

*Jonah to the Ninevites (1866)
by Gustave Doré 1832–1883*

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Jonah

2:11 When my life was ebbing away,
I remembered you, Lord,
and my prayer rose to you,
to your holy temple.

Jonah 1–2 No Escape

Running Man

Jonah 3–4 No Compassion

Found Man

Story of Jonah ... *cute primer*





Jonah in the Sistine Chapel
by Michelangelo 1475-1564

Alternate Title



Jonah the Running Man

I'm sailing away

Set an open course for the



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Alternate Title #2

**Jonah the
Prophet Who
Could Not
LIE**



Alternate Title #3

Beware

The Storm

Jonah – Four Small Chapters

1 Jonah Runs

2 Jonah Prays

3 Jonah Goes

4 Jonah Grieves



Running Man

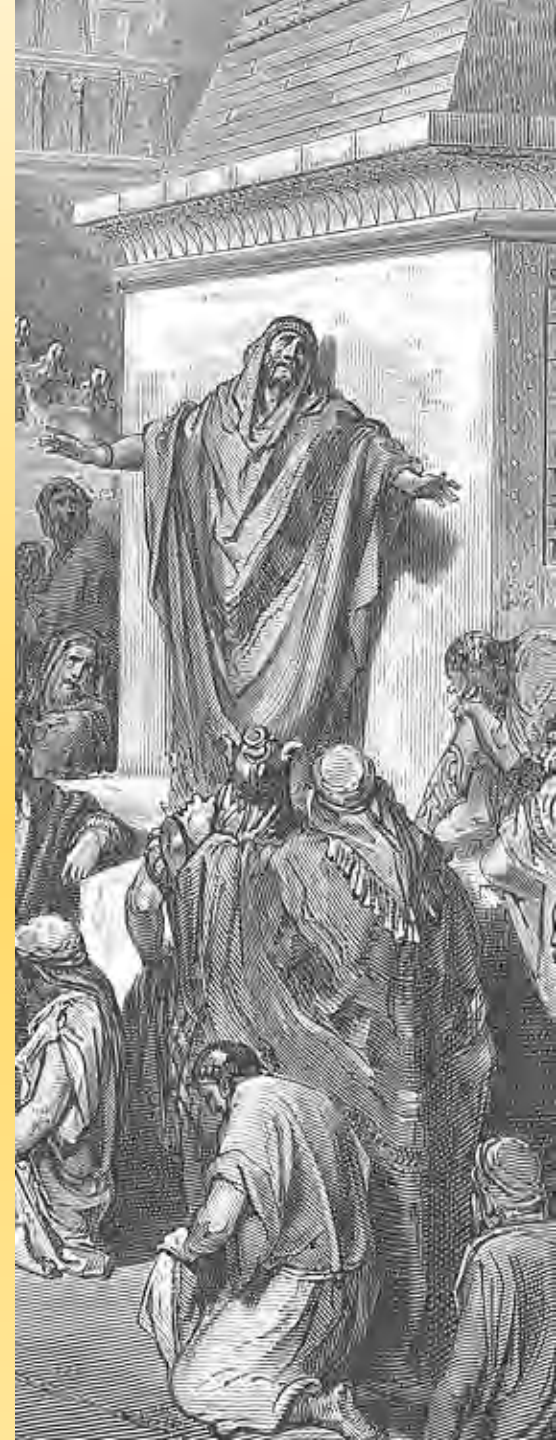


Found Man

1 The word of the LORD came to Jonah
son of Amittai:

2 “Go to the great city of Nineveh and
preach against it, because its
wickedness has come up before me.”

Who is Jonah?



