

Living the Agape Life



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Are We Living in End Times?

Scripture Passages for Today's Lesson

Matthew 24 (&25)

Mark 13:3-36

Luke 21:5-36



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- I. General Passages
- II. Olivet Discourse Background
- III. Signs of the Times before the End of Time
- IV. Our Response



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General descriptions of End Times

1 Timothy 4:1-3

2 Timothy 3:1-5

2 Peter 3:3-4

Matthew 24:38-41



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The Olivet Discourse

Matthew 24-25, Mark 13, Luke 21

Given by Jesus on the Mount of Olives
to Peter, James, John, and Andrew.
It was in response to their question,
“When will these things be?”



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Signs of the End of the Age

Deception & False Teachers

Wars and Rumors of War

International Conflict

Earthquakes

Famine

Pestilence (Disease)

Gospel Preached to the World

Lawlessness

Christians Hated & Persecuted



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Deception & False Teachers

Mt. 24:4-5; Mk 13:5-6; Lk. 21:8



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New Apostolic Reformation

Easy Believism

(Words speak louder than actions.)

Legalism

(Actions speak louder than Jesus.)

Prosperity Gospel

(God is the Ultimate Vending Machine.)



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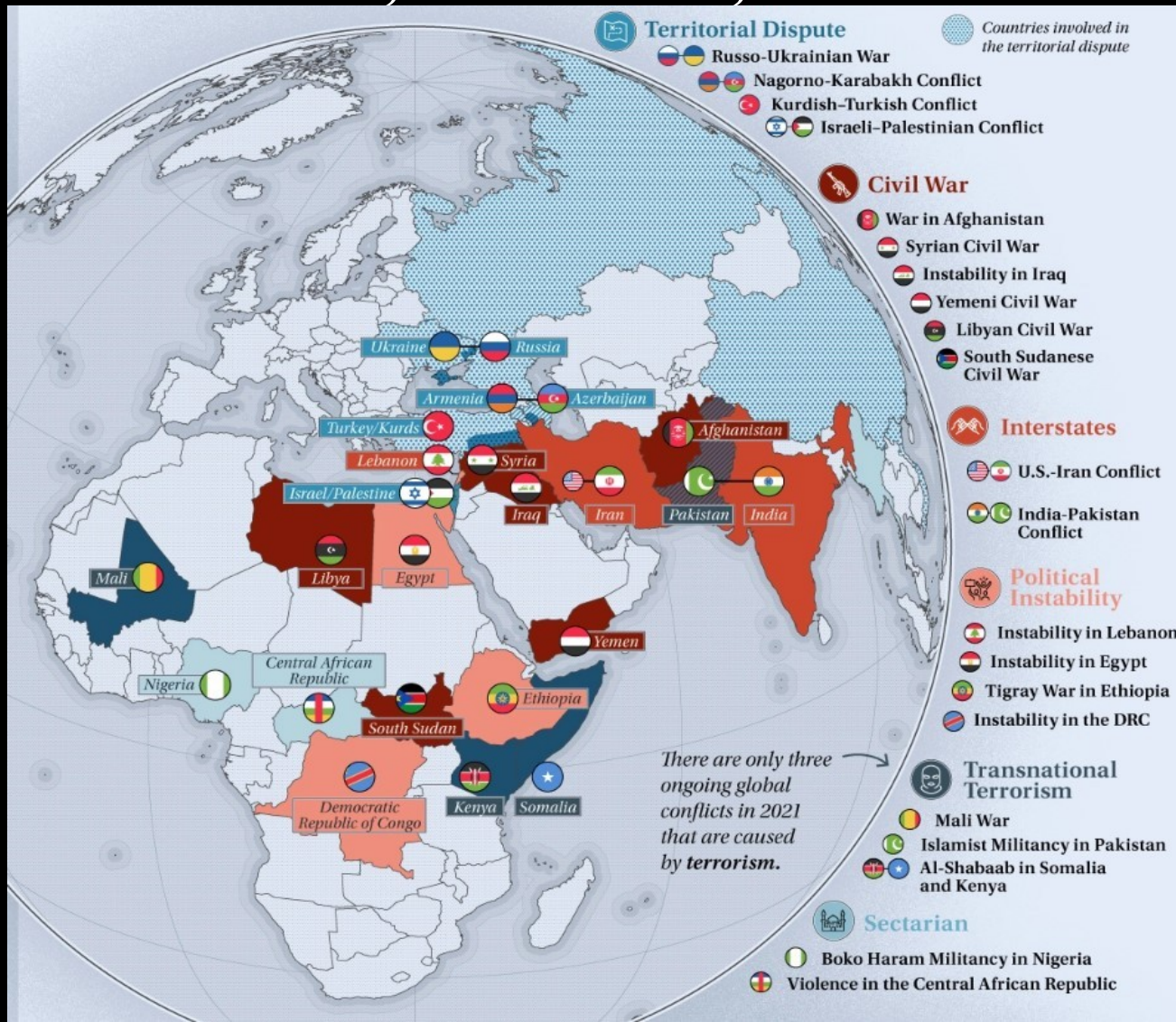
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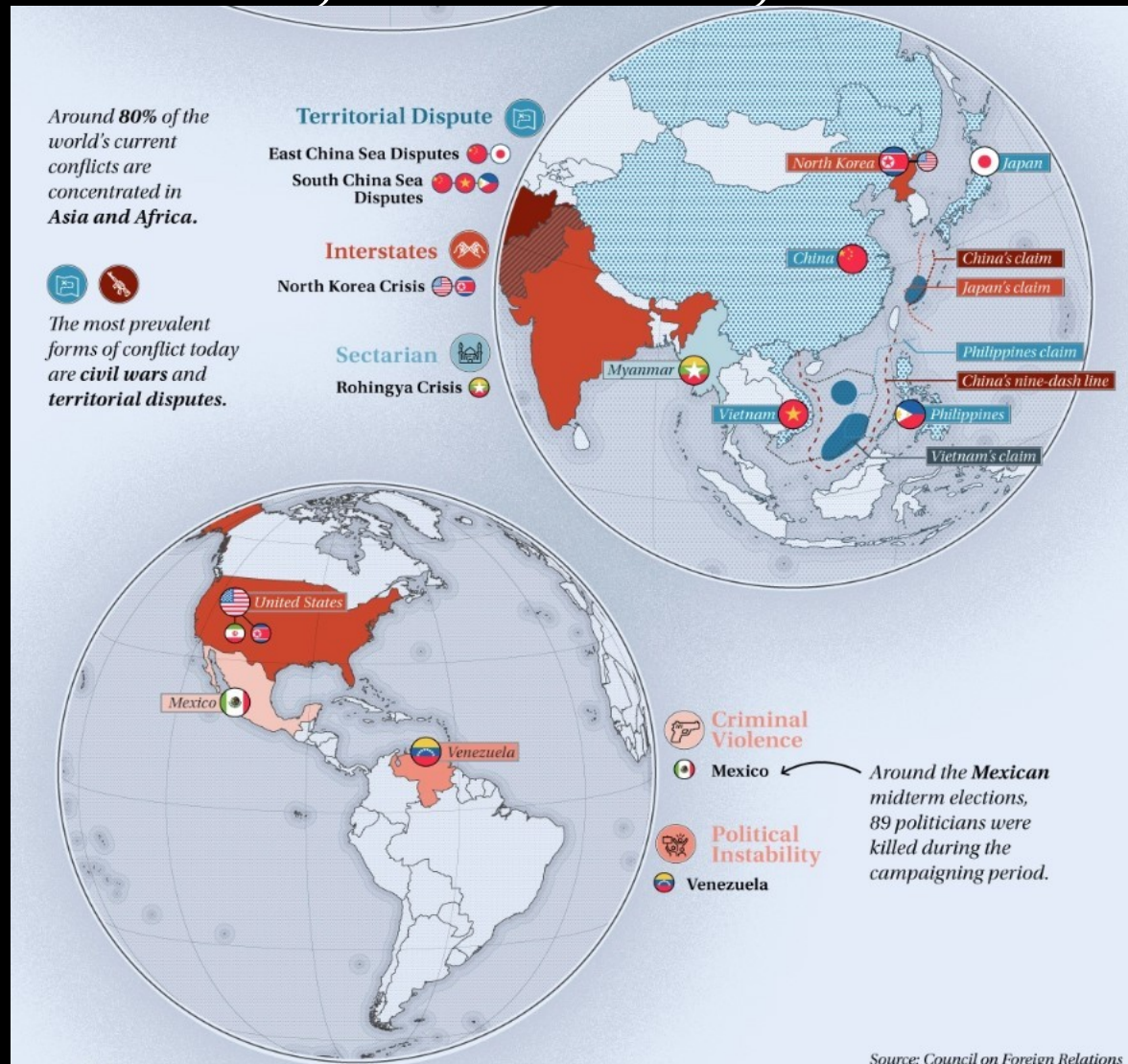
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Earthquakes

