



Bible study

Book of Jonah



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Where are you?



ATTACKS

- **Myth, Fable, Allegory**
- **“No man could survive in a fish’s belly for three days and nights.”**

Modern Cases Prove Possibility

Case 1: Hawaiian Islands – soldier from the Scofield barracks. Skeleton found in whale shark 30 days later. Had been swallowed whole.



Case 2: British sailor swallowed and rescued 48 hours later – alive. Known as “Jonah of the Twentieth Century”



.... Modern Cases Prove Possibility

- **Case 3..... In 1891, James Bartley swallowed by a whale during a whaling expedition.**
- **Later, when the whale was caught and after 30 hours of cutting it up, Bartley was found alive but delirious inside the stomach. Took three weeks to recover.**
- **“By feeling about I realized I had actually been swallowed by a whale and was in its stomach. I could still breath...,” Bartley said.**

3 Major reasons to believe

Tomb of Prophet
Jonah - Mosul, Iraq







1. Proved – Historically, Scientifically & Geographically

- ✓ **Jonah and his time line**
- ✓ **Nineveh, Joppa, Tarsish and its historical and geographical evidence**
- ✓ **Historical evidence of incidence before, after and during 8th century BC**

1. It is in The Bible

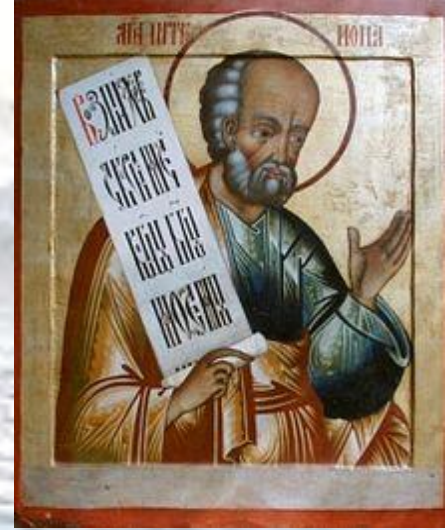
2. Confirmed by Jesus Christ in NT – Matt-12:39-41

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Jonah the prophet

- 🐟 **Jonah – Hebrew word**
- 🐟 **Jonah means DOVE**
- 🐟 **Son of Amittai - 2 Kings 14:25**
- 🐟 **Tribe of Zebulun**
- 🐟 **A Galilean**
- 🐟 **Native of Gath-hepher**
- 🐟 **Mentioned by Christ**



.... Jonah the prophet

🐟 King Jeroboam II
(793-753 BC)

