

## Revelation Chapter 2

### 2A. THE PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST IN THIS AGE 1:19-3:22

#### (The things which are)

1B. Insight about the Church 1:19-20

2B. Instruction to the church 2:1-3:22

#### 1C. To Ephesus 2:1-7

(Apostolic Church – AD 33 to AD 100)

Historical Fulfillment (Apostolic Period)

#### 2C. To Smyrna 2:8-11

(Persecuted Church – AD 100 to AD 312)

Historical Fulfillment (Persecuted Period)

#### 3C. To Pergamum 2:12-17

(“Married”/Compromised Church—AD 312 to AD 476)

Historical Fulfillment (Compromise Period)

See Pergamum Illustrations

<http://www.bible-prophecy.com/revelation/guides/pergamon.pdf>

Satan’s Throne

(Asclepion – Numbers 21)

Altar of Zeus – Now in Pergamon Museum, Germany

Nimrod and Babylon – Genesis 10 & 11

Pontifex Maximus of Babylonian religion transferred to Pergamum

Transferred to Roman Caesars – later to Pope

Teaching of Balaam – Numbers 22 through 24

#### **4C. To Thyatira 2:18-29**

(Middle Ages of the Church – AD 476 to AD 1517)

Historical Fulfillment (Middle Ages)

#### **Major Changes in the Church before the Middle Ages**

Priesthood, Confessional, Calling

Priests “Father”

Infant Baptism

Compromise with the World

Salvation by Works

The Eucharist – Continual Sacrifice/

Christ on the Cross

Integration of Church and State

AD 380 – Emperor Theodosius “The Catholic Church” became state religion

Celibacy of the Clergy

Veneration of Mary

“Pontifex Maximus” applied to the Papacy

Emperors had discarded the title around AD 375.

However, it was accepted about AD 382 by Damascus I,

and passed on to all future Bishops

“Pope” applied to Bishop of Rome (Leo I) by Emperor Valentinian III decree –AD 445

#### **Major Changes in the Church during the Middle Ages**

The Mass / Sacrifice of the Mass

The Rise of Islam

The Use of Images in Worship

The Holy Roman Empire

Sainthood / Prayer through the Saints

The “Dark Age”

Split with the Eastern Orthodox

Infallibility

Indulgences

The Crusades

The Inquisition

Restriction of the Laity from Reading the Bible

Purgatory

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