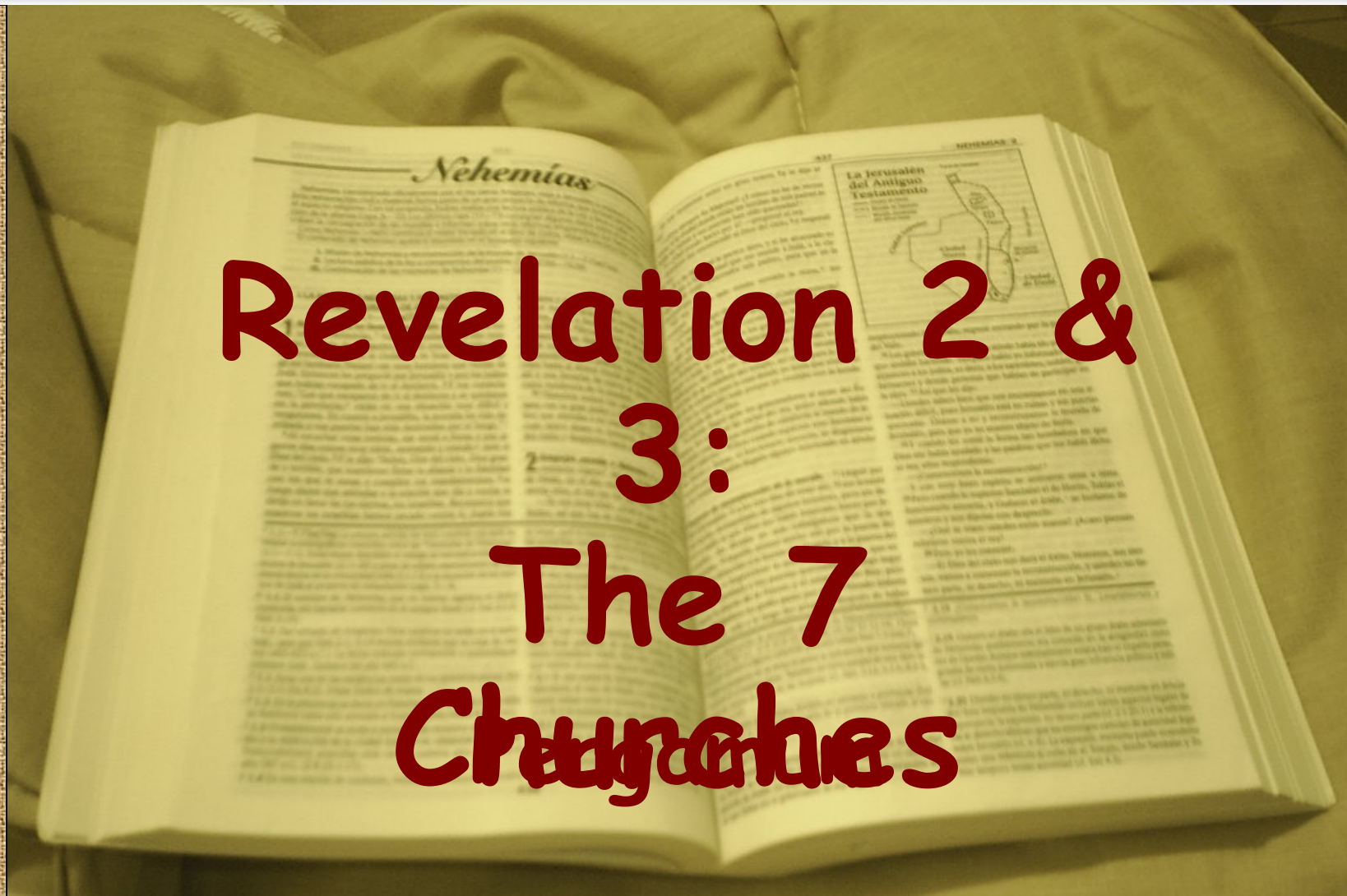


Revelation 2 & 3: The 7 Churches





The 7 Churches



Ephesus

Smyrna



Pergamos

- Also known as Pergamon or Pergamum
- Today, nearby city is Bergama (*70 mi N of Izmir*)
- Built on a hill with a large acropolis
- Contained several temples to pagan gods & Caesar Augustus
 - Altar to Zeus
 - Hadrian's temple; temple to Athena, Dionysius, Trajan

Pergamos

- Karl Humann, German engineer, re-discovered the site in 1871
- The altar of Zeus was still in good condition
- He dismantled it and transported it to Berlin
- Pergamon Museum in Berlin today

Pergamos

- The name is derived from the word “*pergamena*” for parchment.
- Contained a great library (>200,000 books)
- The Roman Marc Antony gave Cleopatra the library, which she transported to Egypt

Pergamum Acropolis



Pergamum Acropolis



Model of Acropolis



Theater



Tunnel to Theater





Temple of Trajan

(Roman Emperor)



Temple to Athena



Altar of Zeus



Altar of Zeus



Library



Culture/ Religion of Pergamum

- Throne of Satan – Altar of Zeus
- Pagan worship; deification of officials

Message to the Church

- “He who has the two edged sword”
- I know your works, where you dwell
- You hold fast to My name & did not deny Me
- Martyr Antipas
- Some hold the doctrine of Balaam & Nicolaitans

Message to the Church

- Repent! Or else I will come quickly & fight with the sword of My mouth
- Over comers will receive:
 - hidden manna to eat
 - a white stone w/ a new name

What Do This Say to Me?