

THE PERGAMOS CHURCH AGE (The Third Church Age)

- THE THIRD PARABLE
- Matthew.13:31-32
- “The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field:
- Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown. It is greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof”

THE KINGDOM HEAVEN IS LIKE UNTO MUSTARD SEED GROWN TO A TREE



The Third Parable (Pergamos Age)

- The man who sowed the mustard seed in his own garden represent the Son of Man. He sowed the mustard seed of the Gospel of salvation, which bore life and grew into a small plant, the small group of believers on the Day of Pentecost.
- As it continued to grow, it produced more branches and more leaves. By and by it came to look like a small tree as the church grew. The mustard tree is actually an herb. And like all herbs, it has medicinal value.

The Third Parable

- By the time the Church had entered into the Pergamean Church Age (the beginning of the 4th century AD) Constantine the new emperor of Rome, embraced Christianity in 312 AD after his “vision” of the Cross (in this sign you will be victorious) By it he had several victories in his battle campaign for the Roman Empire.
- He pronounced Christianity The state religion. From 320 -330 AD, Constantine began to attack paganism.

The Third Parable

- Through the government he often persuaded people to follow the law by combining pagan worship with the Christianity. Those who were “converted” to “Roman Christianity were safe from persecution.
- This attracted the men of higher societies and ranks –the rich, the noble, the aristocrat, and even pagan priests and religious leaders- to find shelter in the Church for their personal benefit.
- These were the birds that came to perch on the branches for shelter, comfort and protection.

The Third Parable

- These birds did not contribute anything to the mustard tree except their weight and their droppings which soon weighed down and polluted the tree. (The Church)
- With all these strange birds coming together on the tree, there was a constant noisy chirping of the different calls of the birds. This noise was the argument and debates over certain Church affairs.

The Third Parable

- Through the argument as to whether the Lord Jesus Christ was God or Man, a teaching stirred up by Arius, a priest of Egyptian Alexandria, a council was convened at Nicea, in 325 AD under the order of Constantine.
- The product of that council was the false theological understanding of God known as the Holy Trinity, which is accepted by almost all in CHRISTIANITY TODAY.

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- I know thy works and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is :and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith, even in those days wherein Antipas was my faithful martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth

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- So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.

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THE PERGAMOS CHURCH AGE

THE TIME PERIOD- 312 AD TO 606 AD

THE MESSENGER – St. MARTIN

THE BIBLE REF. REV. 2:12-17

THE CITY- PERGAMOS

THE TIME PERIOD

- The Perganean age lasted almost 300 years, from 312 to 606 AD.
- In this age Christ is standing in the midst with a sharp two edges sword. He comforts His own and further contends with the “doctrines” of Balaam and the Nicolaitans.
- In this age He speaks of “Satan’s Seat” and where Satan dwelleth. .

THE MESSENGER – St. Martin

- St. Martin's ministry to the PERGAMEAN age was powerful in and demonstration of Spirit. He too stayed with the "original word", rejecting any suggestion to "add" human opinion and ideas.
- Born in 315 AD in Hungary, the greater part of his ministry was in France, where he labored in and tours as a bishop. Having fought "The good fight" for the truth he went to be with the Lord in 399 AD.

THE MESSENGER- St Martin

- Prior to his “call” to the ministry of the Gospel Martin was a professional soldier. Leaving the army he became a leader in the church. His love for the Lord and his zeal for the word was manifested in his very militant stand against pagan idolatry.
- He cut down the groves, broke up the images and pulled down the alters- proclaimed the truth of the One True and LIVING GOD.

THE MESSENGER- St. Martin

- Historians acknowledges that on at least on three occasions he raised the dead by faith in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ.
- There was no fear in the eyes of Martin when he stood for the revealed word of God. He had no respect of persons. He even did not fear the Emperor.
- Martin was a man of prayer. He was able to demonstrate God's glorious power against the enemies who came against him by bringing down fire from heaven.

THE MESSENGER- St. Martin

- Too often when men are mightily used of Lord with signs and wonders following their ministries, they became lifted up with pride. But not so with Martin. He ever remained the humble servant of God.
- By signs and wonders, by the power of the Holy Ghost, Martin was truly vindicated as the Messenger to the Pergamean Church Age. But not only he was gifted by great ministry, he himself was forever true to the Word of God.

