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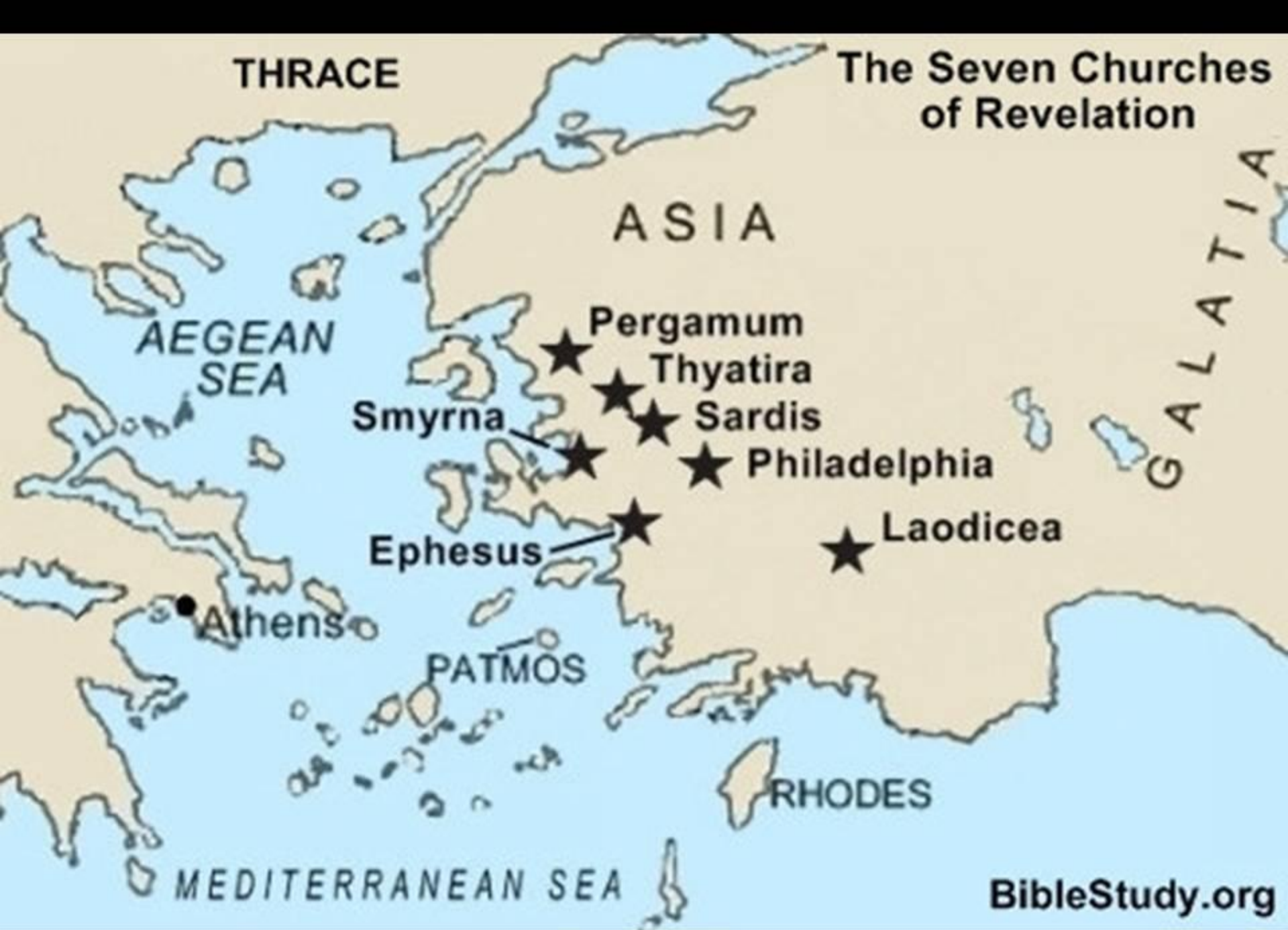
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A LETTER given to the 7 churches of Asia by Jesus through John.

