



where is the church?

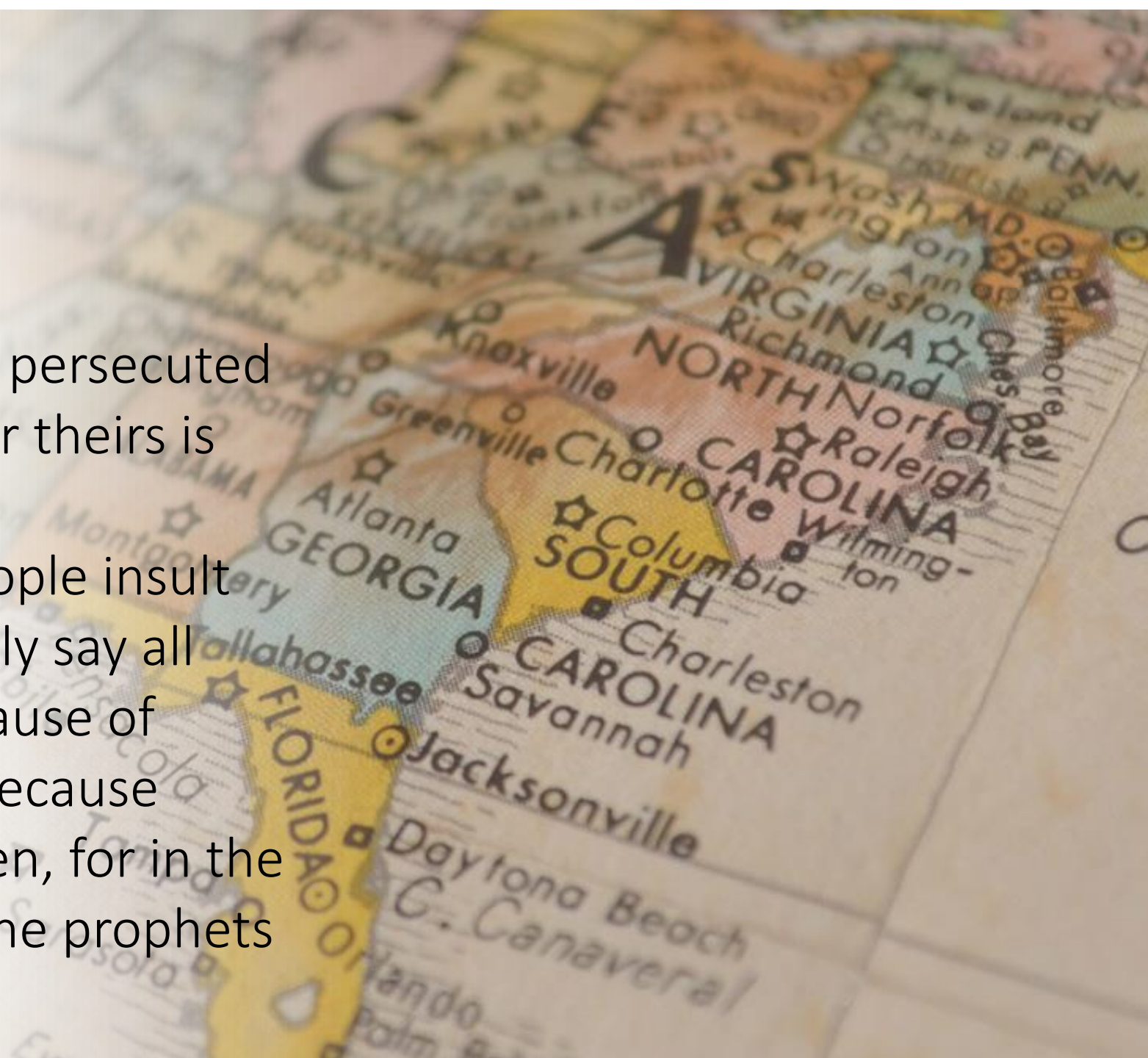


1. We are at a place of PERSECUTION.

Matthew 5:10-12

¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.



2. We are at a place of ABANDONMENT.

Mark 10:29-30a “Truly I tell you,” Jesus replied, “no one who has left home or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields for me and the gospel ³⁰ will fail to receive a hundred times as much in this present age:





3. We are at a place of CONFIDENCE.

Revelation 2:10-11

10 Do not be afraid of what you are about to suffer. I tell you, the devil will put some of you in prison to test you, and you will suffer persecution for ten days. Be faithful, even to the point of death, and I will give you life as your victor's crown.

11 Whoever has ears, let them hear what the Spirit says to the churches. The one who is victorious will not be hurt at all by the second death.

4. We are at a place
of WATCHING.

Matthew 10:16-18

“I am sending you out like sheep
among wolves. Therefore be as
shrewd as snakes and as
innocent as doves. ¹⁷ **Be on your
guard;** you will be handed over
to the local councils and be
flogged in the synagogues. ¹⁸ On
my account you will be brought
before governors and kings as
witnesses to them and to the
Gentiles.



5. We are at a place of
AWAKENING.

Romans 13:11 **And do this,
understanding the present time:**

The hour has already come for you
to wake up from your
slumber, because our salvation is
nearer now than when we first
believed.





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