

JONAH

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— The Prophet Jonah —

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JONAH'S ANGER



JONAH'S REQUEST



JONAH'S LESSON



EXHORTATIONS

AVOIDING NINEVEH

– Reasons Not To Go –

- Jonah's Safety
Assyria could harm him
- Jonah's Patriotism
Assyria was Israel's enemy
- Jonah's Reputation
Assyria could repent and
brand him as a false prophet
- Jonah's People
Assyria demonstrated a better
spirit than Israel

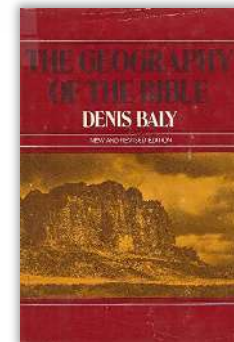


VEHEMENT EAST WIND

- The Sirocco Desert Wind -

During the period of a sirocco the temperature rises steeply, sometimes even climbing during the night, and it remains high, about 16 – 22°F above the average...at times every scrap of moisture seems to have been extracted from the air, so that one has the curious feeling that one's skin has been drawn much tighter than usual. Sirocco days are peculiarly trying to the temper and tend to make even the mildest person irritable and fretful...

The Geography of the Bible,
Dennis Baly, p 67 – 68



BECAUSE OF NINEVEH

- Jonah had been through so much because of Nineveh:
 - He wrestled with the decision to flee to Joppa
 - He deliberated over forsaking his prophetic office
 - He had endured a tempestuous storm at sea
 - He resided in the belly of a fish 3 days and 3 nights
 - He recommitted himself to fulfill God's command
 - He ventured miles of desert for days on end
 - He bravely sounded the call of impending judgment
 - He witnessed the greatest miracle of all – repentance



JONAH'S LESSON

Every one of us may have some Jonah within ourselves. God prepares events in our lives in order that we may spiritually reflect on the questions He asks of us. He calls to us in our moments of triumph and in our moments of spiritual shortcoming. How we respond is indicative of our understanding of the message of Jonah. It is not only the unbelievers in the Ninevehs of today who need to repent; it is also the Jonahs. For no one begins to understand this profound and searching little book unless they discover the Jonah in themselves and then repentantly lay hold upon the undeserved and boundless grace of God.