Read about Jonah in 2 Kings 24

**23 In 15th year of Amaziah ... king of Judah,
Jeroboam son of Jehoash king of Israel
became king in Samaria ... reigned 41 yrs**

24 He did evil in the eyes of the Lord ...

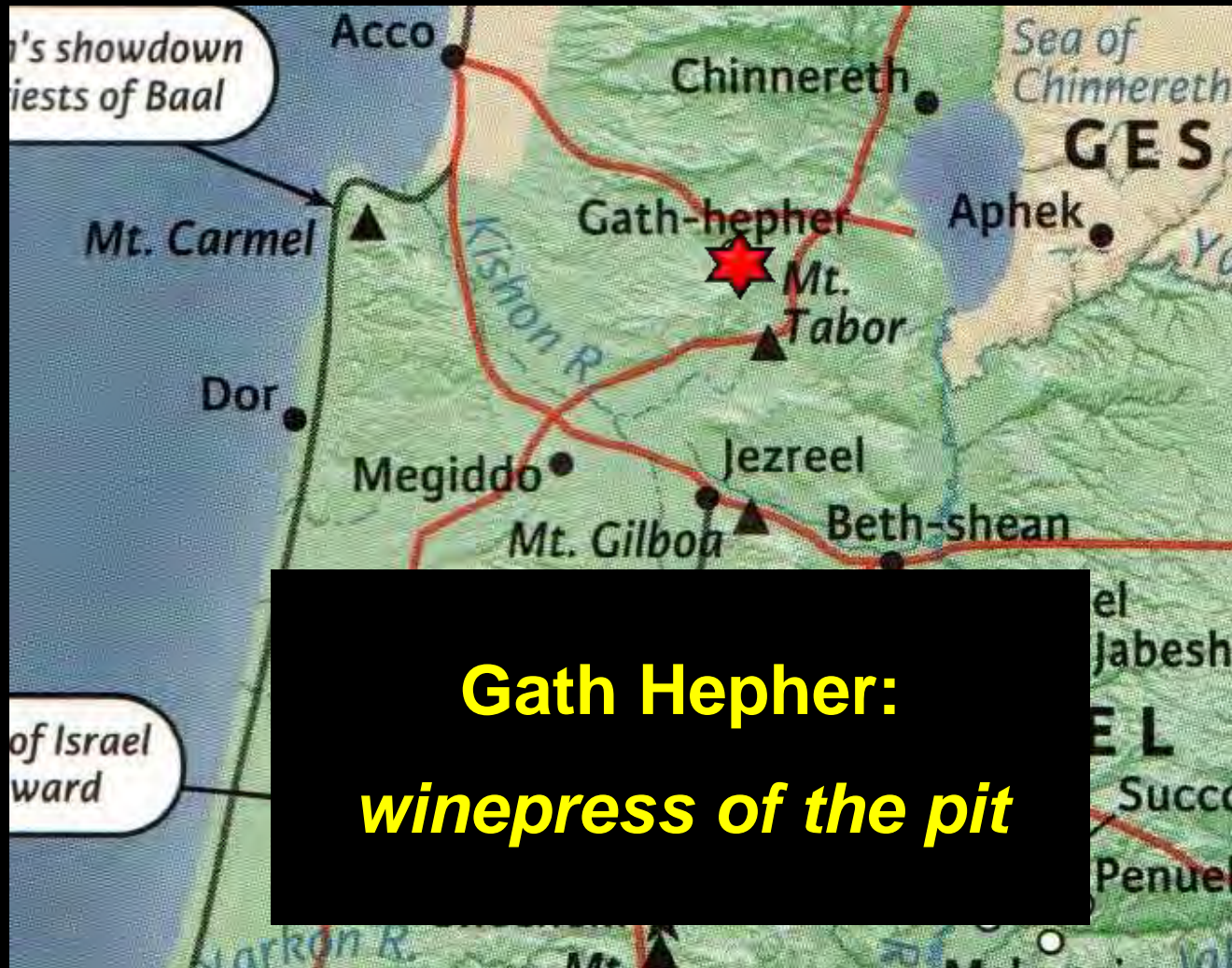
**25 He ... restored the boundaries of Israel
from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea,**

**According to the word of the Lord,
the God of Israel, spoken through his
servant Jonah son of Amittai,
prophet from Gath Hepher.**



Gath Hopher

East of N.T. Nazareth



Gath Hepher Does not appear on N.T. Maps



Inconsequential hamlet ... that faded from history

3 But Jonah ran away from the LORD & headed for Tarshish.

He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port.

