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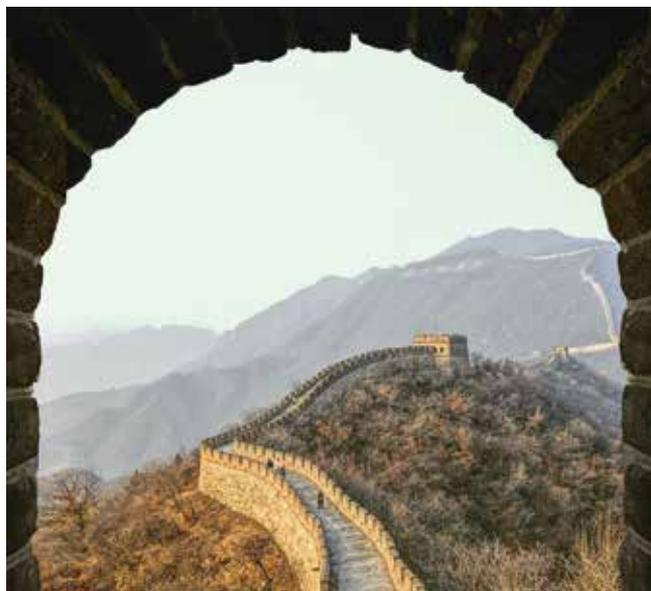
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■ 1 Shengzha Nosu in China

The Shengzha Nosu live in isolated rural areas and often view strangers with suspicion. Chinese believers will need to make an effort to build relationships with them. The large majority of the Shengzha have practiced folk religion and polytheism for hundreds of years, so their faith is in other spirit beings.

Isaiah 12:3 | *With joy you will drink deeply from the fountain of salvation!*

- May many from this people group drink deeply from the fountain of His salvation and mercy!
- Pray the Lord would get His word into the hands of the right people.
- Pray the Lord would send workers to tell them about Jesus.
- Pray that every Shengzha Nosu would have the opportunity to hear the good news.
- Pray that whole Nosu villages would come to Christ.



■ 2 Yinuo Nosu in China

The Yinuo's ancestor worship and folk religion are vastly different from biblical Christianity. The Yinuo speak a dialect of the Nosu language that is unintelligible to their neighbors. They live in mountains and forests far from urban areas of China. Therefore, their language and remoteness both provide additional challenges to getting them the gospel.

Isaiah 12:4

*In that wonderful day you will sing:
“Thank the Lord! Praise his name!
Tell the nations what he has done.
Let them know how mighty he is!”*

- May this people group praise Him and tell others of His mighty deeds.
- Pray that workers would be called to this harvest field, and that the necessary resources would become available.
- Pray that the Yinuo would have a church planting movement started among them.
- Pray that the Yinuo Nosu would hear the truth of God's Word, believe it and act upon it.

■ 3 Yadu Qiang in China

The Yadu Qiang are a Tibetan Buddhist people who live approximately 800 kilometers east of the Tibetan border in Sichuan Province, China, and they make their living raising sheep and selling apples. Embroidery is a favorite pastime of the women, and women have the final say in family decisions. Their Buddhism is mixed with folk religion and ancestor worship.

Isaiah 14:27

*The Lord of Heaven's Armies has spoken—
who can change his plans? When his hand
is raised, who can stop him?*

- Pray that many from this people group will understand that God is sovereign, and they must obey Him alone.
- Pray that any group of Yadu believers would grow in numbers and spiritual maturity.
- Pray that the Scriptures would become available in the Yadu's language.
- Pray that a movement to Christ would begin and flourish among the Yadu Qiang.

■ 4 Queyu in China

The Queyu people are committed to the Buddhist religious system, and few witnesses of Christ's grace have been there since the 1950s. It is an understatement to say they still lack an adequate gospel witness. Chinese workers can set up small health clinics to care for physical ailments, keeping spiritual health at the forefront and seeking to lead their patients to Christ, the Great Physician.

Isaiah
25:9

*In that day the people will proclaim,
"This is our God! We trusted in Him
and he saved us! This is the Lord, in whom
we trusted. Let us rejoice in the salvation
He brings!"*

- Pray that many from this people group learn to trust in the Lord's salvation and rejoice in Him.
- Pray that God would bring peace between the Chinese government and the Queyu people.
- Pray that the Lord would call missionaries to this lone area, leading to a movement to Christ.
- Pray that the Queyu people would see the glory of the risen Christ and turn to Him alone.