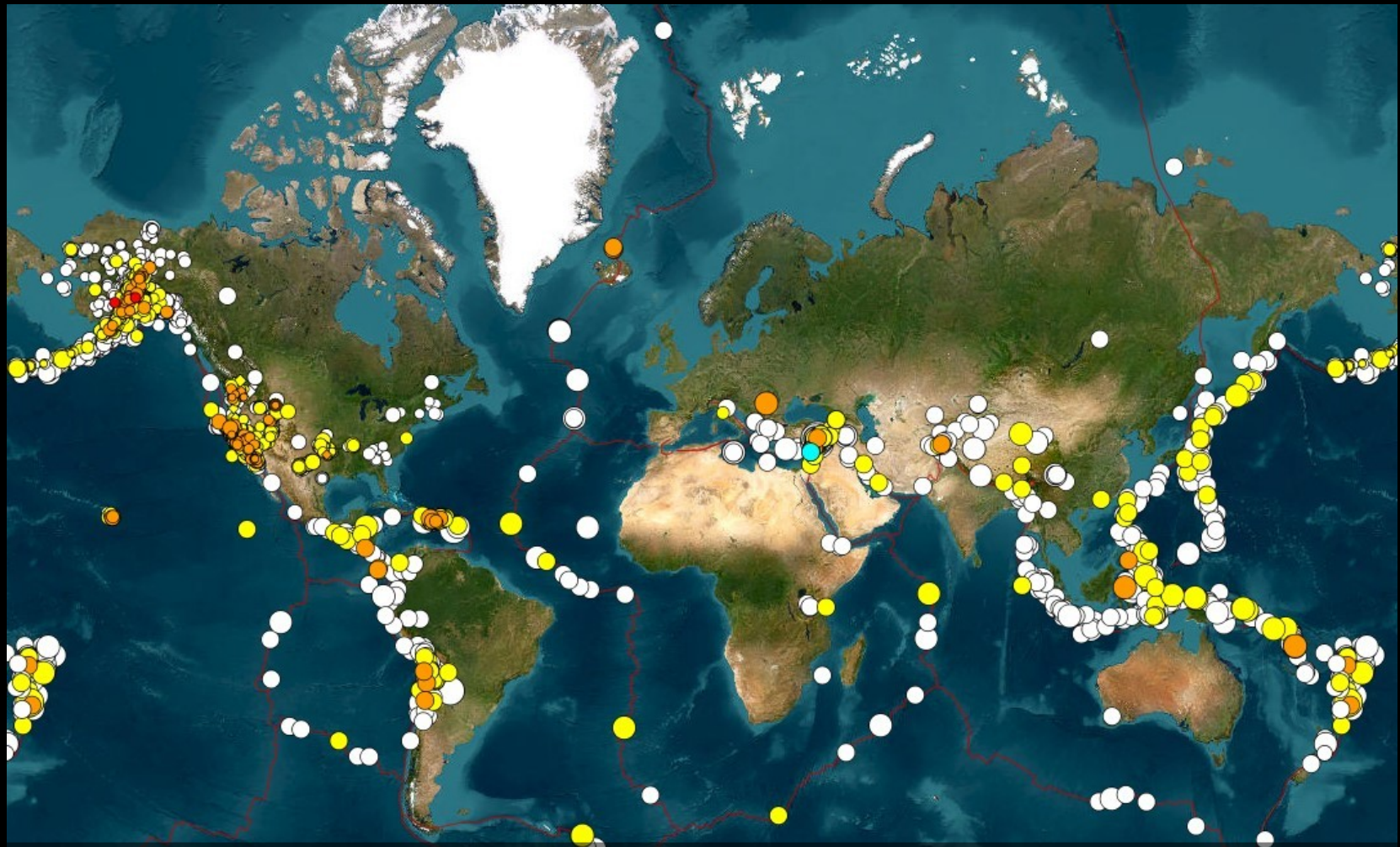
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10,160 Earthquakes in the last 30 days



