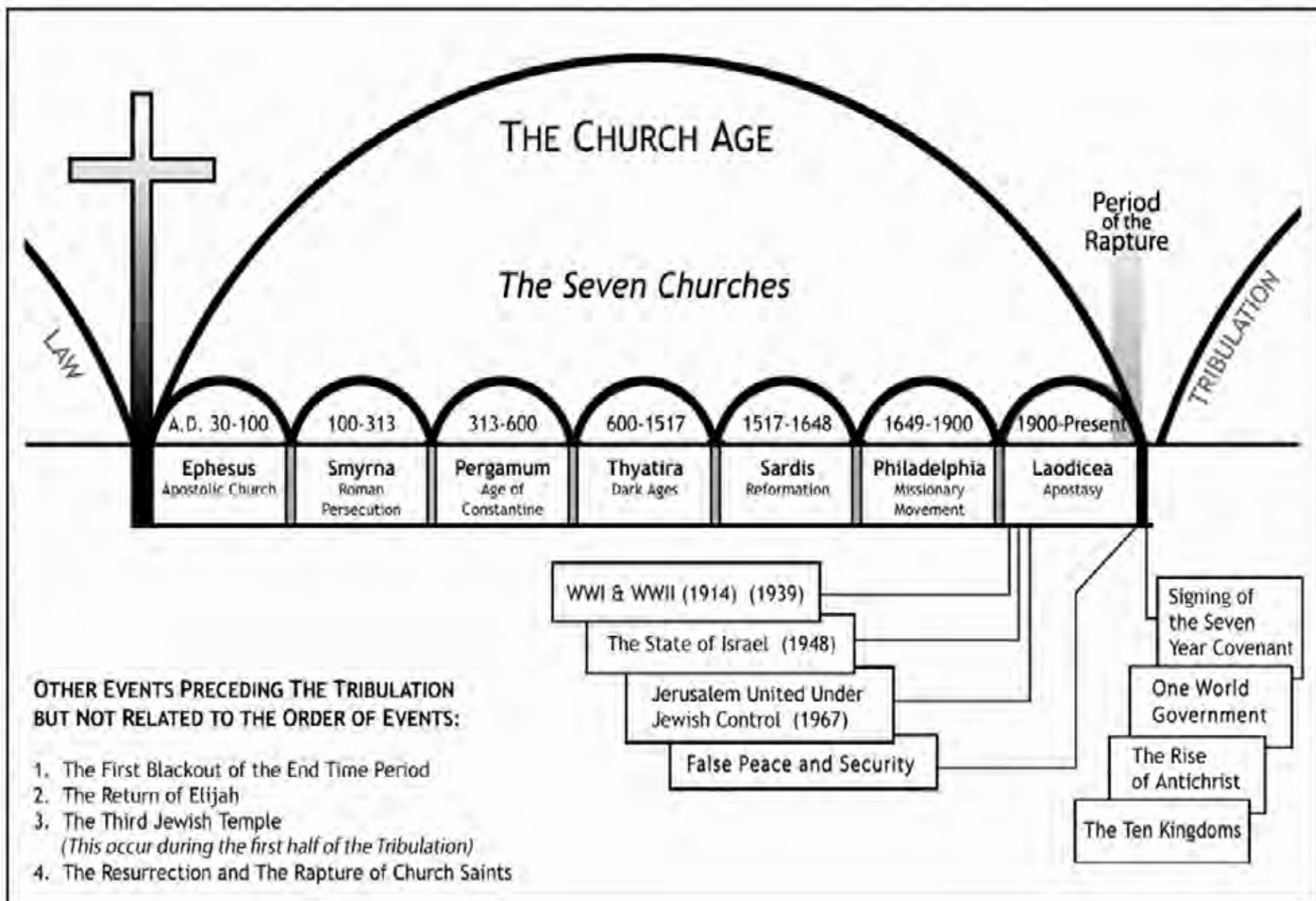


**“Letter to the Church of  
Pergamos -  
*The Compromised Church*”**  
**Revelation 2: 12-17**

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# How does a Church go from rock solid to compromised?

- Embrace the world's methods - *enter compromise*
- Keep the people from Biblical teaching - *enter compromise*
- Keep the people involved in ritual and works - *enter compromise*

The Church of Pergamos was married to the state - Rome! = *compromised!!*

## Verse 12

# Destination and Description of Jesus

**God will not accept a divided allegiance; *a true believer must place Him first!!***

- 1) 1<sup>st</sup> Commandment - ***“You shall have no other gods before Me”***
- 2) 2<sup>nd</sup> Commandment - ***“You shall not make for yourself an idol”***
- 3) 3<sup>rd</sup> Commandment - ***“You shall not take the name of the LORD your God in vain”***

For this Church that is  
compromised, the description of  
Jesus is clear:

*“He who has a sharp two-edged  
sword”* - unmistakably  
judgment! - Revelation 19: 15

## Verse 13

### Commendation

*(what this Church did well)*

**God has a faithful remnant in every Church, those who refuse to compromise**

**Jesus knows the pressure you are under:**

***“ . . . you dwell where Satan's throne is ”***

**If you find yourself in a compromised Church -**

***GET OUT!! - no excuses!***



Verse 14 - 15

**Condemnation**

*(what this Church did wrong)*

# This Church had 2 huge problems:

1) The doctrine of Balaam -  
*(marry the world and worship  
her false gods)*

2) The doctrine of the  
Nicolaitans - *(the clergy rule  
over the people)*  
***Jesus hates this!***

# The Church of Pergamos was intermarrying with the world and unfaithful to Jesus

- Much like the Church in America today
- Pergamos was a blend of Roman life (*world*), affecting the Church life
- The Balaam problem and the Nicolaitan problem generally go together

# Characteristics of compromised believers:

- 1) They do not know they are compromised
- 2) When confronted with truth, they refuse to believe they are compromised
- 3) They like what is going on; a little religion fix is all I need

**With knowledge comes responsibility!**  
***Come out from among them!***

Verse 16 - 17

**Exhortation and Promise**

# God's cry to the compromised:

Repent >

change course >

move toward God>

If one is compromised and  
refuses to repent:

***“I will fight against him with  
the sword of My mouth”***

- he is an enemy of God!!

**The promises to those who repent,  
those who are overcomers, victors  
and true believers:**

- 1) **Hidden Manna** - provision  
from God, now and forever
- 2) **White Stone** - innocence,  
privilege in the Kingdom
- 3) **New Name** - a new identity of  
affection

**CLOSING: THE LETTER TO PERGAMOS -  
THE COMPROMISED CHURCH**

**Would you agree, compromised  
Christians are not happy Christians?**

**Would you agree, compromised  
Christians are not peaceful Christians?**

**Would you agree, compromised  
Christians are frustrated Christians?**

***The compromised life is a frustrated,  
unsafe, and unassured life!***



# So many Christians are compromised:

- They may be saved, (*who knows*); the Bible calls them carnal Christians
- A lot of the world, and a little bit of Jesus (*the never really know group*)
- They live frustrated, often claiming that this Christian life just does not work (*I tried it for 3 weeks and nothing changed*)

# We have one shot at life; why not live as an overcomer?

- 1) Overcomers are blessed now and blessed in Jesus' soon coming Kingdom
- 2) Overcomers have purpose, peace, and the presence of God through all of life's mess

**We have one shot at life; why not live as an overcomer?**

3) **Overcomers** have much to look forward to:

*Hidden manna, a white stone, and a new name*

***Now that is something to look forward to!!***

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IN REMEMBRANCE  
OF ME