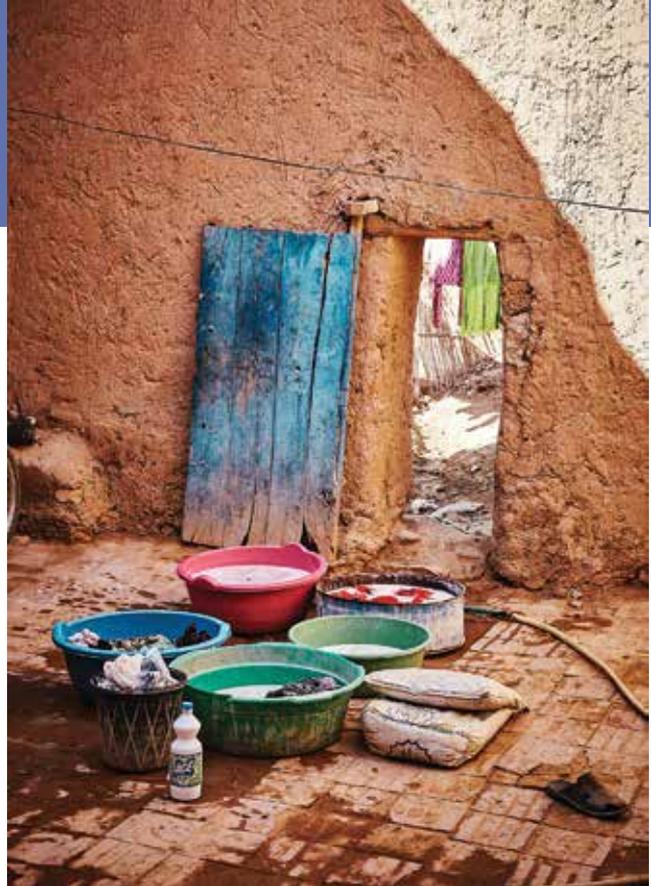
■ 5 Muslim Biswas in Bangladesh

Biswas is both a surname and a title in Bangladesh, and the title is very flattering. It means "reliable" "trustworthy" or "faith." This honorable title was given to them by Muslim rulers in a time that pre-dates British rule. Many of them were administrators at that time. Today there is a long list of prominent people in Bangladesh with the surname of Biswas.

Isaiah
26:3

*You will keep in perfect peace all who trust
in you, all whose thoughts are fixed on you!*

- Pray for many from this people group to find perfect peace in trusting the Lord Almighty.
- Pray for the Lord to orchestrate efforts to reach Biswas families.
- Pray for a massive movement to Christ among the Biswas people that would affect other communities in Bangladesh.
- Pray for the Lord to bring Biswas families to Himself by blessing them abundantly.



■ 6 Muslim Darzi in Bangladesh

In Hindi, Darzi means "tailor." For hundreds of years, they were highly respected for their craftsmanship throughout their communities in north India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Nepal. Their shops were where people gathered to read newspapers, share news and socialize. However, global modernization in mass production of clothes has replaced this. Some now work in clothing factories, sell ready-made clothes, and a few are clothing designers. Many younger Darzi have chosen other professions.

Isaiah
26:8

*Lord, we show our trust in you by obeying
your laws; our heart's desire is to glorify
your name.*

- Pray that many from this people group will trust the Lord, obey Him, and glorify His name through their actions.
- Pray that God's servants would lead the Darzi people to His living word and salvation found in Jesus.
- Pray for an unstoppable movement to Christ among the Muslim Darzi people.

■ 7 Muslim Dhobi in Bangladesh

The Dhobi name means “wash,” and this identifies their trade of being clothes washers. Despite the painful physical problems they endure in their work, older Dhobis often work hard so that their children can have an education and advance. There are many young Dhobis now working in the government, trade, business, and other professions. Though most Dhobis in India are Hindu, those in Bangladesh are almost always Muslim.

Isaiah 29:16 | *How foolish can you be? He is the Potter, and he is certainly greater than you, the clay! Should the created thing say of the one who made it, “He didn’t make me”? Does a jar ever say, “The potter who made me is stupid”?*

- Pray that many from this people group will soon understand that they belong to God by right of His life-giving creation.
- Pray the Muslim Dhobi would come to know Jesus and heed His teachings.
- Pray for a Holy Spirit-led Disciple Making Movement among the Muslim Dhobis in Bangladesh.



