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SEEING THE UNSEEN GOD

***Seeing the World
for What It Is***

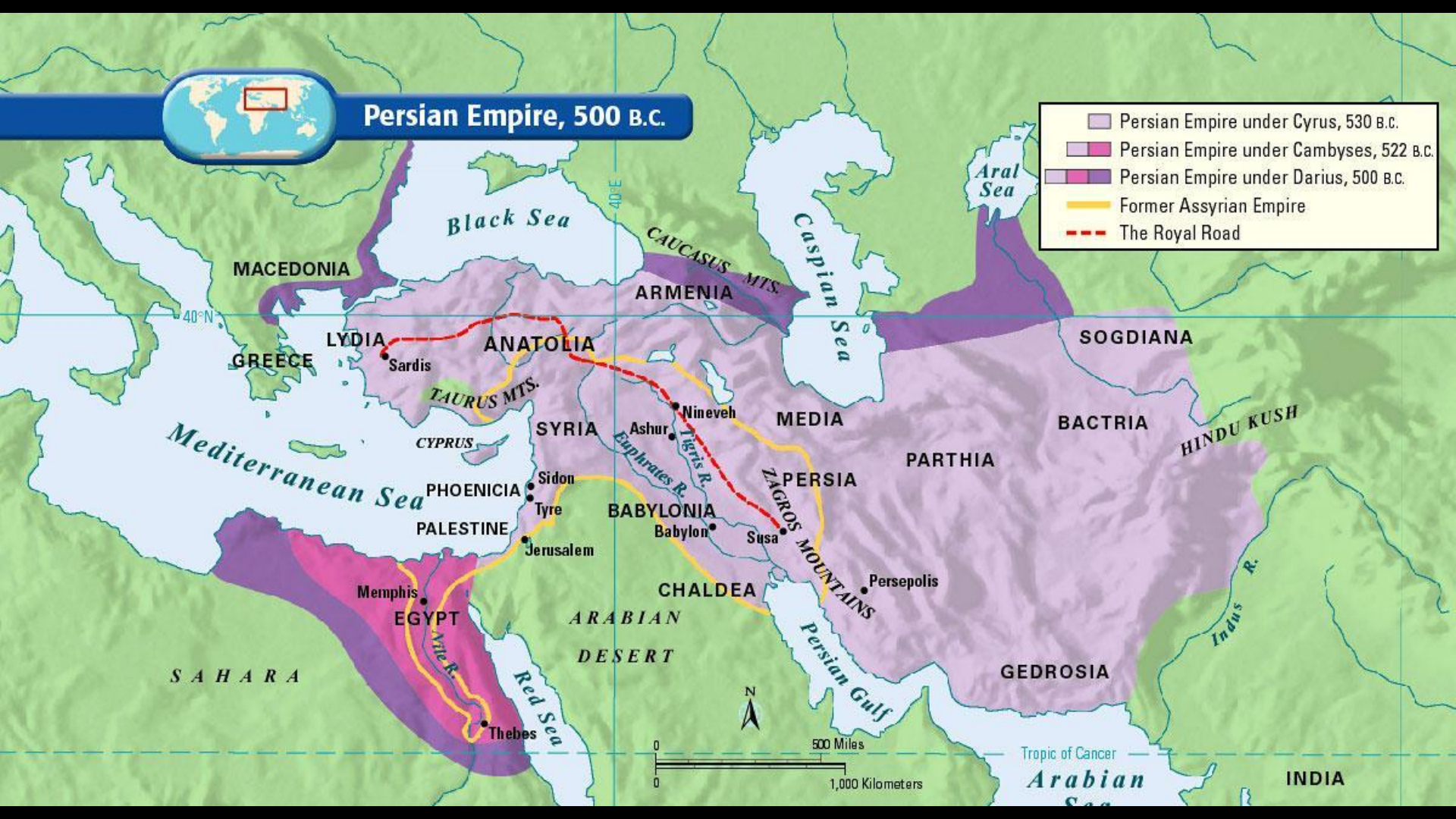
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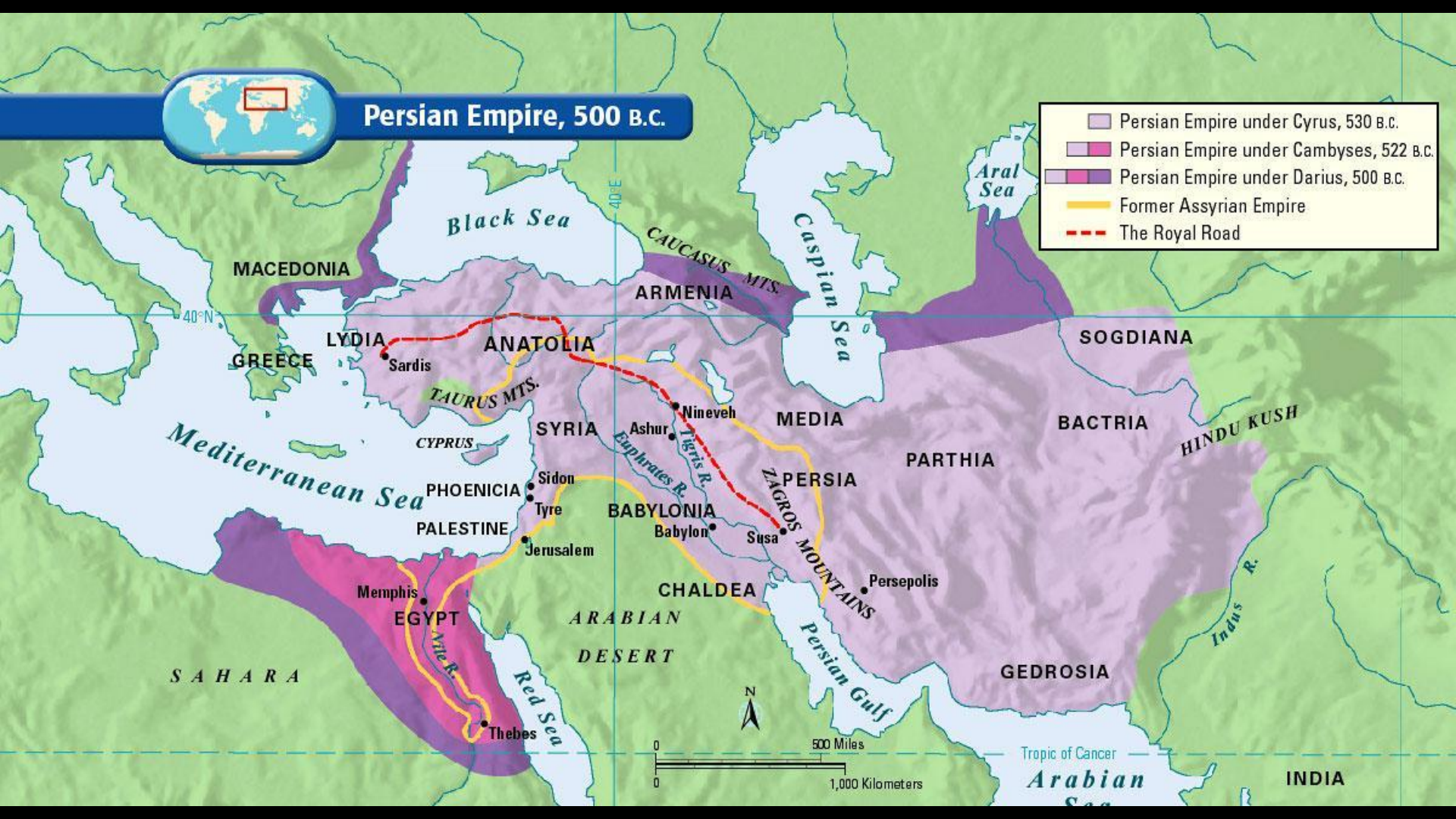






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Romans 12:2

**“And be not conformed to this world:
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of your mind, that ye may prove what
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perfect, will of God.”**

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1 John 2:15-17

“Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. 16 For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. 17 And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.”

James 4:4

“Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.”

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- God is in control.**
- God is with us.**

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