🐟 Lived in the first Temple
period

🐟 Ministered during ~ 800-
750 BC

🐟 Judaism & Islam

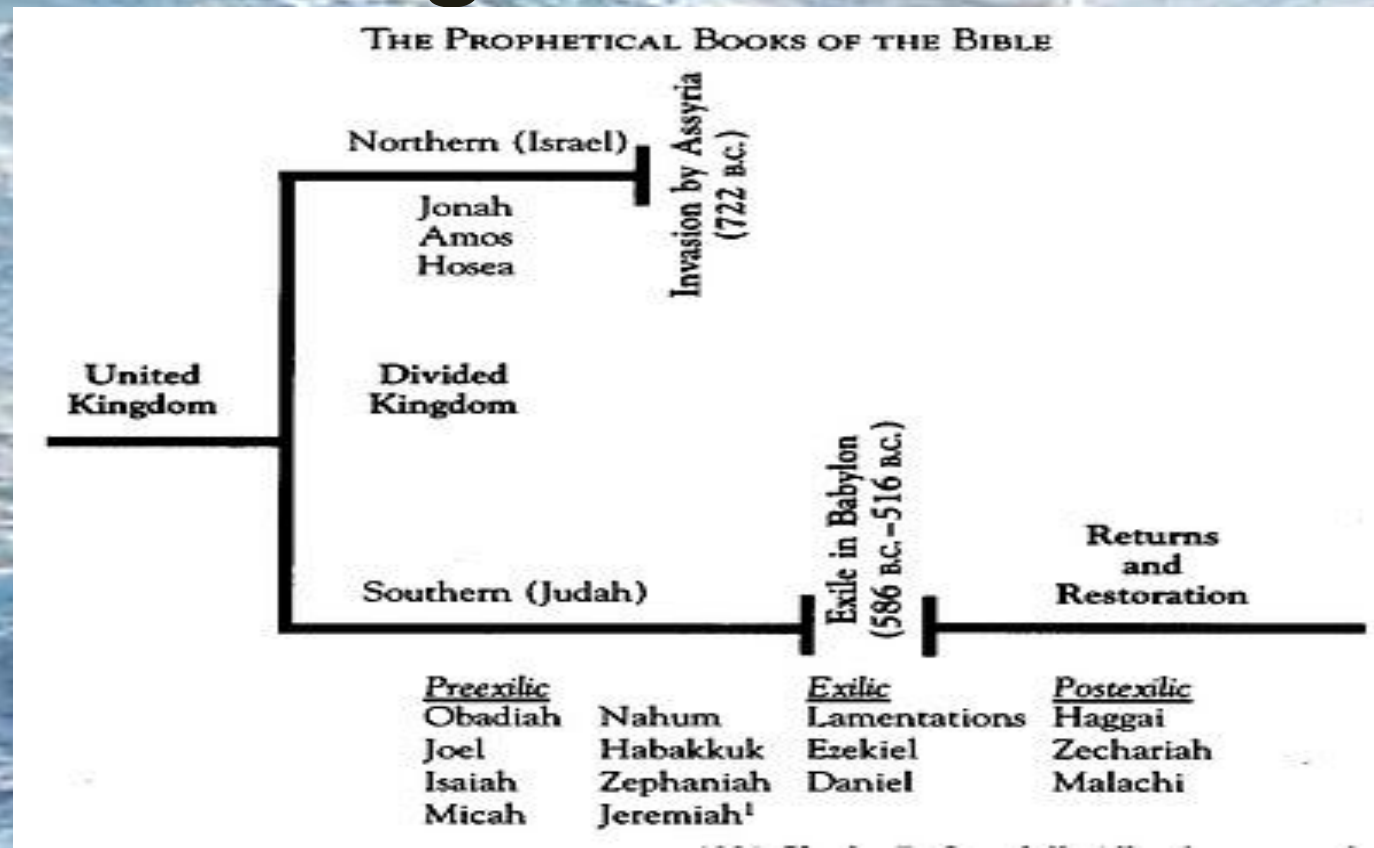


.... *Jonah the prophet*

🐟 **1st Jewish prophet**

🐟 **God sent to pagan nation**

🐟 **Of divided kingdom**



The Book Jonah

- 🐟 **Author – Jonah**
- 🐟 **King Jeroboam II- 793-753 BC**
- 🐟 **Main Characters – Jonah, God, Captain & People of Nineveh**
- 🐟 **Statistics – 5th minor prophet**
 - 🐟 **32nd book with 4 chapters / 48 verses**
 - 🐟 **Commands – 8, Questions 12 & prophecy – 1**
 - 🐟 **Promise – NIL & **Miracles** ????**

About Nineveh

- 🐟 **Capital city of ancient Assyria**
- 🐟 **Named after the goddess Ishtar**
- 🐟 **Built by Nimrod - Genesis 10:9-12**
- 🐟 **Nimrod - Great Grandson of Noah**
- 🐟 **Situated on the east bank of the
Tigris river**
- 🐟 **Located North East of Israel**

.... about Nineveh

- 🐟 Presently called Mosul – in Iraq**
- 🐟 Assyria- pride, power and brutality**
- 🐟 Assyrian army - brutal efficiency -
beheadings, impaling victims on
poles, stampeding, skinning alive,
leading captives by fish hooks
passed through the lips or noses,
etc.**

