

DANIEL – *UNSINKABLE.*
PRAYER THAT ASSAULTS UNSEEN FORCES

Daniel 10 - 11:2

HISTORICAL CONTEXT - CHAPTER 10

- A. Persia defeats Babylon – 539 BC
- B. People of Israel released from exile (1st year of King Cyrus of Persia):
 - 538 BC, 2 Chronicles 36:22-23; Ezra 1:1
- C. 3rd Year of Cyrus: 536 BC
 - Vision is after the exit of Israel.
 - Daniel remained in Babylon.
- D. Chap 10 – 12 is one vision.

1. 1ST SPIRITUAL TRUTH: OUR PRAYERS ARE OUR PART
IN RELEASING THE POWER OF GOD.

A. Cause/Effect relationship:

- Daniel prays – Angel sent.
 - Daniel 10:1, Word/vision revealed
 - Daniel 10:12-13, Angel arrives

- THE SAME CAUSE/EFFECT RELATIONSHIP OCCURRED 2X BEFORE.

A. Daniel 2:18-19 (Daniel and 3 friends pray)

B. Daniel 9:2; 20-23:

1. Prays, fasts, confesses sins.
2. Gabriel sent in response

- THE SAME CAUSE/EFFECT RELATIONSHIP IS PRESENT IN THE NT.

A. **Matt. 6:9-10** (Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as it is in heaven)

B. **Matt 7:7- 8**, (Ask and it will be given to you);

C. **Matt 9:37-38**, (pray for laborers for the harvest is plentiful)

- Illustration: train on tracks.

2. 2ND TRUTH: DEMONIC FORCES ARE REAL.

The purpose of prophecy in Daniel? Reveal God to be God.

A. Daniel 2, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12:

1. Babylon's/ Media-Persia (539 BC)
2. Media-Persia/ Greece (336 BC)
3. Greece/ to Rome (168 BC)
4. Eastern Roman Empire/ Islam 635 AD
5. Future kingdom never destroyed. Dan 2; 7- 9, 11, 12.

B. Ezekiel - “Then you will know that I am the Lord...”

- Ezekiel 7:4, 7:9, 20:38, 24:24, 25:5

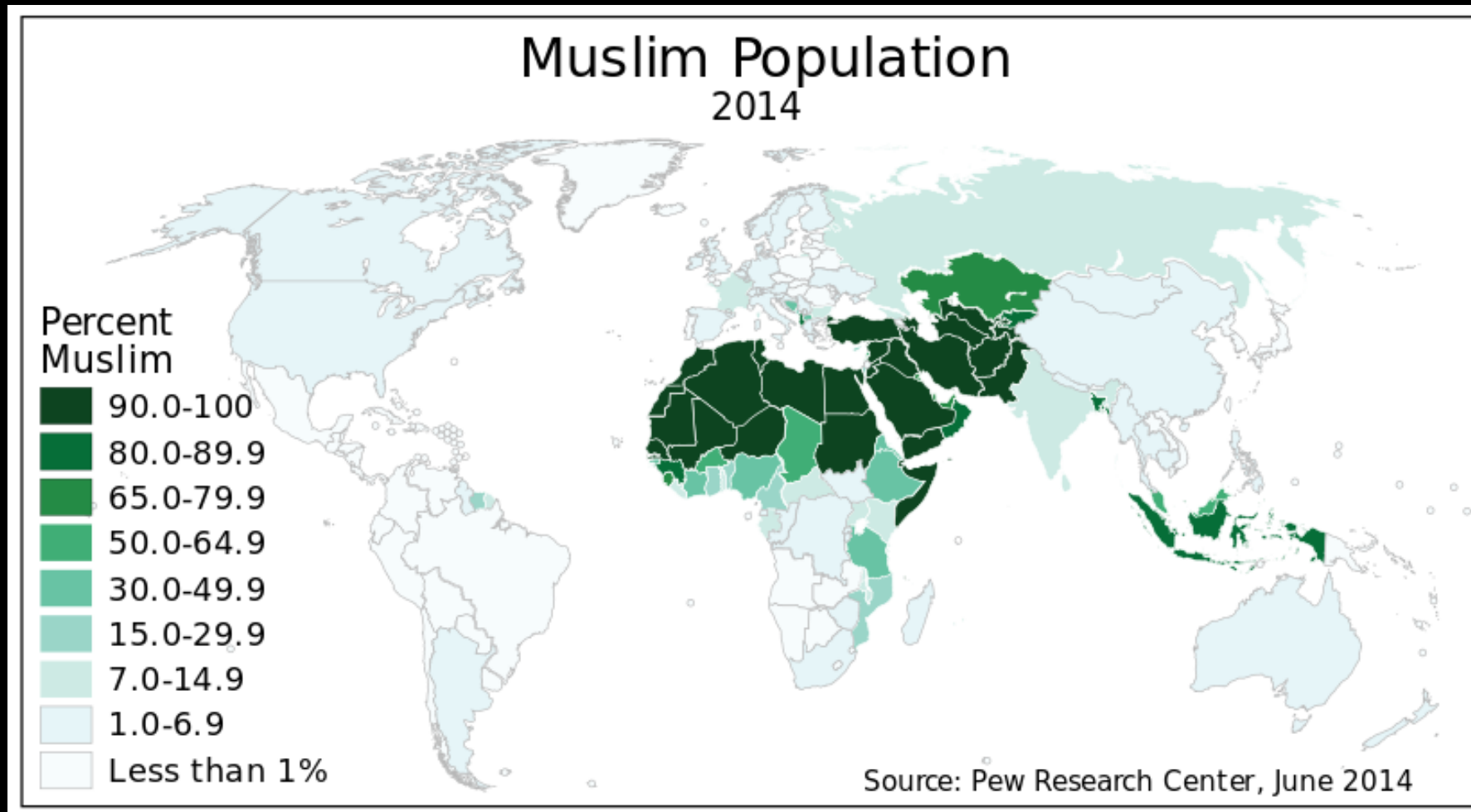
THE SPIRITUAL CONFLICT IS DESCRIBED IN TERRITORIAL LANGUAGE.

