

History of
Türkiye

THE SEVEN CHURCHES
PERGAMOS

Pergamos: A City of Faith and Conflict

Walk in the footsteps of early believers as you explore Pergamos (modern-day Bergama, Türkiye), one of the Seven Churches mentioned in the Book of Revelation (Revelation 2:12-17).

Pergamos was the first city in Asia Minor to build a temple for emperor worship — Augustus Caesar in 29 B.C. The city held supreme authority over a large area for about four centuries.

Biblical Significance:

Pergamos was praised for holding fast to the faith despite being home to "Satan's throne." It was a place where the church faced intense persecution and spiritual challenges. In Revelation, Jesus commends the believers for their unwavering faith, even as Antipas, His faithful martyr, suffered for His name.

Key Biblical Reference:

"To the angel of the church in Pergamum write: These are the words of him who has the sharp, double-edged sword. I know where you live—where Satan has his throne. Yet you remain true to my name." (Revelation 2:12-13 NIV)

Explore Its Ruins:

The Askleion: A centre of healing that once rivalled the great sanctuaries of the ancient world.

The Ancient Theatre: One of the steepest theatres in the ancient world. Pergamos serves as a reminder to remain faithful amidst trials. Visit this ancient city and reflect on its profound lessons of perseverance and devotion.