

# INTERACTIVE TRAVEL GUIDE

DESTINATION: *Jonah 1-4*

Jonah is different from other prophetic books. It narrates a prophet's story rather than focusing on his prophecies. The only verse that summarizes his message is 3:4. The book teaches the lesson that God's grace goes beyond the boundaries of Israel to embrace all nations. Jonah is a historical story, and is also mentioned by Jesus—the book is a picture of His death and resurrection.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS:

793 B.C. During reign of Jeroboam II, Jonah receives call to go

760 B.C. Amos becomes a prophet

722 B.C. Israel falls to Assyria

## TRIP PLANNER:

In the book of Jonah, we see a classic example of what God can do in the life of a prophet. Jonah was told to go and preach to Nineveh, but he chose to be disobedient and flee to Tarshish. In spite of his disobedience, God redirected his path and brought Jonah to repentance through a unique sojourn in the stomach of a fish. As a result, Jonah preached to Nineveh, and repentance was the result, which brought glory to God.

- I. Jonah Forsakes His Calling (Chap. 1)
  - A. Jonah's flight to Tarshish (1:3)
  - B. The storm at sea (1:4)
  - C. Jonah is thrown overboard & swallowed by the great fish (1:11-17)
- II. The Deliverance of Jonah (Chap. 2)
  - A. The prophet prays (2:1-9)
  - B. God answers (2:10)
- III. God Declares His Message to Nineveh Through Jonah (Chap. 3)
  - A. The threat of judgment (3:1-4)
  - B. City-wide repentance (3:5-9)
  - C. Judgment averted (3:10)
- IV. The Displeasure of Jonah (Chap. 4)
  - A. Jonah's complaining prayer (4:1-3)
  - B. God's searching question (4:4)
  - C. The lesson of the plant (4:6-11)

## PLACES OF INTEREST:

**Tarshish** (Jon 1:3) – Believed by many to have been a seaport or region in southern Spain.

**Joppa** (Jon 1:3; see Acts 9:42) – The only natural harbor in Israel south of Acco, and probably the closest one available to the fleeing prophet.

**Nineveh** – Capital of the ancient Assyrian Empire; population 120,000 (Jon 4:11).

## PEOPLE OF INTEREST:

**Jonah** – Son of Amittai (“true to God”). His home was in Gath Hepher in Galilee. He prophesied during the days when Assyria was threatening the Northern Kingdom of Israel.

## FUN FACTS:

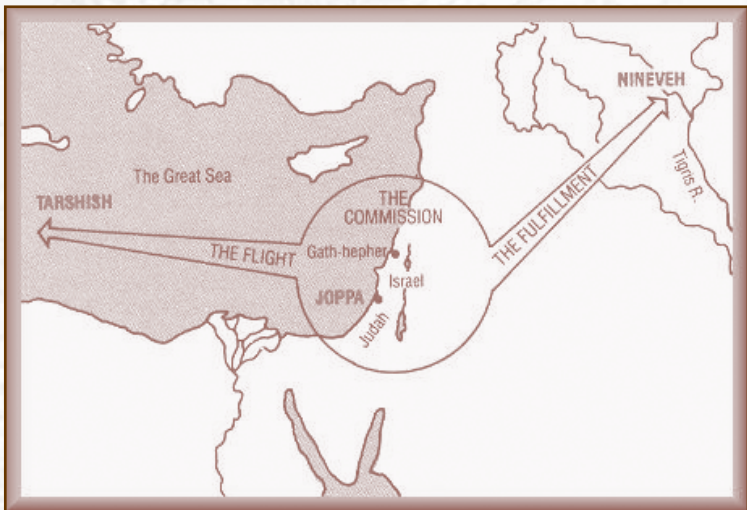
**Tarshish** - was believed to be at the end of the world. So, Jonah was actually trying to get as far away as possible from God's will for his life.

**Jonah** - means "dove."

**Famine** - God may have used famines in Assyria in 765 and 759 B.C. to prepare the hearts of the Ninevites for Jonah's evangelistic ministry.

**Total Eclipse** - June 15, 763 B.C. God may also have used this natural phenomenon to prepare Nineveh for Jonah's message.

## MAP:



# NOTES:



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