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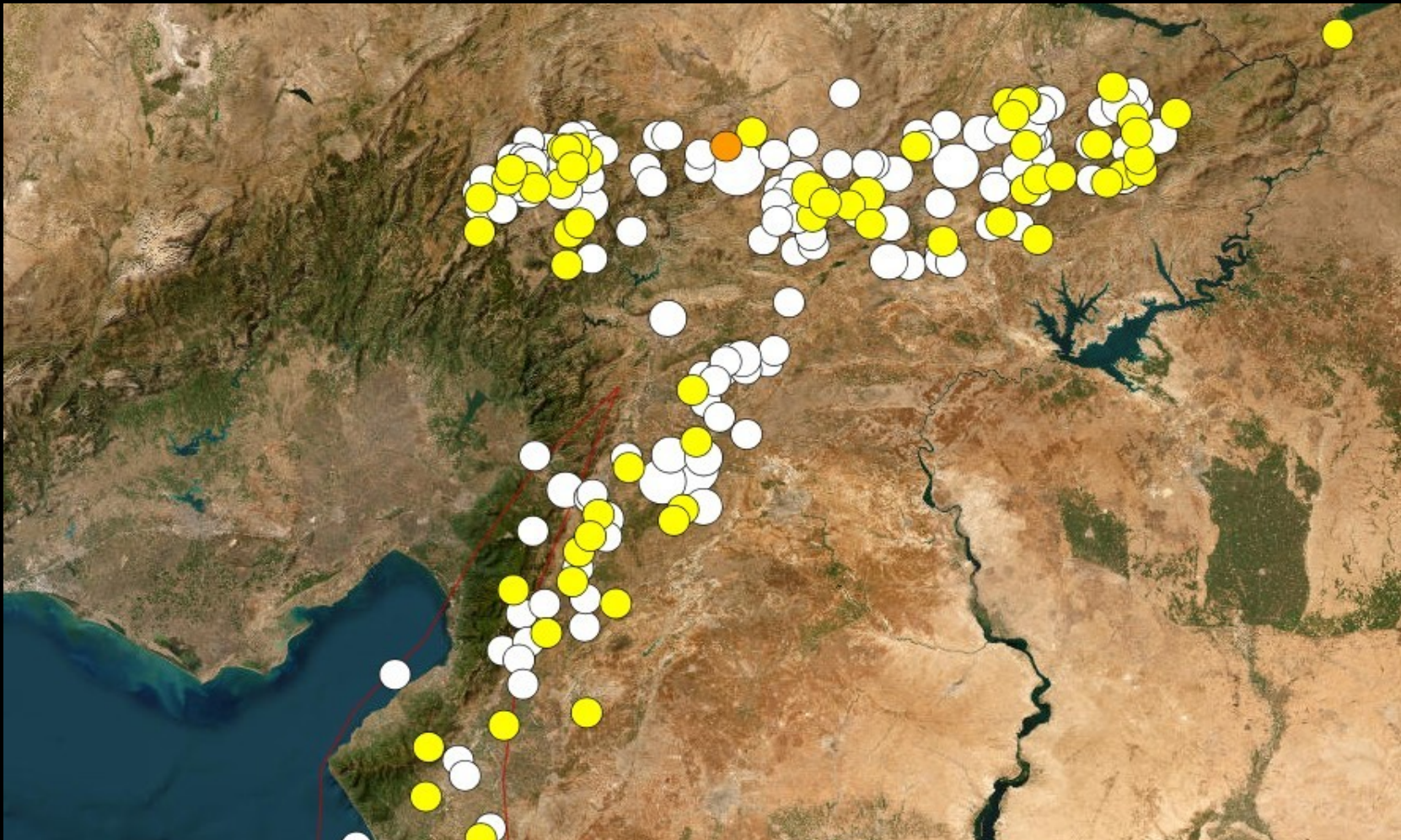
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Turkey & Syria in the last 30 days

