

**Book of Revelation, part 23**  
*The Church as Pergamos*

- I. The Church at Pergamos—*thoroughly married*.**
  - 1. The bishop had not yet given up the faith.
  - 2. Contrariwise, Christ has a few things against the bishop.
  - 3. Entrenched in the world system, not separated.
  - 4. Bishop allowed ones in the church who wanted material gain as part of the church's objective (1 Tim. 6:1-6).
  - 5. Bishop allowed ones in the church who gave up spiritual separation (2 Cor. 6:14-18; 1 Cor. 5:9-13).
  - 6. Bishop allowed the doctrine of the Nicolaitans (*cf.* 2:6; 1 Pet. 5:3-4).
- II. "Repent" or go through the judgment of the Tribulation (2:12, 16; 19:11-16).**
- III. The promises to the overcomer (Rev. 2:17).**
  - 1. "Hidden" manna.
    - 1) During the Nation Israel's sojourn (Ex. 16).
    - 2) God supplied their every need.
    - 3) They had to learn dependence on God.
  - 2. Departed saints do not "see" Christ until the Rapture (Ps. 104:1-2; 1 Tim. 6:16; 1 Jn. 3:2).
    - 1) They are present with Christ.
    - 2) But not in His presence.
  - 3. Example of how Jesus was like manna (Jn. 6:32-35).
    - 1) Manna sustained physical life.
    - 2) Jesus sustains spiritual life.
  - 4. Christ will demonstrate His nearness and care while remaining 'hidden.'
    - 1) With comfort for their souls (1 Pet. 1:8-9)..
  - 5. The white stone.
    - 1) White stone = yes vote (Acts 26:10).
    - 2) Vote of confidence.
    - 3) Individualized name.
  - 6. The Heavenly Kingdom during Grace (2 Tim. 4:18).
    - 1) Satan cannot harm the saints (Job, Rev. 12:10).
    - 2) Display of victor's crowns (2 Tim. 4:8).
    - 3) Construction of the Heavenly New Jerusalem (Jn. 14:2-3; Rev. 21:2 *cf.* Mt. 22:4).