■ 8 Behara in Bangladesh

The Behara people live in rural Bangladesh and are followers of Islam. They have low status. The Bible is available in their language in audio and online formats, so they can encounter and respond to God’s Word. There is always a need for those who will use the local culture’s music and drama forms to present the life of Christ.

Isaiah 40:5 | *Then the glory of the LORD will be revealed, and all people will see it together. The LORD has spoken!”*

- Pray that members of this people group will soon see the glory of the Lord and respond to it.
- Pray for workers to go to the Behara people in Bangladesh.
- Pray for the Holy Spirit to sweep through families of this people group, drawing them into His Kingdom.

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■ 9 Muslim Nagarchi in Bangladesh

In the past, when ceremonies and celebrations were being planned in the villages of Bangladesh, it was the Nagarchi who were called upon to serve as drummers. Today, many of them have given up their drums to farm and raise livestock in central Bangladesh. Most of the Nagarchi are Hindu. The Muslim Nagarchi intermix with the Hindus and have even adopted some of their religious practices.

Isaiah 40:8 | *The grass withers and the flowers fade, but the word of our God stands forever.”*

- Meditate on this verse, and pray that members of this people group embrace it.
- Pray for workers willing to go to this harvest field.
- Ask the Lord to prepare the hearts of the Nagarchi to receive the gospel message and pray for many families to respond to His invitation.

■ 10 Muslim Jogi in Bangladesh

When you think of Jogis, you usually think of Hindus and India. However, they also have Muslim communities in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan. They are also known as Jogi Faqirs, holy men who are often beggars. Faqirs are often wandering Sufi mystics who teach Islam. Historically, they have been a landless community. Their help in curing diseases and in the removal of evil spirits is sought by both Hindus and Muslims.

Isaiah 40:10 | *Yes, the Sovereign Lord is coming in power. He will rule with a powerful arm. See, He brings His reward with Him as He comes.*

- Pray for many from this people group to claim this verse by embracing the Lord.
- Pray for them to accept the spiritual blessings of Jesus Christ and teach them to others.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Jogis in Bangladesh, India and Pakistan.

■ 11 Tarafdar in Bangladesh

The Tarafdar people are small in number, but they have left their mark on Bangladesh. One has been a noted historian. Others have been Olympic athletes representing Bangladesh while another chronicled Bangladesh's 1971 war for independence from Pakistan.

Isaiah 40:18-19 | *To whom can you compare God? What image can you find to resemble him? Can He be compared to an idol formed in a mold, overlaid with gold, and decorated with silver chains?*

- Pray that this people group will soon understand that they can never form an idol that compares with the Lord.
- Pray for the Lord to have His hand of blessings on the Tarafdar community so that they would know they need Him.
- Pray for their elders to welcome Christ's ambassadors and embrace the gospel.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among them in Bangladesh.



■ 12 Muslim Badhai in Pakistan

Literacy levels are low among the Badhai as most are unable to afford the cost of education. Modern medicine is available though it is often coupled with traditional practices, especially in remote areas where modern facilities are less available than medicine men. Most Badhais in Pakistan are Muslim, but there are also many Hindus among them. In Pakistan's Sindh Province, both need a gospel witness.

Isaiah
40:28

Have you never heard? Have you never understood? The Lord is the everlasting God, the Creator of all the earth. He never grows weak or weary. No one can measure the depths of his understanding.

- Pray that they will soon understand that God is all-powerful and all-knowing.
- Pray for the Lord to pave the way for the Badhai people to have access to better education.
- Pray that workers would be sent to harvest this field and that a Disciple Making Movement would spread like holy fire.

■ 13 Muslim Bahna in Pakistan

The Bahna people used to card (process) cotton, but the advancement of technology has led them to abandon that in favor of taking up agriculture, manufacturing and trade. Originally, the Bahna were entirely Hindu, but some of them converted to Islam during the Delhi Sultanate. Many Muslim Bahna left India and relocated to Pakistan, mainly to the Sindh Province.

Isaiah
40:31

But those who trust in the Lord will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint.

- Make this your prayer for today's people group.
- Pray that access to education would grow for girls and women.
- Pray that the Bahna hear the gospel in impactful ways and have ears to hear God speak to them.
- Pray that Disciple Making Movements would be started in Bahna communities and grow mightily.

■ 14 Rathawa in Pakistan

No gospel resources, such as Bibles, recordings, radio programs, or tracts are available in the Rathawi language. Rathawas are generally friendly with outsiders. Their way of honoring guests is by serving them food in their kitchen. This would be a great time for believers to tell stories of Jesus!