A. Persia, Greece

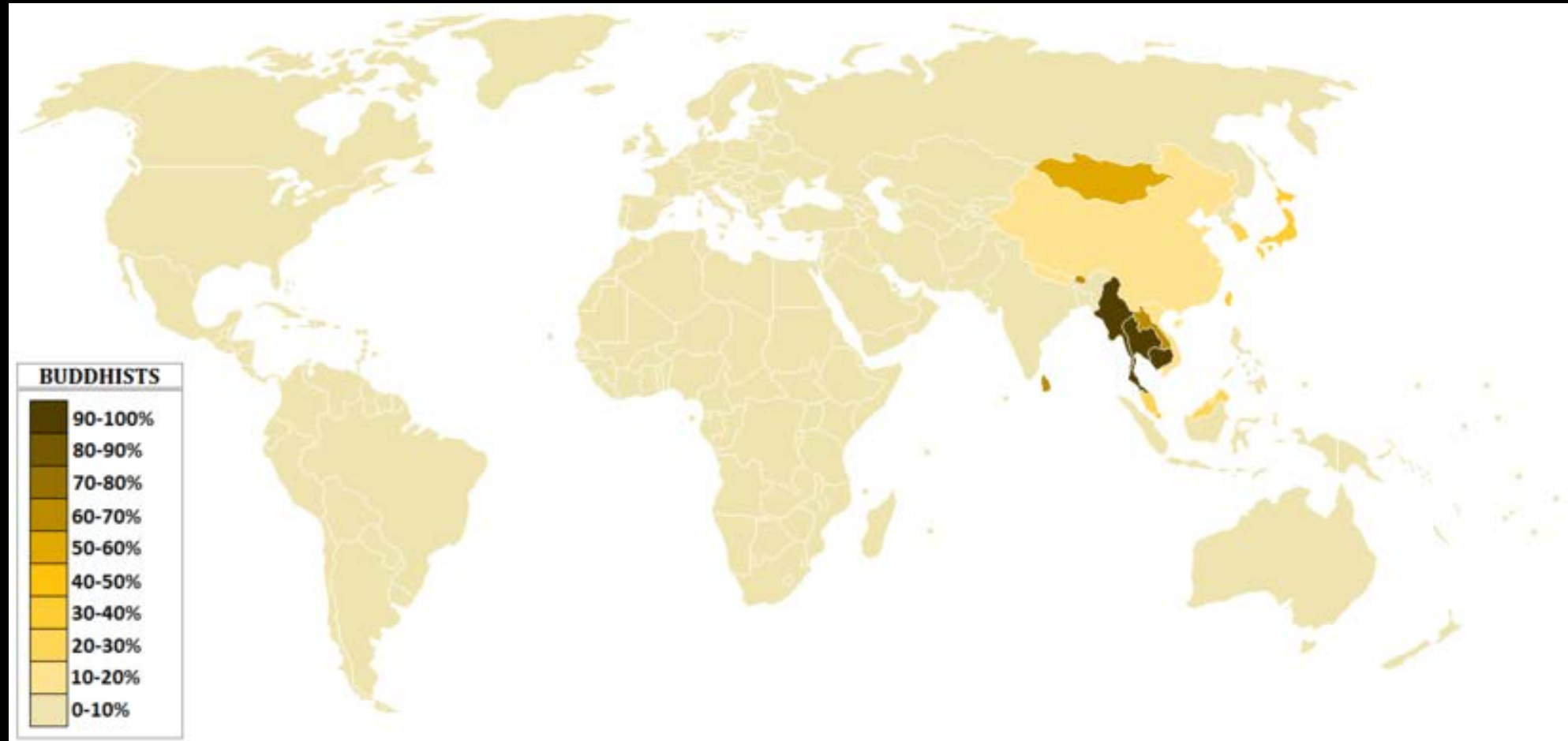
B. Consider these examples of territorial spirits:

