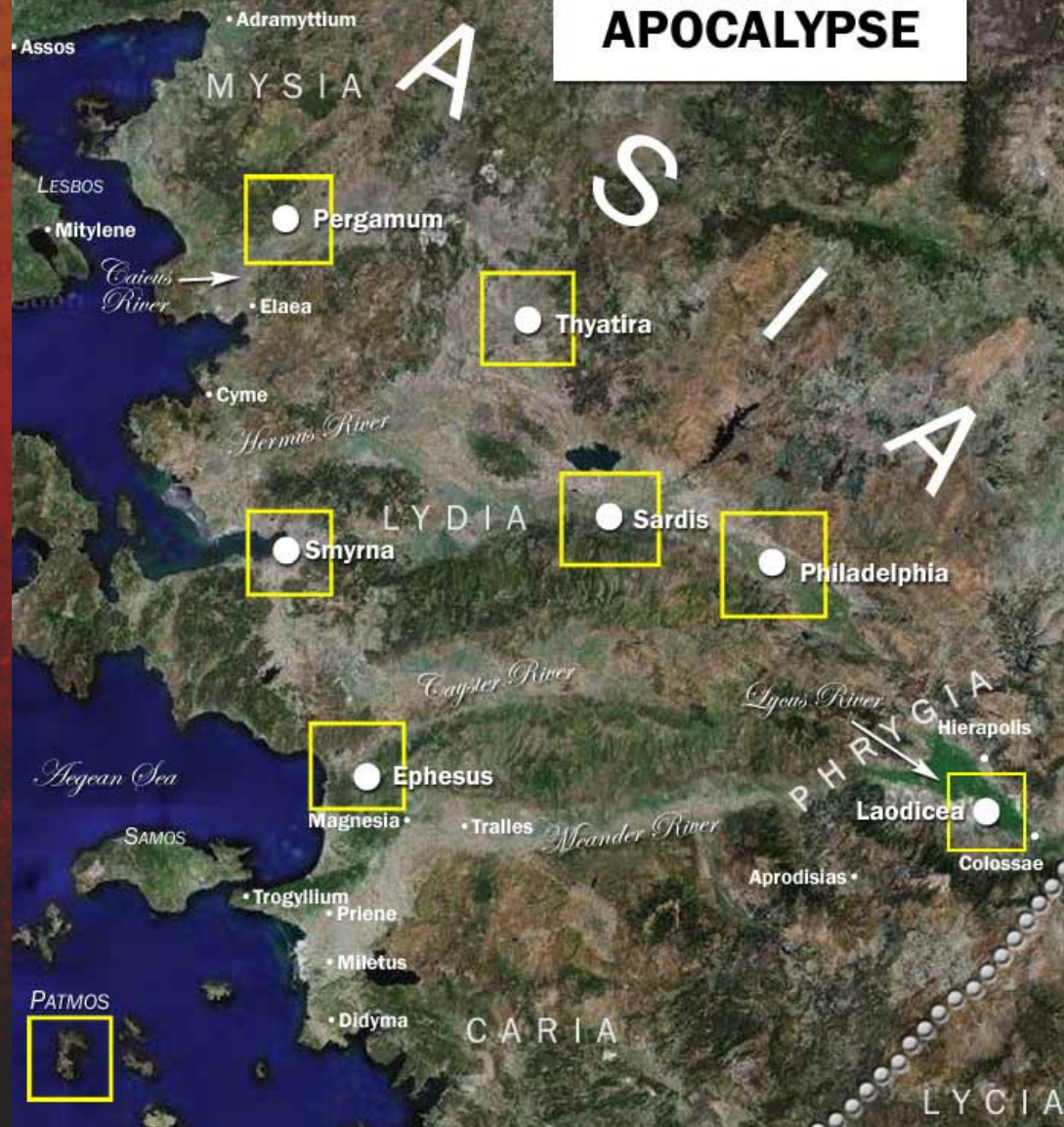




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# PATMOS & the CITIES of the APOCALYPSE





The town was noteworthy for three reasons:

- First, it was a center for many pagan religious cults, and emperor worship was more intense there than in any other surrounding city.
- Second, it boasted a university with a large library, second only to the one in Alexandria.
- Third, it was the leader and center of the production of parchment, which derived its name from the city.



### III. PERGAMOS: THE FALTERING CHURCH, 2:12-17 (A.D. 325-500)

#### A. The Faithful Christians in This Church, 2:12-13

Rev. 2:12 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.



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1. Their Loyalty to the Lord's Person, 2:13a "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat *is*: and thou holdest fast my name..."

- The omniscience of Christ indicated by the word "know:"

**Original Word:** οἶδα

**Transliteration:** eidó

**Definition:** I **know**, remember, appreciate.

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- The Lord knows the character of the church in Pergamos: “I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, *even* where Satan's seat *is*: and thou holdest fast my name...”

**Original Word:** ἔργον

**Transliteration:** ergon

**Definition:** **work**, task, employment; a deed, action; that which is wrought or made, a work.

*érgon* (from *ergō*, "to work, accomplish") – a *work* or *worker* who accomplishes something. *érgon* ("work") is a deed (action) that carries out (completes) an *inner desire* (intension, purpose).

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2. Their Loyalty to the Lord's Precepts, 2:13b "...And hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas *was* my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth."

- Mystery Babylon – the connection with Tammuz, Semiramis, Nimrod, etc. – moved from Babylon to Pergamos in 133 B.C.
- The term *ex cathedra* = "from the throne"

B. The False Creeds in This Church, 2:14-15



## 1. The Doctrine of Balaam, 2:14

Rev. 2:14 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.

- Balaam told Balak that he could overcome the Israelites if he would involve them in Moabite religious feasts that included sacred prostitution (Num. 25).
- This would render them unfaithful to God and consequently subject to His discipline.



- The pagans in Pergamum, likewise, were evidently encouraging the Christians to join in their pagan feasts, and the sexual immorality that accompanied those feasts.
- By thus participating, some in the church had given tacit approval to Balaam's teaching.

## 2. The Doctrine of the Nicolaitans, 2:15

Rev. 2:15 So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

## C. The Fearful Crisis in This Church, 2:16-17



## 1. How the Lord Warned the Church, 2:16

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

1 Cor. 11:31 For if we would judge ourselves, we should not be judged.

Num. 31:8 And they slew the kings of Midian, beside the rest of them that were slain; *namely*, Evi, and Rekem, and Zur, and Hur, and Reba, five kings of Midian: Balaam also the son of Beor they slew with the sword.



## 2. How the Lord Wooed the Church, 2:17

Rev. 2:17 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*.



## Conclusion

Jn. 6:48 **I am that bread of life.**

49 Your fathers did eat manna in the wilderness, and are dead.

50 This is the bread which cometh down from heaven, that a man may eat thereof, and not die.

51 **I am the living bread which came down from heaven:** if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.