

Revelation

Lesson 3

Chapter 2

Some Quick Things

- ◆ Message of Revelation in 2 words.
- ◆ God Wins.
- ◆ Good translations for Revelation.
- ◆ New English Translation, New Revised Standard, King James Version, or New King James Version.
The main thing is to compare versions.

The Message to the Seven Churches

- ◆ Revelation 2:1-3:22

Asia Minor and Ephesus



Revelation Chapter 2

- ◆ ¹To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: these things says the one holding the seven stars in his hand, the one walking in the midst of the seven golden lampstands:

Son of Man Among the Candlesticks



Imperial Edict

- ◆ Tiberius Claudius Caesar Augustus Germanicus, of tribunician power, speaks [legei]: “Since I have known [epignous] from the beginning that the Jews in Alexandria called ‘Alexandrians’ were joint colonizers with the Alexandrians.”

Revelation 2:2-3

- ◆ ² I know your works and your endurance and that you cannot tolerate evil, and you tested the ones who are calling themselves apostles and they are not, and found them to be false.
³ I also know that you have endurance and you have borne much because of my name and you have not grown weary.

Revelation 2:4-5

- ◆ ⁴ But I have this against you: that you have neglected your first love. ⁵ Remember then from what you have fallen and repent and do the works you did at first. If not, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place, if you do not repent.

Aerial View of Ephesus Today



Revelation 2:6-7

- ◆ ⁶ But this you have in your favor, that you hate the works of the Nikolaitans which I also hate. ⁷ Let anyone who has an ear to hear listen to what the Spirit says to the churches. To the now who conquers, I will give to him, to eat from the tree of life, which is in the paradise of God.

Revelation 8-9

- ◆ ⁸ And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write: These things says the first and the last, who was dead and he came to life: ⁹ "I know your affliction and poverty, but you are rich, and the blasphemy from the ones saying they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan."

Revelation 2:10

- ◆ ¹⁰ “Do not fear what you are about to suffer (Πῶσχειν). Be aware, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison in order that you might be tested and, and you will have affliction for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

