

THROUGH THE BIBLE



2 Kings 13-14, 2 Chronicles 25, Jonah

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Class Outline

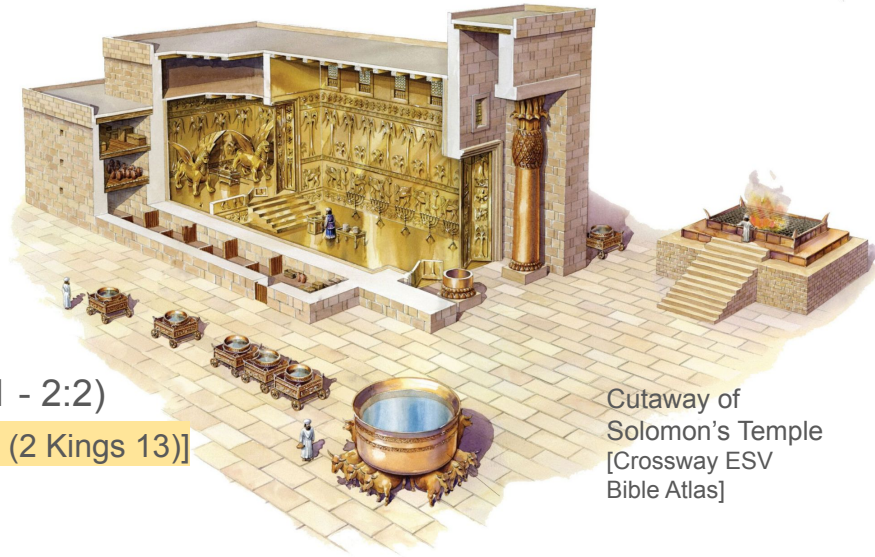
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- Background
- Who, When, & Where
- God's Mercy
- Lessons from Jehoash, Amaziah, & Jonah
- Jonah Sermon Series
- Further Study

Background

1 KINGS & 2 KINGS

- **The Splendid Reign of Solomon** (1 Kings 1-10)
- **The Kingdom Torn Asunder** 1 Kings 11-16)
 - 10 tribes (Israel - Northern Kingdom) split with 2 tribes (Judah & Benjamin - Southern Kingdom)
- **The Corruption of Israel** (1 Kings 1-17)
- **The Ministry of Elijah** (1 Kings 17-22, 2 Kings 1:1 - 2:2)
- **The Ministry of Elisha** (2 Kings 1-9) [Elisha's death (2 Kings 13)]
- **The Captivity of Judah** (2 Kings 13-25)



Cutaway of Solomon's Temple
[Crossway ESV Bible Atlas]

1 CHRONICLES

- The History of Judah

2 CHRONICLES

- A Book of Revivals
 - Asa (2 Chron 15)
 - Jehoshaphat (2 Chron 20)
 - Joash (2 Chron 23-24)
 - Hezekiah (2 Chron 29-31)
 - Josiah (2 Chron 35)

