

JONAH

THE RUNNER



THE AGENDA

— The Prophet Jonah —

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WHO WAS JONAH?



WHY DID

JONAH FLEE?



WHERE DID THE
LORD FIND JONAH?



EXHORTATIONS

JONAH THE PROPHET

— Who was Jonah? —

JONAH = Dove

AMITTAI = Truth

- Jeroboam II (790 – 749 B.C.)

2 Kings 14:25

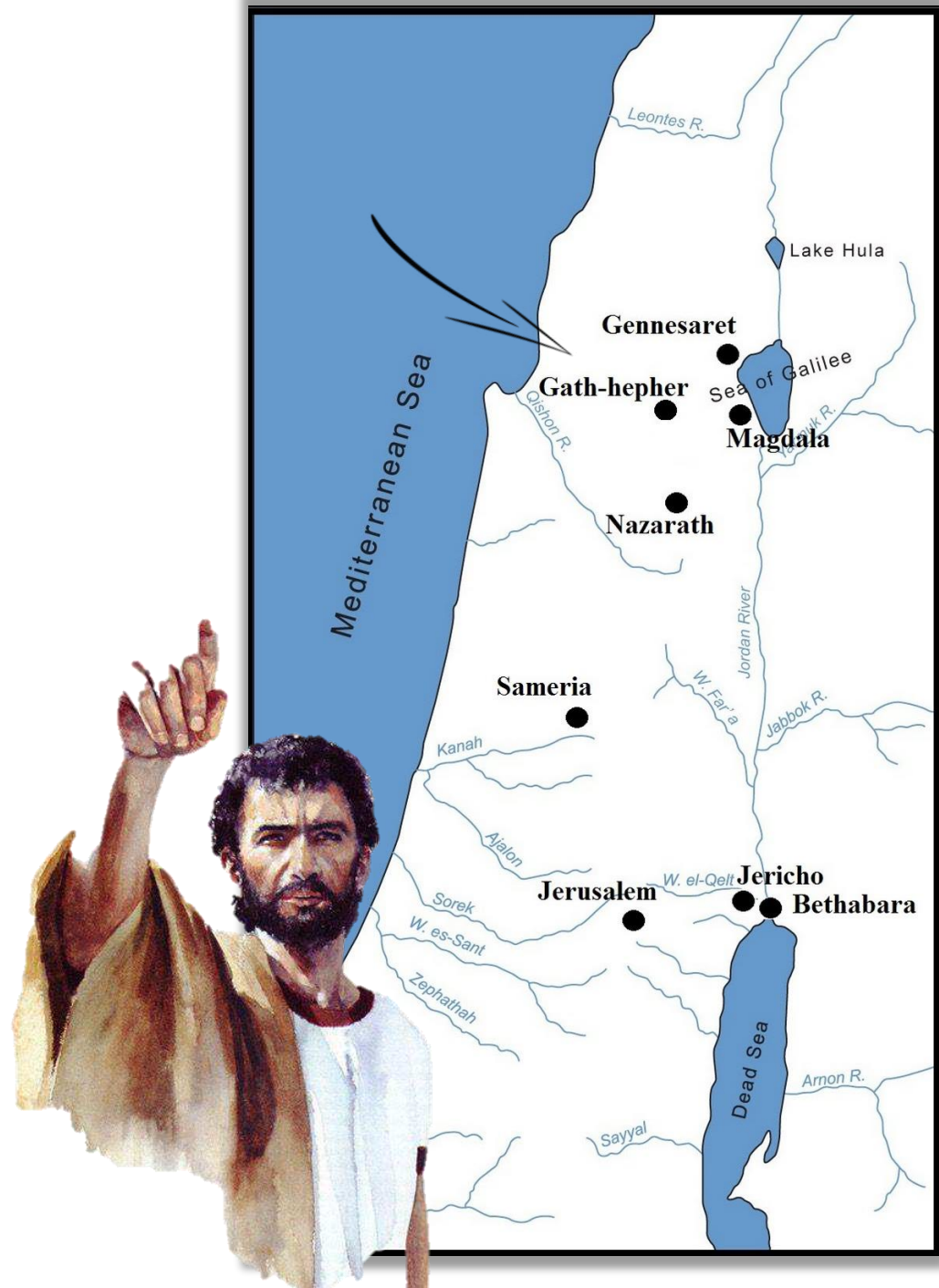
GATH-HEPHER

= The winepress of the well



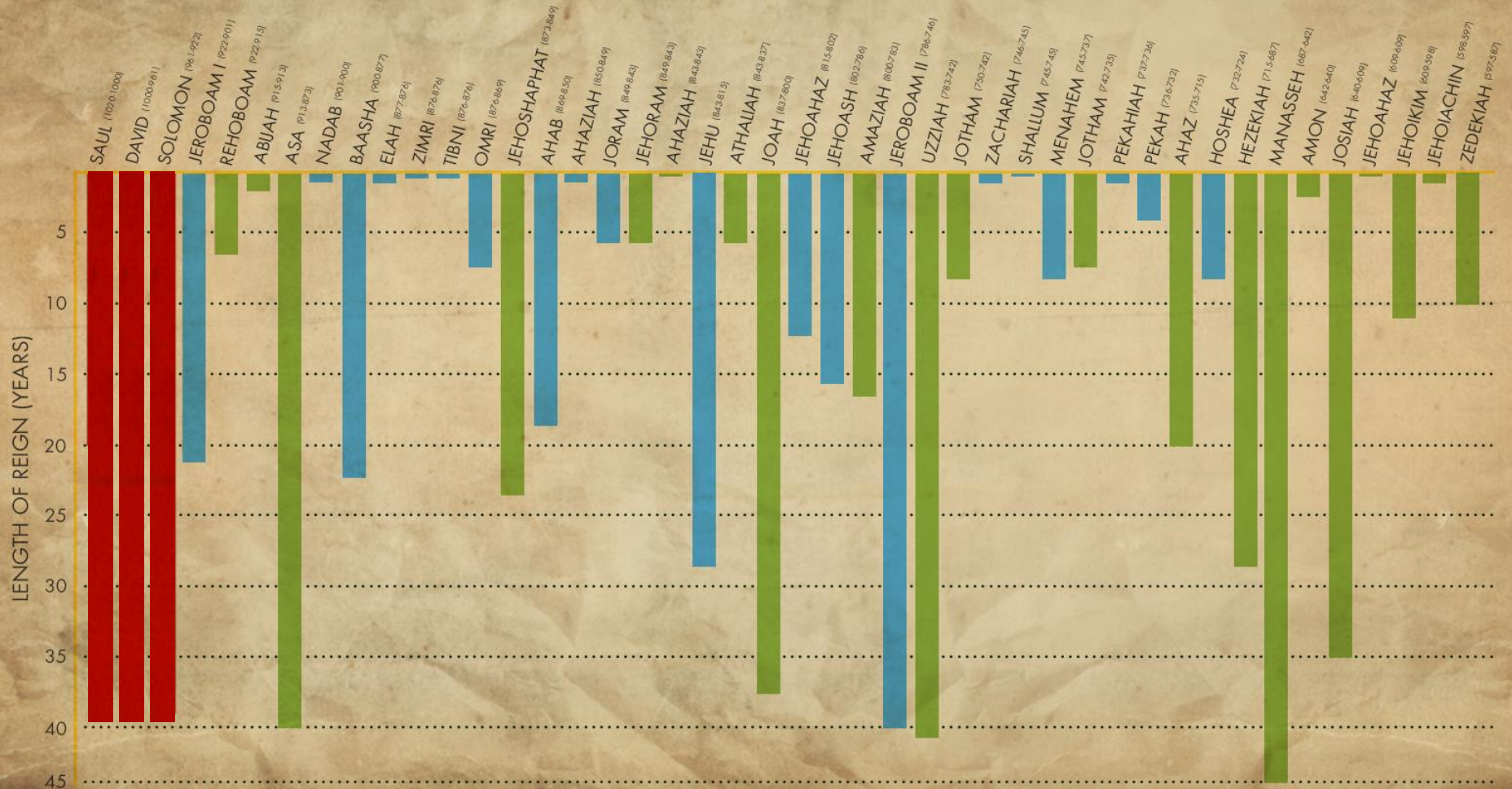
GATH-HEPHER

A city of the tribe of Zebulun, located about 5 km (3 miles) northwest of Nazareth; home of the prophet Jonah (**Joshua 19:13**). And being 110 km (68 miles) north of Jerusalem.



