

P.T. BIBLE SURVEY

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- ◉ Who wrote it?
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- ◎ Timing of Events:

- 793 to 753 B.C.
- During the reign of Israel's King Jeroboam II (See 2 Kings 14:23-35)

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◎ Location of Events:

- The Great Sea and Nineveh (The Great City)

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The map displays the Mediterranean Sea and surrounding regions: FRANCE, ITALY, SPAIN, TURKEY, ASSYRIA, ISRAEL, JUDAH, EGYPT, and BABYLONIA. A red dotted line traces the path of Jonah. It starts at Joppa (marked with a red pin 'A'), goes west to Tarshish? (marked with a red pin 'C'), then east to Nineveh (marked with a red pin 'B'). A red arrow labeled 'THE MISSION' points from Nineveh back to Joppa. A red arrow labeled 'THE FLIGHT' points from Joppa west towards Tarshish. A blue cloud icon is placed over the Mediterranean Sea. Three inset images are shown: 'The Assyrian king (3:6)' (a king with a staff and sword), 'The great fish (1:17)' (a large fish), and 'The Temple (2:4,7)' (a large stone building). Three information boxes provide details for Tarshish, Joppa, and Nineveh. A map control panel is in the top right, and navigation tools are on the left.

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Nineveh ☆

"That great city" (1:2), namely the capital of Assyria and home to 120,000 of Israel's enemies (as well as many cattle). Also, the mission destination of Jonah.

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Tarshish ☆

An unknown port city in the Western region of the Mediterranean (1:3), i.e. in the opposite direction to Ninevah.

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Joppa ☆

A port city in Judah (1:3), where Jonah disobediently boarded a ship for Tarshish.

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The Assyrian king (3:6)

The great fish (1:17)

The Temple (2:4,7)

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 - The Rebuke of Jonah by God

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 - Jonah says "I'm here."
 - Jonah says "I shouldn't have come."

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Reluctant prophet, running from God, is swallowed by giant fish.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** has a message for the great, but pagan, city of Nineveh and needs a messenger
- **Jonah:** thinks God's message is a waste of his time and effort
- **The ship's captain:** afraid of the storm, he asks Jonah to call on his God
- **The sailors:** don't want to throw Jonah overboard—but he insists

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◎ Cast of Characters(cont.):

- **The Great Fish:** often thought of as a whale, but described as a “great fish” in the Bible
- **The king of Nineveh:** heard Jonah’s message and called on his people to repent

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Some crowds who heard Jesus clamored for a sign. Jesus told them that the only sign they would be given is the sign of Jonah. As Jonah was in the belly of the fish for three days, so Jesus was in the earth for three days and then was resurrected (Luke 11:29-32).

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Verse to Remember

- ⦿ “When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do it.” (Jonah 3:10)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Jonah's prophecy didn't come true, because Nineveh repented.
- Jonah was a prophet from the village of Gath Hopher, located some three miles north of Nazareth in lower Galilee. The Pharisees were wrong in John 7:52, when they said "Search, and see that no prophet arises out of Galilee".
- Unlike all other Old Testament books, Jonah revolves exclusively around a Gentile nation.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - If you try to run from God you may end up in the belly of disobedience. God has a way of putting you in time out until you are ready to obey.

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◎ Home Study

- Read Micah this week.
- Review your One-Sentence Summaries.
- Recite your memory verses.