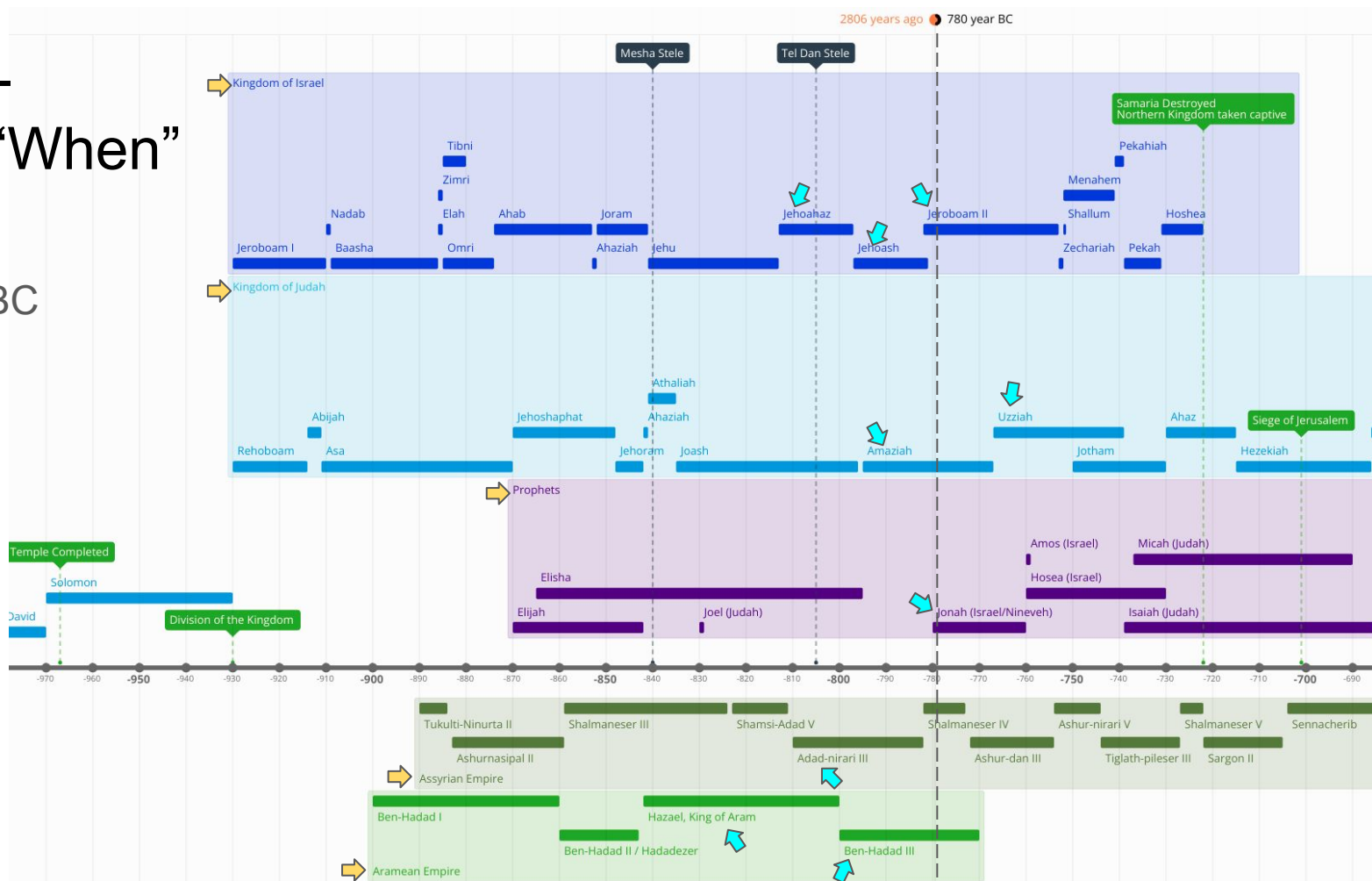
JONAH

- Prophet to Nineveh (after Elisha)

Timeline - “Who” & “When”

FROM ~813 BC
(Jehoahaz)

TO ~767 BC
(Uzziah)



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“Who” Highlights

KINGDOM OF ISRAEL

Jehoahaz - Evil; Reigned 17 years
(2 Kings 13:1–9)

Jehoash/Joash - Evil; Lesson of Lost
Opportunity; Reigned 16 years
(2 Kings 13:10–25; 14:8–16)

Jeroboam II - Evil; reigned 29 years, with Joash
from 792; Jonah’s prophecy fulfilled by him as
deliverer of Israel
(2 Kings 14:23–29)

KINGDOM OF JUDAH

Amaziah - Did what was right in the Lord’s
sight, but not wholeheartedly; Lesson of Defeat
by Pride; Reigned 28 years; Conspiracy formed
against him in Jerusalem so he fled to Lachish
and was killed there.
(2 Kings 14:1–22; 2 Chron 25)

Uzziah/Azariah - Did what was right in the eyes
of the Lord but became arrogant; 16 years old
when began to rule; reigned 28 years & as
co-regent with Amaziah starting in 791; Rebuilt
Elath and restored it to Judah
(2 Kings 15:1–7 & more about him next class in
2 Chron 26)

“Who” Highlights (Continued)

PROPHETS

Elisha - death during Jehoash’s (Israel) reign;
prophesied about Aram’s defeat (arrow story);
prophet for 70 years
(Elisha’s death 2 Kings 13)

Jonah (Israel/Nineveh) - One of the best known Bible Stories - Jonah in the belly of the great fish; Called to preach to the City of Nineveh, an enemy of Israel, and a very cruel people;
Lessons of Resignation, Repentance, Revival, and Rebellion; prophet for 20 years
(2 Kings 14:25; Jon 1:1; 3:1)

A Prophet - Could be Amoz, the father of the prophet Isaiah*; Warned Amaziah to not take Israel’s army with him against Edom (2 Chron 25:7,14,16)

ASSYRIAN EMPIRE

Adad-nirari III - probably the deliverer in 2 Kings 13:5, reigned 28 years

ARAMEAN EMPIRE

Hazael - King of Aram, reigned 42 years
(2 Kings 8-13)

Ben-Hadad III - Son of Hazael, reigned 30 years
(2 Kings 13:4-7, 23-25)

“Where” Highlights

Samaria: Jehoahaz, Jehoash and Jeroboam became kings here

Jerusalem: Amaziah reigned as King over Judah from here

Salt Valley (near Sela): Amaziah killed 10,000 Edomites/Seirites & captured 10,000 alive & threw them off a cliff

Beth-shemesh: King Amaziah (Judah) met face-to-face with King Jehoash (Israel) - Judah was routed by Israel and Jehoash captured Amaziah then...