1. Middle East, N Africa – Muslim (95%)
2. India – Hindu (80%)
3. Pakistan – Muslim (96%)
4. Indonesia – Muslim (97%)
5. Europe – none?
6. America – Christian?

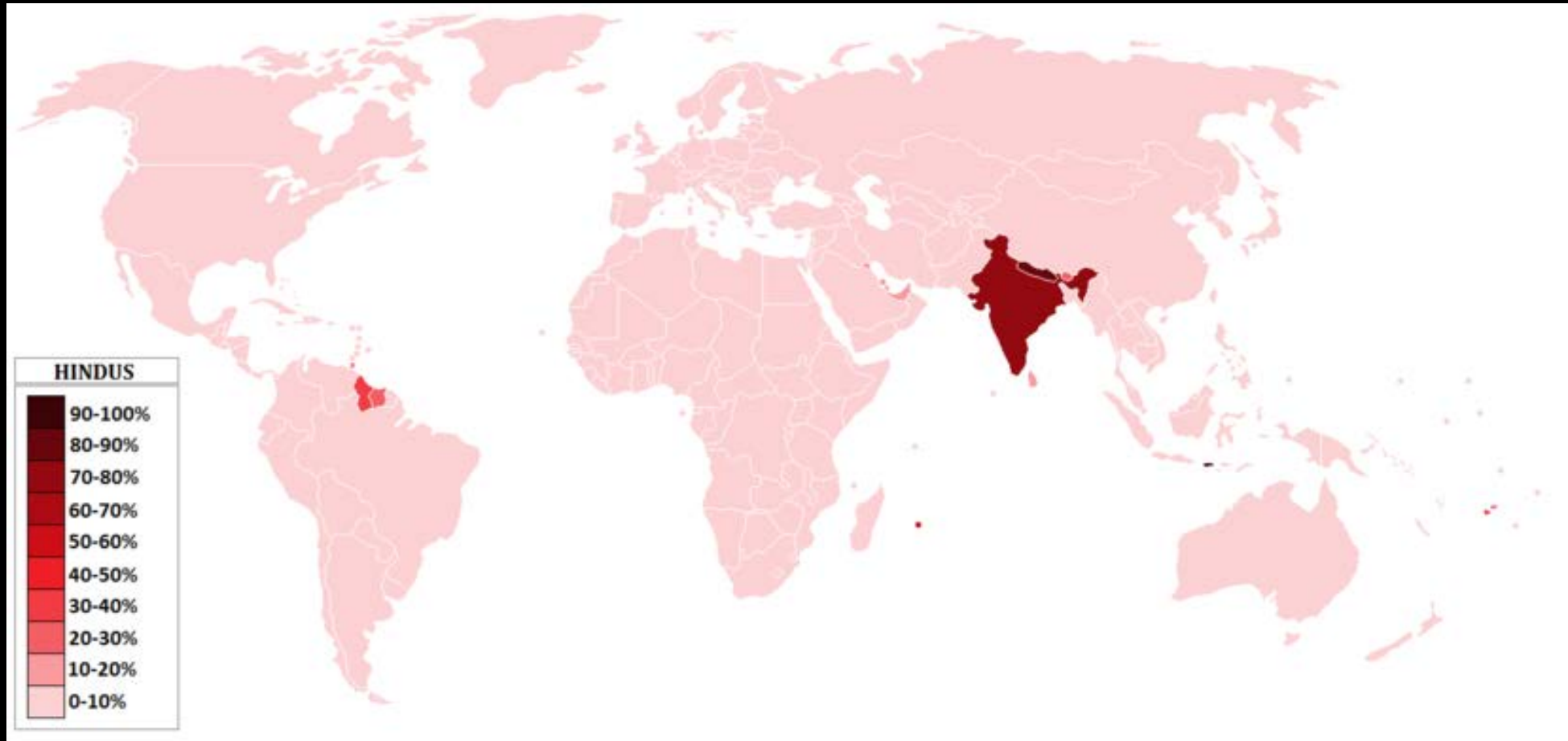
“PRINCE” OF MIDDLE EAST AND N AFRICA (MUSLIM)