THE MESSENGER –St Martin

- A biographer wrote of him.
- “No one ever saw him angry, disturbed, grieving or laughing. He was always one and the same , and seemed something beyond mortal, wearing on his countenance a sort of celestial joy. Never was anything on his lips but Christ, never anything in his heart but piety, peace, and pity. Many hated him for virtues they themselves did not possess and could not imitate; and Alas! His bitterest assailants were bishops.”

THE CITY OF PERGAMOS

- The ancient name for the city was Pergamum. The city was located in Mysia, in a district watered by three rivers. It was described as the most illustrious city in Asia. It was a city of culture with a library second only to that in Alexandria.
- Yet it was a city of great sin, given to licentious rites of worship of false gods

The Message to the Pergamos Church Age

- “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write: These things saith he which hath the sharp sword with two edges”” (Revelation.2:12)
- In the Ephesian age he was revealed as the unchanging God. In the Smyrna age He is the One True God. In the Pergamean age He is revealed as the “sharp two edged sword”. This sword the word of God. One with sharp sword two edges is standing in the midst of the church exercising His authority and power.

The Message to the Age

- In this age He stands with two –edged sword warning that except they manage “repentance” he would come and fight against them with the sword of his mouth.
- His eternal word gives us the sword to defend ourselves against the attacks of Satan.

The Message to the Third Age

- “ I know thy works, and where thou dwelleth, even where Satan’s seat is: and thou holdest fast My Name, and hast not denied My faith, even those days where in Antipas was my faithful Martyr, who was slain among you, where Satan dwelleth” (Revelation.2:13)
- To all ages Jesus simply states “I know thy works” .And Jesus knows your works whether they be according to his word or contrary to his word. Jesus judges every church/ individual by His word the sharp two edged sword of the Spirit

The Message to the Third Church age

- Jesus commends His Elect children for holding fast to the Revelation of His Name. In an age when false vine influence was pushing aside the Name of the Lord Jesus Christ in favor of the “titles” of Father, Son, Holy Ghost.
- In the third century the actual Name was beginning to lose its significance for a lot of professing Christians.
- The trinity teaching of “three persons” in the Godhead becomes a cardinal doctrine of false vine church in the Pergamean Age.

The Message to the Third Church Age

- The Bible says “ And whatsoever ye do in word or in deed. Do all in the Name of the Lord Jesus” (Colossians.3:17)
- The false vine church established the ritual of doing everything “ in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost. Name was excluded. A teaching in the second age now a doctrine in the third age
- The Revelation of the Name would be lost to the true vine church until the last (7) church age wherein God would restore through the Messenger to last Age.

The Message to the Third Age

- Never lose the “Significance” of the Name Lord Jesus Christ. “For neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other Name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved”. (Acts.4:12)
- In the Pergamean age human church leadership caused people to trust in church membership, human priestly authority than what the WORD said.

The Message to the Third Age

- Some of the “faithful ones” paid the high price for “holding fast unto His NAME and not denying His FAITH (Word)
- **ANTIPASS** rejected these false teachings, particularly the doctrine of trinity and the water baptism in titles. He held fast to the **NAME** of his Lord. He did not deny the **FAITH** (the true Revelation of Christ) and he paid for it with his life.

The Message to the Third Church Age

- In the second age Jesus spoke of the false vine church being “the synagogue of Satan” in this age He calls it “Satan’s Seat” or “where Satan dwelleth”.
- History will takes us back to Genesis and shows “Satan’s seat in the beginning even go beyond Genesis, and trace it down to Pergamos and in to this present age.

The Message

- The Bible (Ezekiel. 28:13-15) says Satan first attempted to Establish His “seat of authority” over and above the throne of God. He also aspired to exalt himself above the stars of God, and set in the temple of God and be worship as God.
- Only way he is able to partially fulfill his aspiration is through “deceit”. He would have to impersonate what God has done and is doing.
- Deceive the people into thinking they are following and worshiping God

The Message

- In the beginning Satan placed his seat in the midst of the Garden to mislead (pervert) Eve. There after he placed himself through Cain and the seed of Cain in the midst of the true seed of Adam (Sons of God).
- After the flood ,when Noah and his family began repopulate the earth again Satan once again sought to interfere in the plan of God.
- This time using Ham, the son of Noah. Out of Ham came Cush, out of Cush came Nimrod. Beginning of Nimrod's kingdom was Babel

The Message

- The Babel is the original name for Babylon which means confusion. Fro Babylon came the worship of false Gods. The false worship of “Mother” and “Child. A religious tradition which is traced all the way to the third century church age.
- Infiltration and impersonation Christianity
Babylon became the “Seat of Satan”

A lush tropical garden scene featuring a waterfall cascading over dark rocks into a pool. The garden is filled with various green plants, including long-leafed species and ferns. Several colorful parrots, primarily green with red chests, are perched on branches and rocks throughout the scene. The overall atmosphere is vibrant and natural.