Jerusalem: Jehoash went here and broke down 200 yards of Jerusalem’s wall from the Ephraim Gate to the Corner Gate and took items from the Lord’s temple, the palace, and took hostages, then returned to **Samaria**.

Lachish: Amaziah fled here due to a conspiracy and he was put to death here, but was buried in **Jerusalem**.

Lebo-hamath to the Dead Sea (aka Sea of the Arabah): Jeroboam restored Israel’s border between these places.^a

Damascus and Hamath (the area north of Lebo-Hamath): Jeroboam recovered these cities from Judah

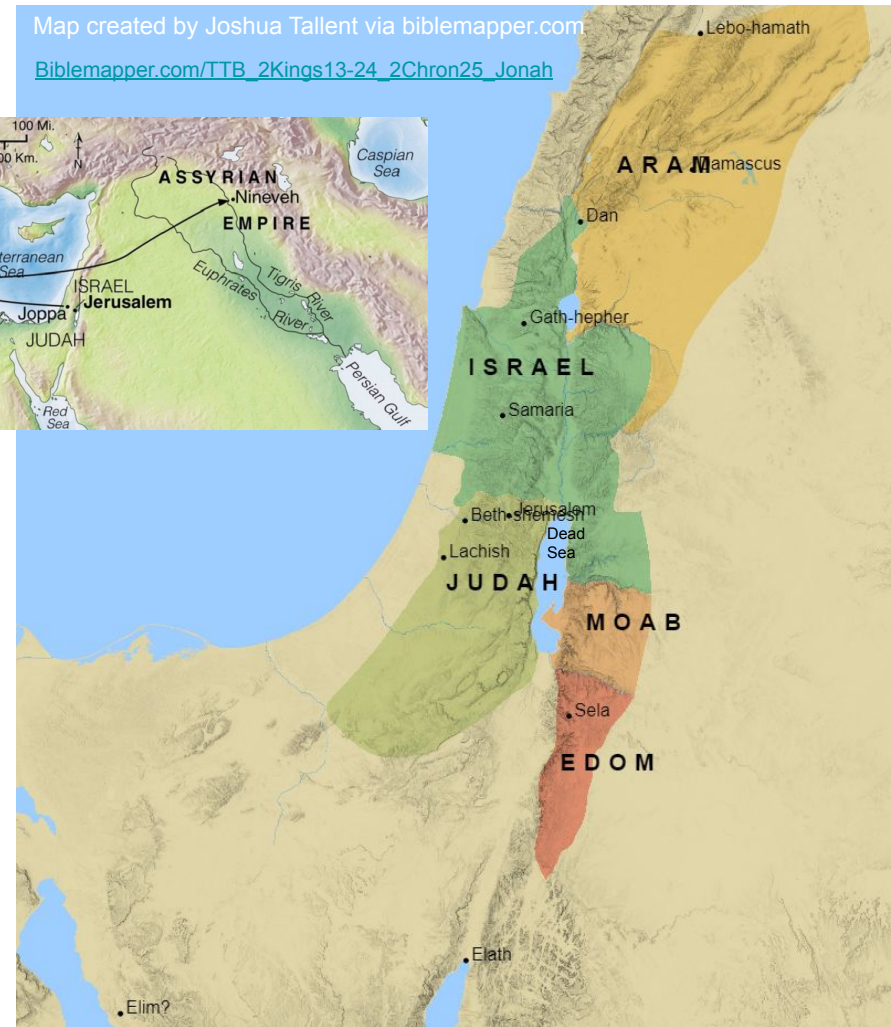
Elath: Restored by Uzziah/Azariah; traded with **Elim**