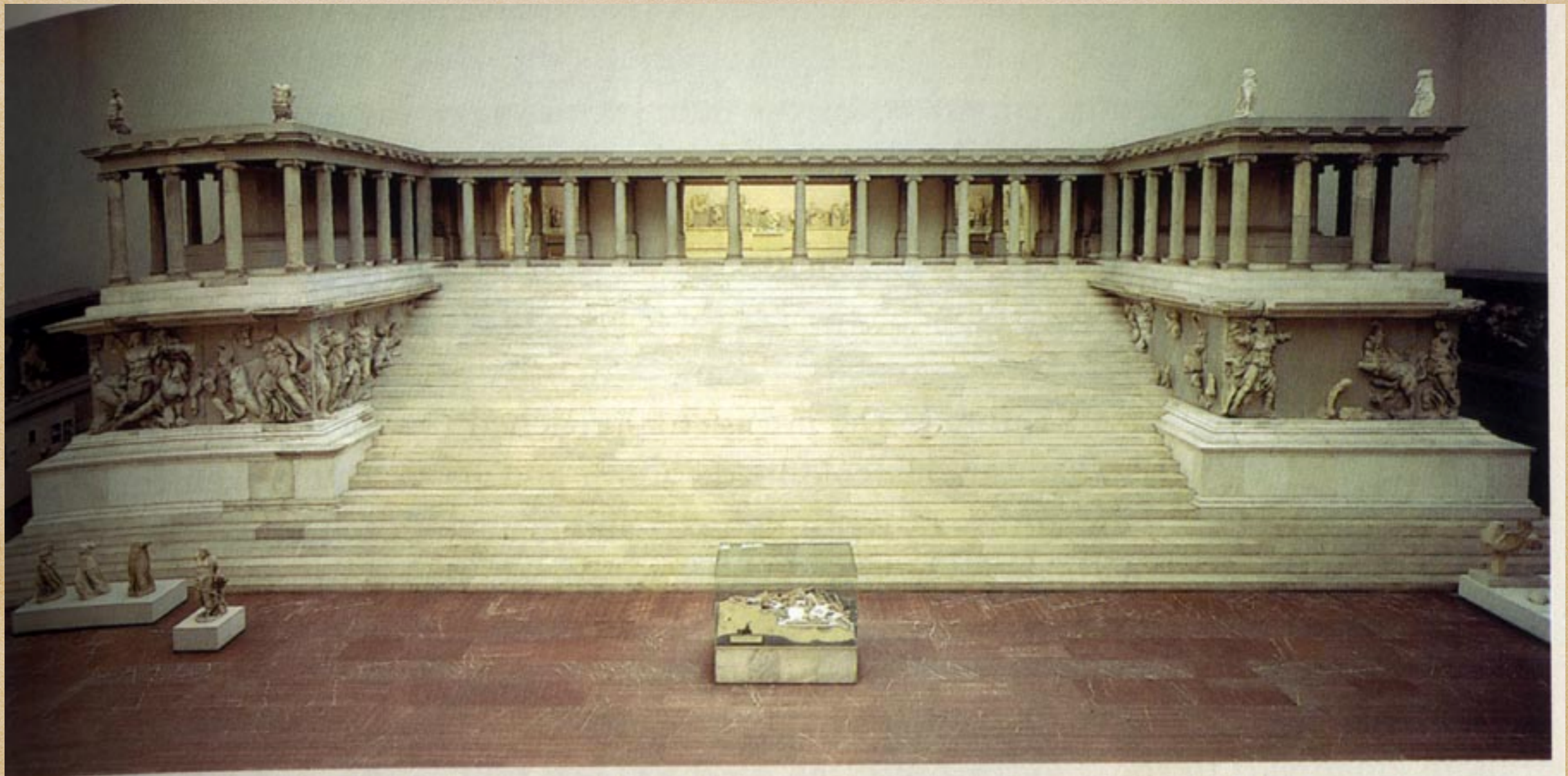
Revelation 2:11

- ◆ "Let the one having an ear to hear what the Spirit says to the churches: "The one conquering will not be harmed by the second death."

Revelation 2:12-13

- ◆ ¹² And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These things he says, the one having the sharp two-edged sword: ¹³ “I know where you are dwelling, where the throne of Satan is. You are holding onto my name, you did not deny the faith of me (τὴν πίστιν μου) and in the days of Antipas, my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.”

Altar of Zeus at Pergamum



Asclepius



Revelation 2:14

- ◆ ¹⁴ “But I have a few things against you, that you have some there who hold the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the people of Israel, so they would eat food sacrificed to idols and commit sexual immorality (πορνείαι).”

Revelation 2:15-16

- ◆ ¹⁵ “Thus, you have also among you some holding to the teaching of the Nikolaitans. ¹⁶ Therefore, repent! If you do not, I will come to you quickly and wage war against them with the sword of my mouth.”

Revelation 2:17

- ◆ ¹⁷ “Let the one who has an ear to hear what the spirit says to the churches: To the one conquering I will give to him the hidden manna and I will give him a white stone, and upon the stone has been written a name which know one knows except the one receiving it.”

White Stone

- I. A 'jewel' in Old Testament or Jewish Tradition.
- II. The judicial calculus Minervae, the casting vote of acquittal.
- III. A token of admission, membership or recognition.
- IV. An amulet with a divine name.
- V. A token of gladiatorial discharge.
- VI. An allusion to a process of initiation into the service of Asklepios.
- VII. Simply as a writing material whose form or colour was significant.

Revelation 2:18-19

- ◆ ¹⁸ And to the angel of the church in Thyatira, write: These things I say, the Son of God, the one having the eyes like a flame of fire and his feet are like fine bronze. ¹⁹ "I know your works and the love and the faith and the service and your endurance. I know that your last works are greater than the first ones."

Revelation 2:20-21

- ◆ ²⁰ “But I have this against you, that you tolerate the woman Jezebel, the one who calls herself a prophet and is teaching and deceiving my servants to fornicate and eat food sacrificed to idols. ²¹ I gave her time in order to repent, and she does not want to repent of her sexual immorality.”

Revelation 2:22-23

- ◆ ²² “Behold, I am casting her upon a bed, and the ones committing adultery with her into great tribulation, unless they repent of her works, ²³ And her children I will absolutely kill **them**. And all the churches will know that I am the one examining minds and hearts, and I will give each one of you according to your works.”

Revelation 2:24-25

- ◆ ²⁴ “But to the rest of you, the ones in Thyatira, who do not hold to this teaching, the ones who do not know the deep things of Satan as they say: I do not cast upon you another burden: ²⁵ Only hold on to what you have until I come.”

Revelation 2:26-28

- ◆ ²⁶ “And to the one conquering and the one continuing in my works until the end, I will give to him authority over the nations ²⁷ and he will rule them with an iron rod, as when clay pots are shattered. ²⁸ As also I have received **authority** from my Father, also I will give him the morning star.”

Revelation 2:29

- ◆ ²⁹ Let the one having an ear to hear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches.

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