



# Pergamum: "So Begins a Deadly Compromise"

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"Alpha to Omega & In Our Midst," Pt 3



Rev. 2:12 ¶ “And to the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp two-edged sword:

Rev. 2:13 ¶ “I know where you are living, where Satan’s throne is. Yet you are holding fast to my name, and you did not deny your faith in me even in the days of Antipas my witness, my faithful one, who was killed among you, where Satan lives.



Rev. 2:14 But I have a few things against you: you have some there who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to put a stumbling block before the people of Israel, so that they would eat food sacrificed to idols and engage in sexual immorality.



Rev. 2:15 So you also have some who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

Rev. 2:16 Repent, then. If not, I will come to you soon and wage war against them with the sword of my mouth.



Rev. 2:17 Let anyone who has an ear listen to what the Spirit is saying to the churches. To everyone who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give a white stone, and on the white stone is written a new name that no one knows except the one who receives it.

Heb. 4:12 ¶ Indeed, the word of God is living and active and sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart.\*



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Num. 25:1 ¶ While Israel was staying at Shittim, the people began to have sexual relations with the women of Moab.

Num. 25:2 These invited the people to the sacrifices of their gods, and the people ate and bowed down to their gods.



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John 4:24 God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.”

John 6:63 It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life.



John 15:26 ¶ “When the Advocate<sup>1</sup> comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf.

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Deut. 7:7 ¶ “It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

Deut. 7:8 It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.



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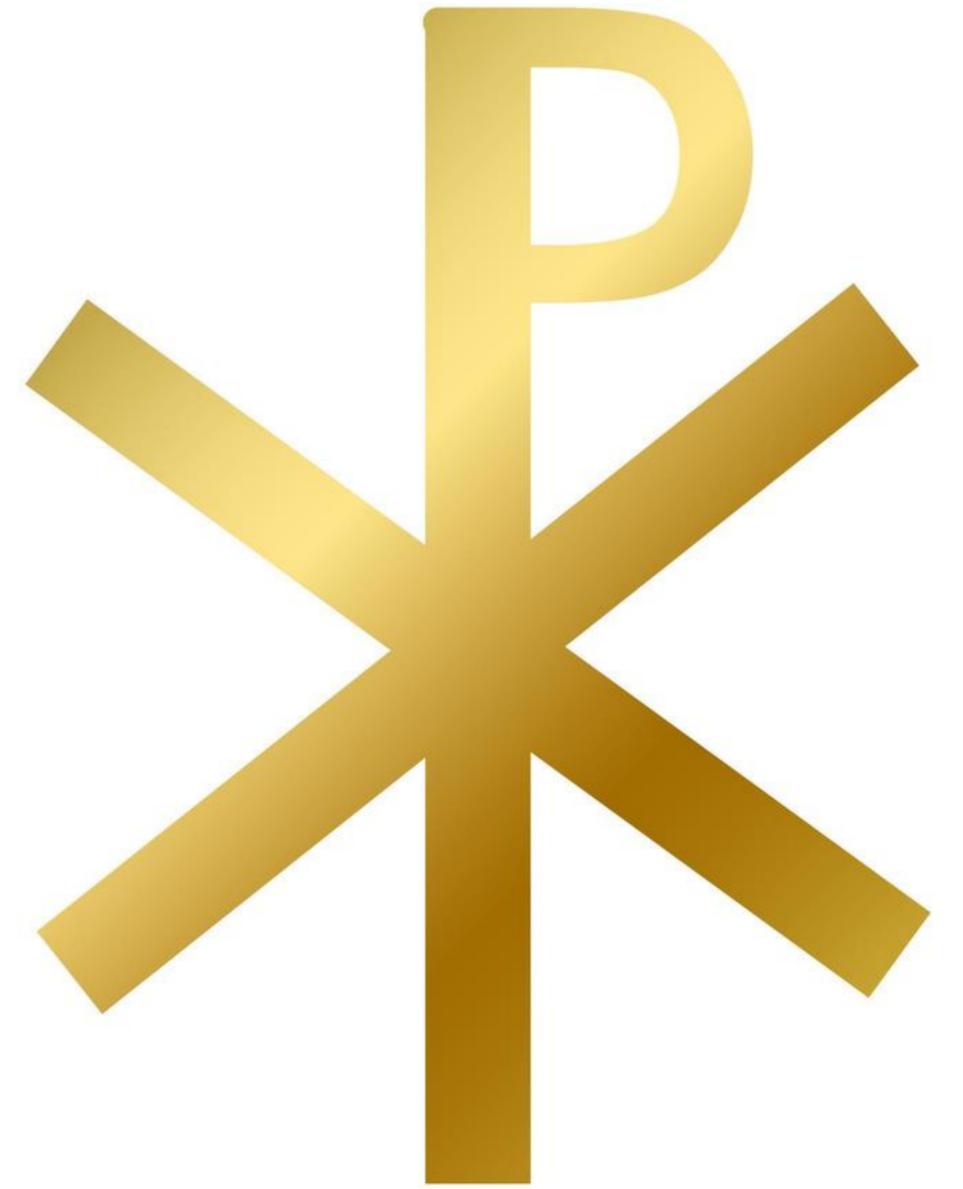
“The Ponte Milvio” - (The Milvian Bridge)