Gath-hepher: Jonah was born here

Nineveh: Jonah called to this “extremely great” city

Map created by Joshua Tallent via biblemapper.com

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“Where” - Tel Lachish



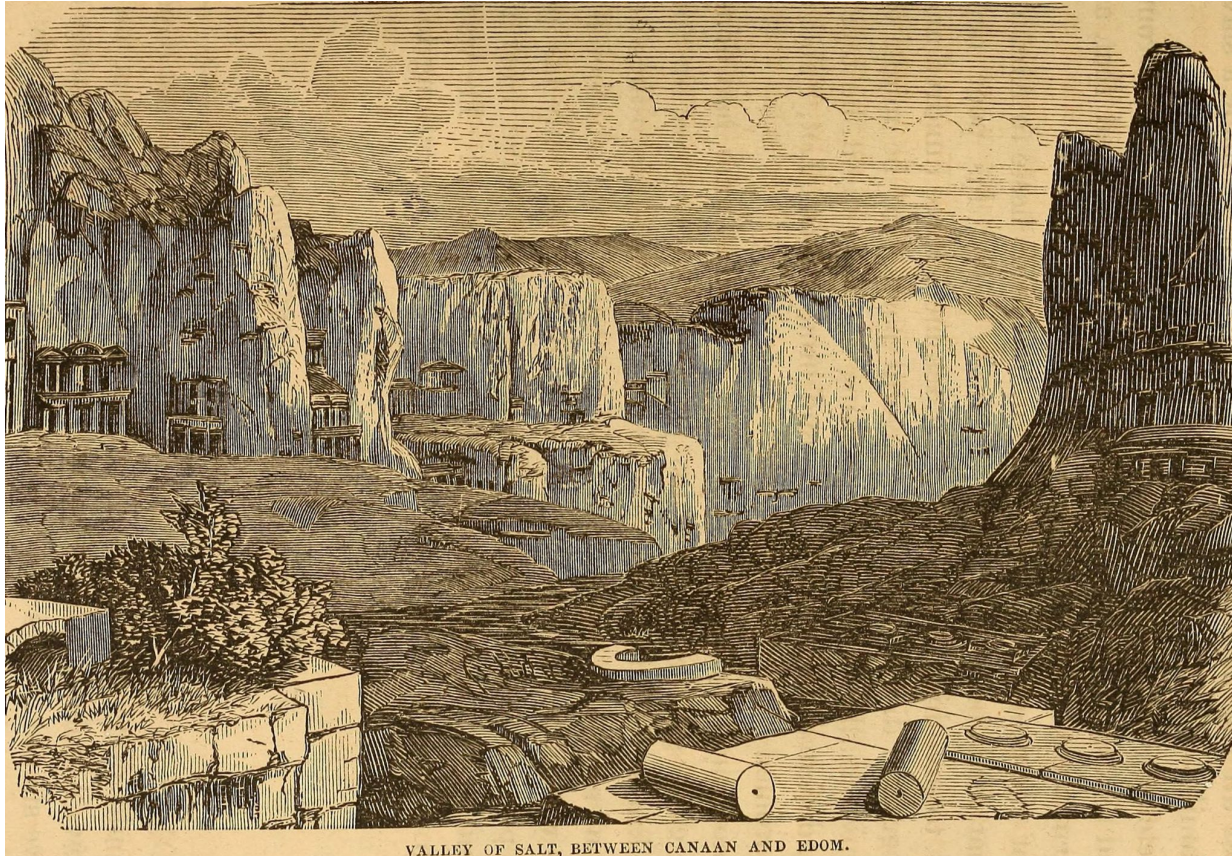
“Where” - Lachish



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“Where” - Valley of Salt



VALLEY OF SALT, BETWEEN CANAAN AND EDMOM.

Salt Valley (near Sela):
Amaziah killed 10,000
Edomites/Seirites &
captured 10,000 alive &
threw them off a cliff.

This valley (the Arabah) is
between Judah and Edom
on the south of the Dead
Sea.

Valley of Salt. (2022, February 13).

In *Wikipedia*.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Valley_of_Salt

