



***Pergamum:
The Antinomian Church***

***Revelation
2:12-17***

Sunday

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Revelation 2:12
The Angel of Pergamum

12 “And to the angel of the church in Pergamos write, ‘These things says He who has the sharp two-edged sword:

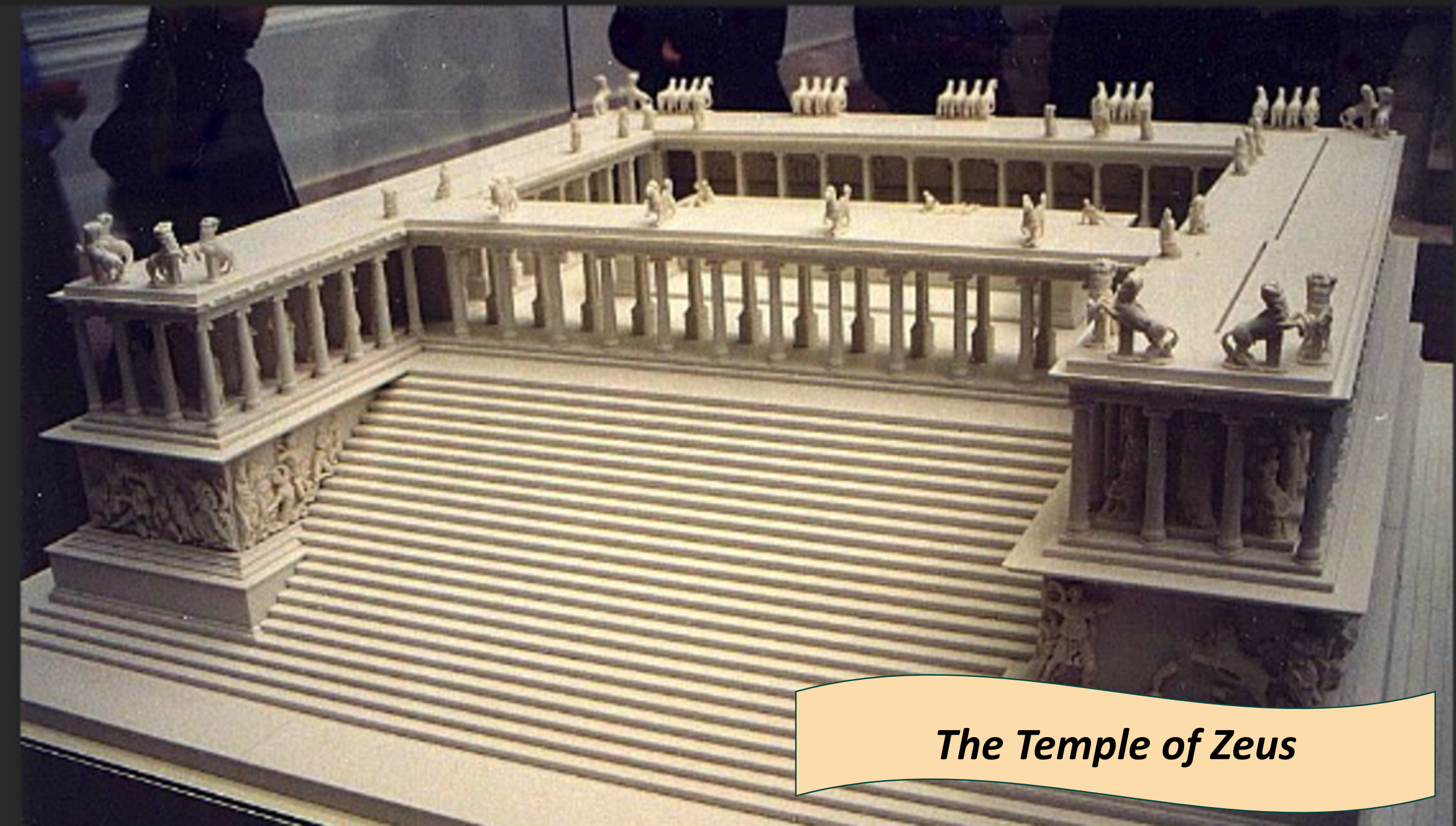