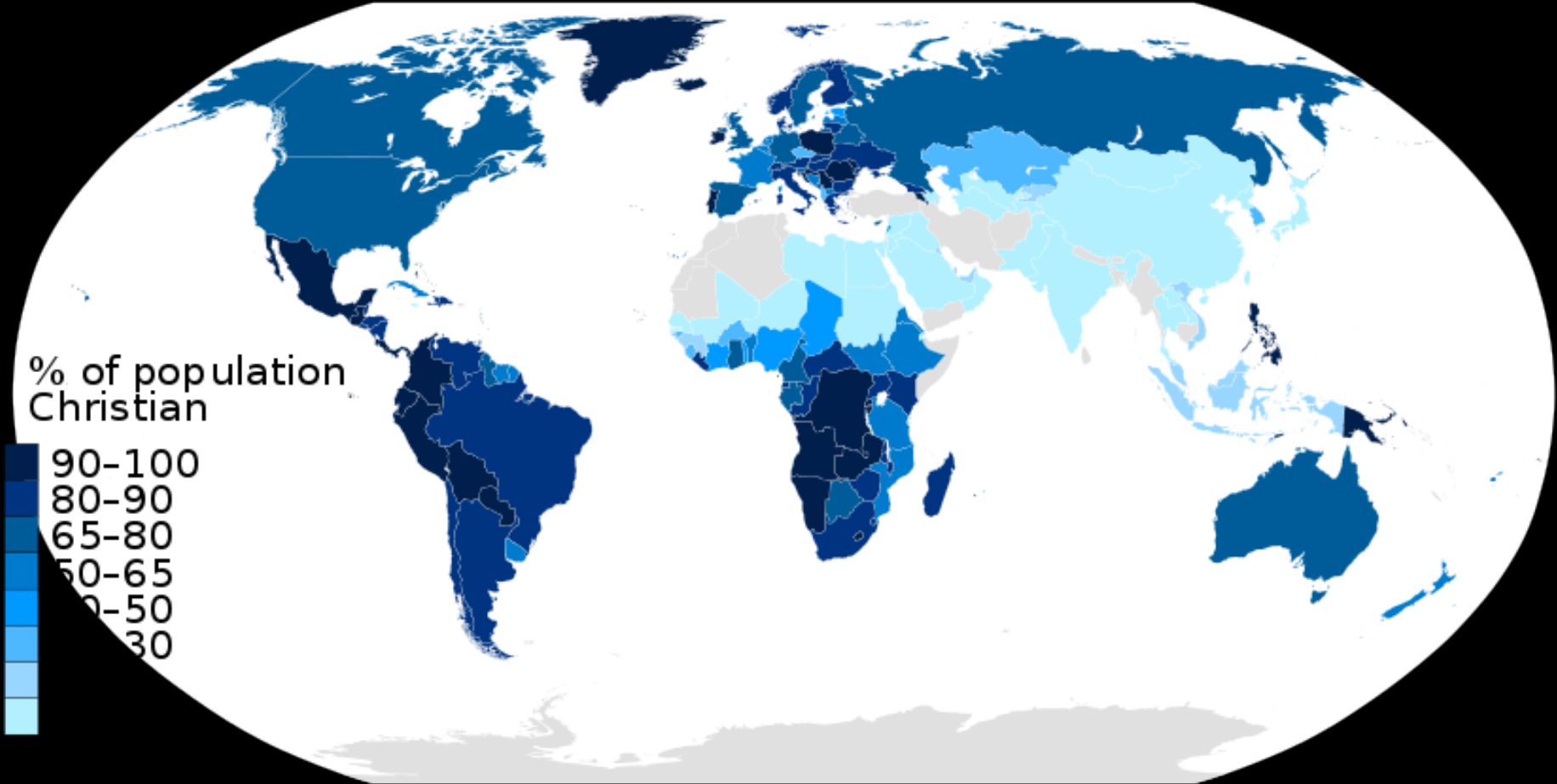
“PRINCE” OF CHINA, THAILAND, JAPAN (BUDDHIST)



