

# GLOW TIMES

Ye are the light of the world... Matt 5:14

## VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL August 2020

We are all familiar with online games, online shopping, online banking, and even online courses, but over the past few months, our lives have been changed with weekly online Sunday School attendance. The Landscape of our Sunday School classes has changed; where there was once a chalk or a white board there is now a virtual screen. We attend class from different locations, using different devices, but we come together on one screen.

We now embrace a new normal, and with that comes a new set of buzzwords: "Zoom ID" "unmute your microphone;" "make your comments in the chat;" "share screen." Indeed our lives have been changed by the shelter in place mandate due to the current pandemic. How have our students been adjusting to the new norm? With much prayer, our dedicated Sunday School staff and the cooperation of our students and families, we can proudly say that we have successfully transitioned from in-class learning to virtual Sunday School. Kymeeka, Ryan, Karl and Alexander share their experiences:

### Kymeeka Douglas reports:

Virtual Sunday School has been going well for me over these past few months. There are some things I like about Virtual Sunday School. Having Sunday School virtually allows me to be more comfortable with answering questions and participating because I am in my own space. When having In-person Sunday School, I am a little timid, but in virtual Sunday School, I have more confidence because I have more control over my surroundings. (Cont'd page 5)

I really like Sunday School on Zoom!  
The stories, videos, songs and sign language  
really help me to learn and then I talk about it  
with my family. I miss my teachers and friends, but  
I like that I can still see them.  
And my favorite thing of all, is the  
arts and crafts!

- Ryan Bourne

Ryan Bourne—Kindergarten Class



# HATS OFF TO OUR TEACHERS



**Alecia Evans**  
**Sunday School Director**

Like many of you, our Sunday school ministry started the 2020 year with specific plans and goals we knew we wanted to accomplish. However, what we did not know was that a pandemic was on the horizon; one that would plunge the world into chaos, hijack our plans and force us into lock down for several

weeks.

When it became apparent that in-person gathering would be on hold for an unforeseen period of time. We knew we had to find other means to connect with our children ensuring that Biblical learning and spiritual growth would continue.

Virtual Sunday School was proposed and our teachers rose to the occasion.

“Zoom” was an unfamiliar word to some and many had no knowledge of how to execute a lesson via a video based platform. Nevertheless, you accepted the challenge, attended training sessions and in short order you bravely ventured into uncharted waters.

As I visited some of your remote classrooms a few Sundays ago, I was dazzled by the level of creativity, student knowledge and efforts to maintain an

environment in which students were highly engaged.

This not only serves as a reminder of how far we have come but also of your willingness to serve whole heartedly during these difficult times.

On behalf of our Pastoral and Sunday School Leadership teams, our students and their families, I would like to express heartfelt gratitude to all our teachers for your unwavering support. Thank you for your dedication, and hard work. Thank you for outreach made to families to conduct wellness checks and ensuring your students were in attendance on a regular basis. Thank you for collaborating with your teacher teams to plan and facilitate well executed lessons. Thank you for giving yourselves to the cause of equipping and impacting the next generation of Apostolics with the word of God! Hats off to you all.

## TEACHERS BEST PRACTICE

With the advent of Virtual Sunday School, teachers are now faced with new challenges; the same devices that were a distraction in the classroom are now the very tool that we rely on to engage our learners for approximately one hour each Sunday. The critical question now becomes, how do we engage students to actively participate in the Zoom sessions? And a much more pertinent question is, how can we foster the spiritual growth of our students in a virtual setting? Our teachers from the lower division were asked to share what are some of their best practices that promote good success in the virtual classroom:

### TODDLER & KINDERGARTEN TEACHERS:

- Weekly homework is assigned to reinforce and expand concepts taught in the lesson. Assignments are emailed to parents and teachers to provide follow-up reminders during the week. This allows a parent-teacher partnership in the children’s Christian education.
- Teachers meet weekly to collaborate, and discuss lesson flow and the segment of the lesson that each teacher will present. This allows for a variety of instructional approaches that will better meet the different learning styles of the students.
- Students are engaged in culminating unit projects. For example, after several lessons on Noah & The Ark, students were asked to choose their favorite part of the story for a show and tell presentation. They utilized visuals, pictures, objects and songs to support their explanation .