Panorama of Pergamum



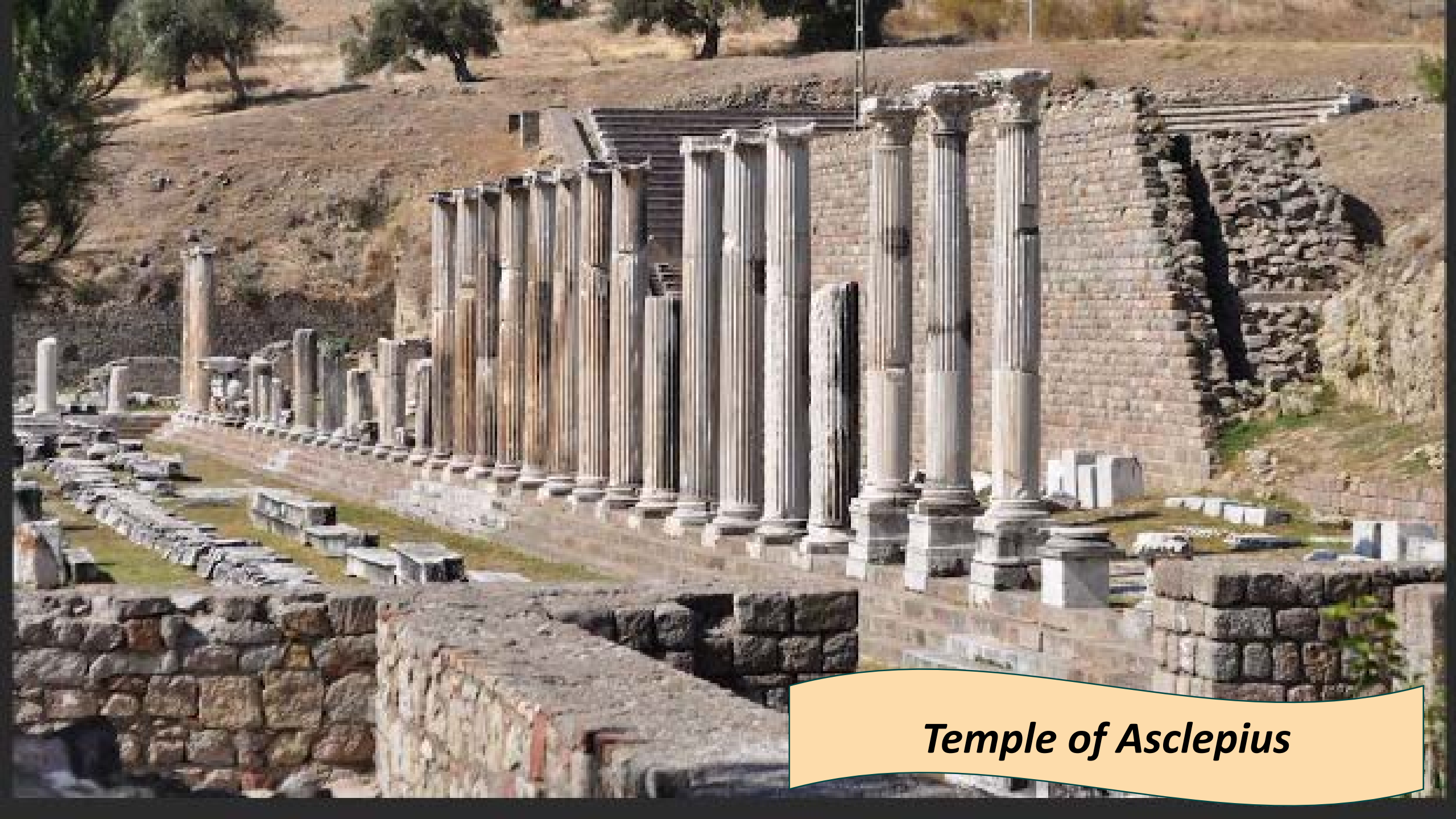
Pergamum Theater



The Temple of Zeus



The Library at Pergamum



Temple of Asclepius



Temple of Asclepius

- Hospital under Galan
- Learning from Gladiators
- Psychological & Pharmacological healing
- Caduceus
- Solarium