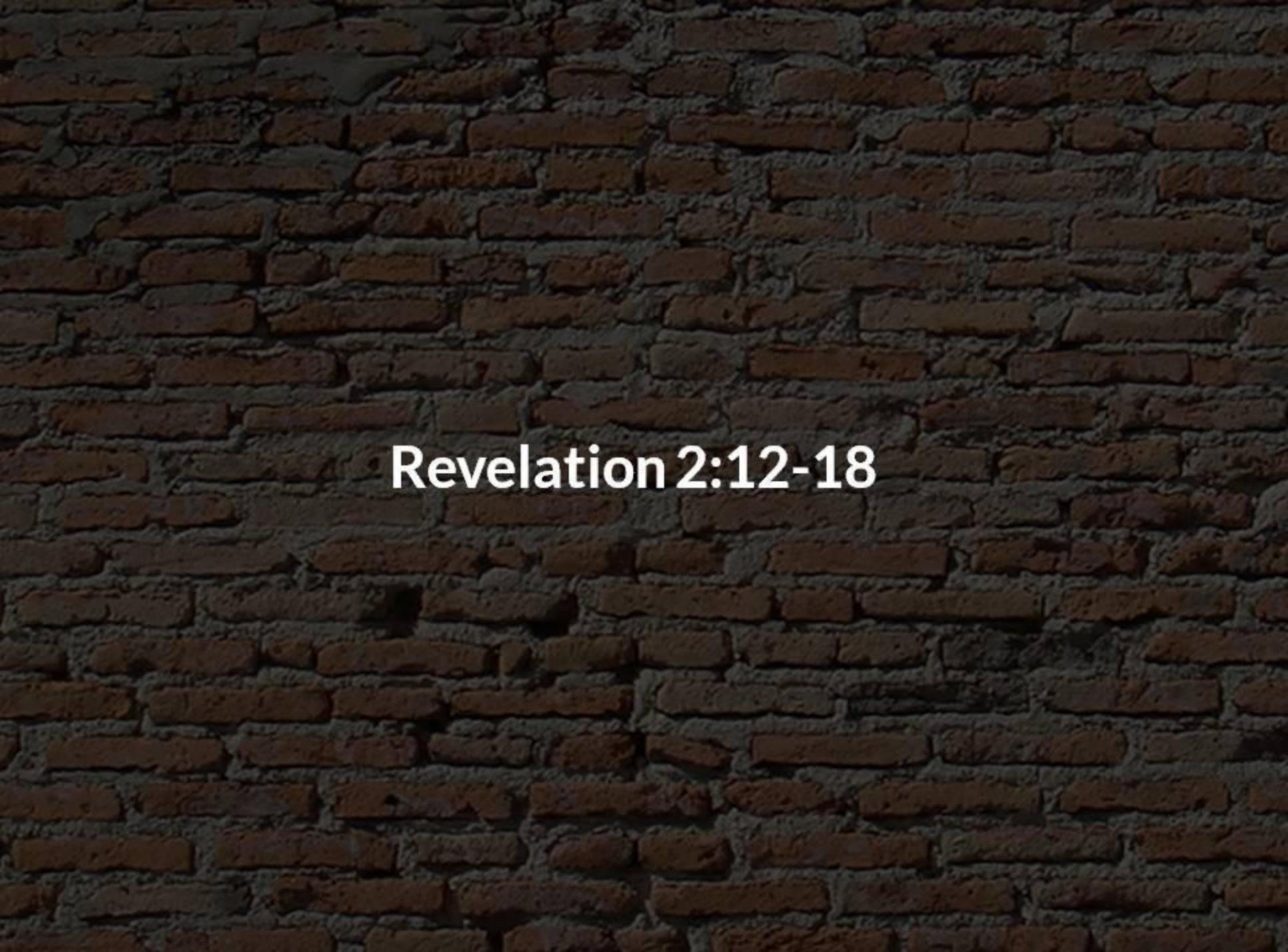




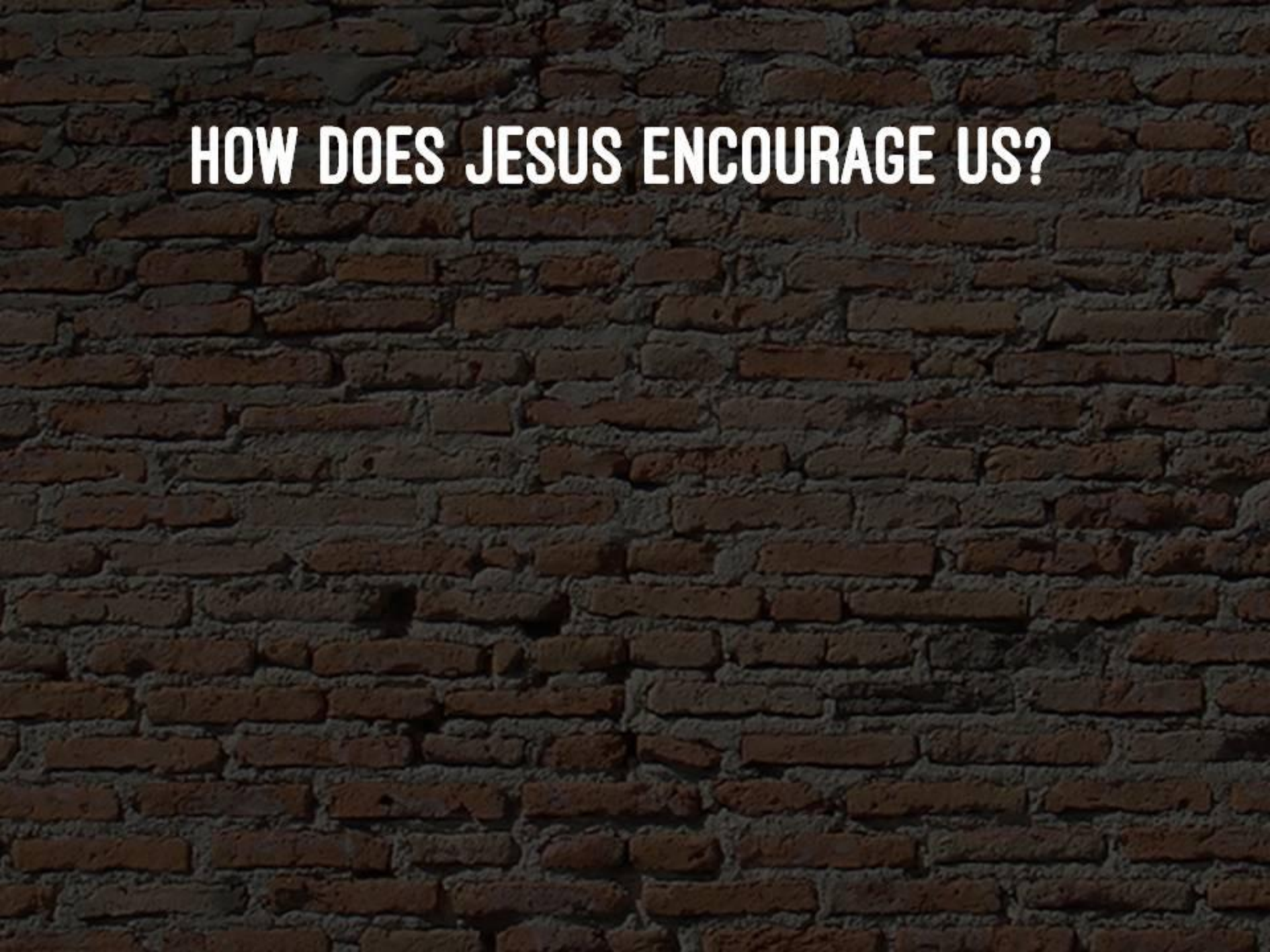
Nero
54-68 AD



Domitian
81-96 AD



Revelation 2:12-18

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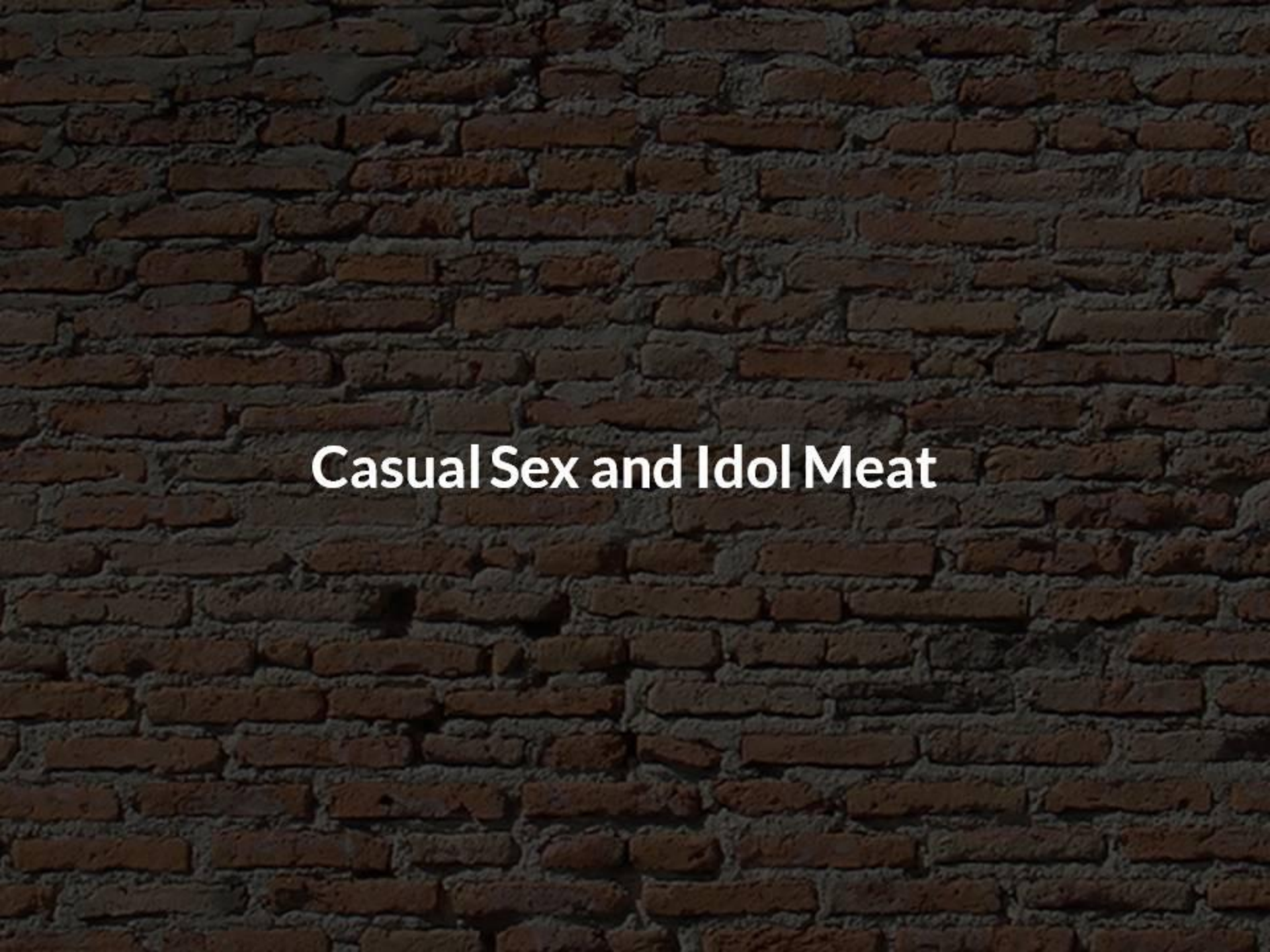
He knows where we live.

Nevertheless, I have a few things against you: There are some among you who hold to the teaching of Balaam, who taught Balak to entice the Israelites to sin so that they ate food sacrificed to idols and committed sexual immorality. Likewise, you also have those who hold to the teaching of the Nicolaitans.

Revelation 2:14-15

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Casual Sex and Idol Meat

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The church is not to be inclusive of all ideas, of all pre-suppositions, of all social and spiritual persuasions. All of us are welcome, but all of us are then called by the Head of the church to repent, to change our minds, to submit our thinking to the thinking of Jesus Christ.... Jesus is so intolerant of the false ideas influencing the church because any kind of falsehood makes for bondage. And thankfully he will not tolerate people being in bondage!