Isaiah
44:3

For I will pour out water to quench your thirst and to irrigate your parched fields. And I will pour out my Spirit on your descendants, and my blessing on your children.

- Pray that this blessing will soon reach today's people group.
- Pray for workers to go to the Rathawa people, and for their hearts to be ready to receive their savior.
- Pray for a chain reaction of families reaching families that results in thousands of new believers who share their faith with others among the Rathawa people.

■ 15 Muslim Bhangi in Pakistan

The Bhangi, a Scheduled Caste, were traditionally associated with scavenging, sweeping and basket making. The majority are employed by various municipal governments as scavengers, and a few of those living in cities are educated. Others make and sell bamboo goods or work as drummers.

Isaiah
46:10

Only I can tell you the future before it even happens. Everything I plan will come to pass, for I do whatever I wish.

- Thank the Lord that He alone can tell the future, and His plans for today's people group can never be stopped.
- Pray for believers in Pakistan to reach out to this unreached people.
- Pray for a church planting movement among the Bhangi people.
- Pray for God to shed His abundant favor on the Bhangi people in such a way they would know that Jesus Christ provides a better life.

■ 16 Mohana Sindhi in Pakistan

The Mohana Sindhi people call themselves “Mir Bahana,” which means, “Lord of the sea,” as they have traditionally been fishermen. Since visual, audio, and written Bible resources exist in the Sindhi language, it is possible that Mohana Sindhi people will hear the truth of the gospel online or through people who would help them in practical matters of their lives, and consequently build relationships with their families.

Isaiah 52:7 *How beautiful on the mountains are the feet of the messenger who brings good news, the good news of peace and salvation, the news that the God of Israel reigns!*

- Pray for the Lord to send people with “beautiful feet” to bring good news to today’s people group. Pray for them to have access to God’s Word, study it, and apply it to their lives. Pray for this people group to have a spiritual hunger that would drive them to the sinless Savior.



■ 17 Sumra Sindhi in Pakistan

Traditionally, Sumra Sindhi people were warriors, but at present they are involved in business, agriculture, government and private service.

Isaiah 52:10 *The Lord has demonstrated His holy power before the eyes of all the nations. All the ends of the earth will see the victory of our God.*

- Pray for today’s people group to share in the victory of the Lord by becoming part of His family.
- Pray that Christian businessmen, agriculturalists, and government employees would reach into the lives of Sumra Sindhi people, building relationships and sharing Christ’s abundant life with them.
- Pray that Almighty God would open the hearts of Sumra Sindhi people to hear the good news that full payment of the penalty of sins has been made and is available to be received by whosoever will accept it.

■ 18 Sama Sindhi in Pakistan

During the time of Jesus, the Sama Sindhi were a Hindu and Buddhist people. A few centuries later, they were first introduced to Islam through conquerors. The rural Sama Sindhi live like their ancestors as irrigation farmers and livestock herders. They combine the saint worship of Hinduism with Islam, while they also believe in traditional folk spirits. The urban Sama Sindhi live as physicians, lawyers and teachers and they practice traditional Islam.

Isaiah 54:2 *Enlarge your house; build an addition. Spread out your home and spare no expense!*

- Use this verse to pray for the Lord to expand His house to include today’s people group.
- Ask the Father to prepare Sama Sindhi hearts for a mighty church planting movement that would be a beacon of His light in Pakistan’s Sindh Province.

■ 19 Kazakh in China

Many thousands of oppressed Kazakh people fled both Russia and then China in the past century. Today Kazakhs still live in northwestern China as an official minority group. China’s Kazakhs have strongly resisted Christianity. Also, though they’ve practiced Sunni Islam for centuries, the Kazakhs have put their faith in elements of spiritism, animism and ancestor worship.

Isaiah 55:1 *Is anyone thirsty? Come and drink—even if you have no money! Come, take your choice of wine or milk—it’s all free!*

- Pray that this people group will soon accept God’s offer of free salvation.
- Pray for freedom in Christ from all dark spiritual forces. Pray for God’s intervention to protect Kazakhs in China’s “re-education” camps.
- Pray that the few Kazakh believers would be disciplined, multiplied in number and used to start Disciple Making Movements that bring great blessing to Kazakh communities.





■ 20 Kyrgyz in China

The Kyrgyz are a farming people from Kyrgyzstan, but many live in Xinjiang, a province in northwestern China. Because the Kyrgyz respect demonstrations of signs and wonders, believers who call on the name of the Lord for the demonstration of His power among them might be effective. After the Chinese nearly eradicated all Kirgiz Christians in 1933, Christ is now mostly unknown among them.

