

The Minor Prophets “The Twelve”

Hosea	Nahum
Joel	Habakkuk
Amos	Zephaniah
Obadiah	Haggai
Jonah	Zechariah
Micah	Malachi

Prophetic Ministry: 800 – 430 B.C.

Matthew 12:39-41

“...An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign shall be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet;

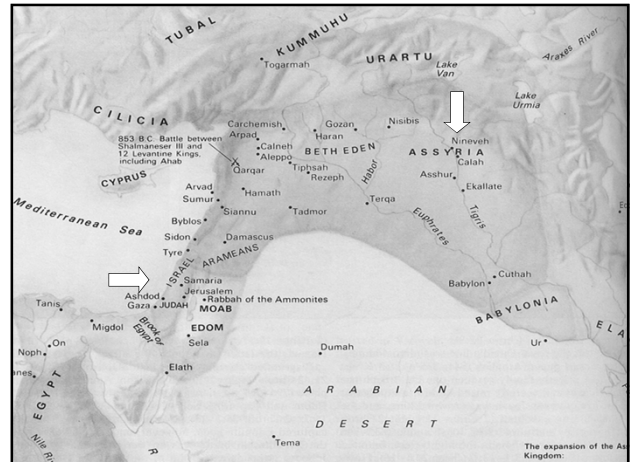
for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so shall the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

The men of Nineveh shall stand up with this generation at the judgment, and shall condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”

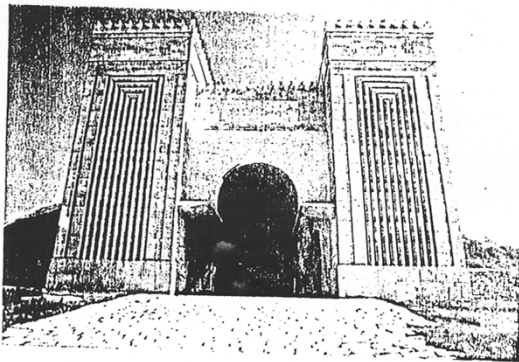
Jonah

Setting:

- Jonah lived in Israel during the reign of Jeroboam II (2 Kings 14:25)
- Date: 760 B.C. (with Hosea & Amos)
- Audience: the city of Nineveh



Restored gate at the site of the ancient city of Nineveh of Assyria. 15 gates; 100ft tall, 50 ft wide

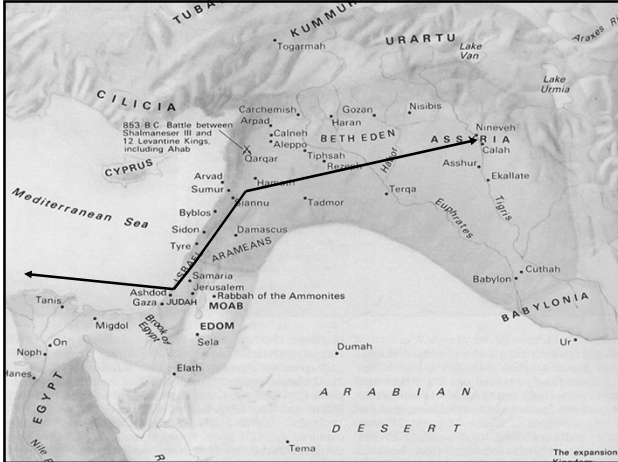


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“Be Merciful as God is Merciful”
 (“The Fish, the Worm and the Mercy of God”)

Message:

- (1) God’s mercy extends to all who call upon in faith and repentance
- (2) Application—we are to be merciful



Jonah: God's Mercy Displayed

Instances of God's mercy shown at the last hour in the midst of impending judgment

- God shows mercy to idolatrous sailors who turn to Him in faith
- God shows mercy to his disobedient prophet who cries to Him in distress