Caduceus



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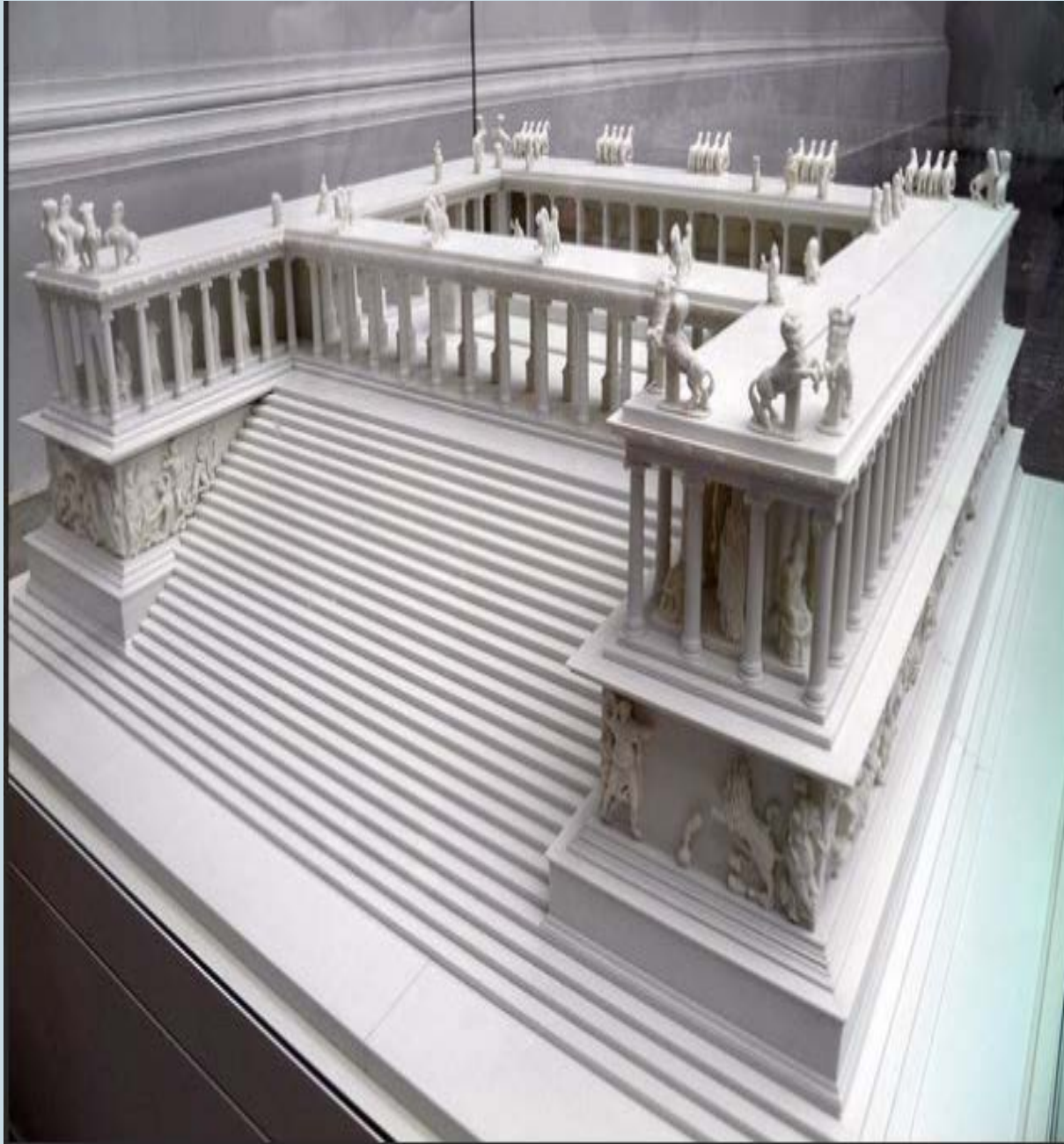


Solarium

A Threat – One Who Has a Sword

**Revelation
2:13**

“I know your works, and where you dwell, where Satan’s throne *is*. And you hold fast to My name, and did not deny My faith even in the days in which Antipas *was* My faithful martyr, who was killed among you, where Satan dwells.