JOHN.9:31

NOW WE KNOW THAT GOD HEARETH
NOT SINNERS: BUT IF ANY MAN BE A
WORSHIPPER OF GOD, AND DOETH HIS
WILL, HIM HE HEARETH

The Message to Pergomomos

- “But I have a few things against thee, because thou hast there them that hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balac to cast a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed unto idols, and to commit fornication.
- So hast thou also them that hold the doctrine of Nicolaitans, which I hate.”
- **REVELATION.2:14-15**

The Message to Pergamos

- Lord Jesus Christ with the two – edged sword was again separating “truth” from “error”, and “light” from “darkness”.
- Beginning with creation in Genesis the Lord “divided the light from darkness and all the way through the Seven Gentile Church Ages He is separating light from darkness.
- Bible shows that God is a Separator not a mixer.
- Through spiritual weakness and blindness and the fear of rejection by people, modern day church allowing the devil to mix everything.

The Message to Pergamos

- “For such are false apostles, deceitful workers, transforming themselves into the apostles of Christ.
- And no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light”
(2. Corinthians 11:13-14)
- In Pergamos the Lord denounces two doctrines which He hates ;”the doctrine of Balaam” and “the doctrine of Nicolaitans”

The Doctrine of Balaam

- Balaam is an old testament character with now a famous reputation of being a “ False Prophet”. He is also known as a typical Hireling Prophet out of personal gain.
- He was hired by Balak , king of Moabites to curse Israelites who were encamped in a desert near Moab.
- For personal gain and popularity Balaam were more than willing to compromise with the worldly Moab.

The Doctrine of Balaam

- Balaam attempted three times to curse Israel, but every time that he opened His mouth to curse them, God caused him to bless them.
- Finally, Balaam came with an idea to undermined the faith of the Israelites. He would deceive them into voluntarily corrupting and defiling their separation unto the Lord.
- Balaam counseled Balak to invite the Israelites to worship and feast with them (Num.31:16-Deut.23:4); and entice them to intermingle and inter marry with Moabites (Num.25)

The Doctrine of Balaam

- Like Israel, the Church was called to be separated unto the Lord and commanded to have no fellowship with the unfruitful works of darkness and unbelief.
- But in this Pergamos Age false prophets began to entice many Christians to accept, intermingle and inter- marrying with pagan and pagan religion.
- Idolatry was brought into the Church in the form of false doctrine of godhead (trinity) a false water baptism, infant baptism, the worship of dead saints.

The Doctrine of Balaam

- Come out of her (false church), my people, that ye be not partakers of her sins, and that ye receive not of her plagues.
(Revelation.18:4)
- Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? And what communion hath light with darkness?
- (2 Corinthians.6:14)

The Doctrine of Balaam

- In this age a firm foundation was laid for papal rule and the marriage of Church and State. In the 21 century Papal influence is greater than its ever been – religiously and politically.
- It now influence all areas of denominational, inter denominational , non denominational Christianity and many world leaders and governments.
- Those who knowing the error of it but still partook of these things were guilty of spiritual fornication. Lord commands this Age to REPENT.

The Message to the Pergamos

- “Repent; or else I will come unto thee quickly, and will fight against them with the sword of my mouth.” (Rev.2:16)
- The command to this age is an echo of the command given to the previous two ages-
REPENT.
- Acknowledge the error of doctrine of Balaam and the Nicolaitans, be sorry for their sins and come back to the true revelation of the word.

The Message to the Pergamos

- Failure on the part of the church to Repent would reap the judgment of God. He said that He would fight against them with “the sword of my mouth”. The sword of is His eternal Word.
- “And he had in his right hand seven stars; and out of his mouth went a sharp two edged sword, and his countenance was as the sun shineth in his strength. (Rev.1:16)
- And out of his mouth goeth a sharp sword, that with it he should smite the nations; and he shall rule them with a rod of iron; (Rev.19:15)

The Message to the Pergamos

- Time after time Israel drifted from serving the one true God and chose to do what was right in their own eyes.
- Time after time God send his Prophet Messengers, with a message to call them back into the “straight and narrow way”
- Time after time the Church drifted from serving the one true God (according to his word) and chose too do what religiously rights in their own minds.

