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◎ Location of Events:

- In Judah against Nineveh, Capital of Assyria

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JONAH LOCATION MAP

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- ◎ **III. The Destruction of Nineveh is Deserved (3)**
 - The Reasons for the Destruction of Nineveh
 - The Destruction of Nineveh is Inevitable

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- ◎ Summary in 10 words or less:
 - Powerful, wicked Nineveh will fall before God's judgment.

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◎ Cast of Characters:

- **God:** “slow to anger” but not at all pleased with the Ninevites
- **Nahum:** a prophet; his name means “comfort”, but he has little comfort for Nineveh
- **The Ninevites:** the people of Nineveh have moved far away from their place of repentance and now must pay the price

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- ◎ Where is the work of Christ?
 - Nahum told Judah to look for a messenger who would bring the good news of Assyria's downfall, thus proclaiming peace for the world (1:15). The New Testament sees Jesus Christ as God's ultimate Messenger, preaching God's peace for the world (Acts 10:36).
 - As God is the One who rebukes seas and dries up rivers (1:4), so Jesus rebukes the sea and calms the storm (Matt. 8:26).

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Verse to Remember

“The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble, and He knows those who take refuge in Him.”

(Nahum 1:7)

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◉ Interesting Facts:

- Nahum's prophecies against Nineveh takes place 100 years after Jonah's preaching in Nineveh, and 50 years before Nineveh will be conquered.
- Nineveh had become the mightiest city on earth.
 - Its walls were 100 feet high and wide enough to accommodate three chariots riding side by side.
 - The walls were surrounded by a moat 150 feet wide and 60 feet deep.
 - It is believed that Nineveh could withstand a 20-year siege.
- After Nineveh's destruction in 612 B.C., it has never been rebuilt.

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- ◎ What is my take away?
 - Make sure your heart of repentance does not have an expiration date.

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◎ Home Study

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