### BEGINNER & PRIMARY TEACHERS:

- We utilize fun activities, games, trivias, puzzles etc, to support lessons and promote engagement. There is always

## THE RAPTURE —Jemia Mattison

Jesus will one day come back to judge us to see what we have done for Him. Only the people who are baptized in Jesus name and are filled with the Holy Ghost will go with Him back to heaven. God has spoken through many individuals throughout the Bible they minister and inform us to be prepared for His coming. We must trust God and believe that He will come back.

In the Bible, God told his disciples that one day he will return to and judge the earth and take the righteous people to heaven. He also told them to look out for signs of the rapture in Matthew 24:7-8 “For nation shall rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom: and there shall be famines, and pestilences, and earthquakes, in divers’ places.” Also in Matthew 24, God compares His return to the flood that occurred in Noah’s time. The people were living their normal and sinful life. The bible states that they were “eating, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day that Noah entered the ark.” As the people never saw the flood coming, it will be the same way when God comes. No one knows when he is coming. Verses 37 and 39 of Matthew 24 states, “But as the days of Noe were, so shall also the coming of the Son of man be. And knew not until the flood came, and took them all away; so, shall also the coming of the Son of man be.”

In Acts 2:38, God told us (through Peter) the things we need to do to be saved. It quotes, “Then Peter said unto them repent and be baptized everyone of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.” God is telling us that we should repent of our sins, we should be baptized in His name, and when we do that we will receive the gift of the Holy Ghost with the evidence of speaking in tongues. We also must live a holy life. We cannot go through this transformation and then go back to doing the sinful things that we have been doing in our past. We must read His word and pray and ask God to help us to live according to His word daily.

Even though Christianity is one of the most popular religions in the world, most people are not Christians. Although others have heard about Jesus, they do not fully understand what it means to be saved and living for Christ. As Christians, our job is to preach to the world about Jesus. As stated in Acts 1:8, “But ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and in Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.” God has commanded His people not to keep the gospel to themselves, but rather reach all the world to help others to understand and turn their lives to Him.

We must also live a lifestyle that will portray Christ, so that others may want to know more about why we are so different. We are His disciples and we should preach and teach this gospel all over the world. God has a purpose for everyone, so we should not judge a person based on their past. We should teach them about repentance and tell them to turn to Christ. If we apply this message to our everyday lives we can help others to understand the meaning of the rapture and how they can be prepared for the return of Christ. **(cont’d page 4)**

## The Rapture (cont'd from page 3)

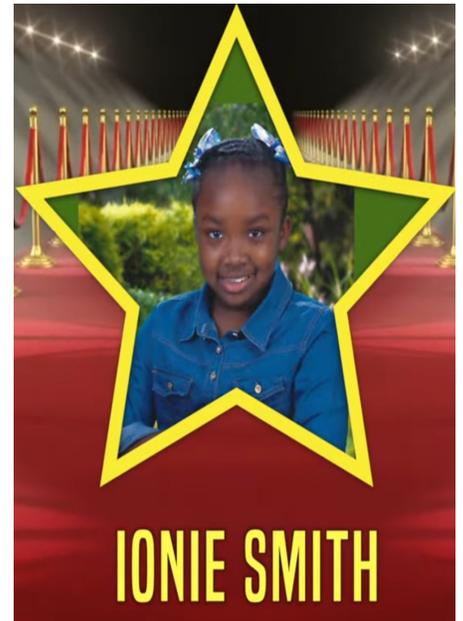
We must trust that God will fulfill His words in Matthew 24. From the beginning of creation until now, God has made promises to His people. God has given us the necessary directions that we should abide by and to prepare us for His return. It is our responsibility to live a life that is pleasing to Him and to turn from our wicked ways so that we can be prepared for His return. The Bible tells us that we do not know the day or time of the return of Christ, therefore it is important that we are living a godly lifestyle and to repent of our sins daily to make our hearts ready for His return.