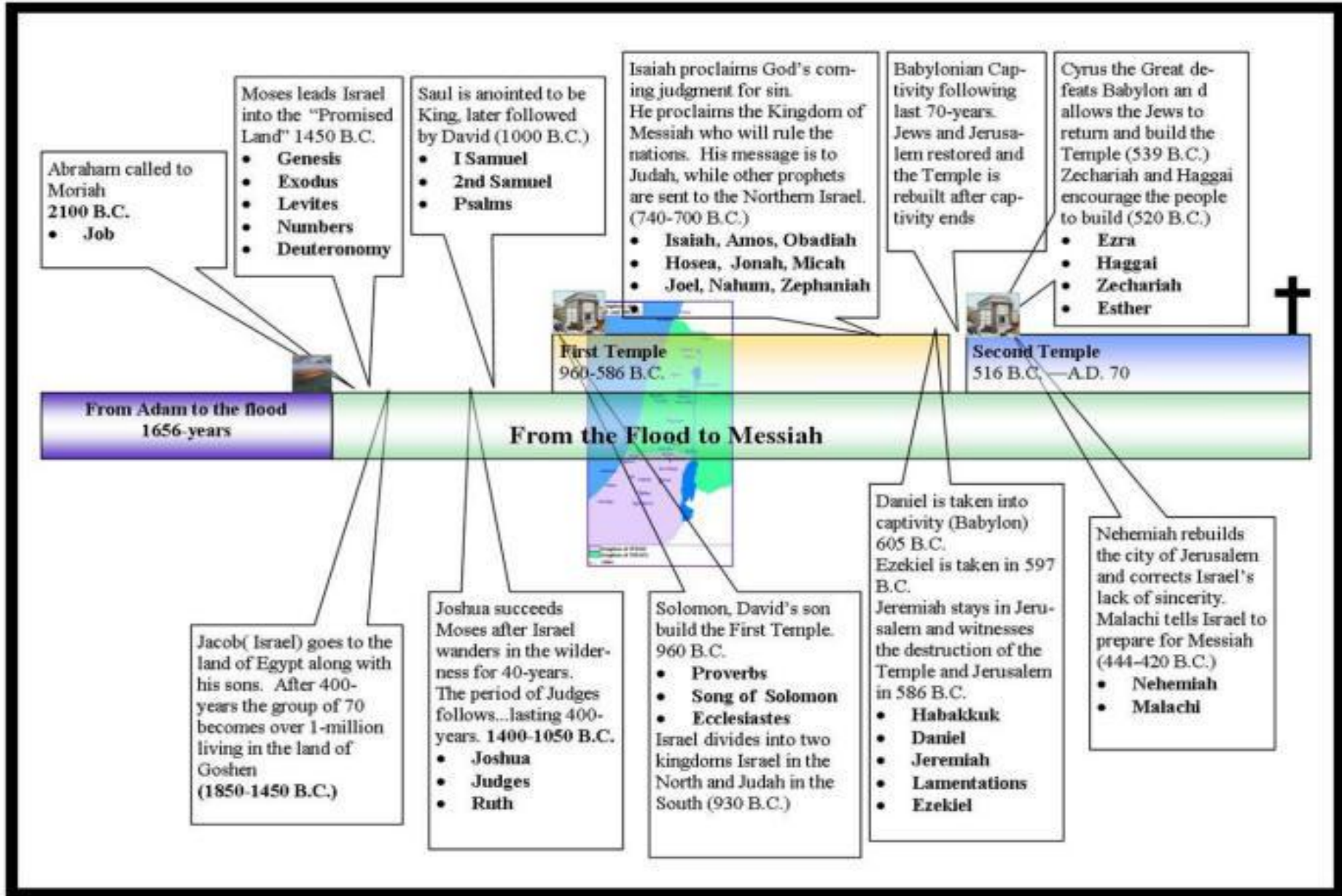
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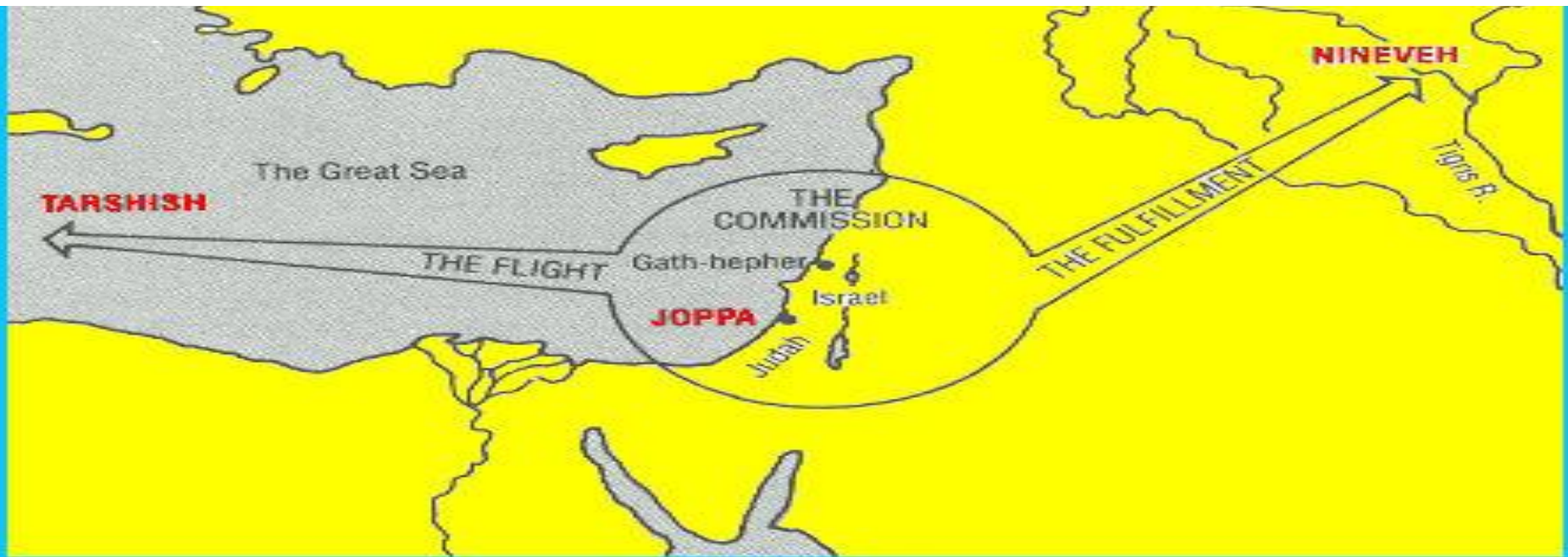
- 🐟 Assyria - bitterest enemy of the people of God**
- 🐟 Assyria arrogance - Isaiah 10:5-19**
- 🐟 *Adad-Nirari III (810-782 B.C.)***
- 🐟 Nahum Prophecy**