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Famine

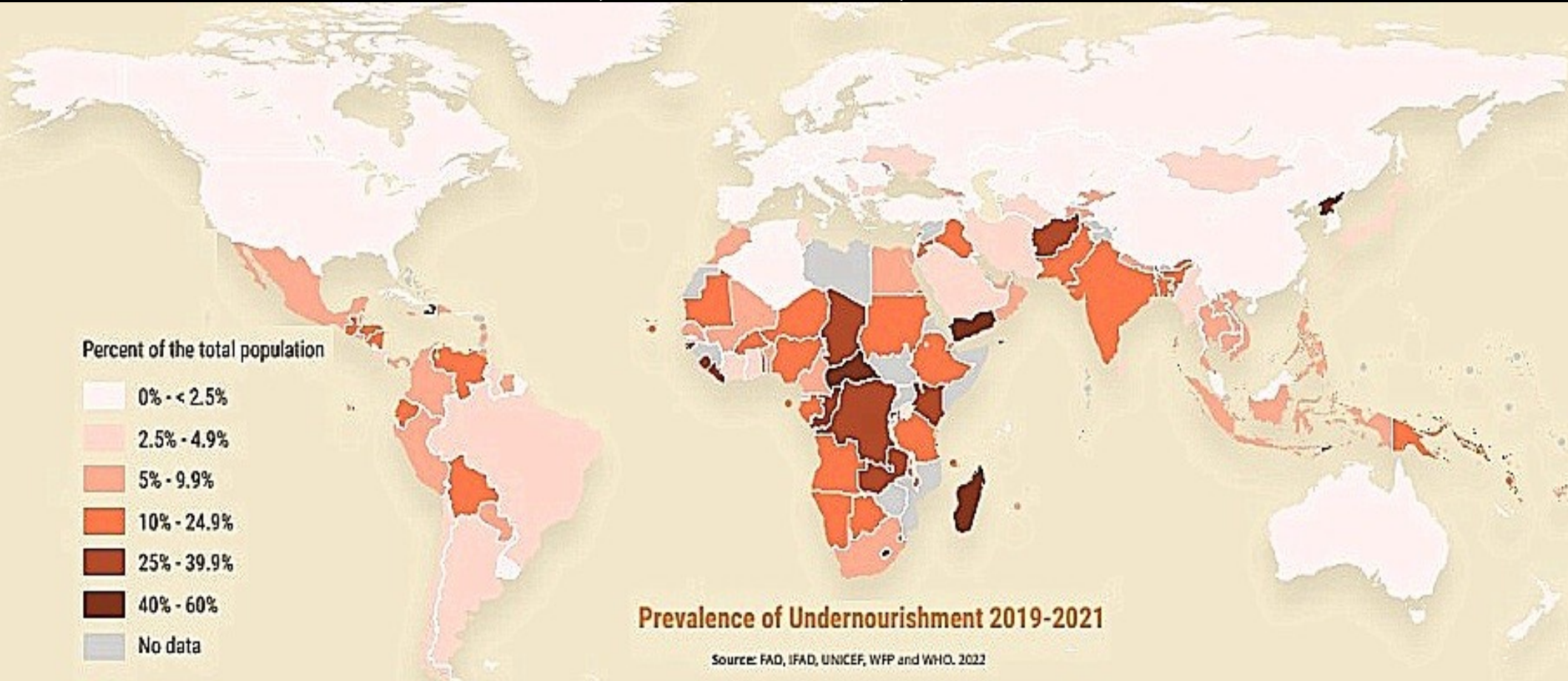
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Pestilence