## BIBLE QUIZZING HALL OF FAME INDUCTEES



We would like to congratulate two of our Bible Quizzers who were recently inducted in the North American Junior Bible Quizzing Hall of Fame .

**Jemia Mattison** and **Ionie Smith**, we are very proud of your accomplishment and pray the blessings of the Almighty God upon your lives from this day forth. Continue to hide the Word of God into your hearts. We are all rooting for you.



### HAVE A LAUGH

Q. How can you make God laugh?  
A. Tell him your plans.

Q. Why didn't Noah go fishing?  
A. He only had two worms

Q. How many Apostolics does it take to change a light bulb?  
A. 10...1 to change the bulb and 9 to pray against the spirit of darkness.

# VIRTUAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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I also like that there are different classes combined into one class. In my opinion, having different classes combined makes Sunday School more interesting. I appreciate hearing other people’s opinions and answers to the questions that are asked during discussions. Hearing other people’s views and ideas on subject matters help shape my understanding of the topics discussed. This is something that I have come to appreciate. COVID 19 has caused significant changes in our daily routine. It has forced us to conform and adapt to a new way of life. This includes virtual Sunday School. I am glad that COVID 19 did not stop Sunday School entirely. We are still able to congregate on a platform where we can continue to learn about God. This has been my Virtual Sunday School experience.



**Kymeeka Douglas—Youth Class**

**Alexander Jones reports:**

I like SS experience online, it’s cool. I learn new things and I can see my friends since I can’t go to church, and can still learn online. It is good to see everyone on Sundays.

I like to dress up like I’m going to church because it makes me feel like I’m actually in church. Even though I’m at home, it’s more comfortable and I can participate and answer lots of questions. Overall, a cool online experience.



**Alexander Jones - Primary Class**

**Karl Robb reports:**

My experience with virtual Sunday School is great because I get to see everyone on Zoom face to face, including teachers. We get to say hi to others and do fun educational activities about God because we cannot leave the house due to the COVID -19.



**Karl Robb— Teen Class**

Our lives have been changed because of the fear of catching the virus. The best part of virtual Sunday School is we get to gather on zoom and greet each other and talk with our brothers and sisters.

I remember when we talked about what is happening in the world and how this pandemic has affected and changed our lives. I like that our teachers talk about topics that affect young people and that we should be cautious about using different symbols and what it means. Sis. Angie pointing out the rainbow symbol and what it means in our world today. Our teachers are always praying for protection and covering for us, which help me to never stop praying for families and friends who might have been exposed and infected with Coronavirus.

The rapid-developing Coronavirus crisis is dominating globally and we need to help each other, especially those who have lost their jobs and in need of food and shelter. Our teachers in remote Sunday School, remind us to always trust in God and to pray always. I know I have learned to trust in God and asked that He cleanse my heart and soul so that I can have peace of mind. Remote Sunday school helps me to continue to trust in the Lord.

# OUR ZOOM CLASSROOM

**DISCUSSION**

- IF YOU KNEW PAUL BEFORE HIS CONVERSION WOULD YOU BE HIS FRIEND?
- DO YOU FIND IT DIFFICULT TO TALK TO YOUR FRIENDS ABOUT YOUR FAITH?
- DO YOU ASK FOR GOD'S DIRECTIONS BEFORE DOING BIG THINGS?

**CLASS DISCUSSION—  
APOSTLE PAUL**

Zoom interface elements: Unmute, Start Video, Participants (21), Chat, Share Screen, Record, Reactions, Leave.

