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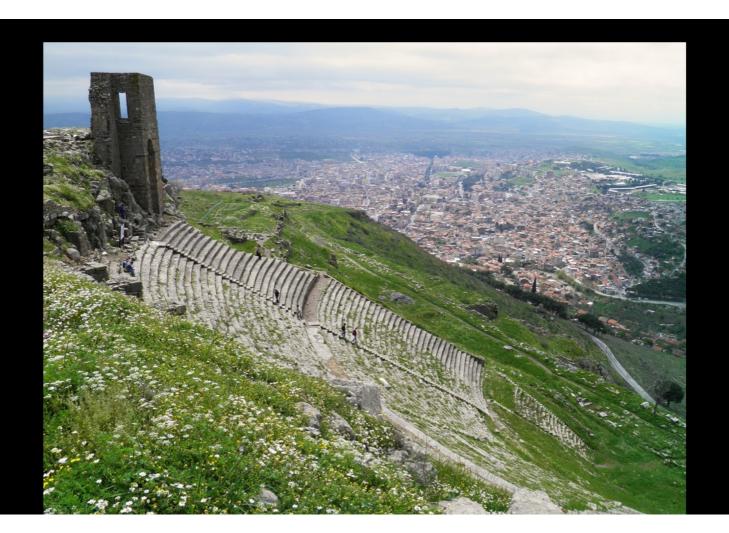




















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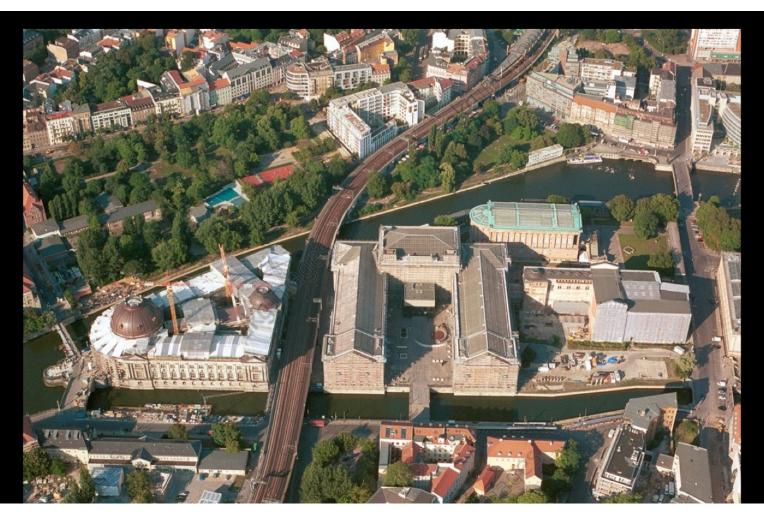










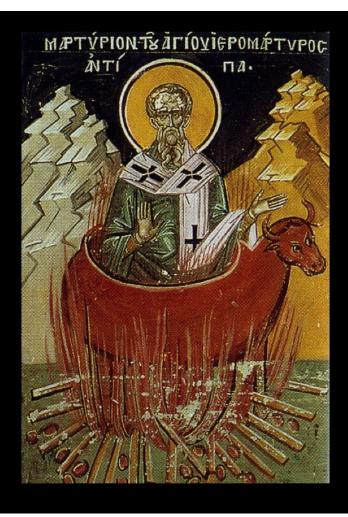




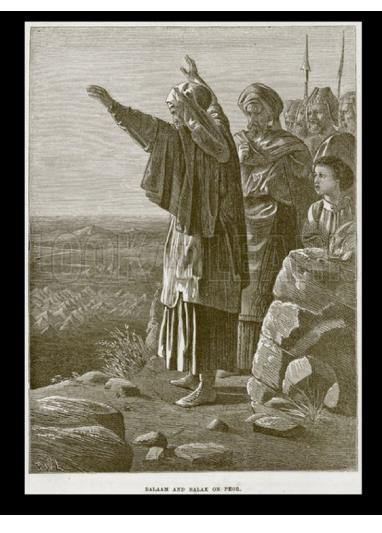


#### FOUR POINTS FOR PERGAMUM

1. You haven't caved!



## 2. But now your beliefs are at risk for your behavior



Balaam's correct: he'll get the Israelites to change their beliefs by changing their behavior

#### Nicolaitans:

"God is only concerned with your body, not your soul"

#### Lies we believe

- 1. God wants me to be happy
  - 2. Anyone can believe what anyone wants
    - 3. Choice is ultimate

#### 3. Repent!

"If a young man could look ahead and see what life would be like without the baggage of sexual sin - what marriage would be like if he had taken greater advantage of the grace of God - he would cry out to God to be stronger, and God would meet that cry. Whether you are single or married, it's not too late to cry out now. It's not too late to stop adding to the baggage. It's not too late to detox. In his mercy God will begin to purify you, and he will remove some of that baggage, perhaps nearly all of it."

-Tim Challies, Sexual Detox:
A Guide For Guys Who Are Sick of Porn

## 4. Find pleasure in a greater treasure

Will you be shaped by Christ, or by culture?





"To the one who conquers I will give some of the hidden manna, and I will give him a white stone, with a new name written on the stone"

"..with a new name written on the stone that no one knows except the one who receives it."

#### Isaiah 56:5

I will give in my house and within my walls a monument and a name better than sons and daughters
I will give them an everlasting name that shall not be cut off.

"My encouragement to you in this is to allow all the resources of God's grace to motivate you toward moral purity. Key among these are the Bible, prayer, and a reliance on God's grace and power for the exercise of self-control...

"Keep in the forefront of your mind that Jesus Christ had all your sexual sin loaded on him at the cross. He faced the just punishment for that sine and he faced the full fury of God's wrath for it; he faced the death your sin demands..."

"He now offers life, and he offers freedom - freedom from sin, freedom even from the desire to sin."