“PRINCE” OF INDIA (HINDU)



KING OF KINGS (CHRISTIANITY)



NT INCLUDES THE SAME ADVERSARIAL SPIRITUAL FORCES.

- Eph 3:10 so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places.
- Eph. 6:12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (ESV)
- Col 1:16, 2:15

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- Eph 2:2 in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work in the sons of disobedience
- Act 26:18 to open their eyes, so that they may turn from darkness to light and from the power of Satan to God, that they may receive forgiveness of sins and a place among those who are sanctified by faith in me.

3. 3RD TRUTH: DEMONIC FORCES OPPOSE THE WILL OF GOD IN OUR LIVES.

A. First objective: Keep us from praying.

1. My prayers don't matter.
2. I never thought about it.
3. I can handle it myself.
4. God has too much going on.

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B. 2nd objective: create “slowdowns” to the will of God through spiritual opposition.

1. 10:12-13; “Prince” of Persia – 3 weeks.
2. 10:20; “Prince” of Persia again
3. 10:20; “Prince” of Greece

C. Keep us from acting.

4. 4TH TRUTH: WE MUST “ASSAULT” DEMONIC ADVERSARIES WITH SPIRITUAL WEAPONS.

A. Fasting –

1. Acknowledges need. Matt 6:16-18
2. Denial of self in favor of Christ.
3. Forces humility – breaks my pride.

B. Prayer - waiting; listening; persevering.

1. 21 day delay.

C. Submission to God – James 4:7

Eph. 6:11-12 Put on the whole armor of God, that you may be able to stand against the schemes of the devil. 12 For we do not wrestle against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers over this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. (ESV)

- Jas. 4:7 Submit yourselves therefore to God.
Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. (ESV)