THE LEADERS OF ISRAEL

UNITED KINGDOM JUDAH ISRAEL

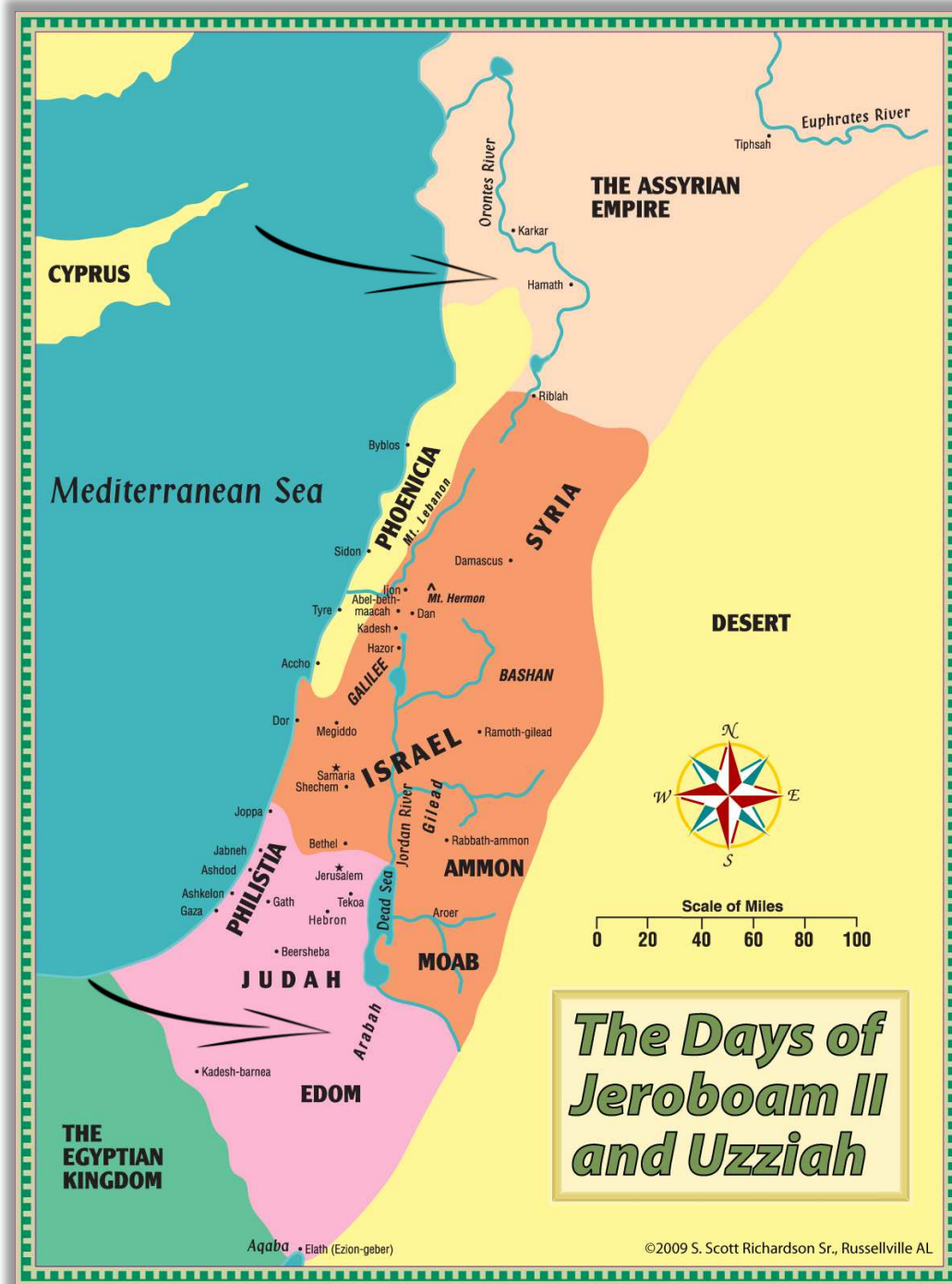


JEROBOAM'S BORDER

He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain...

2 Kings 14:25

RSV “sea of Arabah”
(S of the Dead Sea)



NINEVEH

— That Great City —

NINEVEH = Abode of Ninus

- 700 miles from Jerusalem
- Worshipped the fertility goddess Ishtar
- Founded by Nimrod

Genesis 10:11



ASSYRIA

— That Great Empire —

- Known as a Mercenary
2 Kings 16:7 – 9
- Known as a Destroyer
2 Kings 19:17
- Known as an Aggressor
Jonah 3:8
- Known as a Robber
Nahum 3:1

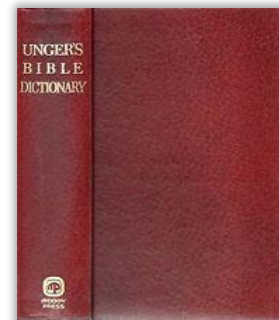


ASSYRIA

— That Bloody Empire —

In stature the Assyrians were of average modern European height and were well built. Their complexion was dark, the nose prominent, the hair, eyebrows, and beard thick and bushy. They were apparently of cheerful disposition, given to mirth and feasting, but of implacable cruelty. The pages of history are nowhere more bloody than in the records of their wars.

Unger's Bible Dictionary
Merrill F. Unger, p 101



ASSYRIA

— That Bloody Empire —

Assyria was the most ferocious of them all. Their very name became a byword for cruelty and atrocity. They skinned their prisoners alive, and cut off various body parts to inspire terror in their enemies. There is records of Assyrian officials pulling out tongues and displaying mounds of human skulls all to bring about stark horror and wealthy tribute from surrounding nations.

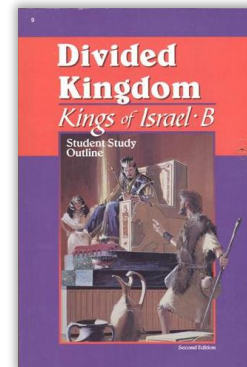


JONAH FLEES

— A Prophet on the Run —

Jonah, the prophet of Israel, was not prepared to extend God's mercy to Assyria. Not only did he despise the Assyrians, but he resented the idea that Israel's God would be concerned about the people of a foreign nation.

*Divided Kingdom:
Kings of Israel*
R. Petermeyer, p 95



THE PRESENCE OF GOD

— Why Do We Flee? —

- Stubborn like Cain
Genesis 4:16
- Stubborn like Saul
1 Samuel 16:14
- Stubborn like Satan
Job 1:7, 12
- Stubborn like Jonah
Jonah 1:3