After paying the fare, he went aboard & sailed for Tarshish to FLEE from the LORD.



Tarshish:
Subdued
Established

Tarshish

Israel

Now what is THIS?
END of the World

2,300+ Miles

600 Miles



Ever feel so bad about a ... TASK

That you wanted to go to ...

News for you ... *Psalms 139*



**END of
the World**

- ⁸ If I ascend into heaven, THOU *art* there:
if I make my bed in hell, behold, THOU art there.
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and
dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- ¹⁰ Even there shall THY hand lead me,
and THY right hand shall hold me.

Nineveh ... Great City of Assyria



King sat in splendor ... no clue ...



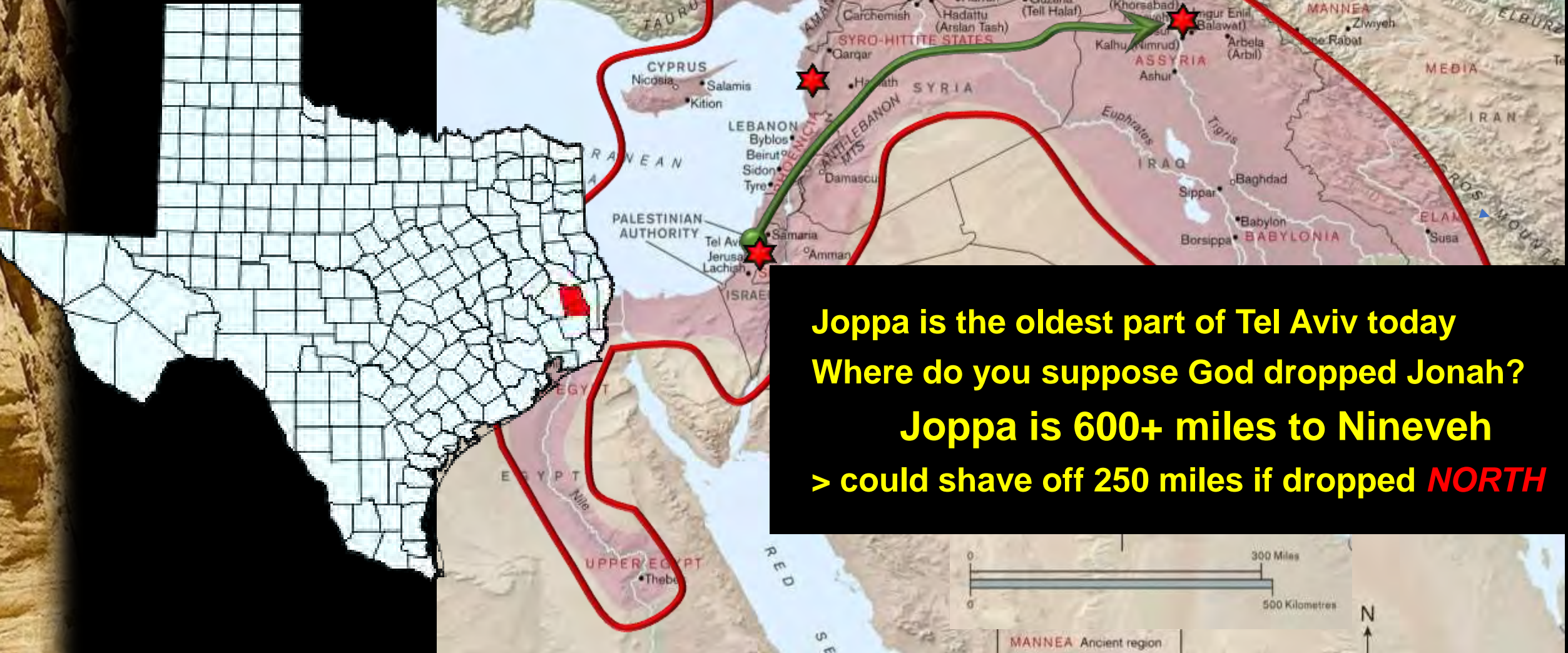
King ... of violent conquering empire



Ruler of the Near Eastern world ... NO clue



Nineveh – capital of Assyrian Empire

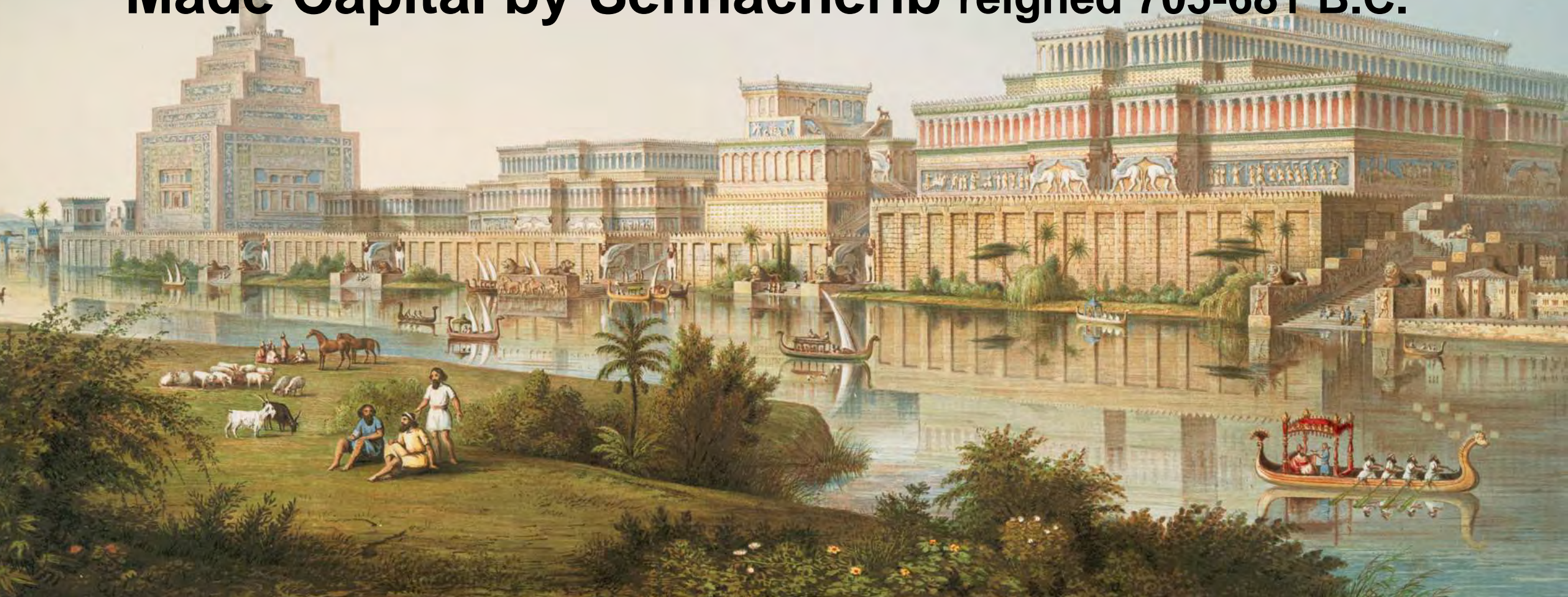


Assyrian palaces of Nineveh

by Sir Austen Henry Layard, 1853

Nineveh was largest city in the world in 8th to 7th century B.C.

Made Capital by Sennacherib reigned 705-681 B.C.



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Fragment of a clay tablet **cuneiform** inscription
from the library of Assyria's Ashurbanipal (669-633)