NEXT STEPS

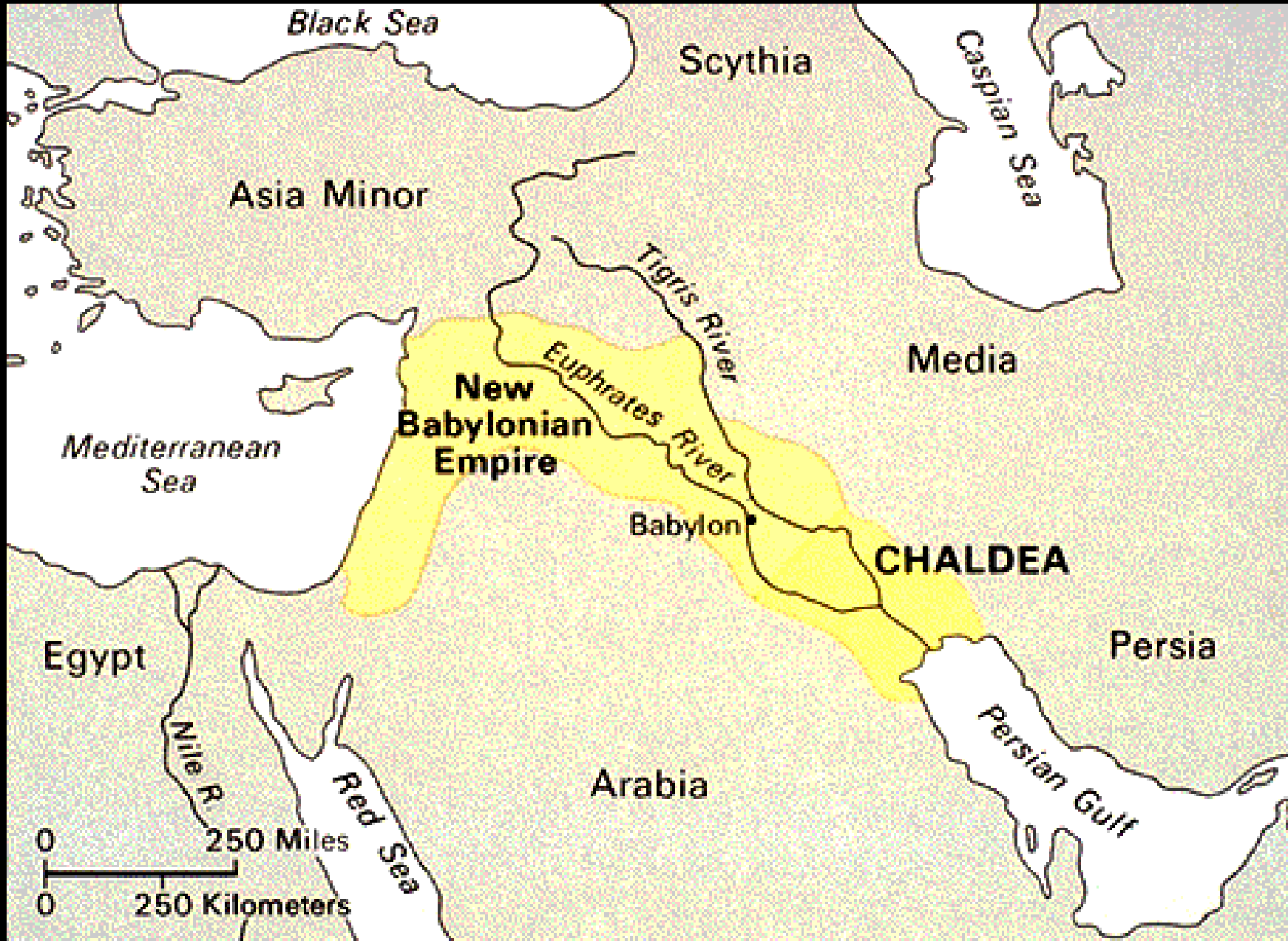
1. How can you “stretch” yourself in your prayer life?
 - A. Are you praying?
 - B. Are you fasting for major events in your life?
2. What are you praying about?
 - A. The big, the little in your life.
 - B. Your nation and its leaders.
 - C. Your church and its leaders.

NEXT STEPS

3. Start a prayer journal to record what God is doing in response to your prayers.
 1. How long does it take?
4. Add a prayer partner to your prayer requests.

Spiritual truth

- 1 Our prayers are our part in releasing the power of God.
- 2 Demonic forces are real.
- 3 Demonic forces oppose the will of God in our lives.
- 4 We must “assault” demonic forces with spiritual weapons.



EXAMPLES OF SATAN'S WORKS IN SCRIPTURE

- A. Satan tempts David to “number Israel.” 1 Chron 21:1
- B. Satan accuses Joshua. Zec 3:1-2
- C. Satan tempts Jesus through Peter: Matt 16:22-23
- D. Satan tempts Jesus in wilderness: Matt 4
- E. Satan hinders Paul in ministry: 1 Thess 2:18
- F. Satan tempts husband/wife. 1 Cor 7:5

The Life of Daniel (620 BC - 535 BC)

Adapted from Faithlife Bible Study Infographics

(All dates are approximate)