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**Are you Booked for Air Travel?**

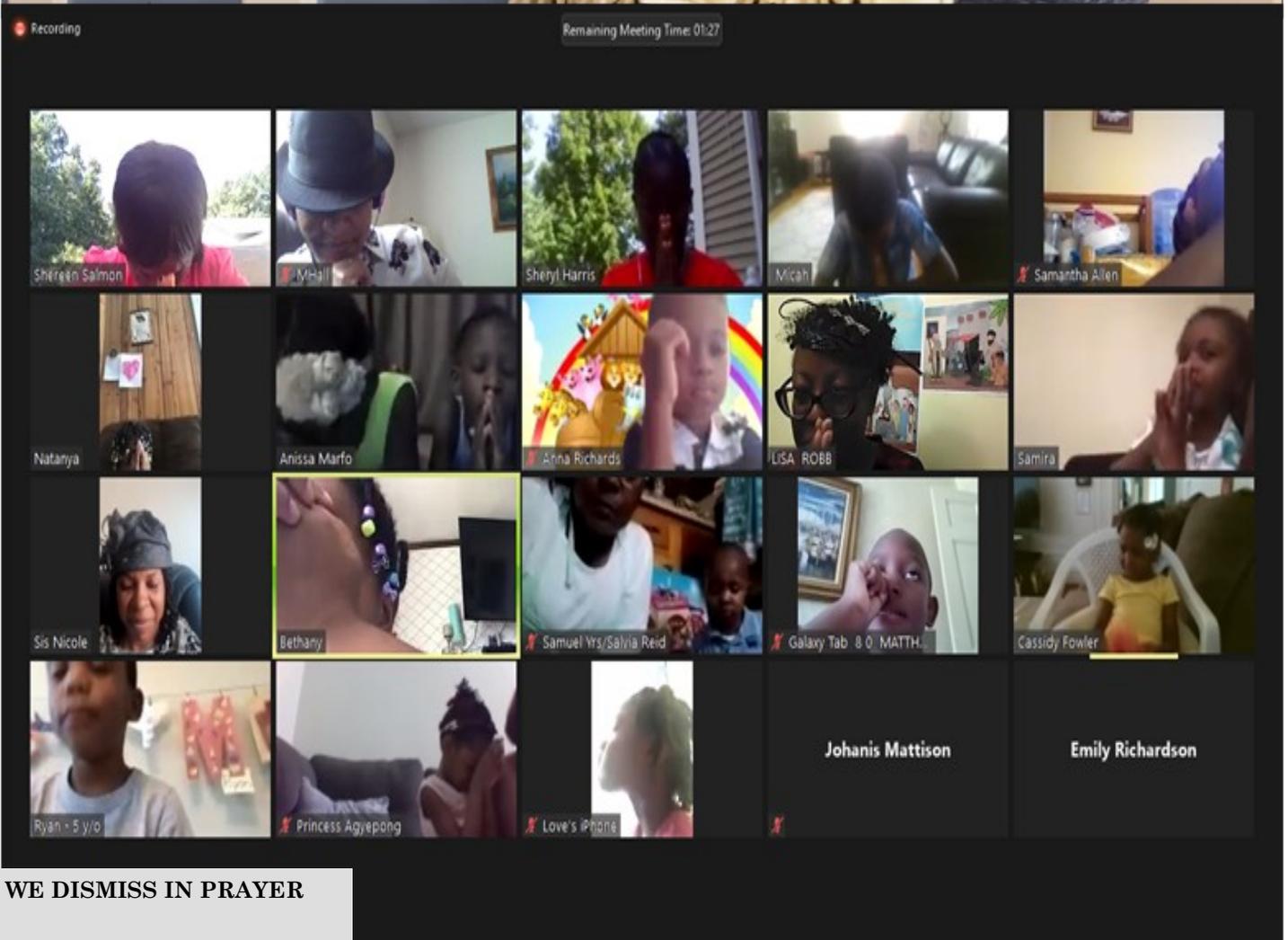
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Chat bubble: From Isaiah Smith to Everyone, Yes

