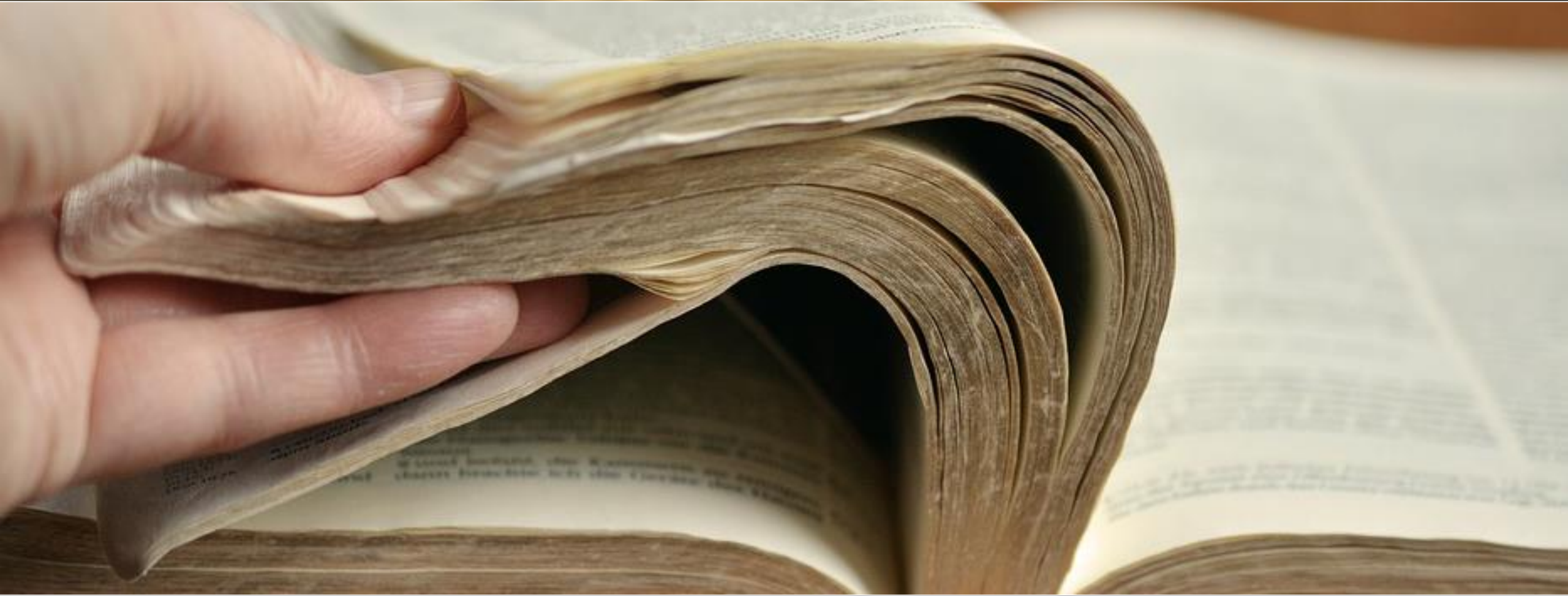


Hidden in My Heart



Christianity in China



All we know
how to do is
pray.



**Your word I have hidden in my
heart, that I might not sin against
You.**

Psalm 119:11



NORTH KOREA: The only thing that North Koreans are permitted to worship is the nation's leader, Kim Jong-un. Bibles are banned and those found in possession of one face imprisonment, torture and even death – as do up to three generations of their family.

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SOMALIA: Christians residing in Somalia face constant persecution from radical Islamists and government officials. The prevalence of the Islamic extremist group, al-Shabaab means that believers often practice their faith in extreme secrecy and cannot own Bibles.

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MALDIVES: A Bible can get you into trouble in this paradise. Under the country's strict Islamic laws, importing a Bible is forbidden. There is currently no complete translation of the Bible into Dhivehi, the official language of the tropical nation.

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MOROCCO: It's against the law to carry a Bible translated into Arabic in Morocco. Reports of overt Christian persecution are few but Christian children are not given a religious education.

