

Outline - Sunday, June 8, 2014

Sermon Title: Revelation: The Church at Pergamos-The Battle is the LORD's

Scripture Reading: Mt 13:47-52 Rev 2:14-17

1. They were written for our learning: Rom 15:4

- a. A knowledge of Old Testament history: Egypt/Wilderness/Canaan/Babylon
- b. The capacity and willingness to hold old and new things in tension: Mt 17:11-12/Luke 1:17
- c. To comprehend its urgent application to us: vs 17 "REPENT"

2. Your adversary the devil: (vs 10) Holds two offices –

- a. Politics and religion: Rev 13:1-4 (war) vs 11-13 (deception) Rev 16:13
- b. He fights Christ Church through Persecution/Seduction: Rev 17:1-3-6
- c. Historically: Judaism/Catholicism/Apostate/ Protestantism/Evangelicals

3. The Strategy of Balaam exposes false Christians: 2 vs 14-15; 2:20

- a. The trends of sin in the Churches:
 - Num 25:1-3/Jude 4—"No, LORD"
- b. *Infiltration* of false Christians in leadership:
 - Num 25:4-6/Acts 20:29-30
- c. The *embrace* and *allegiance* of cultural gods: (idolatry/fornication)
- d. The non-elect will be taken by her: Eccl 7:26/Prov 9:13-18

4. Compromiser of the faith to be dealt with: vs 16

- a. He fights against them "with His Word"John 12:48/Rom 2:16
- b. He fights by prophetic judgments: 2:21-23/ 1 Cor 11:30-31
- c. He fights in order to deliver His elect: Josh 5:13/Ex 33:2; 23:20-23/Num 31:8, 17

5. The promise of eternal citizenship: 2 vs 17-18

- a. The *hidden* manna a true life: vs false life of the flesh Ps 25:14/Mt 13:17
- b. The white stone of Justification/Pardon/Triumph: Rom 8:1, 33
- c. An eternal citizen of heaven: vs Rejection/Exile Phil 3:20