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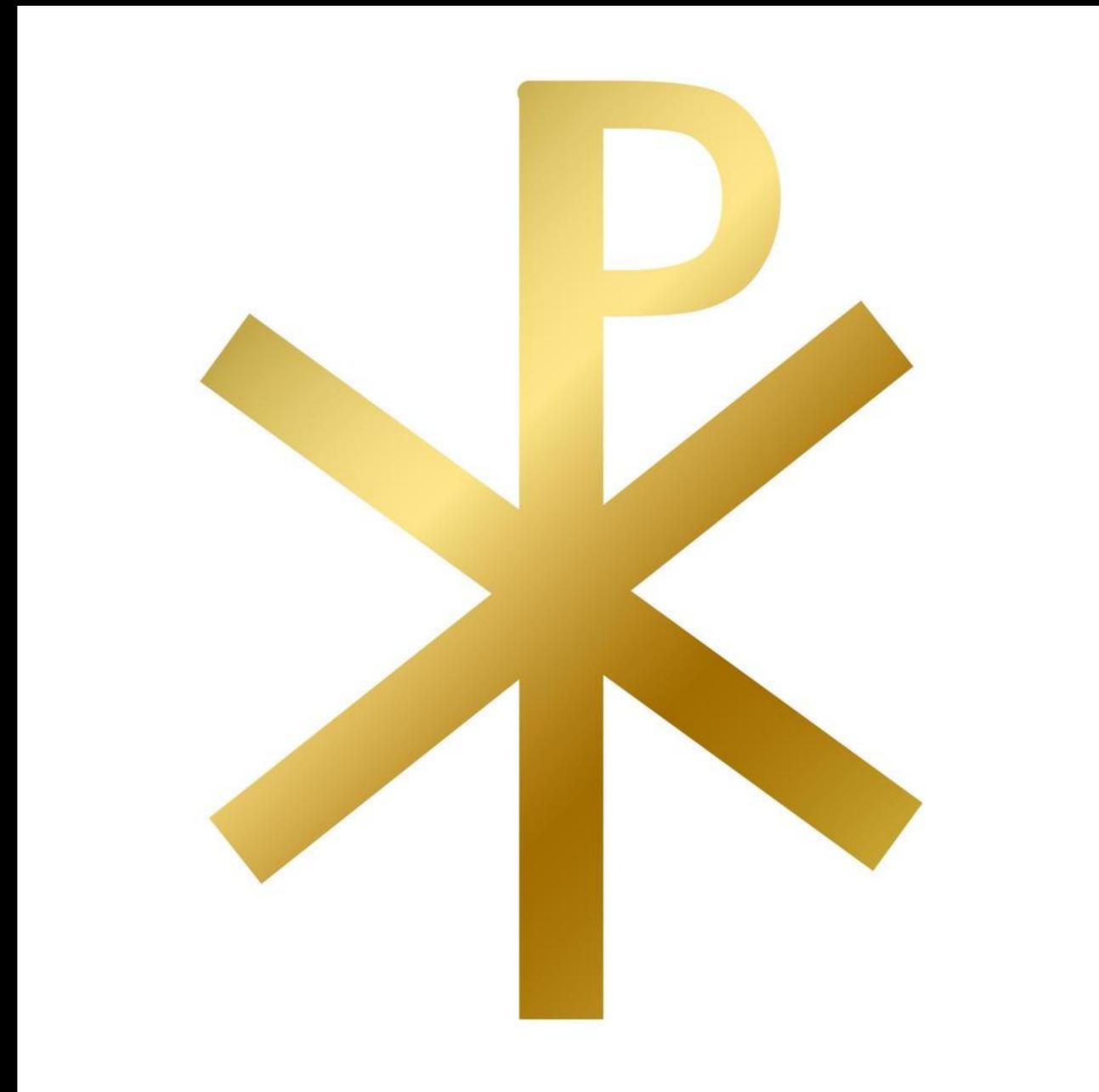
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“One who conquers the people”



"On the venerable Day  
of the Sun let the  
Magistrates and people  
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rest, and let all  
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Edict of Constantine, 321 C.E.



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