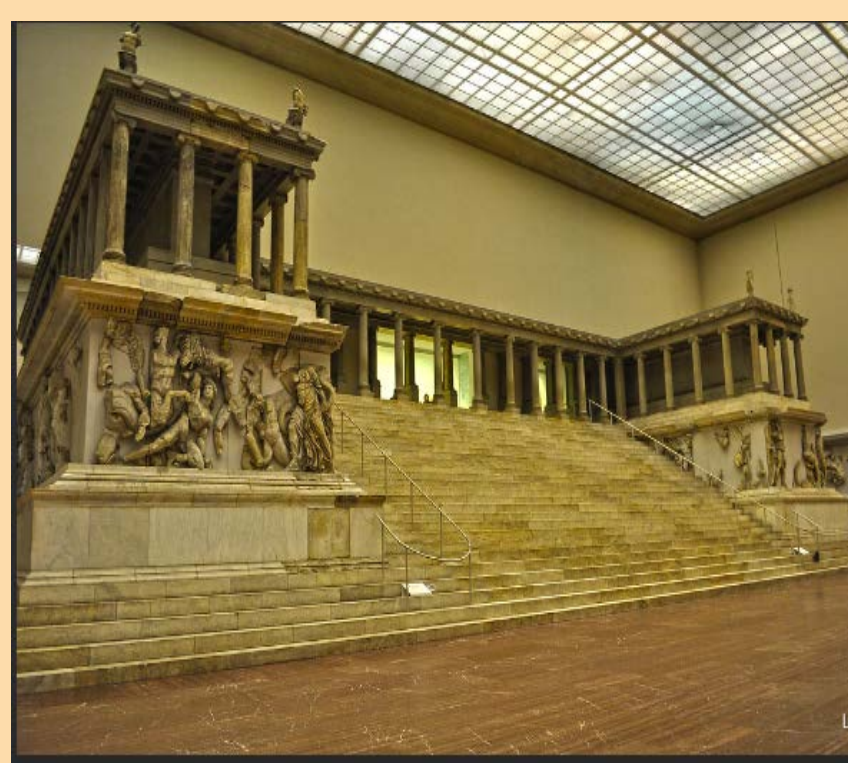


Satan's Throne

- The Acropolis which looked like a throne
- The temple of Zeus Sotêr
- The Temple of Asclepius
- The reputation of Emperor Worship