Isaiah
55:3

Come to me with your ears wide open. Listen, and you will find life. I will make an everlasting covenant with you. I will give you all the unfailing love I promised to David.

- Pray for this people to have wide open ears to the words of the Lord.
- Pray that they would resist the oppressive forces that seek to indoctrinate and destroy them so that they may have opportunity to know Jesus.

■ 21 Sarikoli Tajik in China

Sarikoli Tajik families are composed of multi-generational households, with strict roles and traditions. For centuries, they have lived in tribal and clan structures with the tradition of following Shia Islam. Like the Uyghurs and Kyrgyz, they have been victim to the Chinese government's crackdown on ethnic and religious minority groups.

Isaiah
55:7

Let the wicked change their ways and banish the very thought of doing wrong. Let them turn to the Lord that he may have mercy on them. Yes, turn to our God, for he will forgive generously.

- Pray for true and lasting repentance to come to this people group.
- Pray that Sarikoli Tajik hearts would crave their key role in God's redemptive plan.
- Pray for a Disciple Making Movement.

■ 22 Khik (Wakhi) in China

The Wakhi live along China's border with Pakistan. Small in number, they are inclusive, living in extended families and usually marrying within their clan. The Wakhi are Shia Muslims who also practice a wide variety of animistic rituals.

Isaiah
55:8-9

My thoughts are nothing like your thoughts, says the Lord. And my ways are far beyond anything you could imagine. For just as the heavens are higher than the earth, so my ways are higher than your ways and my thoughts higher than your thoughts.

- Pray that today's people group will understand that God's ways are far higher than theirs.
- Pray for the Wakhi to have the opportunity to hear the gospel.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up mission workers who are willing to learn the language and go to this remote area of the globe.
- Ask God for a church planting movement to sweep through their families and villages.

■ 23 Nghari Tibetans in China

Different yet similar! The inhabitants of the Nghari region are also known as the Chang Tang (Northern Plain) Tibetans. Although they are ethnically Tibetan, they speak a language far removed from other Tibetan varieties. Their lifestyles have changed little over the last thousand years.

Isaiah
56:3

“Don't let foreigners who commit themselves to the LORD say, The LORD will never let me be part of his people.” And don't let the eunuchs say, I'm a dried-up tree with no children and no future.’

- Pray that many from today's people group will put all their hope in the Lord.
- Pray that the 2020s would be the decade where there is a Disciple Making Movement among every Tibetan subgroup, including the Ngharis.
- Pray for a hunger for spiritual truth and a willingness to seek and find answers in Christ.
- Pray for the Lord to raise up His ambassadors to the Nghari Tibetans.



■ 24 Uyghur in China

What is the future for China's Uyghurs, a people with a rich and centuries-old Turkic culture severely oppressed by China's government? Their homeland is now a police state that imprisons well over one million Uyghurs in brutal "re-education" camps. Almost completely Sunni Muslim; Uyghurs mix their Islam with folk religion.

Isaiah
61:1-3a

The Spirit of the Sovereign LORD is upon me, for the LORD has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

- Pray for these blessings for today's people group!
- Pray God would stir Chinese Christians to intercede and reach out to China's suffering Uyghurs.
- Ask that suffering Uyghurs would experience God's comfort from within re-education camps and broken homes.
- Pray for the Lord to send His angels to protect the innocent.

■ 25 Northern Uzbeks in China

The word "Uzbek" is most likely derived from two Turkic words to form the phrase "genuine man." The Uzbeks' Islamic faith permeates much of their lives. When the Chinese government ordered that all children be educated at Chinese schools, the Uzbeks refused to send their children to schools that taught atheism.

Isaiah
61:9

Their descendants will be recognized and honored among the nations. Everyone will realize that they are a people the LORD has blessed."

- Pray that those who live near today's people group will want their spiritual blessings after they submit to the Lord Almighty.
- Pray that the Uzbeks turn away from dogmatic Islam and open their hearts to the true prophet, priest and king, the one who desires nothing but a repentant and contrite heart.
- Pray that their hearts would be softened and for a movement to Christ this decade.

■ 26 Persian in Iran

Persia—the name evokes ancient memories mostly from the Bible. The children of Israel were taken captive and exiled in Persia or modern-day Iran. Tehran, the capital, is home to many ethnic groups, and the Persians are one such group. The Persians are very family oriented. Modern Persian women highly value their appearance, and many wear designer fashions.

