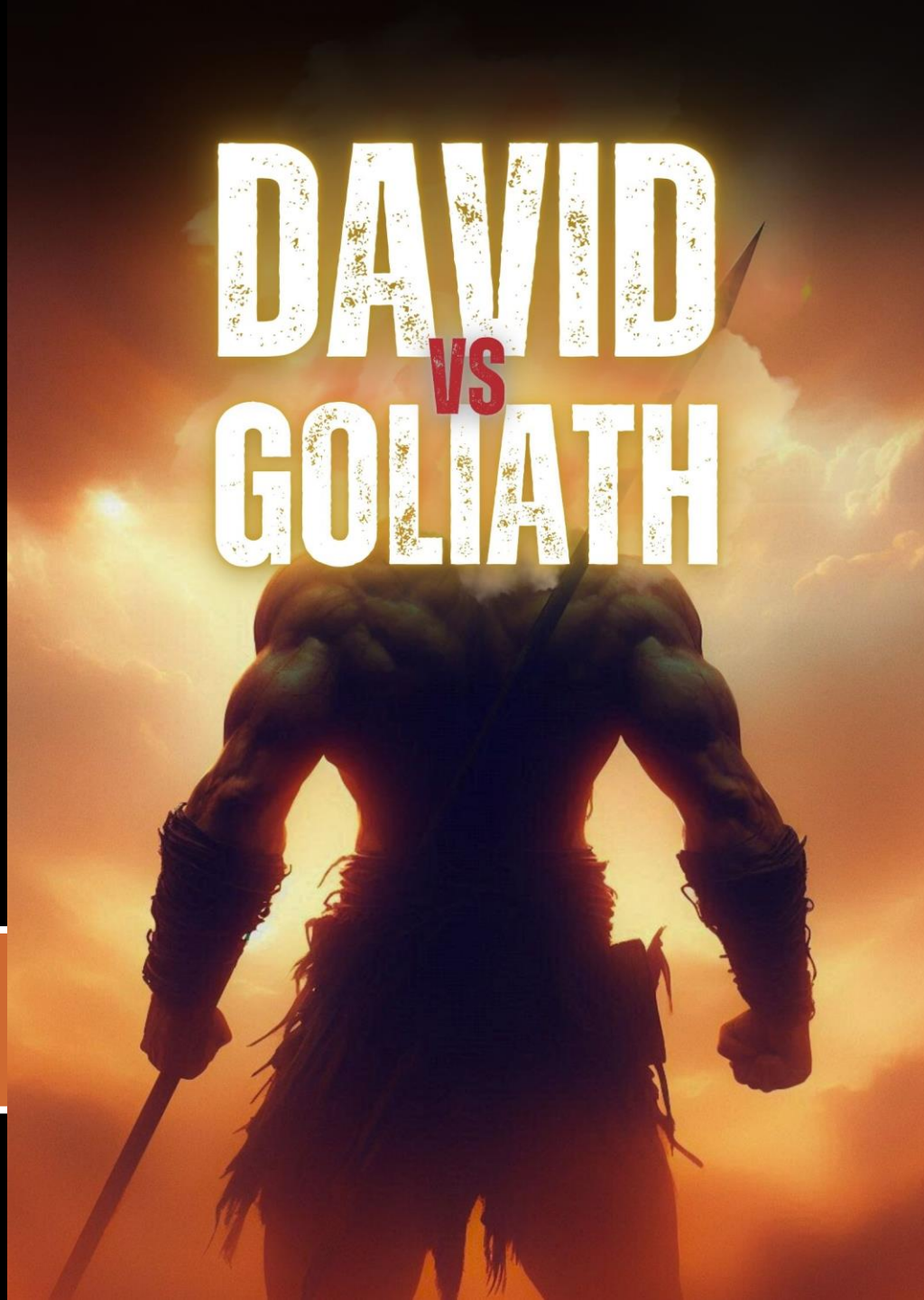
Against all odds



Surah al Baqarah

Aayaat 246 -252

www.accessquran.co.uk

What was happening at the time?



Historical timeline

(Tafsir at-Tabari)



Abraham

Ishmael
Makkah

Isaac
Palestine

J

Jacob aka
Isra'eel
Palestine

- Reuben
- Simeon
- Levi
- Judah
- Dan
- Naphtali
- Gad
- Asher
- Issachar
- Zebulun
- Joseph
- Benjamin

The Children of Isra’eel

Ayn Jalut

Ar Ramla



Al Quds



500 x

Have you not seen the chiefs
of the Children of Israel after Moses?

They said to one of their prophets,
“Appoint for us a king,
and we will fight in the cause of Allah.”



The Prophet said, “Are you certain
you will fight if you are ordered?”

They replied, “How could we refuse
to fight in the cause of Allah,
when we were driven out of our homes
and separated from our children?”

