

12 "And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write,

'These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword: 13 "I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan's throne is. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even

in the days in which Antipas was My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. 14 But I have a few things against you,

because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a

stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit

sexual immorality. 15 Thus you also have those

who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate. 16 Repent, or else I will come to you

quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

17 "He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who

overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on

the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives it."

→ coming to this church w/ the Word
→ Shrine of Asclepius (the god of healing)
→ multiple temples (BACK 1)

- ALMOST NOTHING'S KNOWN

- Those are some - not all

→ 2

- Some

→ Frustrated with whole church & tells them to repent. Basically, confront

I'm coming to see all of you. Yet has a special fight against those in the practice³

unrevealed "bread". Possible wedding ceremony?
→ white stones were given to victors of the roman game. they were the "Ticket" to the victors ceremony

1. Asclepius temples was lavish spas. In Hebrew the pool is called Bethesda
2. Prophet of God. Moabite & Midianite were trying to kill the Jews. They asked Balaam to curse the children of Israel - He refused. He then tells the kings to tempt the Jews with foreign women who do not believe in God & they will change to idol worship. They may have been co-mingling with people who did not believe in God. This brings us to the truth of the Nicolaitans Gnostic / Manichaeism which allowed sin
3. Sin in the body affects everyone - Joshua 6:17 - Achan took the accursed things so the anger of the Lord burned against the children of Israel Little Loaves Loavens All (Gal 5:9; 1 Cor 5:6)