

JONAH

THE MESSENGER



THE AGENDA

— The Prophet Jonah —

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NINEVEH'S DECISION



NINEVEH'S REWARD



NO SECOND CHANCES

– The Justice Of God –

- Anaias & Sapphira **Acts 5:1 – 10**
- Rich Fool **Luke 12:13 – 21**
- Belshazzar **Daniel 5:24 – 30**
- 42 Mockers **2 Kings 2:23 – 24**
- Uzza **1 Chronicles 13:10**
- Man of God **1 Kings 13:21 – 24**



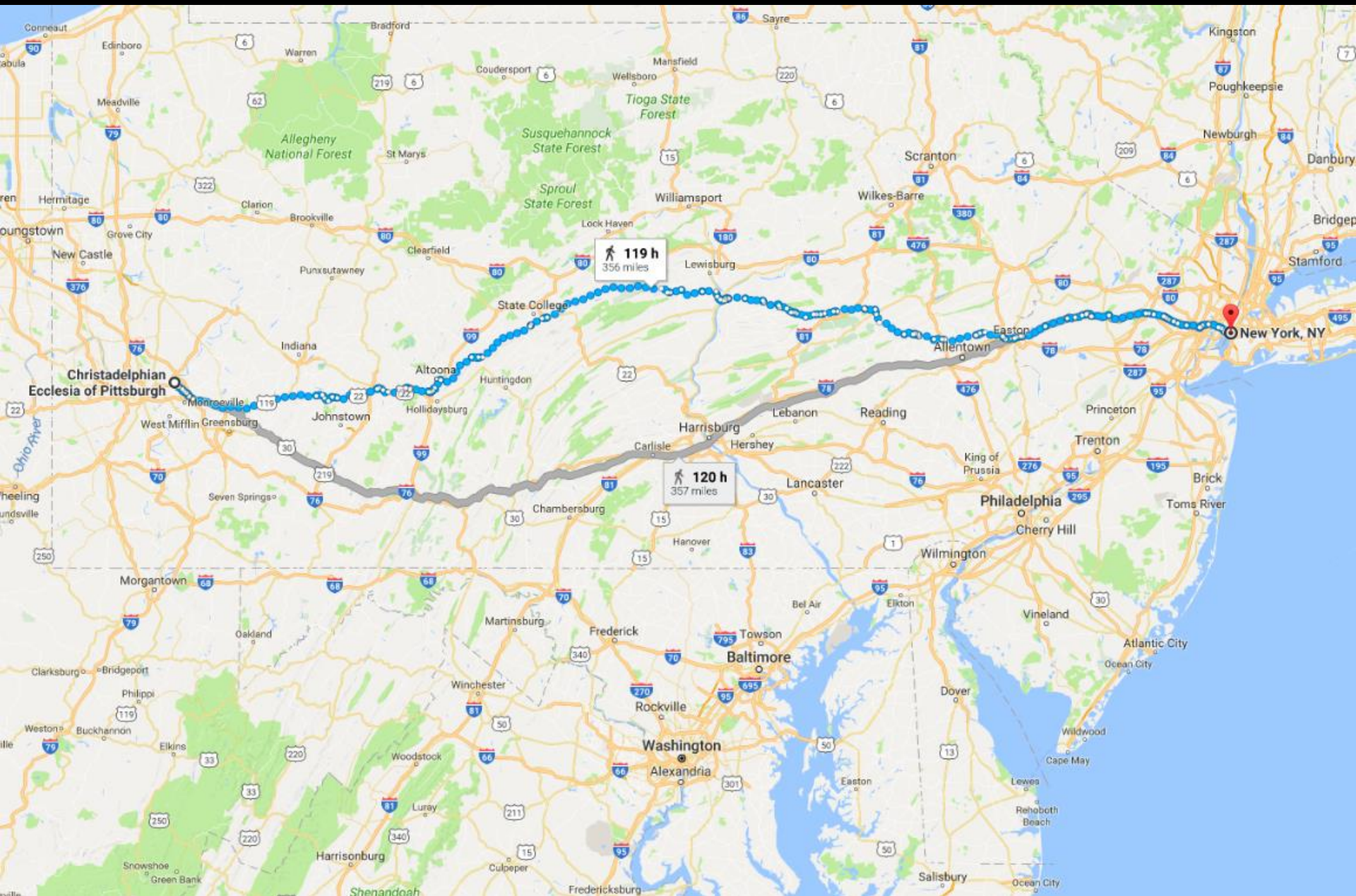
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— That Great City —

Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city... **Jonah 3:2**



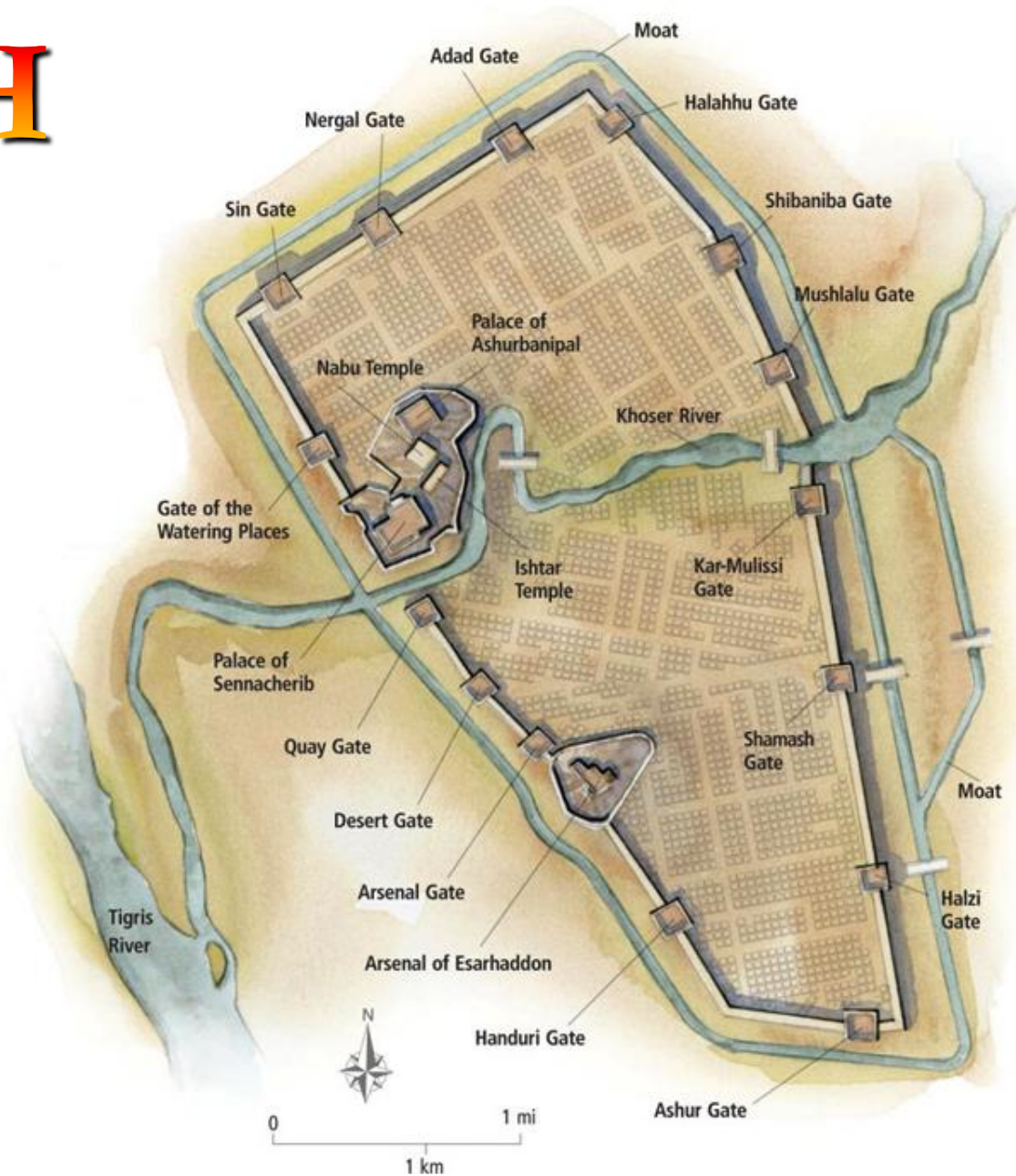




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He [Nimrod] went forth into Assyria, and builded Nineveh, and Rehoboth, and Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah (the same is the great city).

Genesis 10:11 – 12



THE CRY OF JONAH

Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

Jonah 3:4



- Repent
- Be destroyed
- Goodness
- Severity

A TIME OF PROBATION

– Time Until Judgement –

- Jonah **Jonah 3:4**
- Noah **Genesis 6:3**
- Moses **Numbers 16:16 – 17**
- Jesus **Luke 13:5 – 9**
- Jesus **Matthew 24:34**



NINEVEH BELIEVED

— Reasons To Believe —

- 1) The Circumstances of Life
 - What they experienced
- 2) The Signs of the Times
 - What they witnessed
- 3) The Words of God
 - What they heard



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— Reasons To Believe —

1) The Circumstances of Life and What they Experienced

The turn of the eighth century saw Adad-nirari III (811 – 783) reigning, first of all as a minor under his powerful mother Sammuramat. By 805 he was able to undertake westward campaigns against the Aramaeans who then threatened Israel and Judah. After a period of prosperity his later tenure suffered decline both because of the rise of prominent kings in the west, such as Jeroboam and Uzziah, and the encroachments of the Uratians from the north.