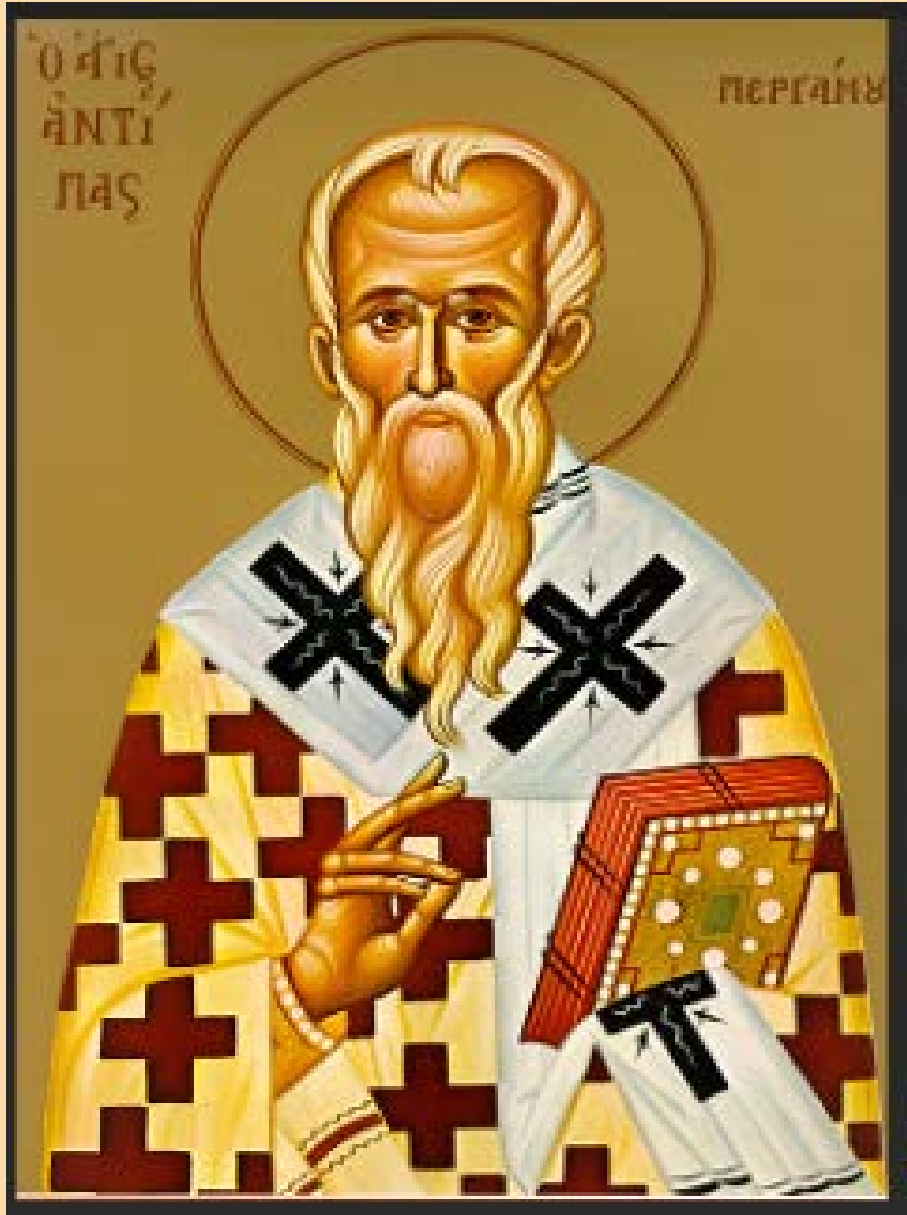
The Acropolis



**Temple of
Zeus Sotêr**



**Temple of
Asclepius**



Antipas

Early martyr

Antinomianism, Prisoner to the culture

Revelation 2:14-16

- 14** But I have a few things against you, because you have there those who hold the doctrine of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the children of Israel, to eat things sacrificed to idols, and to commit sexual immorality.
- 15** Thus you also have those who hold the doctrine of the Nicolaitans, which thing I hate.
- 16** Repent, or else I will come to you quickly and will fight against them with the sword of My mouth.

The Teaching of Balaam

- Moab, Balak → Numbers 22-31
- Eating food sacrificed to idols
- Practicing sexual immorality

Numbers 31:15-16

- ¹⁵ And Moses said to them: “Have you kept all the women alive?”
- ¹⁶ Look, these *women* caused the children of Israel, through the counsel of Balaam, to trespass against the LORD in the incident of Peor, and there was a plague among the congregation of the LORD.

The Nicolaitans

- ❖ Irenaeus Adversus Heresies Nicolas (Acts 6:1-6)
- ❖ Gnostic Cosmology – Cerinthus of Ephesus – The Divine Christ came in the human Jesus at His Baptism
- ❖ People. Conquerors' beginning of priesthood
- ❖ Repent or the Risen Christ becomes you opponent

The Hope Revelation 2:17

¹⁷ “He who has an ear, let him hear what the Spirit says to the churches. To him who overcomes I will give some of the hidden manna to eat. And I will give him a white stone, and on the stone a new name written which no one knows except him who receives *it*.”

Three Promises

- ❖ Hidden Manna
- ❖ A White Stone
 - 1- A Jewel in O.T. tradition
 - 2- A vote of acquittal
 - 3- A token of membership
 - 4- A token of gladiatorial discharge
- ❖ A new Name written on amulet