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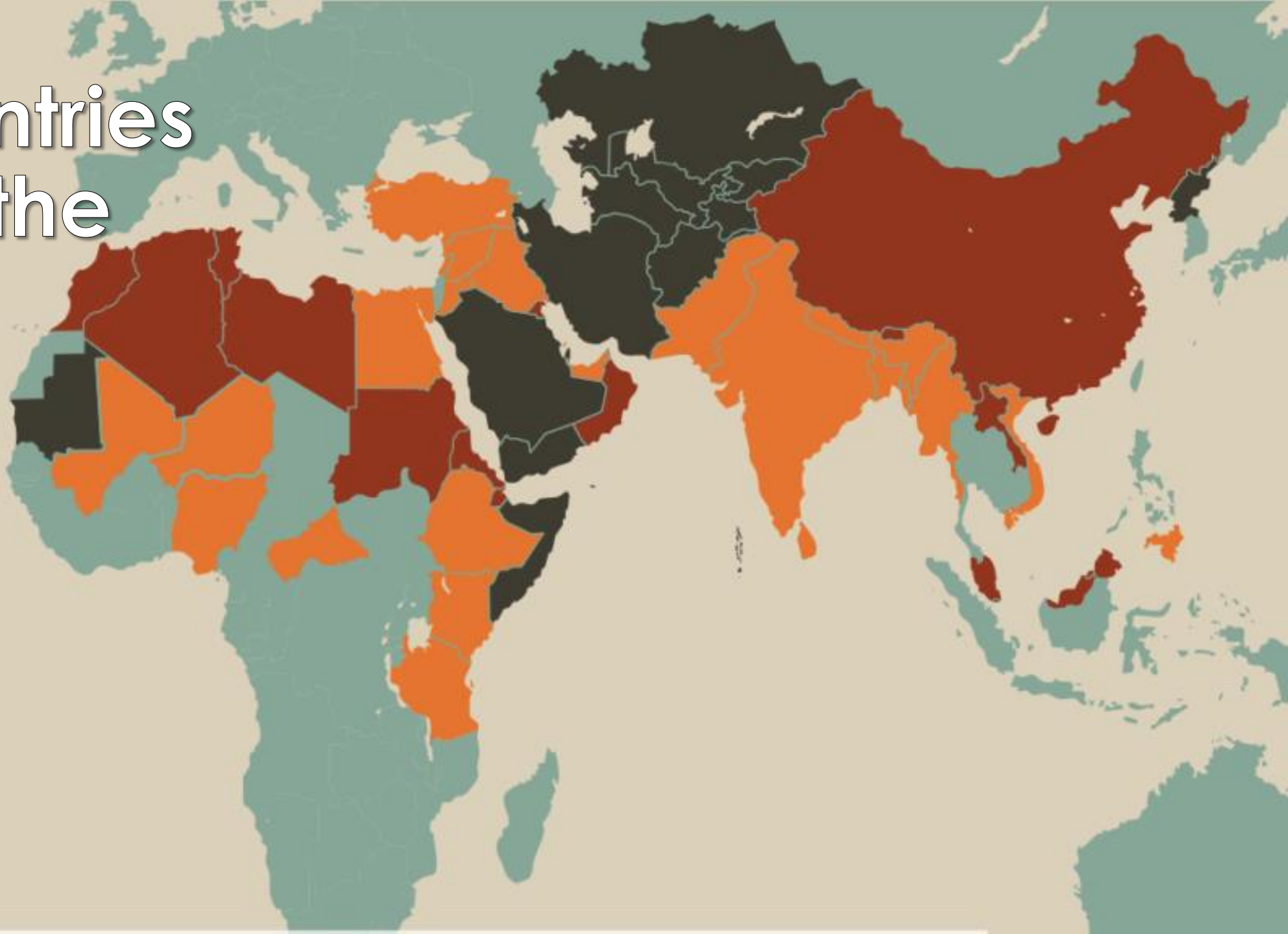
LIBYA: Like Morocco, Libya has laws against bringing Bibles in the Arabic language into the country. The distribution of Bibles and evangelism is illegal.

