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Prayer and Announcements

Sunday: 9:15 Fellowship
9:30 SS Master Class
10:30 Worship

- Revelation Study available on our church website
www.faithprinceton.org
- Email questions and comments to
pastor@faithprinceton.org

Prayer and Announcements

“Black Lives Matter” in Princeton Friday

- Jesus loves all, and so do we.
- We stand against racial discrimination of any kind. We are one in Christ Jesus.
- Pray for Peace and Unity.



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Ephesus - Revelation 2:1-7



What Happened to the Seven Churches of Revelation?

By Madeline Arthington and Karrie Sparrow

<https://www.imb.org/2018/06/01/what-happened-to-the-seven-churches-of-revelation/>

The amphitheater where the riot in Acts 19 broke out has also been the venue for rallies and concerts. Sting, Elton John, and Diana Ross are among those who have performed there.

Photo by Karrie Sparrow.

Ephesus - Revelation 2:1-7

- **Message:**

1. **Remember the heights**

2. **Repent of the fall**

3. **Re-do the things you did at first**

Smyrna - Revelation 2:8-11

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⁸ “And to the angel of the church in Smyrna write:

The first and the last, who was dead, and has come to life, says this:

⁹ ‘I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan. ¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Behold, the devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested, and you will have tribulation for ten days. Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life. ¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.’

Smyrna - Revelation 2:8-11

- Introduction/Description of Jesus

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- Praise/Commendation

⁹ 'I know your tribulation and your poverty (but you are rich), and the blasphemy by those who say they are Jews and are not, but are a synagogue of Satan.

- *Extreme poverty*
- *Synagogue of Satan = anyone who stands opposed to Christ*

Smyrna - Revelation 2:8-11

- Condemnation/Rebuke

NONE!

- Charge/Challenge

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- *¹⁰ Do not fear what you are about to suffer.*
- *The devil is about to cast some of you into prison, so that you will be tested*
- *you will have tribulation for ten days = emphasizes temporary or testing (Daniel 1)*
- *Be faithful until death...*

Smyrna - Revelation 2:8-11

- **Consequences**

¹⁰ Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

- **Promise**

¹¹ He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. He who overcomes will not be hurt by the second death.

- *will not be hurt by the second death.* (explained in 20:6, 14; 21:8 in terms of the lake of fire; it seems to mean eternal punishment, the negation of eternal life) Tyndale

Smyrna - Revelation 2:8-11



The ancient marketplace of Smyrna still features beautiful arches and running water, which had been collected into cisterns for city use in ancient times. Photo by Karrie Sparrow.



Mosque minarets, Turkish flags, and palm trees line the hills of the ancient city of Smyrna, now Izmir, Turkey. Photo by Karrie Sparrow.

Smyrna - Revelation 2:8-11

- Message
 - Don't be afraid
 - Be faithful until death

Pergamum - Revelation 2:12-17

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¹² *“And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write:*

The One who has the sharp two-edged sword says this:

¹³ *‘I know where you dwell, where Satan’s throne is; and you hold fast My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days of Antipas, My witness, My faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells. ¹⁴ But I have a few things against you, because you have there some who hold the teaching of Balaam, who kept teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit acts of immorality. ¹⁵ So you also have some who in the same way hold the teaching of the Nicolaitans. ¹⁶ Therefore repent; or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war 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, to him I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.’*

Pergamum - Revelation 2:12-17

- **Introduction/Description of Jesus**

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- **Praise/Commendation**

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- *Satan's Throne = Asclepius? Zeus? Emperor worship?*

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- Charge/Challenge

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- Consequences

¹⁶ ...or else I am coming to you quickly, and I will make war against them with the sword of My mouth.

- If we don't repent, we may end up on the wrong side of a spiritual war!
- Sword of My Mouth = Word of God; Truth!

- Promise

¹⁷ ...I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, and a new name written on the stone which no one knows but he who receives it.'

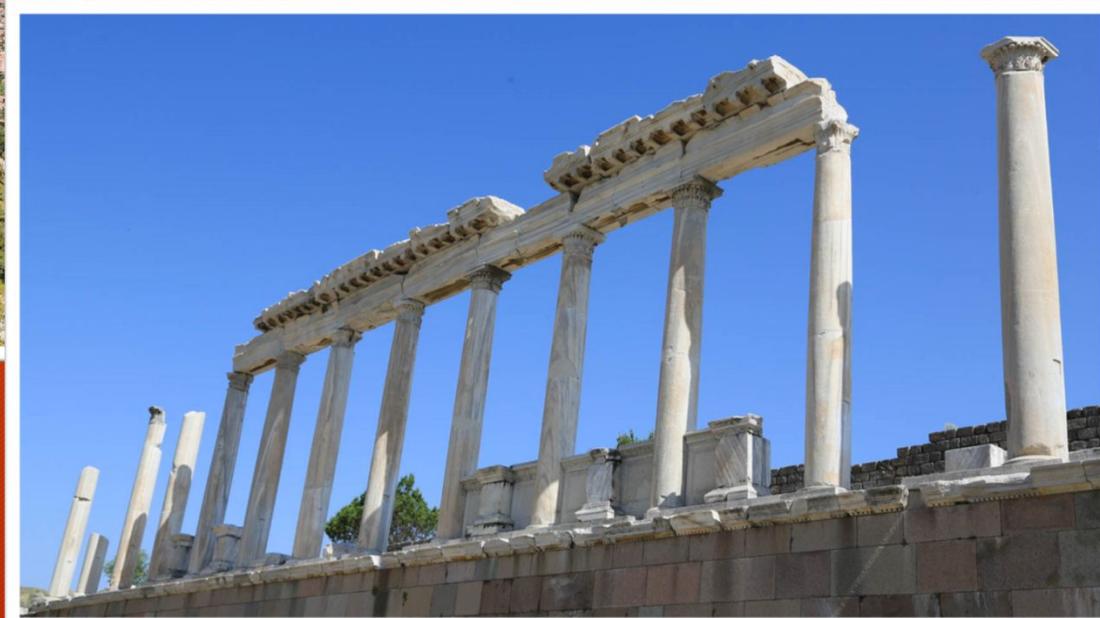
- Manna = miraculous provision; spiritual nourishment from the Word
- *white stone ... new name* = personal identity before God ("He Knows My Name")
 - <https://youtu.be/hXsiWoyjw60>

Pergamum - Revelation 2:12-17



The acropolis and an ancient amphitheater that seats ten thousand people overlook the city of Pergamum, now modern-day Bergama, Turkey. Photo by Karrie Sparrow.

The temple of the Roman emperor Trajan was used for the worship of Zeus on the upper acropolis of Pergamum, Turkey. Photo by Karrie Sparrow.



Pergamum - Revelation 2:12-17

- Message
 - Don't mix Truth with error
 - Repent of immorality and idolatry
 - Expect the soon return of Jesus

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