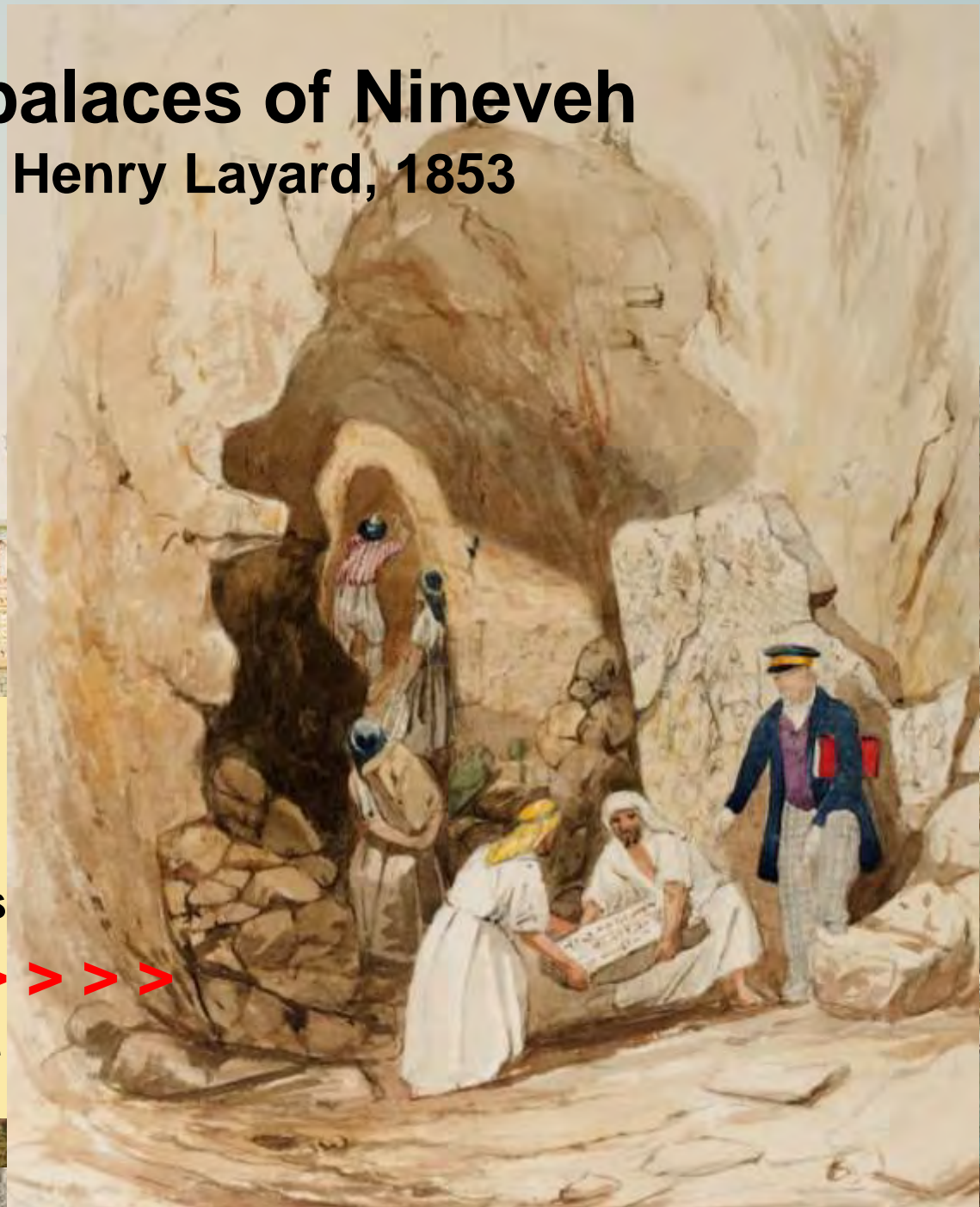
First written language ... used for several languages
from 24th century BC to time of Christ