But when they were ordered to fight,
they fled, all but a few of them.

And Allah has
perfect knowledge of the wrongdoers.


WHO WANTS CHANGE?
WHO WANTS TO CHANGE?

Their prophet told them, “Allah has appointed
Talut (Saul) as king over you.”

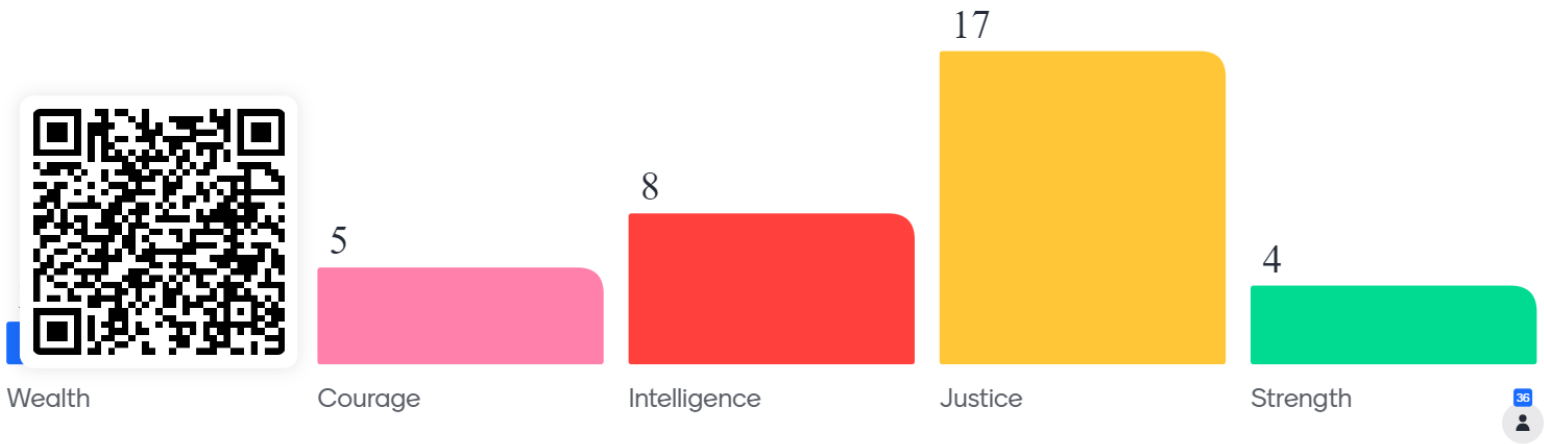
They protested, “How can he be our king
when some of us are more deserving of
kingship than he,
and he has not been blessed with vast riches?”



Join at menti.com | use code 3931 1198

Mentimeter

What are the most important qualities for a leader to take the community to victory?



He replied,
“Allah has chosen him over you
and blessed him with knowledge
and stature.

Allah grants kingship to whoever He wills.

And Allah is All-Bountiful, All-Knowing.”

Approval Ratings of

WORLD LEADERS

Q1 2024

APPROVE

NO OPINION

DISAPPROVE



INDIA Narendra Modi	77%	5%	17%
MEXICO Andrés Manuel López Obrador	64%	5%	30%
SWITZERLAND Alain Berset	57%	9%	34%
POLAND Donald Tusk	50%	9%	41%
BRAZIL Luiz Inácio Lula da Silva	47%	10%	43%
AUSTRALIA Anthony Albanese	45%	12%	43%
ITALY Giorgia Meloni	44%	7%	50%
SPAIN Pedro Sánchez	38%	4%	58%
US Joe Biden	37%	8%	55%
CANADA Justin Trudeau	35%	5%	60%
SWEDEN Ulf Kristersson	33%	11%	56%
UK Rishi Sunak	27%	9%	63%
FRANCE Emmanuel Macron	7% ‹24%		68%
S. KOREA Yook Seok-youl	9% ‹20%		71%
GERMANY Olaf Scholz	5% ‹20%		76%

Figures rounded. Source: Morning Consult

Their prophet further told them,
“The sign of Saul’s kingship
is that the Ark will come to you
- containing reassurance from your Lord and
relics of the family of Moses and Aaron,
which will be carried by the angels.

Surely in this is a sign for you,
if you truly believe.”



Wherever the Ark went it brought difficulty for the Amalekites

So they loaded it on to a carriage with two large bulls and drove them away



When Talut marched forth with his army,
he told them:
“Allah will test you with a river.

So whoever drinks from it any more than a handful, cannot continue with me.”