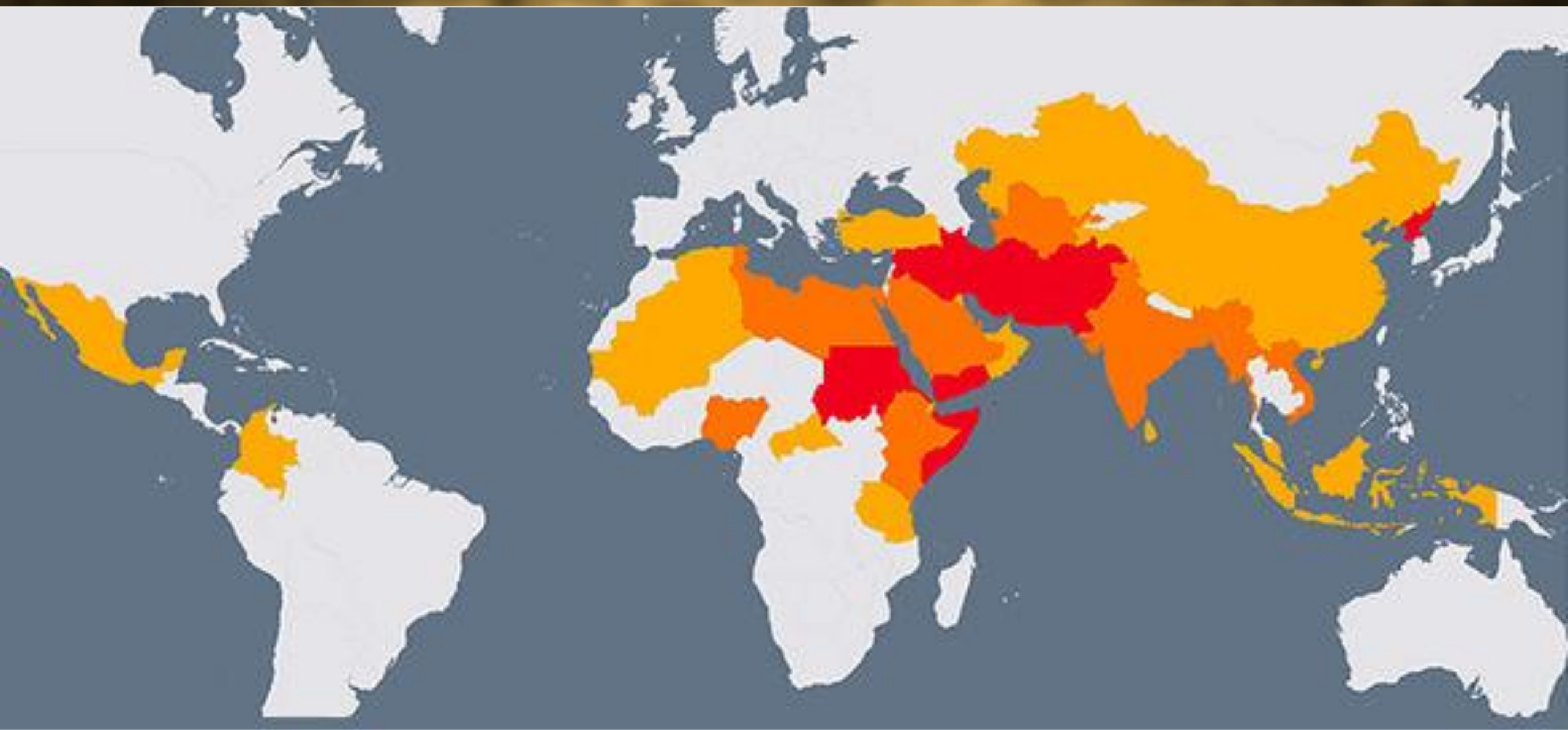
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UZBEKISTAN: In this Central Asian dictatorship, high penalties are imposed on those who own Bibles. Authorities are known to detain Christians found in possession of the holy book for "keeping and storing extremist materials with the purpose of further distribution."

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52 countries
where the
Bible is
illegal





Levels of persecution: ■ Extreme ■ Very High ■ High

1	North Korea	18	Kenya	35	Tajikistan
2	Somalia	19	Turkmenistan	36	Algeria
3	Afghanistan	20	Qatar	37	Turkey
4	Pakistan	21	Egypt	38	Kuwait
5	Sudan	22	Ethiopia	39	China
6	Syria	23	Palestinian Territories	40	Djibouti
7	Iraq	24	Laos	41	Mexico
8	Iran	25	Brunei	42	Comoros
9	Yemen	26	Bangladesh	43	Kazakhstan
10	Eritrea	27	Jordan	44	United Arab Emirates
11	Libya	28	Myanmar	45	Sri Lanka
12	Nigeria	29	Tunisia	46	Indonesia
13	Maldives	30	Bhutan	47	Mauritania
14	Saudi Arabia	31	Malaysia	48	Bahrain
15	India	32	Mali	49	Oman
16	Uzbekistan	33	Tanzania	50	Colombia
17	Vietnam	34	Central African Republic		

In April of 2016 the Bible was added to the list of the top 10 most challenged books, alongside Fifty Shades of Grey, by the American Library Association.