200,000+ tablets from Middle East in several museums

130,000 in British Museum alone

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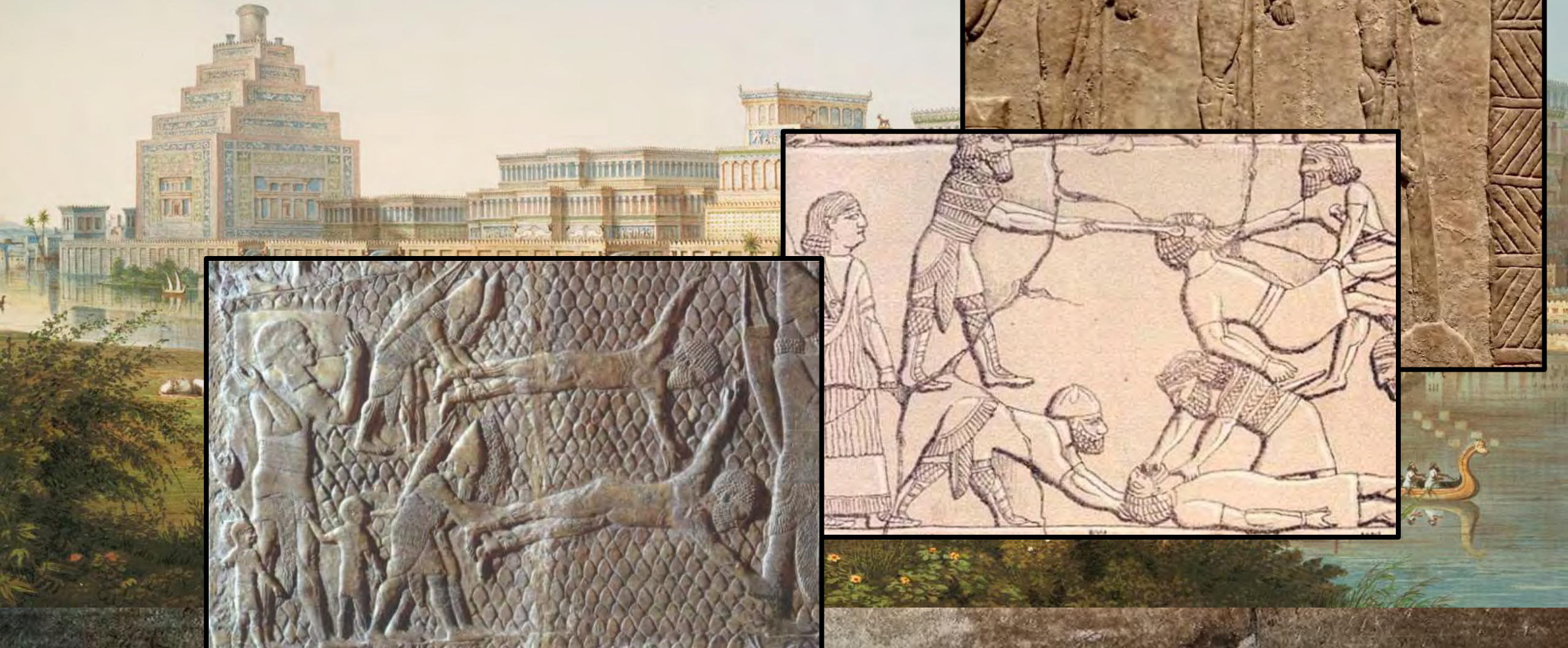


Library of Ashurbanipal (669-633)
in the British Museum has 30,000 tablets
Series of Excavations from 1840s to 1930s
Watercolor of Layard's team working > > > >
Nineveh burned in 612, paper records lost

Assyrians loved displaying their torture on Palace Walls

Impale enemies ... gouging out eyes

Famous for **FLAYING** enemy leaders



We can understand Jonah **NOT** wanting **mercy**

Think of the ISIS Terrorists in TODAY's Assyria

ISIS tortured, burned, beheaded ... 2020-2021

IF, if, if ... someone **FLAYED** your ...

You'd likely **NOT** want to ... either

Don't be too hard on Jonah



**4 The LORD sent a great wind on the sea
and such a violent storm arose
that the ship**

threatened to break up.

**5 All the sailors were afraid and
each cried out to his own god.**

**And they threw the cargo into the
sea to lighten the ship.**

**But Jonah had gone below deck, where
he lay down and fell into a deep sleep.**



6 The captain went to him and said,

“How can you sleep?

Get up and call on your god!

**Maybe he will take notice of us
so that we will not perish.”**



**7 Then the sailors said to each other,
“Come, let us cast lots to find out who
is responsible for this calamity.”**

They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.

**8 So they asked him, “Tell us, who is
responsible for making this trouble for us?**

What kind of work do you do?

Where do you come from?

What is your country?

From what people are you?”