“Where” - Jonah’s Journey

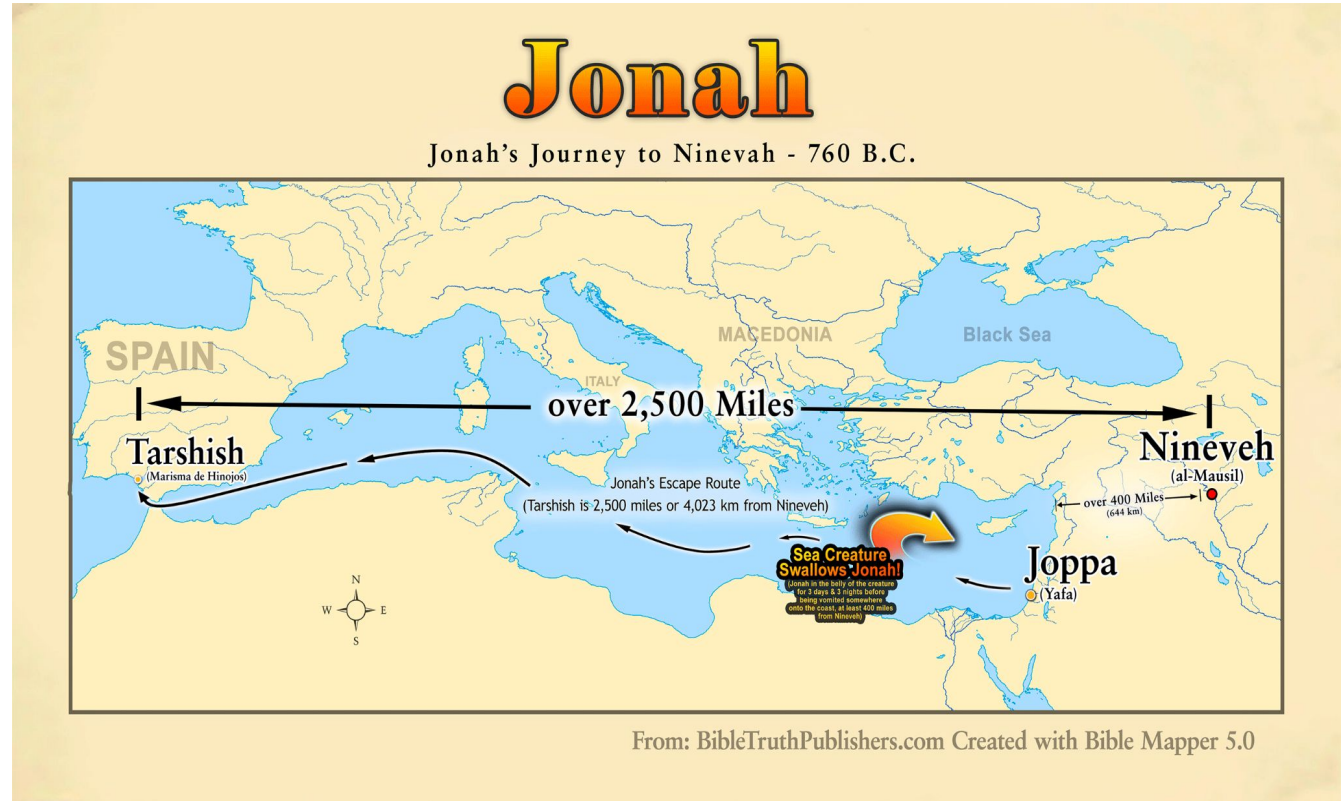
Nineveh: The city Jonah was called to preach and prophesy to

Tarshish: Where Jonah intended to flee to (2,500 miles from Nineveh)

Joppa: Jonah departed from here to go to Tarshish

Between Joppa & Tarshish: Jonah thrown into the sea and swallowed by a great fish

About 400 miles from Nineveh: Jonah vomited onto dry land



<https://bibletruthpublishers.com/insights-from-bible-geography/btp-bible-maps/lbd24044>

