

THE REVELATION OF JESUS CHRIST

Chapter 2 – A Letter to a Church – Addendum 7

THE DOCTRINE OF BALAAM – REVELATION 2:14

God catapulted John forward in time to write about the things that he saw, that are and that shall be hereafter, revealing the end from the beginning. God reveals truth doctrinally, prophetically and practically, giving us the big picture and the details that instruct us in our every day lives. Today, we will look back at the Pergamos Church period, which God connects to the Old Testament through the prophet Balaam, in order to examine ourselves and what we truly believe, which is always exposed in our behavior.

1. Tactics of the enemy

- From persecution to marriage – Numbers 22-25; II Cor. 11:2-4; 12-15
 - God will reveal the enemy and his tactics – Job 41:12

2. Seduction by the Tempter

- It is important to understand we live in the system that the enemy has built and operates
 - _____ places – Num. 22; Matt. 4:5, 8; Prov. 9:14; Job 41:34
 - Offers you everything you could ever want – Prov. 9:14-18
 - Appeals to your fleshly _____ – Rev. 2:14; Prov. 7:13-17
- We must always be aware and always remember the tactics – II Pet 2:1-2, 12-15

3. The book is easy to understand, hard to believe

- Repent - Admit you are _____ – 2 Tim. 2:15; 3:16-17
 - Remember who you are truly espoused to and walk in true holiness – II Cor. 11:2; Eph. 4:17-24
 - The doctrine of Balaam convinces you to forget the weight and cost of your sin – Mic. 6:5-8; Ps. 40:1-2
- Remember that the letter starts and ends with a sword – Rev. 2:16; II Pet. 1:19-21