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Behold the
Savior

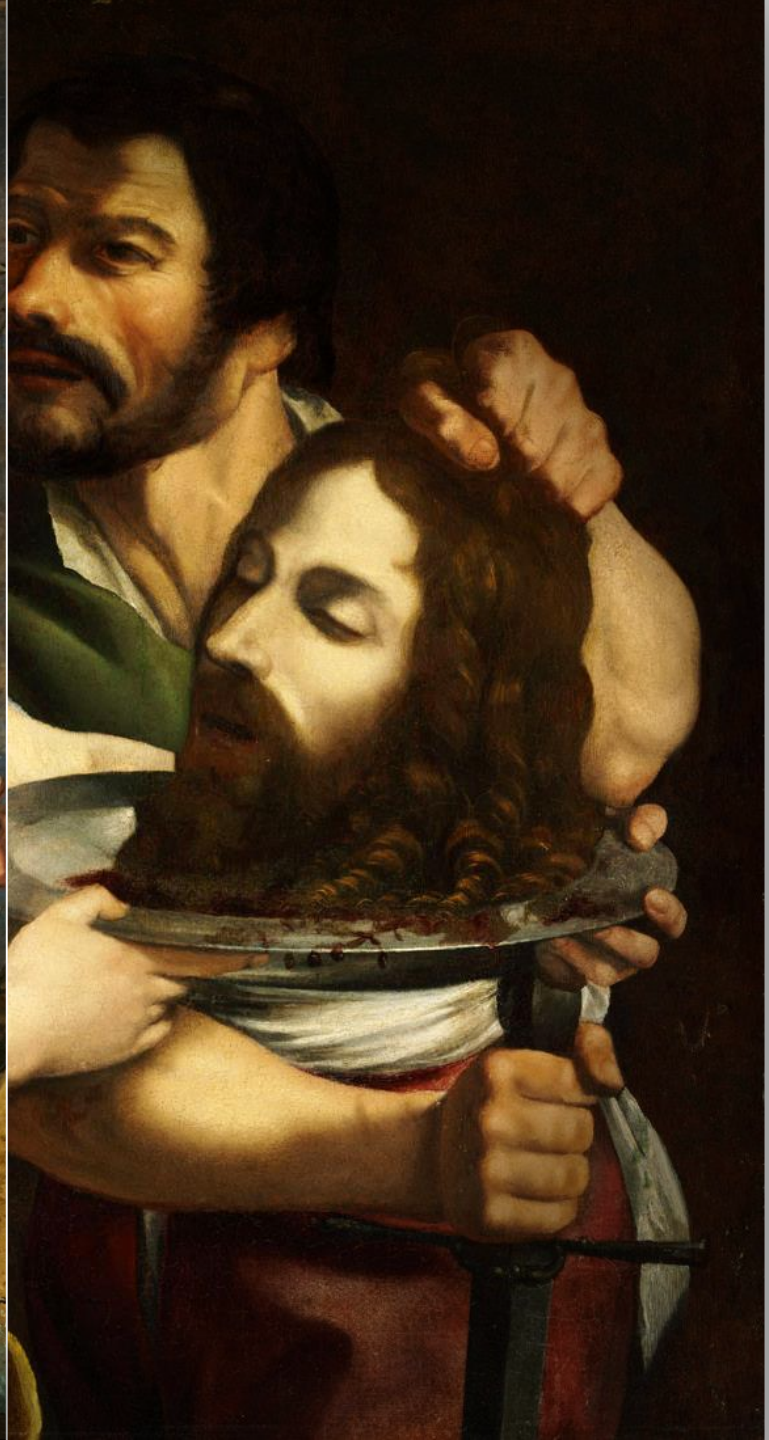
For this reason I will not be negligent to remind you always of these things, though you know and are established in the present truth.

2 Peter 1:12





PRESENT
TRUTH



*The Apostle
Peter*



For we did not follow **cunningly devised fables** when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but were **eyewitnesses** of His majesty.

2 Peter 1:16



For He received from God the Father honor and glory when such a voice came to Him from the Excellent Glory: “This is My beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased.”

2 Peter 1:17



And we heard this voice which came from heaven **when we were with Him** on the holy mountain.