“Where” - Joppa

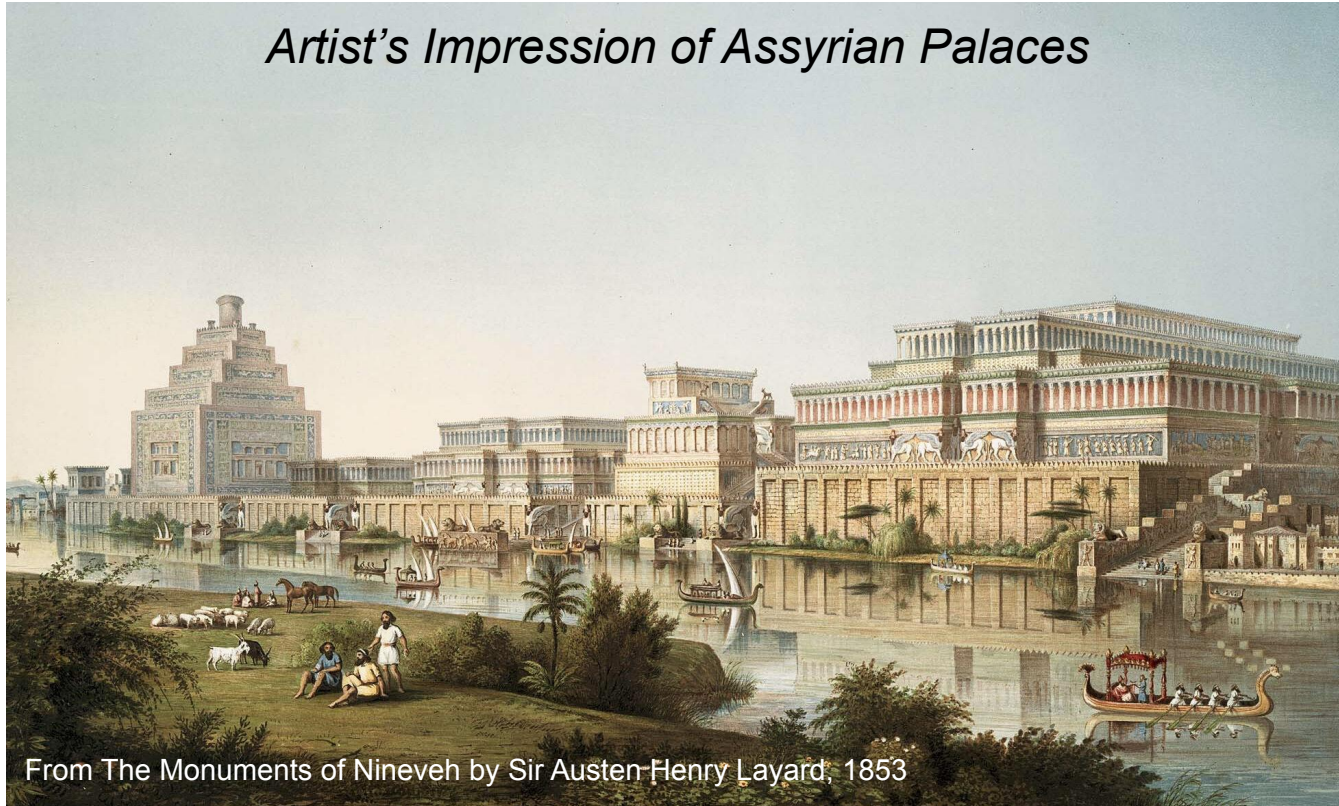


When God told Jonah to go on a mission to Nineveh, he went to the port of Joppa, modern Jaffa, to take a ship in the opposite direction. Jaffa is today swallowed up in the city of Tel Aviv.

Photo and Information from:
“What the Bible is All About” by Henrietta Mears

“Where” - Nineveh

Artist's Impression of Assyrian Palaces

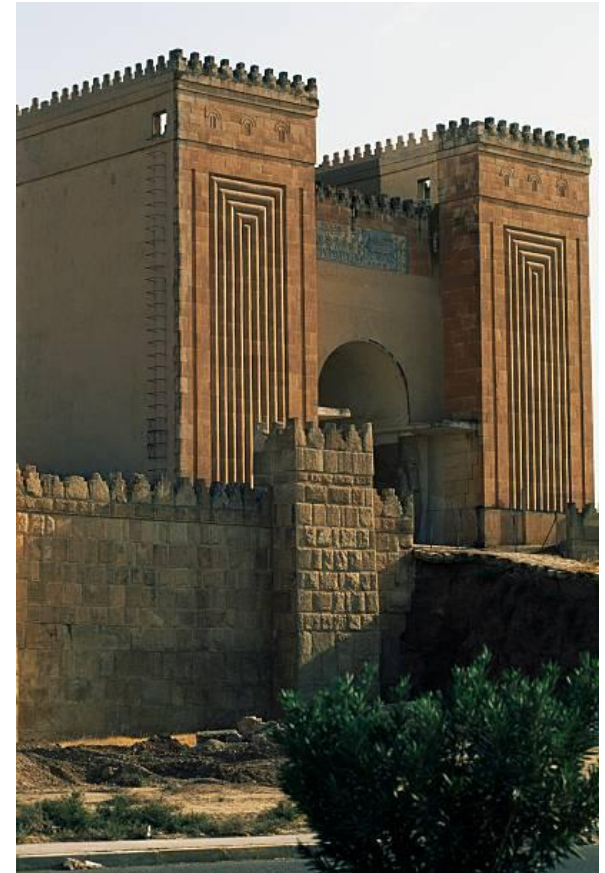
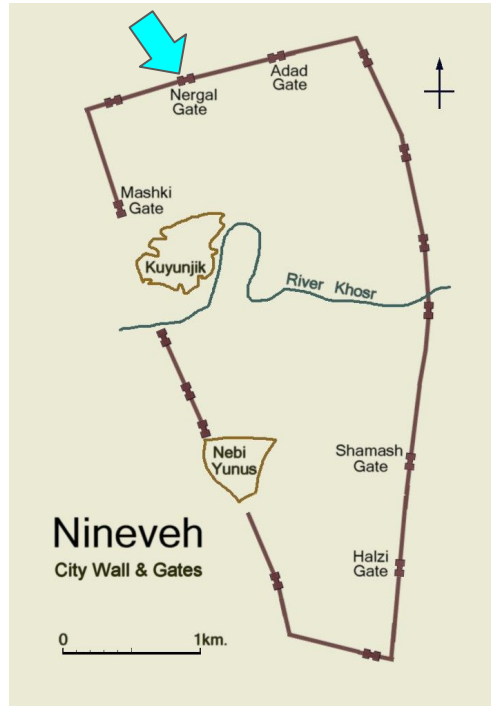