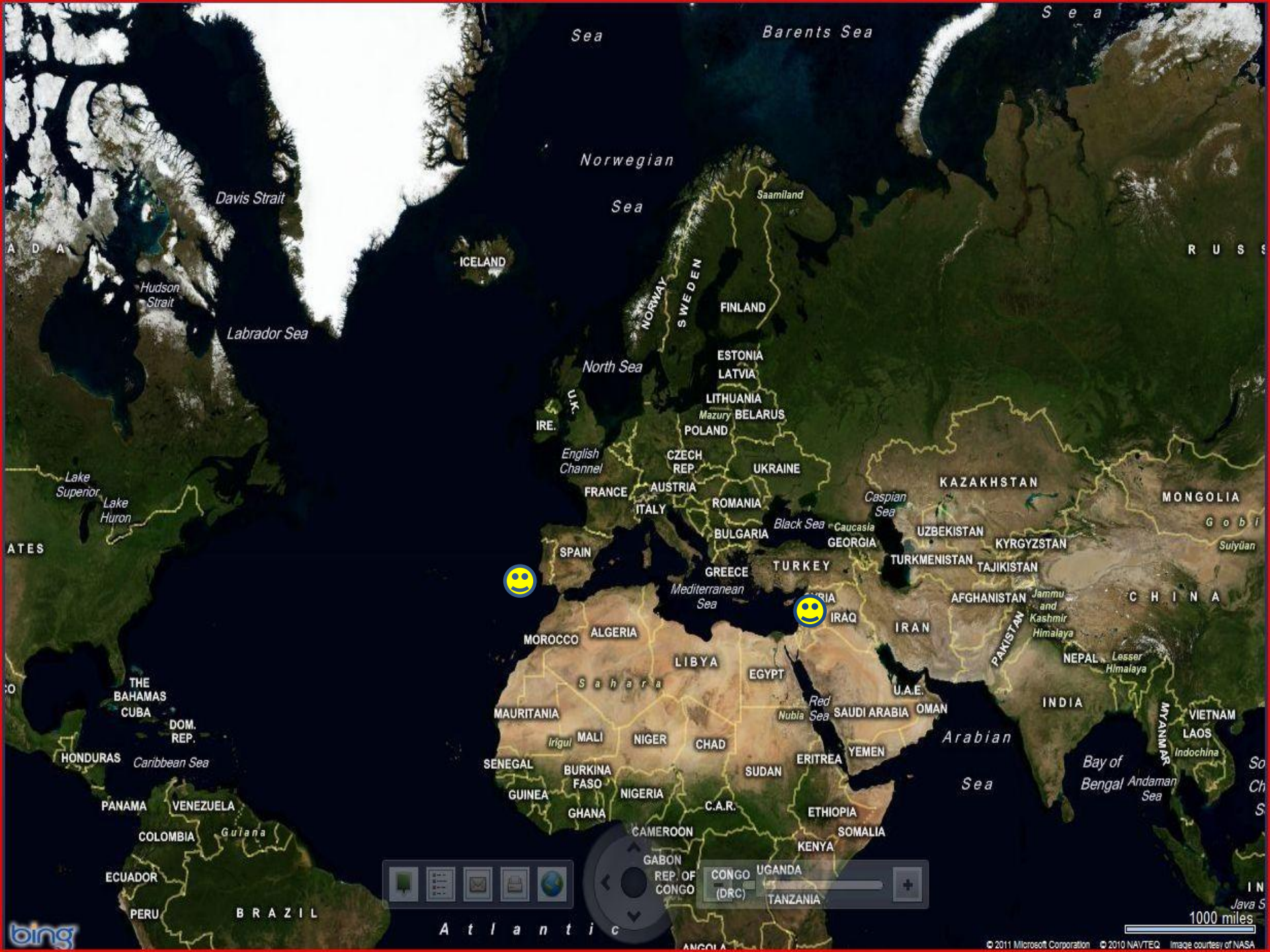
About Joppa & Tarshish

- 🐟 Joppa means “Beautiful”**
- 🐟 35 miles from Jerusalem**
- 🐟 Near Tel Aviv - oldest port city**
- 🐟 Tarshish Hebrew word - *“the end of the earth”***
- 🐟 Tarshish - on the West of Israel**
- 🐟 Located in Southwest of Spain**

Timeline







Sea Barents Sea

Norwegian

Sea

Davis Strait

Hudson Strait

Labrador Sea

ICELAND

North Sea

Saamiland

NORWAY SWEDEN

FINLAND

ESTONIA

LATVIA

LITHUANIA

Mazury BELARUS

POLAND

IRE.

UK

CZECH REP.

FRANCE

English Channel

AUSTRIA

ROMANIA

BULGARIA

SPAIN

ITALY

GREECE

Black Sea

Caucasia

Caspian Sea

KAZAKHSTAN

MONGOLIA

Gobi

Suliyian



TURKEY

ARMENIA

IRAQ

IRAN

TURKMENISTAN

TAJIKISTAN

UZBEKISTAN

KYRGYZSTAN

AFGHANISTAN

Jammu and Kashmir

Himalaya

CHINA

NEPAL

Lesser Himalaya

INDIA

VIETNAM

LAOS

Indochina

MYANMAR

Bay of Bengal

Andaman Sea

THE BAHAMAS CUBA

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HONDURAS

Caribbean Sea

PANAMA

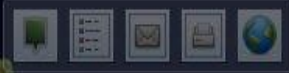
VENEZUELA

COLOMBIA

Guiana

ECUADOR

BRAZIL



Atlantic

1000 miles

bing

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**Reign of Jeroboam II,
(2 Kings 14:25)**