Lk. 21:11

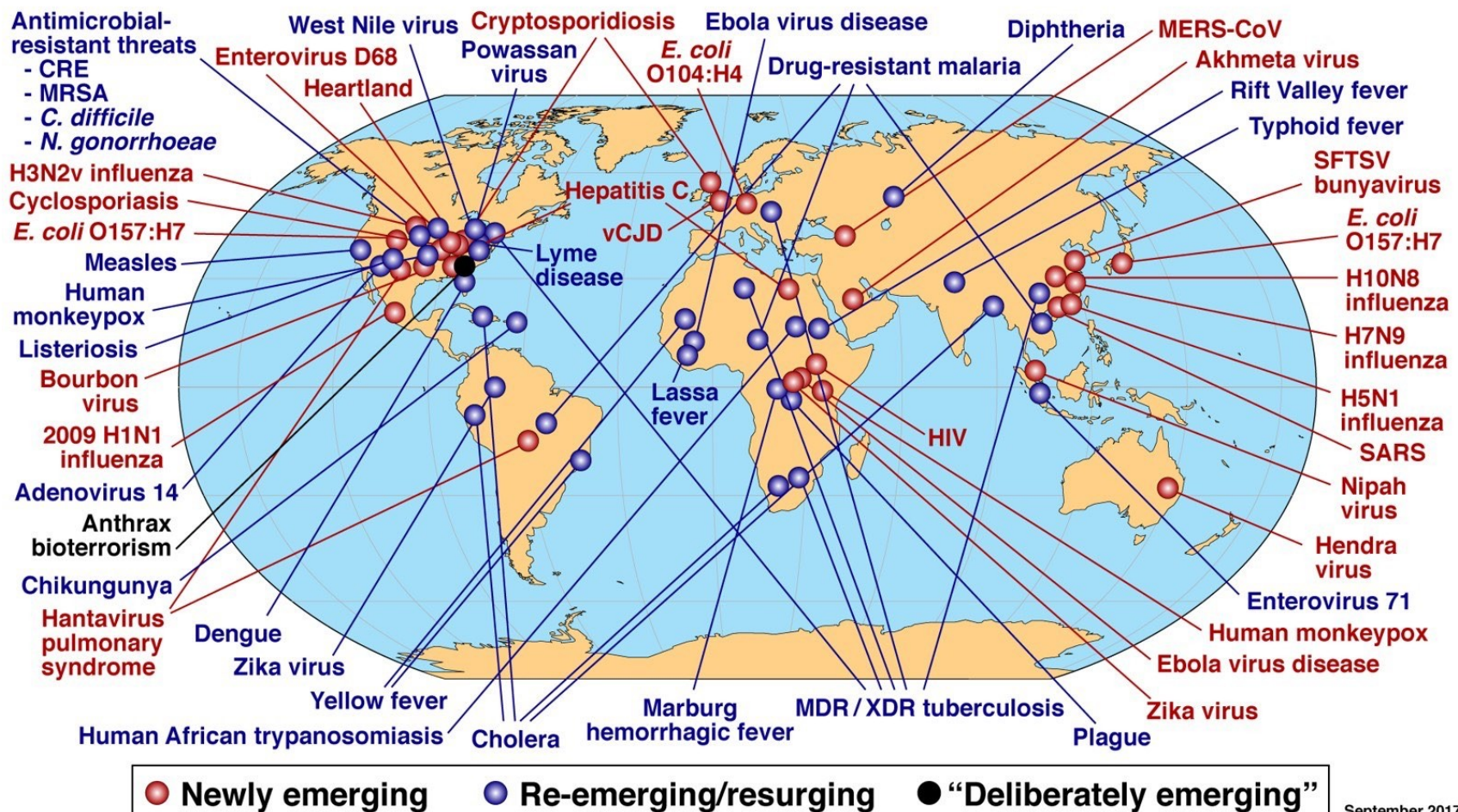


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Pestilence

Lk. 21:11

Global Examples of Emerging and Re-Emerging Infectious Diseases



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Gospel Preached to the World