**9 He answered, “I am a Hebrew and
I worship the LORD, the God of heaven,
who made the sea and the dry land.”**

**10 This terrified them and they asked,
“What have you done?”**

**They KNEW he was RUNNING away from
the LORD**

because he had ALREADY told them so.

Even sailors knew peril of running from God



**11 Sea was getting rougher & rougher.
So they asked Jonah,
“What should we do to you to
make the sea calm down for us?”**

**12 He replied, “Pick me up and
throw me into the sea
and it will become calm.
I know that it is MY FAULT that this
great storm has come upon you.”**



**13 *Instead*, men did their best to row back
... but sea grew even WILDER than before.**

**14 Then they cried out to the LORD,
“Please, LORD, do not let us die for taking
this man’s life....”**

**15 They took Jonah & threw him overboard,
and the raging sea grew calm.**

**16 At this the men greatly feared the LORD,
they offered a sacrifice to the LORD
and made vows to him.**



**17 LORD provided a huge fish to swallow
Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of
the fish three days and three nights.**

Jonah & the Whale (1621)
by Pieter Lastman

**Some doubt reality
of the Jonah**

**Some believe the
story a kind of**

PARABLE



Don't tell Lobster Diver Michael Packard
Friday, June 11, 2021, just before 8 am

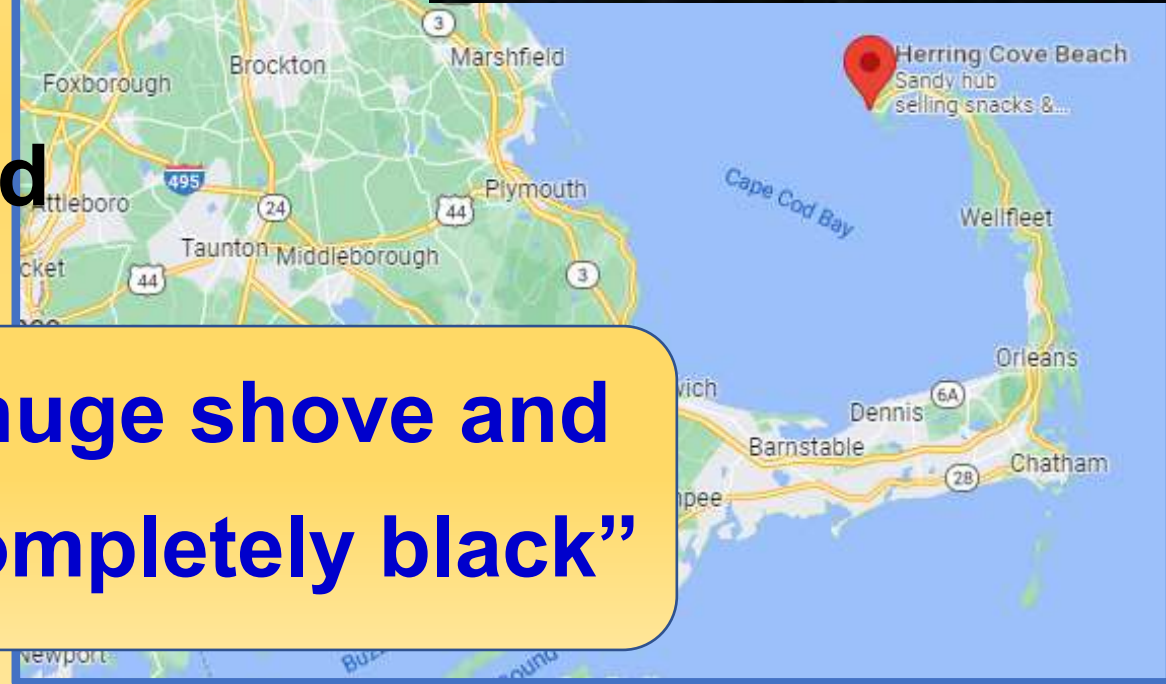
Packard's boat Ja'n J
off Herring Cove Beach

Cape Code Times reported

Packard 2nd dive ...