Darrell Johnson

I wrote you in my earlier letter that you shouldn't make yourselves at home among the sexually promiscuous. I didn't mean that you should have nothing at all to do with outsiders of that sort. Or with crooks, whether blue- or white-collar. Or with spiritual phonies, for that matter. You'd have to leave the world entirely to do that! But I am saying that you shouldn't act as if everything is just fine when a friend who claims to be a Christian is promiscuous or crooked, is flip with God or rude to friends, gets drunk or becomes greedy and predatory.

You can't just go along with this, treating it as acceptable behavior. I'm not responsible for what the outsiders do, but don't we have some responsibility for those within our community of believers? God decides on the outsiders, but we need to decide when our brothers and sisters are out of line and, if necessary, clean house.

1 Cor. 5:9-13 (Message)

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For the word of God is alive and active.
Sharper than any double-edged sword, it
penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit,
joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and
attitudes of the heart.

Hebrews 4:12

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4. Jesus is not just our friend, saviour and defender. He is our judge.

I saw heaven standing open and there before me was a white horse, whose rider is called Faithful and True. With justice he judges and makes war. His eyes are like blazing fire, and on his head are many crowns. He has a name written on him that no one knows but he himself. He is dressed in a robe dipped in blood, and his name is the Word of God.

The armies of heaven were following him, riding on white horses and dressed in fine linen, white and clean. Out of his mouth comes a sharp sword with which to strike down the nations. "He will rule them with an iron scepter." He treads the winepress of the fury of the wrath of God Almighty. On his robe and on his thigh he has this name written: KING OF KINGS AND LORD OF LORDS.

Revelation 19:11-16