2 Peter 1:18



And so **we have the prophetic word confirmed**, which you do well to heed as a light that shines in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts;

2 Peter 1:19



knowing this first, that no prophecy
of Scripture is of any
private interpretation,

2 Peter 1:20



for prophecy never came by the will of man, but holy men of God spoke as *they were moved by the Holy Spirit.*

2 Peter 1:21



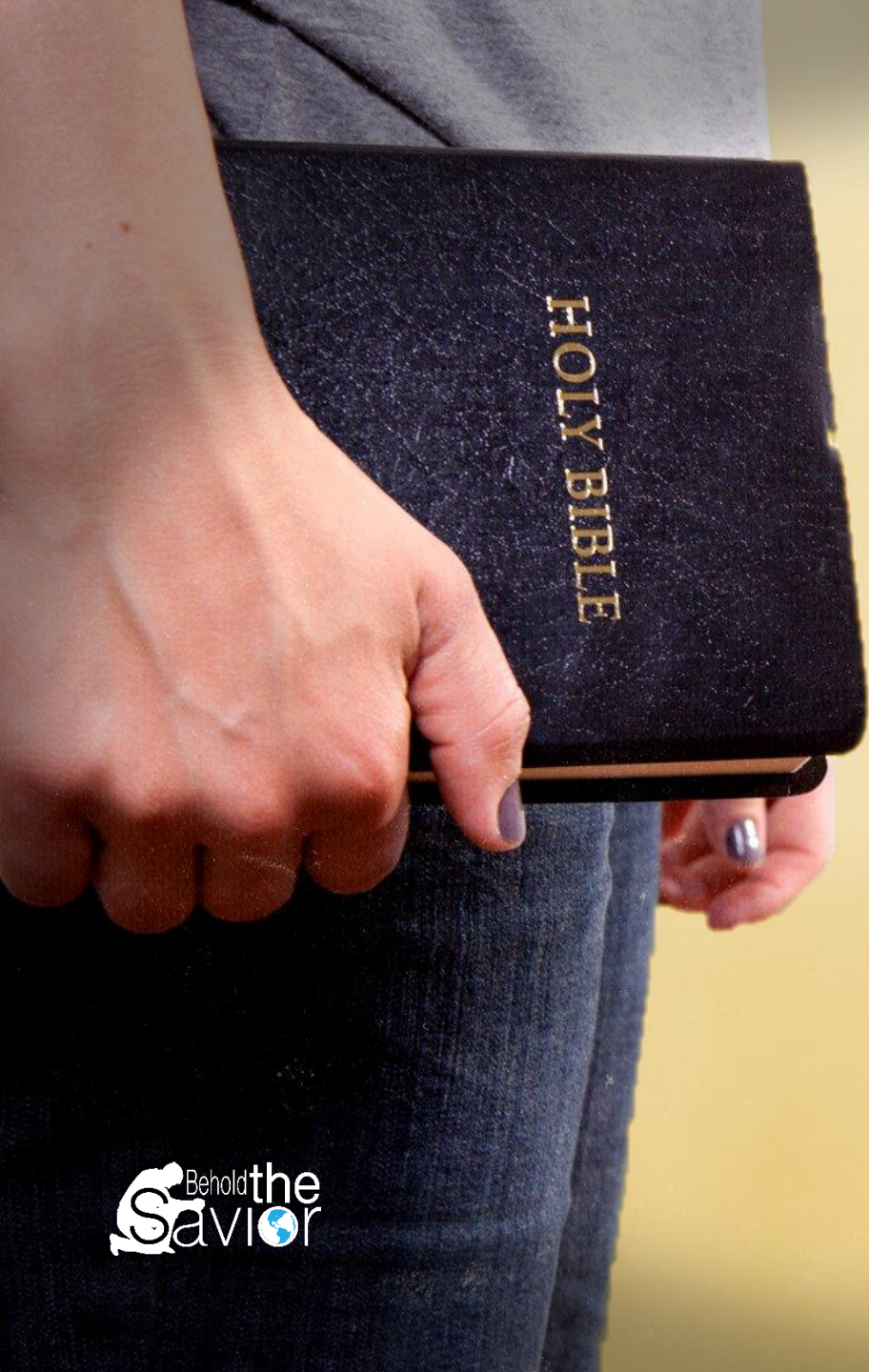
There is power in reading the Bible.



CLOSING SONG
Hymn # 245

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About
Jesus**





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