From *The Monuments of Nineveh* by Sir Austen-Henry Layard, 1853

“Where” - Nineveh



Modern-day Map of the Location of the Nergal Gate in Nineveh



Conjectural reconstruction of the Nergal Gate and Walls of Nineveh near Mosul, Iraq

“Where” - Balawat Gates

Reconstruction of the gates at the palace of Shalmaneser III in Balawat.

Made of cedar wood and wrapped in bronze.

These gates are similar to what Jonah would have seen in Nineveh 60 years later.



Photo: Joshua Tallent



Photo:
British
Museum

“Where” - Balawat Gates



Photo: The British Museum

Close up image from the bronze bands on the gate at Balawat.

The depiction is of prisoners impaled on stakes and being dismembered.

“Where” - Balawat Gates



Photo:
The British Museum

Two of these winged lions flanked the gates leading to the palace of Ashurnasirpal II (883–859 BCE).

They were intended to protect the palace from demonic forces.



Highlight - God's Mercy

For Israel (2 Kings 13:22-25)

- OPPRESSION by King Hazael of Aram (during reign of Jehoahaz)
- God had COMPASSION on them
- He turned TOWARD them because of His COVENANT
 - He didn't destroy them
 - He didn't banish them from His PRESENCE
- PROMISE/PROPHECY Fulfilled
 - As Elisha said, Jehoash DEFEATED Ben-Hadad three times
 - RECOVERED the cities of Israel

For Nineveh (Jonah 3:4-10)

- Jonah warned that the city would be demolished in 40 days
- The people believed God
- Culture-wide REPENTANCE by Kingly Decree - fasting, calling out to God, & TURNED from evil ways
- God RELENTED from the disaster he had threatened them with

***“MERCY is not a matter of merit;
it is GOD’S GIFT.”***

-She Reads Truth Bible

Lessons from Jehoash & Amaziah*

Jehoash - Lost Opportunity (2 Kings 13)

- Did what was evil in God's sight.
- Defeated the king of Judah, Amaziah.
- Elisha gave him a golden opportunity to defeat Syria once and for all, but he failed to use his opportunity.
- Wrong decisions today often mean defeat tomorrow.

Amaziah - Defeat by Pride (1 Kings 14) (2 Chron 25)

- Good start by obeying the Lord.
- God gave him great victories in Edom, but he worshiped their heathen gods.
- Idolatry and pride led him to "meddle" with Jehoash, the king of Israel.
- Result: Judah was soundly defeated by Israel; Jerusalem was partly destroyed, and the Lord's treasury emptied
- Had Amaziah remained in his own land and given God the glory for his victories, he would not have become captive to Israel.

Lessons from Jonah*

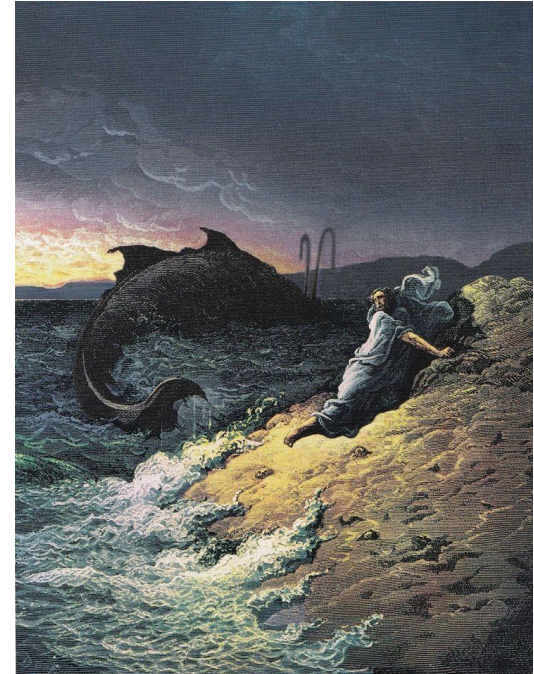
I. Resignation — The Lesson of God's Patience

