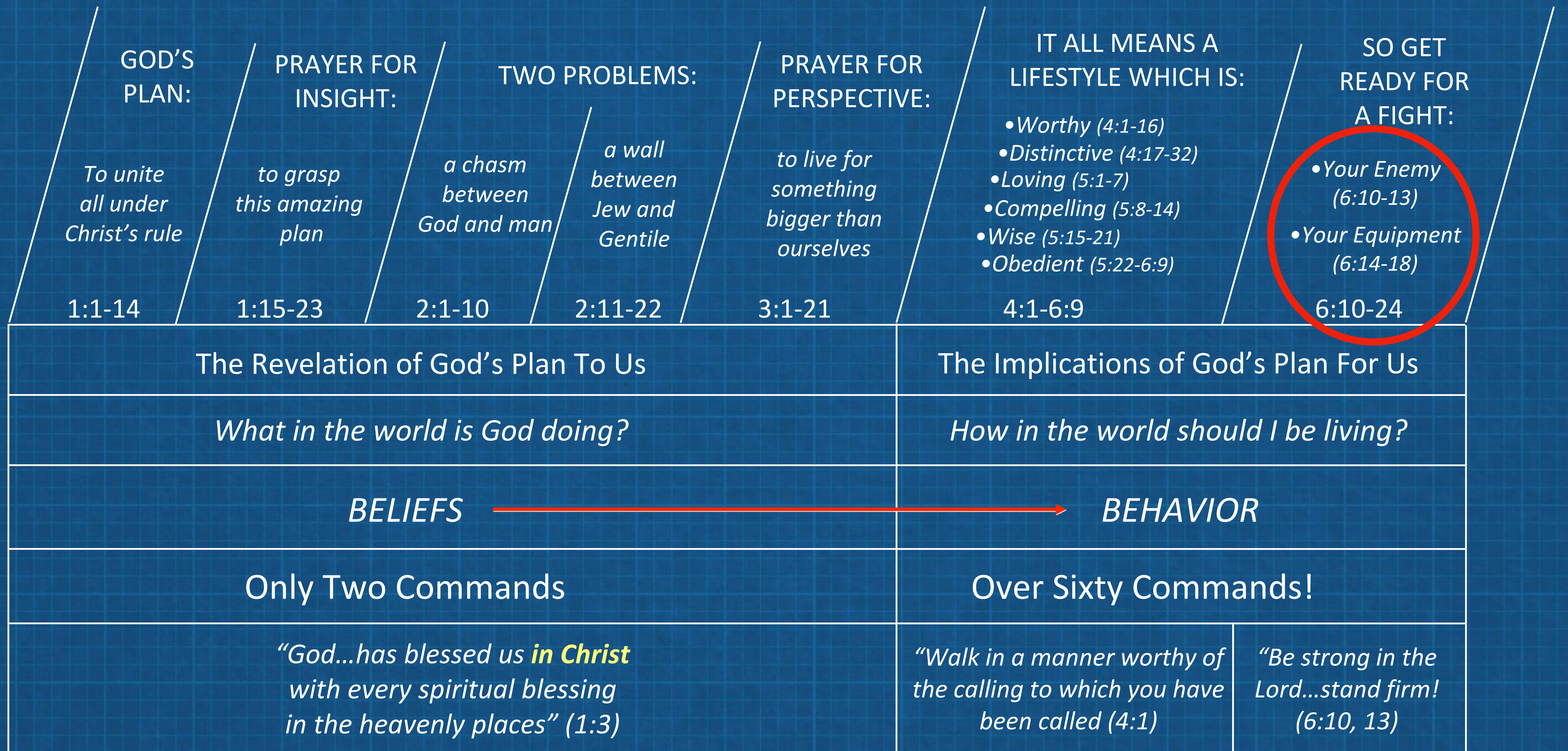


# STANDING FIRM AGAINST EVIL

Ephesians 6:10-20



# EPHESIANS: THE MASTER'S PLAN





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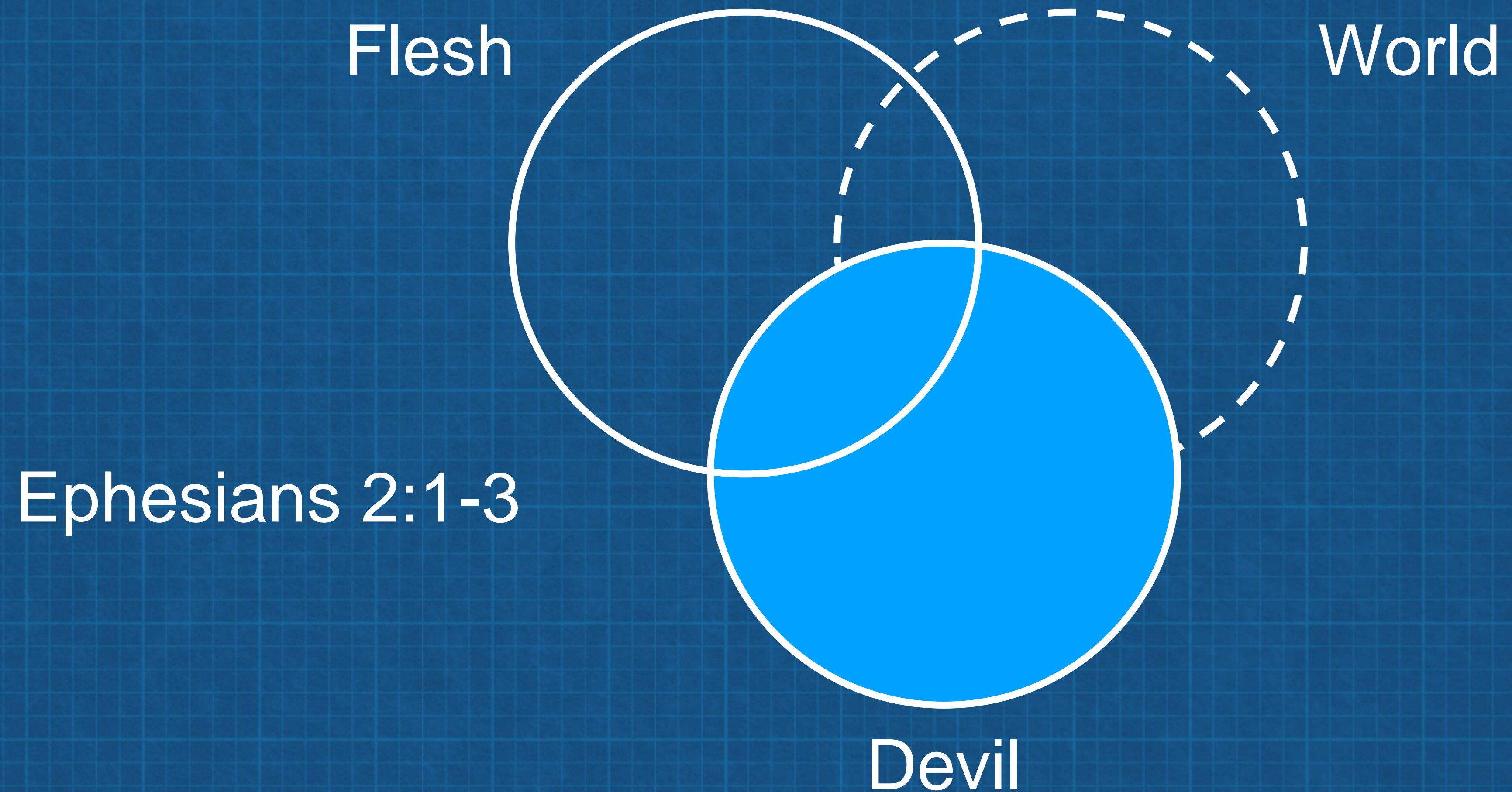
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“schemes” = *methodias* → methods



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- Subtle (unaware)
- Fascination (preoccupied)
- Overt (fear)



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2. Our strength is found in the King. (vs. 10)

<sup>10</sup> *Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his might.*

a. Order: “Be strong...”

Present imperative tense (command)

Passive voice (allow to be done to you)



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b. How: Rely on His immeasurable power

Ephesians 1:18-21



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c. So that you can

- withstand the attacks
- stand firm to the end



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“heavenly places” – *heavenlies*

Ephesians 2- “prince of the power of the air, the spirit...”

- “seated us with him in the heavenly places”



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Daniel 10 – spiritual princes & kings

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3. They wrestle with no tap-outs



# OUR AVAILABLE ARMOR & BATTLE PLAN





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*14 Stand therefore, having fastened on the belt of truth,*

1. Belt: know the truth and live the truth





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<sup>14</sup> *...and having put on the breastplate of righteousness*

2. Breastplate: live out your righteousness in Christ

Ephesians 4:26-27 *“Be angry and do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and give no opportunity to the devil.”*





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“Just as flies and rats are attracted to garbage, unclean spirits are drawn to unclean thoughts and behaviors.”

-Clinton Arnold, 3 Crucial Questions About Spiritual Warfare, pg 120





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<sup>15</sup> and, as shoes for your feet, having put on the readiness given by the gospel of peace.

## 3. Shoes: prepared for attack by believing the Gospel of the King

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—Colossians 1:13-14





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➤ Assurance (past)

*1 John 5:13 “I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life.”*





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Matthew 4

*Jesus: “It is written”*

*“Be gone Satan!”*





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*James 4:7 “Submit therefore to God. Resist the devil and he will flee from you.”*





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<sup>18</sup> ...praying at all times in the Spirit, with all prayer and supplication. To that end, keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints,

7. Pray: like you're in a war (you are)  
and like lives depend on it (they do).



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