

# Revelation

## Chapter 2

### Student

**Contents:** Message to Ephesus concerning things “*which are.*” They left their first love. Message to Pergamos concerning false doctrines. Message to Smyrna concerning persecutions. Message to Thyatira concerning Balaamism<sup>i</sup> and Nicolaitanism<sup>ii</sup>.

**Characters:** **GOD, CHRIST, HOLY SPIRIT**, Messengers of Ephesus, Smyrna, Pergamos, and Thyratira, John, Satan, Antipas, Balaam, Balak, Jezebel.

**Conclusion:** He that has an ear, let him hear what the **HOLY SPIRIT** would say to the Church, and let him beware lest by turning a deaf ear to the voice of the **SPRIT** he would lose his ability to spiritually hear and therefore grow cold toward **CHRIST**. As a result, s/he would not have victory in tribulations or find her/himself an apostate and carried away by [*different*] every wind of doctrine. Those who have faith will be overcomers under every test because their faith will keep them in vital touch with **JESUS CHRIST**, the Head of the Church (1 John 4:4).

**Key Word:** Messages to Churches (Overcoming), 7, 11, 17, 26.

**Strong Verses:** 4, 7, 10, 11.

**Striking Facts:** The letters to the Churches are Epistles of **CHRIST** dictated before the throne and with holy awe we should therefore read and obey them. While these letters deal with Churches existing in John’s time, *it is believed that they are also symbolical of seven stages of the Church during the present Church age*, because **JESUS** speaks of the “mystery” connected with them; because of the number “seven” connected with them, and always symbolical in this book; because the promises and warnings are continuous and because the prophetic view corresponds exactly with events which have/will occur in the history of the Church.

#### Questions:

1. What is the criticism of Ephesus? What did they do well?
2. What is the criticism of Smyrna? What did they do well?
3. What is the criticism of Pergamum? What did they do well?
4. What is the criticism of Thyatira?

What did they do well?

**Discussion: What is the consistent advice/admonishment given to each church? Why?**

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<sup>i</sup> ***The Error of Balaam*** Leads to the Doctrine of Balaam and Then the Way of Balaam. All of It Is...***Trying to Add to the Truth or to Choose for Yourself What to Believe By Personal Preference***, Instead of By Way of Godly Revelation. Also, Speaking Regarding One Who Has the Light and Rejects It, Then Winds Up Worse Off Than Before. See Numbers 22, 25

<sup>ii</sup> **Nicolaitanism** – Antinomians who believed that they were relieved from the moral Law because of grace and therefore engaged in sexual immorality.