

## ~NICOLAUS 2 (61)

### (Nic-o-la'us) [Conqueror of the People]

- The sect of **Nicolaus**, or **Nicolaitans**, is condemned in two of the seven letters to the congregations in **(Revelation Chapters 2,3)** of. For hating the deeds of the sect of **Nicolaus**, which Christ Jesus himself also hates, the angel of the Ephesus congregation was commended.
- To the angel of the congregation in Ephesus write; These are the things that he says who holds the seven stars in his right hand, he who walks in the midst of the seven golden lampstands.  
**(Revelation 2:1)**
- Still, you do have this, that you hate the deeds of the sect of **Nicolaus**, which I also hate. **(Revelation 2:6)**
- In the congregation at Pergamum, however, there were some holding fast the teaching of the sect of **Nicolaus**, from which they were urged to turn away and repent.
- And to the angel of the congregation in Pergamum write. These are the things that he says who has the sharp, long two-edged sword. **(Revelation 2:12)**
- So you, also, have those holding fast the teaching of the sect of **Nicolaus** likewise. **(Revelation 2:15)**
- Therefore repent. If you do not, I am coming to you quickly, and I will war with them with the long sword of my mouth.  
**(Revelation 2:16)**
- Aside from what is here written in Revelation about the sect of **Nicolaus**, nothing else is known of it, either of its practices and teachings, which are condemned, or of its origin and development.
- The connective **so** immediately following the reference to the immoral and idolatrous course the Israelites pursued due to the teaching of Balaam.
- Nevertheless, I have a few things against you, that you have there those holding fast the teaching of Balaam, who went teaching Balak to put a stumbling block before the sons of Israel,

to eat things sacrificed to idols and to commit fornication.  
(**Revelation 2:14**)

- So you, also, have those holding fast the teaching of the sect of **Nicolaus** likewise. (**Revelation 2:15**)
- Might indicate some similarity, but Revelation makes a distinction between the two. There is no reason to connect the sect with **Nicolaus** the Antiochian Christian **NICHOLAUS 1** just because he is the only person of that name in the Bible, as has also been done by some of the early church writers.
- Nor is it warranted to say that some apostatized sect took his name to give weight to their wrongdoing. **Nicolaus** was more probably a Biblically unidentified individual after whom the ungodly movement was named.