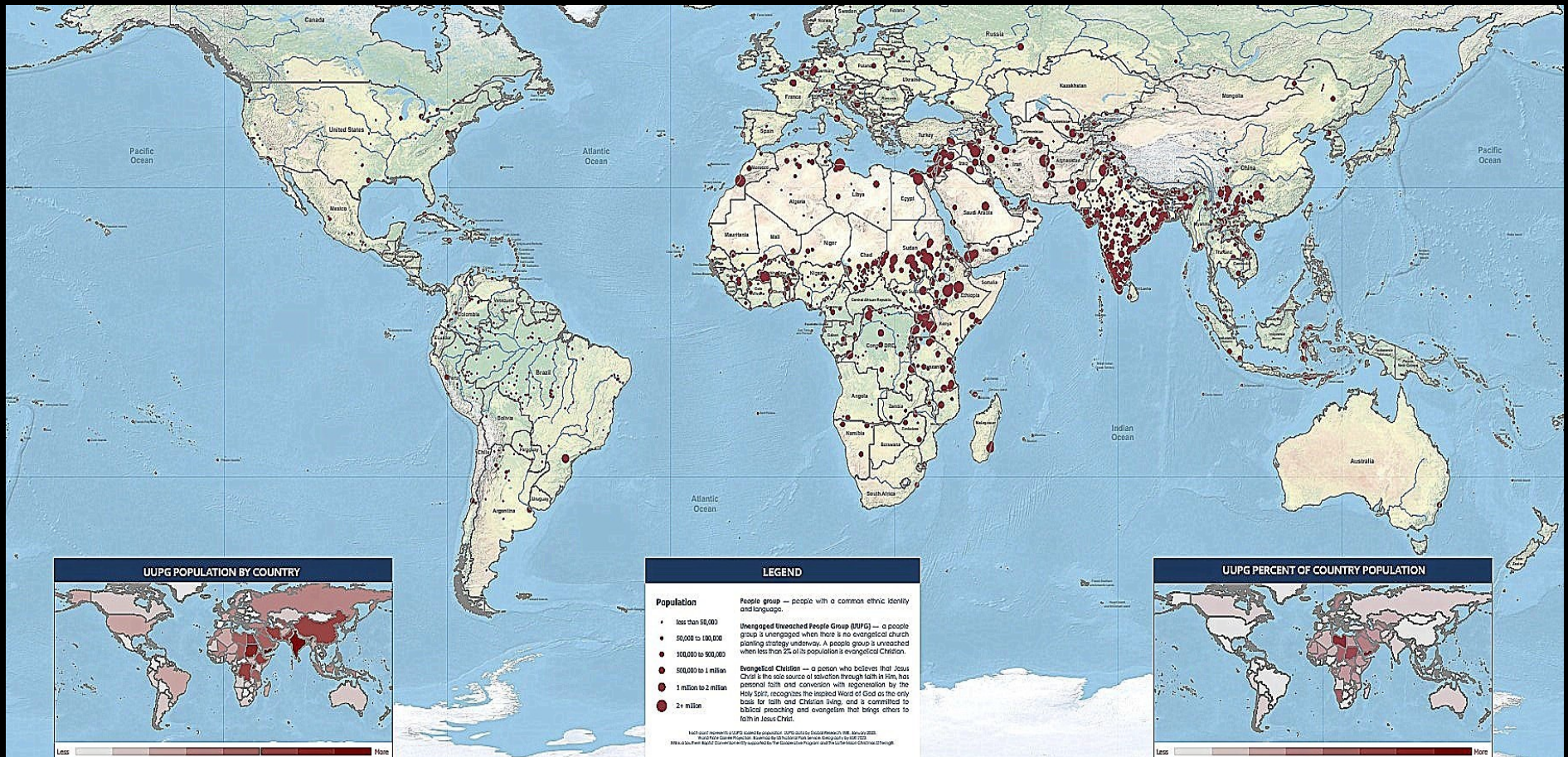
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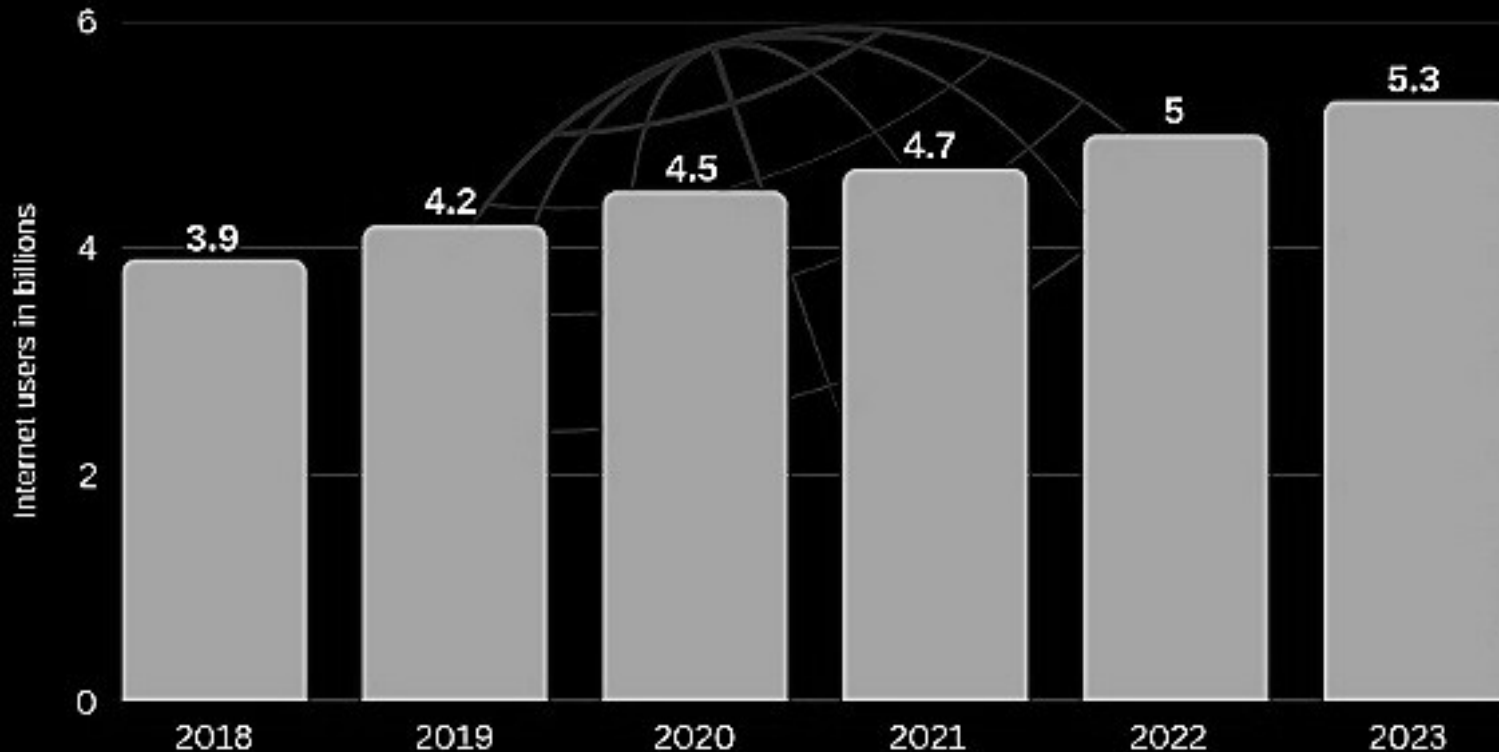


