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Study Guide

Revelation 2:12-17 The Church in Pergamum

I.	Α.	Revelation
	•	In order to understand this symbol, we have to understand that in Rome, the sword was the
		symbol of
	•	It was the measure ofand
	•	Why does the sword have two edges?
		o Because itboth ways
		o Bothand curse
		 Save and
II.	An	nCommendation
	•	Jesus commends them for their steadfastness for Him in a veryenvironment.
	•	How does Jesus know?
		 Jesus knows because he lived in the midst of Satan'sfor 40 days and 40
		nights.
	•	Why was Pergamum Satan's Throne?
		o Center ofreligion
		o Center ofWorship
II.		Complaint
	•	Even in this wonderful church, they had some things that needed to be
	•	This church was flirting withandand
	•	Because you have some there
		Here is apocket within the church
		o It was not true ofthe church
	•	This is a second group—and entirely different group within the church—who taught the same
		heresy.
		They taught a doctrine of
		They taught doctrine oflicense
V.	Th	ne Call to
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	•	Repent for what?
		o Fromthemselves with the world
		o Fromwith the world
		o From compromise with the world's lowstandards
	•	Or else I am coming quickly
		o Not in thecoming
		o But inand immediate
	•	I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth
		Jesus willagainst them with His Word.
		This is synonymous with ato Ephesus
		That he would come and remove their

Jesus will not makewith all the church
 Only those who hold to this doctrine of
The Comfort of God's
To him who over comes I will give:
Hidden manna –of Christ–eternal
 White Stone=indicates someone highly
New Name = a symbol ofwith God



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Answers

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I. A Vivid Revelation

- In order to understand this symbol, we have to understand that in Rome, the sword was the symbol of authority.
- It was the measure of <u>life</u> and <u>death</u>.
- Why does the sword have two edges?
 - o Because it cuts both ways
 - o Both bless and curse
 - o Save and condemn

II. An **Encouraging** Commendation

- Jesus commends them for their steadfastness for Him in a very hostile environment.
- How does Jesus know?
 - O Jesus knows because he lived in the midst of Satan's territory for 40 days and 40 nights.
- Why was Pergamum Satan's Throne
 - o Center of false religion
 - Center of Emperor Worship

III. A Serious Complaint

- Even in this wonderful church, they had some things that needed to be corrected.
- This church was flirting with corruption and immorality
- Because you have some there
 - Here is a small pocket within the church
 - o It was not true of all the church
- This is a second group—and entirely different group with in the church—who taught the same heresy.
 - They taught a doctrine of compromise
 - They taught doctrine of moral license

IV. The Call to Repent

- Jesus called for a change—of mind heart and life
- Repent for what?
 - o From <u>involving</u> themselves with the world
 - o From flirting with the world
 - o From compromise with the world's low moral standards
- Or else I am coming quickly
 - o Not in the <u>second</u> coming
 - o But in discipline and immediate judgment
- I will make war against them with the sword of my mouth
 - O Jesus will <u>fight</u> against them with His Word.
 - o This is synonymous with the a warning to Ephesus
 - o That he would come and remove their lampstand
- Jesus will not make war with all the church
 - Only those who hold to this doctrine of compromise.

V. The Comfort of God's promises

- To him who over comes I will give:

 O Hidden manna sufficiency of Christ—eternal provision
 - o White Stone=indicates someone highly favored
 - o New Name = a symbol of intimacy with God