## Are you following after the Nicolaitanes, Balaam, & <u>Jezebel?</u>

- Read Smith's Bible Dictionary Entry (Conquer laity)
- Using Jesus message to the seven churches in Revelations 2 & 3 as our textual basis we will demonstrate: That the early church was warned about paganism and false doctrine mixing in with the church. This had already begun to take place in the disciples and apostles day. Even before the fall of the temple in 70AD. Roman Christians and now so called hebraic roots churches are lukewarm and Jesus will spew you out. I.E. toss you into the Lake of Fire. There are three main issues Jesus warns the early church about. Teaching it is okay to eat food sacrificed to idols (physically and spiritually), fornicate (physically and spiritually), and not keeping the commandments.
- 1. Revelation 2:1-16
- 2. Exodus 34:12-15 (idols)
- 3. Exodus 20:14 (fornication)
- 4. Leviticus 20:10
- 5. Deuteronomy 5:18
- 6. Proverbs 6:32
- 7. Jeremiah 3:1-15
- 8. 2 Chronicles 21:5-20
- 9. Ezekiel 23:37-39 (both)
- 10. Ezekiel 16:23-32
- 11. Acts 15:20 29
- 12. Matthew 5:32 (Fornication)
- 13.1 Corinthians 5:1-5
- 14.2 Corinthians 6:15-20
- 15. Revelation 2:17-29
- 16. Revelation 2:20
- 17.1 Timothy 2:11-13
- 18.2 Peter 2:1-3 9-16
- 19.1 Corinthians 10:7-8 (Pre Balaam)
- 20. Numbers 22:1-35 (Balaam/Balak) Read 23 and 24 on your own. He ends up blessing instead of cursing. So then the Moabites tricked the Israelites with the Midianites below in chapter 25
- 21. Numbers 25

- 22.1 Kings 16:28-33 (Jezebel led them in idolatry/Spiritual fornication)
- 23. So far this is what we have covered that Jesus warned about in Revelation 2 entering the church. We still see this today in Roman chrisitianity:
  - Eating food sacrificed to idols: Christmas (saturnalia/sol Invictus/Horus),
    Easter (astaroth), New Year's (janus), Halloween, Valentine's day,
    Catholic feasts (Lent, Ash Wednesday, saint days etc...).
  - Fornication physical: divorce, homosexuality, shacking up, multiple wives.
  - Fornication spiritual: Trinity, Pope as Vicar, worship/praying to saints and virgin mary, sun worship or sunday worship (bumpkin states sunday laws) etc...

Sunday was not considered a Christian day of rest until the time of Constantine in the fourth century AD. Constantine ruled Rome from AD 306 to 337. In the early portions of his reign he was idolator. Specifically a sun worshiper. Later, he converted to Christianity, but still remained a adherent of sun worship. According to *The history of the decline and fall of the Roman Empire Volume 3 (London: 1838): pg 237* "The Sun was universally celebrated as the invincible guide and protector of Constantine." After his conversion to Christianity Constantine established the first Sunday law in history in AD 321. It says this: On the venerable Day of the sun let the magistrates and people residing in cities rest, and let all workshops be closed. In the country, however, persons engaged in agriculture may freely and lawfully continue their pursuits: because it often happens that another Day is not so suitable for grain sowing or for vine planting: lest by neglecting the proper moment for such operations the bounty of heaven should be lost.

According to "Sabbath," Chamber's Encyclopedia Volume 11 (1982): 40 "Unquestionably the first law, either ecclesiastical or civil, by which the Sabbatical observance of that Day is known to have been ordained, is the edict of Constantine, 321 A.D." Following this initial legislation, both emperors and Popes in succeeding centuries added other laws to strengthen Sunday observance. For example the Catholic Church Council of Laodicea (circa 364 AD): "Christians shall not Judaize and be idle on Saturday (Sabbath), but shall work on that Day: but the Lord's Day, they shall especially honour; and as being Christians, shall, if possible, do no work on that day. If however, they are found Judaizing, they shall be shut out from Christ." A History of the Church Councils from 326 to 429 Volume 2 pg 316

- 24. Revelation 3:1-5 (Commandments)
- 25. Revelation 19:7-9 (White garment is righteousness of the saints)
- 26. Psalms 119:172
- 27. Matthew 22:11-14
  - Teaching not keeping the commandments had also entered the early church. Jesus warns against this. Similar to current doctrine on grace.
- 28. Revelation 3:6-22 (lukewarm dabbling in some commandment keeping but not all. Which is on the rise currently.)
- 29. Ecclesiastes 12:13-14