The Message to the Pergamos

- “He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; to him that overcometh will I give to eat of the hidden manna, and will give him a white stone, and in the stone a new name written, which no man knoweth saving he that receiveth.”
- **REVELATION.2:17**

The Hidden Manna

- The manna represent “food”; and it represent “Spiritual food” – the word of God, on which the Christians feeds.
- Natural food gives strength to the natural body, even so spiritual foods gives faith and strength to the soul.
- As in the natural so it is in the spiritual “we are what we eat”- “ Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceededth out of the mouth of God.(Matthew.4:4)

The Hidden Manna

- Spiritually , we “live” by the word and when we think of manna we think of that which the Lord supernaturally gave the Israelites in the wilderness.
- But that manna was not hidden, that which fell on the ground was there for all to see and partake off.
- But the manna spoken of here in this age is “Hidden” manna. This indicates that not all have access to it, or given the right to partake of it. Hidden manna is what is reserved only for the predestinated seed.

The Hidden Manna

- Moses, commanded Aaron, the high priest , to take some original manna, place it in a golden pot and lay it in the presence of the shekinah glory , in the most holy place in the tabernacle. To children of Israel it was hidden manna.
- The high priest alone had the accesss to this manna; for only the high priest, with the blood of a lamb could enter the most holy place.
- The high of every generation could enter and take a small portion of manna which was hidden behind the veil.

The Hidden Manna

- To the true church the hidden manna is the revelation of Jesus Christ to her.
- Once the elected and predestinated seed of every age are given the right to feed on Revelation of the word for their day and age.
- Most professing Christians are content with a church diet of creeds, dogmas and formalism – it is neither fresh nor pure.
- But the Spiritual seed of God wants fresh , pure word of the Lord, from the messenger for the age in which they live.

The Hidden Manna

- The true believers – genuine sons and daughters of God , having been made through the new birth “Kings” and “Priest” unto God(Rev.1:6) is given the “access” like Aaron, to the most holy place in Christ and the “hidden manna” the spiritual revelation of the word found in him.
- Those who are truly in Christ , by a new spiritual birth , not in the church but in Christ are ever increasing in the correct and vital knowledge of the Lord and intimate relationship.

The Hidden Manna

- In every church age the messenger of the Lord to that age was given the revelation of God for that specific period in time- to meet the conditions of that age and counteract the moving of anti-Christ spirit.
- Once the messenger was enlightened by the truth, he would bring that truth to the people.
- And they whose ears had been opened by the Holy Spirit would hear it, believe it and live it. The revelation became "Hidden Manna" to hungry souls.

The White Stone

- First of all the “Stone” is “White”. In the Bible “white” represents Righteousness- Innocence and Purity.
- “And to her was granted that she should be arrayed in fine linen , clean and white; for the fine linen is the righteousness of saints”
(Revelation.19:18)
- Also a “stone” represent Christ- the stone which the builders rejected. (Matthew.21:42)

The White Stone

- To the believer this “stone” or the “true revelation of Jesus Christ” is their righteousness but to the unbeliever and the make believer it is an offence to their religious integrity and self righteousness. (1 Peter.2:8)
- Thus the over comer, born in sin shaped in iniquity, is through repentance and faith in the revelation of Jesus Christ , given a “White Stone” a confession or profession of innocence.

A New Name

- The old name testifies of an old creation, an old nature, an old birth- born in sin through our natural parents.
- But this new name speaks of a new creation, a new nature, and a new birth.
- By the anointed word of God this new name which we now confess represent our new parentage , our new nature and righteousness, power and authority invested in us by the New Name.

A New Name

- New name is always linked to a victory –(over coming)
- Abram was changed Abraham to Abraham , Sara to Sarah. Jacob to Israel. Simon to Peter, Saul to Paul.
- The Lords name on earth was Jesus- the redeemer. When he was on earth, he was the redeemer but when he conquered death and hell and overcome them, and ascended on high, He received a new name.

A New Name

- And I saw heaven opened, and behold a white horse; and he that sat upon him was called Faithful and True, and in righteousness he doth judge and make war.
- His eyes were as a flame of fire, and on his head were many crowns; and he had a name written, that no man knew but he himself.
- And he was clothed with a vesture dipped in blood: and his name is called The Word of God.
- (REVELATION.19:11-13)

A New Name

- When the Lord take upon him a new name and that name will be the name of His bride also.
- It would have to be a revelation of the spirit given so conclusively that none would dare deny it.
- But no doubt he will leave that revelation to the day when he desires to give that name.



Martin

**Less
Light**

Dark Ages

Begin

Pergamos

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