**Israel was enjoying peace
& prosperity.**

**During Jeroboam's 41
year reign Israel's borders
were expanded after
several years of decline.**



Nineveh

Assyria





**Unbelievable
cruelty!**

**Beheadings,
Impalings,
burnings,
torture,
enslavement,
rape.**

Scale of Miles



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Chapter 1 - In the Ship

God's Command - V1-2

 Clear message

 Instruction and direction


Disobedience - V3

 Running away from His presence

 Not God's will but his own will

 One man impacts many

 Earthly loss - V5

 Can't run from God & can't hide what we do Ps. 33:13-14; Heb. 4:13

...Chapter 1 - In the Ship

 **Truthful - Worldly righteous**

 **Paid the fare - V3**

 **Honest, He didn't lie - V 10**

 **Accepts - he runs-away from God-V10**

 **God's love - V4**

 **He loves him - Hebrew 11:7-11**

 **Wonderful plan - Strom & Fish**

 **Obeys**

 **Wind, Strom & Fish - V4,15,17**

 **Gourd - 4:6; Worm - 4:7; Wind - 4:8**

...Chapter 1 - In the Ship

- 🐟 Who's duty? - V6**
 - 🐟 Sleeper - Today's Church**
 - 🐟 Shipmaster's call - pagan man**
- 🐟 Bold & Strong - V9**
 - 🐟 Not a weak person**
 - 🐟 Cast me forth into the sea – V12**
 - 🐟 Bold and true message**
- 🐟 Miracle**
 - 🐟 Compare V5 and V14 & 16**

Chapter 2 - In the Fish

- 🐟 Prayer from Fish's belly - V1-9**
 - 🐟 A prayer in the form of song**
 - 🐟 With faith and confidence -V2**
 - 🐟 Prayer with Thanksgiving & Vows -V9**
 - 🐟 Salvation is from the Lord - V9**
 - 🐟 Did Jonah repent?**
- 🐟 Gracious God - V10**
 - 🐟 Answers Jonah's prayer**
 - 🐟 Commands the Fish**
 - 🐟 Fish obeys and delivers Jonah**

Chapter 3 – With Ninevites

Jonah obeys - v3

 According to the word of the Lord

Message - V1-2,4

 God gives message & instructions

 Simple & clear message

Repentance of the Ninevites -V5-8

 Believed God, Fast & put on sackcloth

 Everyone, including King & animals


 Turn from evil and violence - V8

Chapter 3 - With Ninevites

Compassion - V10







 **God saw their works**

 **God is gracious and does not destroy**

 **Relenting God - Looks for every opportunity not to punish people**

Chapter 4 - With God

Jonah's reaction V1-3

-  Angry -Jonah wanted God to destroy Nineveh - [*Earlier people of Nineveh were part of the Babylonian empire which had conquered Israel and taken the people into captivity.*]
-  Prayed - told God exactly how he felt
-  He knew God is Gracious and Merciful
-  No compassion for Ninevites
-  Selfish Jonah - My will, not HIS
-  Prefers to die - V3 & 8

Chapter 4 - With God

🐟 God's Lesson - V4-11

🐟 Questions to Jonah - V4 & 9

🐟 No response but still waits - V5

🐟 Practical lesson - Gourd & Worm

🐟 Gourd - to deliver from grief - V6

🐟 Glad of the Gourd not of God - V6

**🐟 Concerned about the death of plant but not
Ninevites**

**🐟 God cared about Jonah & whole city of
Nineveh [*even the cattle*] - V11**

Chapter 4 - With God

🐟 Key lessons for us - V10-11

🐟 Where is our concern? - earthly life or eternal life

🐟 Is there true love in us for others?

🐟 Do we concerned about others?

🐟 Are we willing to go and share the Gospel?