“ Many of them drank ˹their fill˺ except for a few ”


300
RISE OF AN EMPIRE

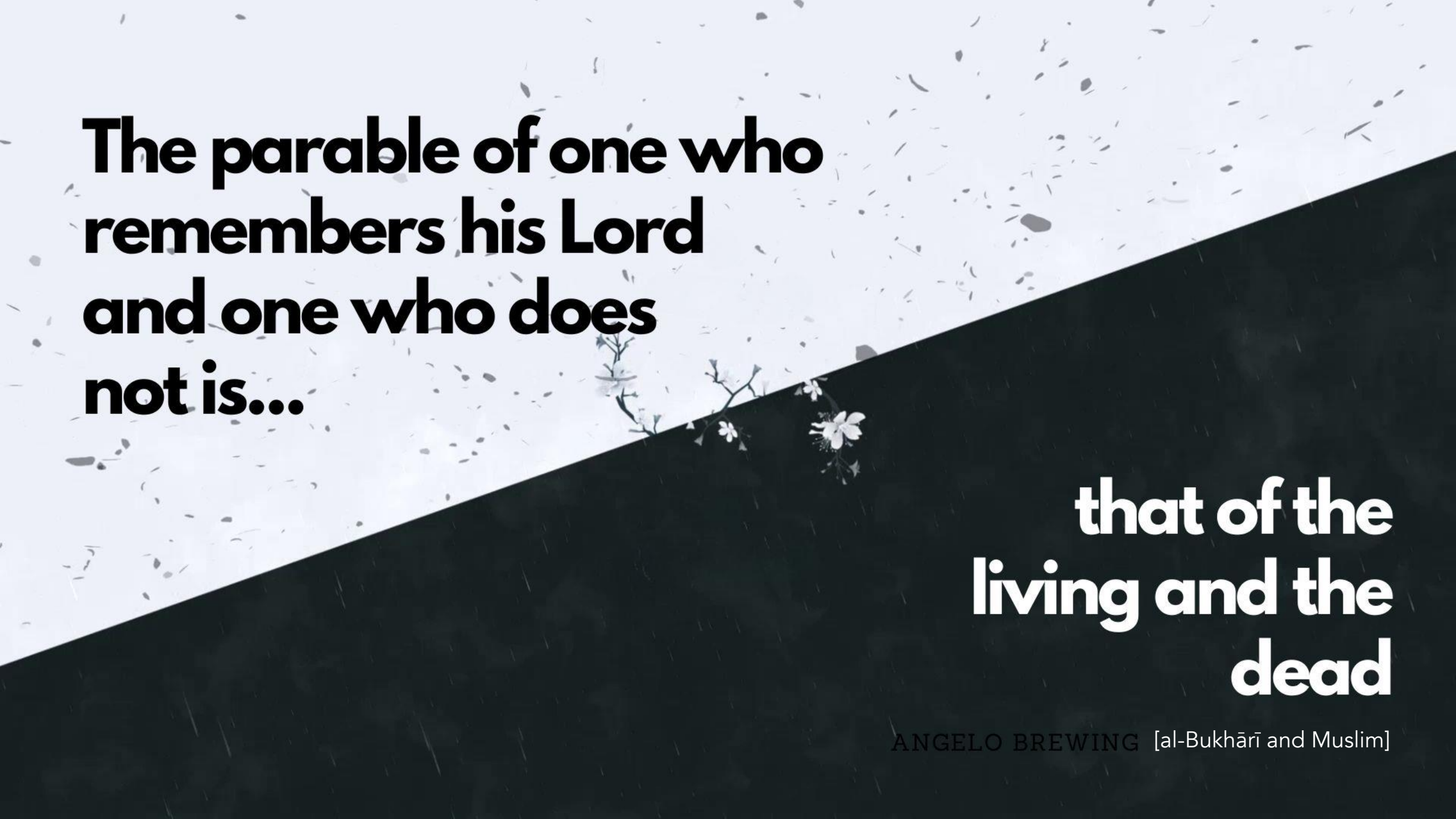
When he and the remaining faithful with him had crossed the river they said,

“Now we are no match for Goliath and his warriors.”

But those ⌜believers⌝
who were certain
they would meet Allah reasoned,

“How many times
has a small force vanquished a mighty army
by Allah’s Will!

And Allah is ⌜always⌝ with the steadfast.”