**CLASS DISCUSSION:  
READY FOR RAPTURE**

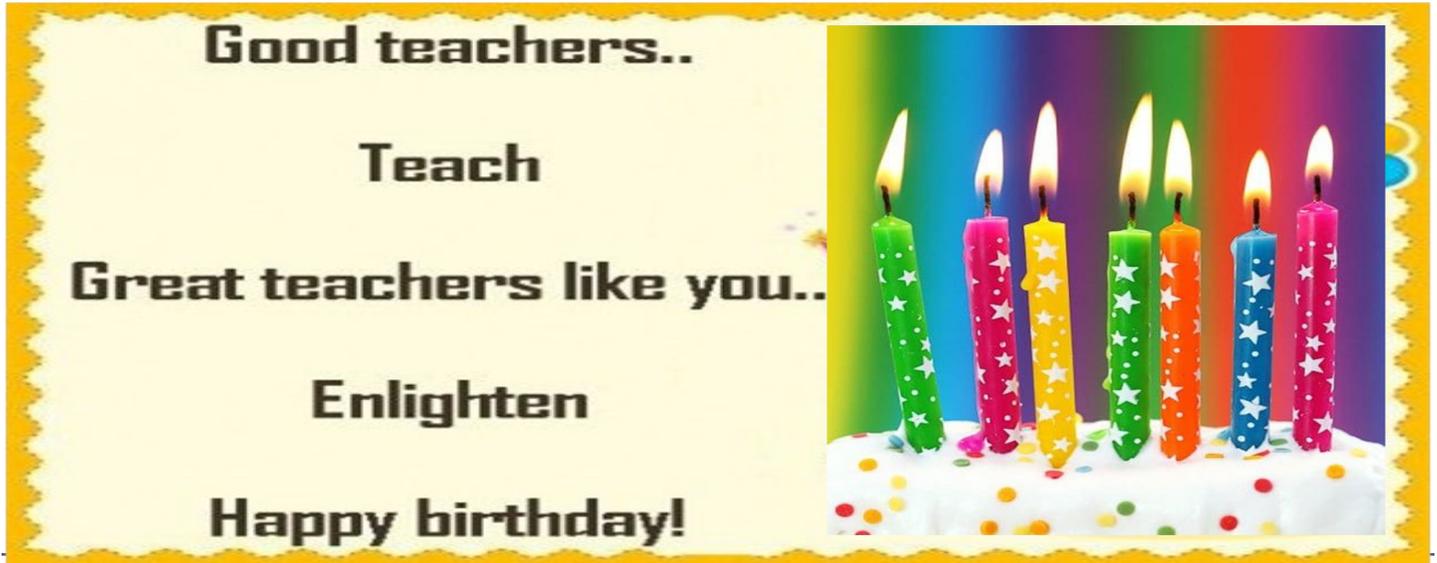


MR NOAH IS LOOKING FOR HIS DOVE  
(Chad Richards)



WE DISMISS IN PRAYER

# CELEBRATING OUR TEACHERS



<p><b>JANUARY</b> Sadie Martin</p>	<p><b>MARCH</b> Minister Leon Bertram Melissa Hall Tenssie Ramsay Lisa Flemming-Robb</p>	<p><b>MAY</b> Deacon Dermoth Mattison Minister. Paul Bailey</p>	<p><b>JULY</b> Daphne Lawrence</p>
<p><b>FEBRUARY</b> Stephen-Paul Bartlett Andrew Smith Oshika Whittaker</p>	<p><b>APRIL</b> Sheigla Smalling Janett Bertram Shirley Palmer</p>	<p><b>JUNE</b> Shelly-Ann Buckle Arsenio Heslop Pastor Arthur Thomas Evan Thomas</p>	<p><b>AUGUST</b> Paulette Carty Dejon Reid Candace Spencer</p>

## BLESSED ARE THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...  
Who tell the children the truth about Jesus,  
For they will be called the teachers of God.  
Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...  
Who love and hug the children,  
For they will be embraced by God's glory.  
Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...  
Who endure the talkative children and the ear-piercing screams of little girls,  
For they will hear God's joyful laughter among them.  
Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...  
Who behave and play like the children around them,  
For they will receive youthful vigor for the next 10-15 minutes

Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...  
Who listen to the children's concerns,  
For God will reveal His heart to them.  
Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...  
Who teach the children to pray,  
For they will experience God's power through answered prayer  
Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...  
Who lead one of the children to saving grace, through Jesus Christ,  
For they will have treasures in heaven.  
Blessed are the Sunday School Teachers ...  
Who call on God for wisdom in teaching His Word,  
For the Holy Spirit will speak the truth in love through them.  
- ADAPTED

## Three in the Fire Crossword Puzzle

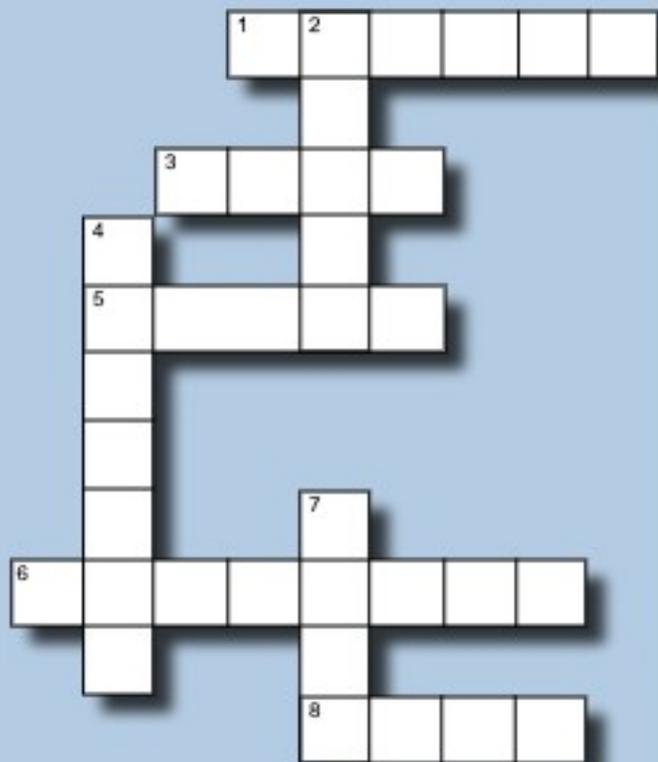


### ACROSS

1. Another name for sculpture, carving or art figure
3. A match can start this.
5. Who was the fourth being in with Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?
6. Another name for army persons
8. Not silver but \_\_\_\_\_

### DOWN

2. Number after two and before four
4. Country where the story takes place
7. Not a queen but a \_\_\_\_\_



## THE "THIRD" BIBLE TRIVIA QUIZ



1. What is the third word in the book *Genesis*?
2. What did God create on the third day?
3. Who was the third son of Adam and Eve?
4. Who was third son of Jacob?
5. What was the third plague in Egypt when Pharaoh refused to let the Israelites go?
6. What is the third of the Ten Commandments?
7. Who was the third disciple called by Jesus?
8. The first two beatitudes begin, "*Blessed are the poor in spirit...Blessed are those who mourn.*" What is the third beatitude?
9. In Jesus' parable of the four soils, what is the third kind of soil, and what did it represent?
10. The first two churches of Revelation are Ephesus and Smyrna. What's the third?

### ANSWERS:

1. Beginning; (Gen. 1:12)
  2. Dry land, seas, and vegetation; (Gen. 1:93)
  3. Seth; (Gen. 4:25)
  4. Levi, (Gen. 29:32-34)
  5. Gnats; (Exodus 16)
  6. Thou shalt not take the name of the LORD thy God in vain; for the LORD will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.(Ex. 20:7, KJV)
  7. Philip; (John 1:40-44)
  8. Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. (Matt. 5:5)
  9. Thorny soil;"The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. (Matt. 13:1-9, 22)
  10. Pergamus, (Rev. 2)
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