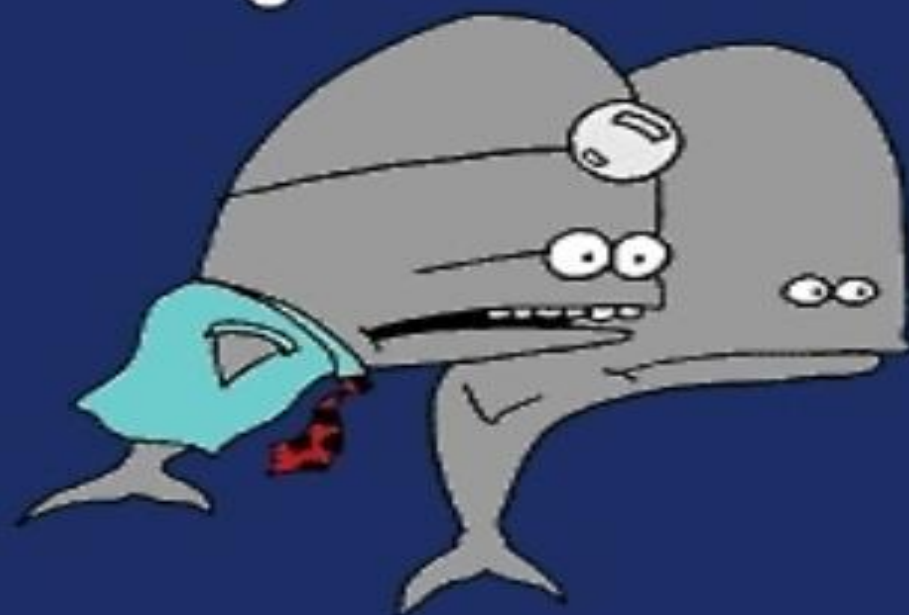
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Quiz - 2

**List all the miracles you
find in the Book of
Jonah.**

**Quote reference for
each miracle**



"Oh oh, someone has to tell God there is no way he can be swallowed by one of us"

Jonah

Mission : To Save Gentiles

Guilty - Deserved to be punished

Vomited by Fish

In belly of great fish for three days

In belly for penalty of his sin

Came forth from sea to preach

Deliverance from death to preach to city

Saved men from physical death

Preaching created a gate to a new life

Jesus

Mission : To save the world

Innocent - Bore sins of others

Raised from the dead

In grave for three days

In grave for penalty of our sin

Came from heart of earth to send gospel

Resurrected to be Savior

Saved men from spiritual death

Preaching creates a gate to a new life

God's Miracles

- 🐟 Raising up a storm - 1:4
- 🐟 Calming the storm - 1:15
- 🐟 Conversion & Sacrifice – 1-14 & 16
- 🐟 Commissioning of a great fish to swallow Jonah - 1:17
- 🐟 Jonah surviving three days & three nights inside the fish - 1:17
- 🐟 Fish vomited Jonah out on dry land - 2:10
- 🐟 Nineveh - wide-spread repentance - 3:5-9
- 🐟 Fast - beast, herd & flock – 3:7
- 🐟 Raising up a plant, a worm, and a scorching east wind - 4:6-8

God
Bless
You!



Quiz - 1

- **Who was the father of Jonah?**
- **Which book of the Bible precedes Jonah?**
- **Which city did God ask Jonah to go to?**
- **Which city did Jonah attempt to flee to instead?**
- **What was Jonah doing on the ship while the storm was raging?**

..... Quiz - 1

- **What did the sailors do to increase their chances of survival?**
- **How did the sailors discover Jonah was responsible for the storm?**
- **Who suggested that Jonah be thrown overboard?**
- **What did the ship's crew do once the storm had ceased?**

..... Quiz - 1

- **What happened to Jonah after he was thrown overboard?**
- **How long was it before Jonah reached dry land?**
- **Where did Jonah go after reaching dry land?**
- **How long was it to be before the city Jonah had a message for was overthrown?**

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- **How did the city react to Jonah's message of destruction?**
- **What was Jonah's reaction to the way the people of the city responded?**
- **What did Jonah do while he waited to see the city's fate?**
- **What killed the plant that God had provided Jonah for shade?**

..... Quiz - 1

- **Which direction did the scorching wind upon Jonah come from?**
- **How many of the city's inhabitants could not "discern their left hand from their right hand"?**
- **Which book of the Bible follows Jonah?**