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Mk: 13:10

Total Internet Users Worldwide 2023



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6.23 billion active cell phone subscriptions

Google - over 3.5 billion searches per day

333.2 billion emails sent per day

From 2000 to 2023 internet usage rose 1,355%

Middle East usage rose 6,242% at same time



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Christians Hated and Persecuted

Mk: 13:11-13; Lk. 21:12, 16-19



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**5,621 Christians were killed for their faith in 2022,
80% more than 5 years ago.**

**Over 360 million Christians suffer high levels
of persecution around the world.**



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**So Are We Living
in the
End Times?**



Are We Living in End Times?

How should we live either way?



Are We Living in End Times?

How should we live either way?

1. Recognize the signs.

The Fig Tree

Mt. 24:32-35;

Mk. 13:28-31;

Lk. 21:29-33



Are We Living in End Times?

How should we live either way?

**2. Recognize that Jesus could
come at any time.**

Mt. 24:36-41

Mk. 13:32-34

Lk. 21:34



Are We Living in End Times?

How should we live either way?

3. Keep watch, be alert, & pray!

Mt. 24:42

Mk. 13:35-37

Lk. 21:36

Also - 1 Thessalonians 5:1-6



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How should we live either way?

4. Keep working for the Lord.

Mt. 24:46

Mk. 13:36

Lk. 21:34

Also – 2 Peter 3:11-14



NEXT WEEK!

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**How Do We Live
as Christians in
a Pagan World?**

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What Happens When We Die
What Is Salvation?
Are We Living in the End Times?
How Do We Live As Christians in a Pagan World?
How Should We Pray?

1 Thessalonians 4
John 3
Matthew 24 & 25
John 15 & 17
Matthew 6