Isaiah
61:10

I am overwhelmed with joy in the LORD my God! For he has dressed me with the clothing of salvation and draped me in a robe of righteousness. I am like a bridegroom dressed for his wedding or a bride with her jewels.

- Pray for the garment of salvation to come to this people group.
- Pray for the evangelical movement in Iran to continue to be blessed by multiplying house church movements.
- Pray for entire families to come under the conviction of the Holy Spirit and understand that Jesus Christ died for them so that they can live for Him.

■ 27 Hazara in Iran

People of Mongolian descent are often associated with the image of Mongolian hordes, riding and raiding across an area, killing all in their path. They were traditionally shepherds, but through subsequent generations, some became farmers, and currently many are in professional careers. Unfortunately, there is race discrimination in Iran, and the Hazaras are sometimes victims of it. Virtually all Hazaras are Shia Muslim like the Persian majority.

Isaiah
62:3

The LORD will hold you in his hand for all to see—a splendid crown in the hand of God.

- Pray for this blessing to come to today's people group.
- Pray that spiritual discernment and spiritual hunger among the Hazaras in Tehran would lead them to begin a movement to Christ.





■ 28 Gulf-spoken Arabs in Iran

Gulf Arabs live in the desert regions of Iran, herding their goats and sheep, traveling by camel from one oasis area to another. These nomadic people are very proud of their lifestyle and feel like it is a step down to farm or have any other job.

Isaiah 66:2 *My hands have made both heaven and earth; they and everything in them are mine. I, the LORD, have spoken! "I will bless those who have humble and contrite hearts, who tremble at my word."*

- Pray for the Lord to give humility and a fear of Him to this people group that will lead to them being blessed beyond measure.
- Pray for God to send dreams and revelations of Himself to the nomadic Gulf Arabs so that their hearts would be ready to accept the good news.
- Pray for God to call special people to this challenge to reach these people with the good news.
- Pray that Tehran would be the home of a Disciple Making Movement for Arabs.

■ 29 Gujarati in Iran

Wherever they are, whether it is their native India or Iran, Gujaratis have maintained their own culture. They are resourceful businessmen. Muslim Gujarati families usually arrange marriages as a way to strengthen alliances between families. Business-minded believers will probably be the best ones to befriend Gujarati businessmen and introduce them to the Savior.

Isaiah 66:22–23 *"As surely as my new heavens and earth will remain, so will you always be my people, with a name that will never disappear," says the LORD. All humanity will come to worship me from week to week and from month to month.*

- Pray that soon all mankind will bow in humble submission to the Lord Almighty.
- Pray for God to open the door of opportunity for Christian women to get to know Gujarati women, invite them to their homes and show them the way to His abundant life.
- Pray for radio broadcasts for Gujarati-speaking women.

■ 30 Parsee in Iran

Zoroaster was a Parsee, said to be born between 1,200-1,500 BC in northeast Iran. He rejected the polytheistic worship of his culture and believed in worshipping only the creator God (Ahura Mazda), and he believed that Angra Mainyu (devil) caused people to commit evil deeds. He believed that when people died, they would go to heaven or hell. They keep a fire burning in their temples as a symbol of Ahura Mazda's wisdom, brightness and power. The Magi and Persian kings like Cyrus and Darius were probably believers in Ahura Mazda.

Jeremiah 1:5 *"I knew you before I formed you in your mother's womb. Before you were born I set you apart and appointed you as my prophet to the nations."*

- Pray for the Lord to thrust out many prophets from every nation to every nation in the 2020s.
- Pray for a powerful movement to Christ among Iran's Parsees this decade.

■ 31 Judeo-Persian Jews in Iran

Jewish people have been in Iran since the days of Queen Esther. According to the chief rabbi of the Jewish community in Iran, Garami, the Iranian government is currently allowing the Jewish people of Iran to worship in peace. The rabbi also stressed that Jews are safe in Iran. Their schools, estimated 35 synagogues, cultural centers, kosher stores and restaurants are found primarily in Tehran and other big cities such as Isfahan and Shiraz.

Jeremiah 1:9-10 *Then the Lord reached out His hand and touched my mouth and said to me, "I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and kingdoms to uproot and tear down, to destroy and overthrow, to build and to plant."*

- Pray for Christ's ambassadors to be careful to speak only what God tells them to say when they go to the nations.
- Pray for a movement to Christ among Iran's Jewish population, leading them to the spiritual blessings only offered by Jesus Christ.
- Pray for a willingness to seek and find their Messiah in the Torah.