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1) The Circumstances of Life and What they Experienced

His successor, Shalmaneser IV (783 – 773), was able to do little more than defend the homeland against the menacing Uratians. Ashur-dan III (773 – 755), brother of Shalmaneser, was even less successful in reversing the deterioration in foreign affairs, and he also had to contend with plagues, famines, and internal revolts at the middle of his reign.

The Sign Of Jonah
Eugene H. Merrill, p 25



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— Reasons To Believe —

2) The Signs of the Times and What they Witnessed



The Mercury

South Yarmouth, England

October 1891

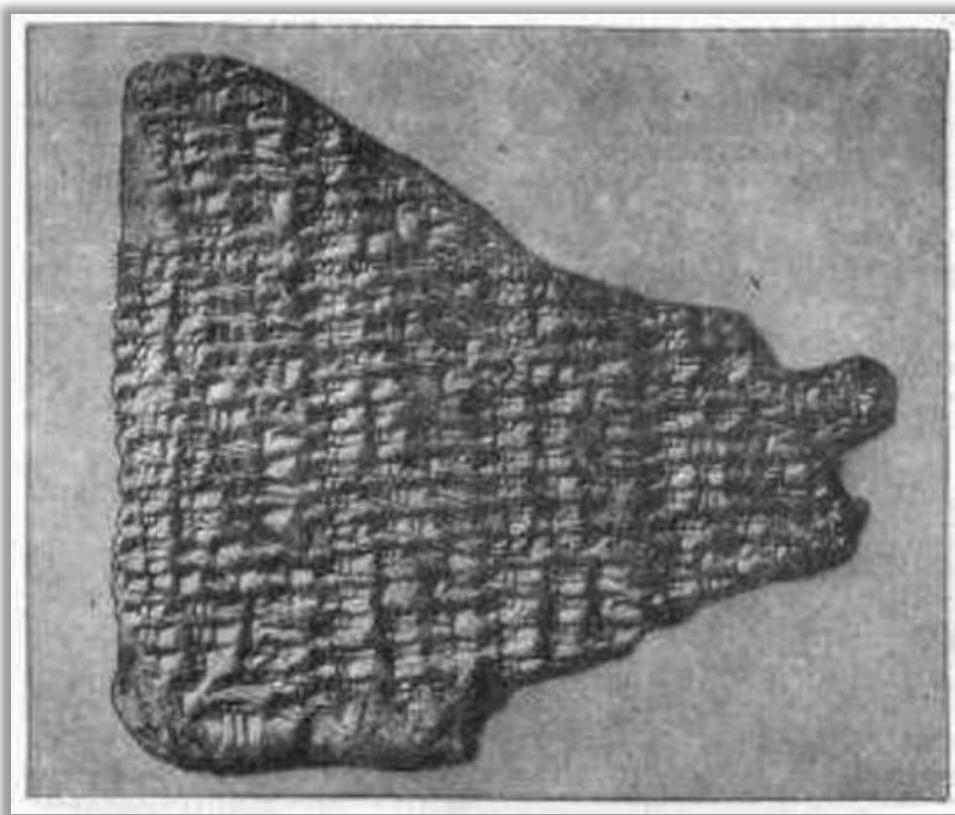
- Whaling Ship “Star of the East”
- Near the Falkland Islands
- Crewman: James Bartley
- Spent 18 hours inside
- Found unconscious
- Skin bleached white



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2) The Signs of the Times and What they Witnessed



June 15th 763 BC,
Assyrians record a solar
eclipse that we use to
fix the chronology of
Mesopotamian history.



NINEVEH BELIEVED

— Reasons To Believe —

3) The Words of God and What they Heard

The City of Nineveh had long been prepared by the Divine hand to embrace the offer of mercy presented to it. The diminishing quality of life mingled with the uncertainties that permeated the breadth of the Assyrian Kingdom, nurtured in the people a mind that would be receptive to God's calling. Through the circumstances of life, the signs about them, and the penetrating preaching of a prophet from Israel, the men and women believed God and repented in sackcloth and ashes from the greatest to the least.

REPENTANCE

— Three Stories In Jonah —

1) In the Midst of the Sea

- Pagan Mariners

2) In the Belly of the Fish

- Jonah the Prophet

3) In the Land of the Assyrian

- Ninevites – both great and small



NINEVEH'S KING



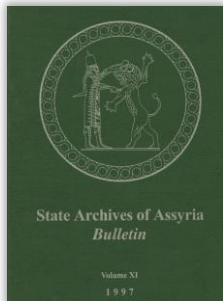
Ninurta-mukin-ahi
(789 – 762)



Nabu-mukin-ahi
(761 – ?)

— Actions of the King —

- “arose” Spurned his authority
- “laid” Forsook his splendour
- “covered” Bared his humility
- “sat” Unveiled his repentance



*State Archives
Of Assyria, p 58*