- A. The causes of his backsliding were many
- B. The course of his backsliding was downward
- C. The consequences of his backsliding were tragic

II. Repentance — The Lesson of God's Pardon

III. Revival — The Lesson of God's Power

IV. Rebellion — The Lesson of God's Pity



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Highlights - “Jonah - Lessons from a Man Who Ran”



Sermon Series - Venture Church (September 2023)

- Why would Jonah rather die than go to Nineveh?
 - Because Jonah knew the character of God, he knew if he shared about God, the people he hated would respond and repent and God would relent.
- 4 Stages of Jonah’s Spiritual Growth from Inside of a Fish
 1. Prayed for God’s Help
 2. Accepted God’s Discipline
 3. Trusted God’s Promises
 4. Yielded to God’s Will
- Our God is the God of Undeserved Second Chances
- Does what concerns God concern you?

SONG LYRICS: NINEVEH

by Danny O’Callaghan

*I lost my way in raging seas
Breaking waves crash over me
To cling to hope seems but a dream
As wilder seas rage within me*

*I will go, I will go, go to Nineveh
Where You lead, where You lead I'll go
Through the fears and the storms out in front of me
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Questions to Consider

God's Mercy (2 Kings 13:22-25, Jonah 3:4-10)

- Where am I feeling oppressed or where have I failed?
- How has God shown, or how is God showing me mercy and compassion in this?
- What promise for deliverance do I need to hold onto and trust God with?
- What has God recovered from the enemy for me?
- Is there an area in my life where I need to repent and turn away from sin?

Lost Opportunities (Jehoash, 2 Kings 13)

- Is there an area where I need to repent for making a wrong decision or not stepping into an OPPORTUNITY God was opening up for me?

Pride (Amaziah, 1 Kings 14, 2 Chronicles 25)

- Where am I allowing IDOLATRY [anything higher than God] or PRIDE [self above God] in my life?

Historical Authenticity of Jonah

Article: “Is the Book of Jonah ‘Entirely Ahistorical’?”

By Christopher Eames

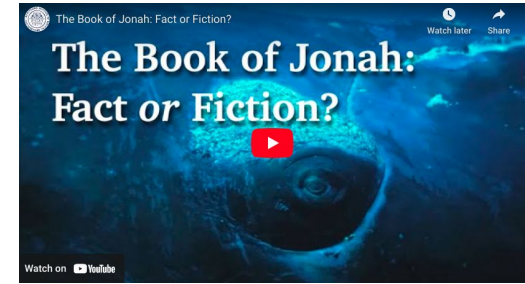
Gratuitous torture, dimensions, animals, plants and period-specific impotence—all a remarkably accurate depiction of the infamous ‘bloody city’ in the book of Jonah.



Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology

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The Book of Jonah: Fact or Fiction?

By Christopher Eames

Horses dressed in sackcloth, a fish that swallows a man, and the repentance of the world’s most violent city. These are but a few of the remarkable events detailed in the biblical book of Jonah, leading many modern biblical scholars to regard the book a work purely of fiction. But is that so? What do archaeology and ancient literature say about the historicity of the Jonah account?

Host Brent Nagtegaal interviews archaeologist Christopher Eames to discuss the historical evidence supporting the biblical account.

Armstrong Institute of Biblical Archaeology
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkuUjobA66w>

Questions to Consider (Jonah)

Rebellion, Patience, & Revival

- Where in my life am I thankful for God's patience with me because I've been hesitant to obey and step into what he's asking me to do?
- Am I despising God's correction, refusing to confess my sins, or feeling like giving up during chastening?
- Do I have a wrong attitude toward my enemies?
- Am I fearful about witnessing to others?
- God, how do you want to use me to further revival in our city?

Repentance & God's Pardon

- Where do I need to acknowledge that God is working in my life, even during trials and afflictions that are consequences of my sin?
- Have I moved from a place of conviction to confession of sins, for believing the devil's lies instead of The Truth from God?
- Am I trusting God to forgive me and work everything out for my good and His glory?

Watch Jonah Sermon Series & Listen to Song “Nineveh”

<https://www.ourventure.church/media/series/jonah>



LESSONS FROM A MAN WHO RAN

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1. Running from God
2. Woke up in Hell
3. Great God of Jonah
4. God Relents

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