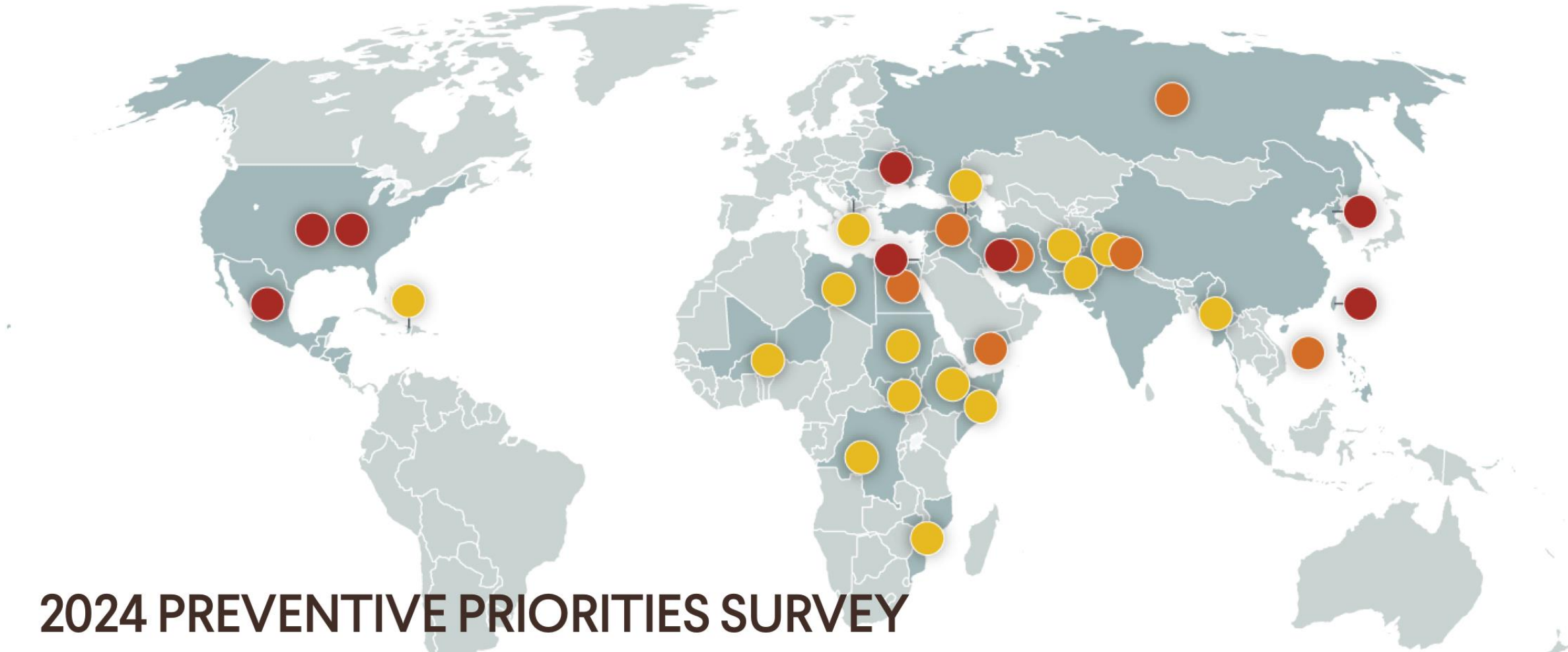

The parable of one who remembers his Lord and one who does not is...
that of the living and the dead
ANGELO BREWING
[al-Bukhārī and Muslim]

When they advanced to face Goliath
and his warriors, they prayed,

رَبَّنَآ أَفۡرِغۡ عَلَيۡنَا صَبۡرٗا وَثَبِّتۡ أَقۡدَامَنَا وَٱنصُرۡنَا عَلَى ٱلۡقَوۡمِ ٱلۡكَٰفِرِينَ

“Our Lord! Shower us with patience,
make our steps firm,
and give us victory
over the disbelieving people.”


Believers last words



2024 PREVENTIVE PRIORITIES SURVEY

Conflicts to Watch in 2024

COUNCIL on FOREIGN RELATIONS

So they defeated them by Allah's Will,

and David killed Goliath,



Defeat is a state of mind.

No one is ever defeated, until defeat has been accepted as reality.





and Allah gave him kingship

and wisdom

and taught him what He willed.

Had Allah not repelled

a group of people by ⌜the might of⌝ another,

corruption would have

dominated the earth,

but Allah is Gracious to all.



Join at menti.com | use code 3931 1198

Mentimeter

How have you found the session today?

97 responses





Keep on Reading

Weekly juz reading every **Friday 7pm** @ Madinah Masjid

Access Qur'an

www.accessquran.co.uk



Time for action

UK IM

DAWAH TOUR with Dr. Sabeel Ahmed

The **UKIM Dawah and Outreach Department** invites you to participate in an enlightening

DAWAH TOUR

In Milton Keynes



19th September

5:00 PM - 10:00 PM

The tour will feature the **"Dawah and Leadership Course"** delivered by

Dr. Sabeel Ahmed

07717 755127 - Usman Shaikh
07859 065105 - Adeel Hashmi

DAWAH & OUTREACH OFFICE, UK ISLAMIC MISSION.

BOOK NOW

bit.ly/dawatour



May Allah grant you the best reward

Kindly sponsored by