Humpback Whale swallowed
Packard *WHOLE*

“All of a sudden, I felt this huge shove and
next thing I knew it was completely black”



**“I was completely inside,” said Packard,
“it was completely black.”**

**“I thought to myself, ‘there’s
no way I’m getting out of here.**

I’m done, I’m dead.’

**All I could think of was my boys
— they’re 12 and 15 years old.”**

He wore scuba gear ...

Finally, whale shook its head ... spit him out

Crewman Josiah Mayo pulled him out & sped to shore

Provincetown Fire Dept ambulance took him to Cape Cod Hospital



Jesus spoke of Jonah ... 3 Times

**Mt 12:38-41 & Mt 16:4 Pharisees &
Sadducees wanted a SIGN**

Luke 11:29-32 – People wanted a SIGN

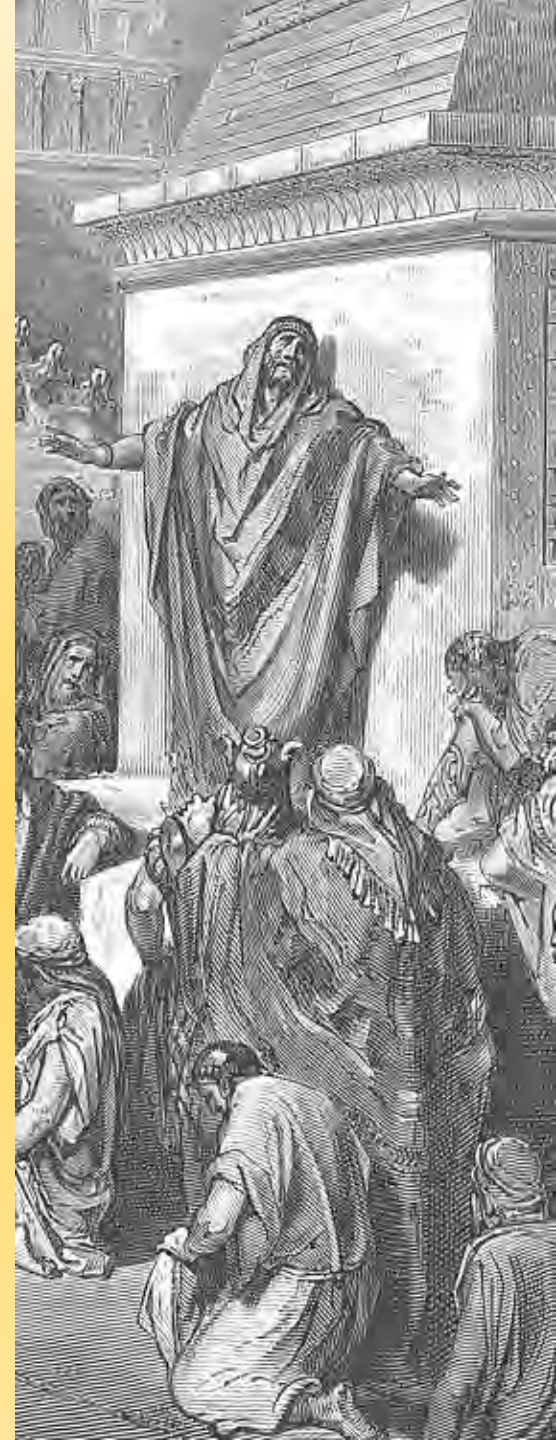
3x Jesus speaks of Jonah inside the fish

Links to Jesus' own 3 days in the tomb

Jesus' day cities were as unbelieving as

Great Nineveh of Old

Jesus believed Jonah's Story TRUE



SEAWEED everywhere
Obvious **LESSON** Question is
If **YOU** are swallowed **WHOLE**
What would be **YOUR** thoughts?
Bible says Jonah was inside **THREE DAYS**

**If you believe in the Resurrection
any other miracle is *easier***



**Special Whale for Jonah ... yet a
MISERABLE Ordeal
Whale tum-tum cavity w putrid AIR**



MISERABLE Ordeal

**Whale tum-tum cavity
with putrid AIR**

Seaweed ... to gnaw on

Seaweed Salad

Seaweed Jerky

Seaweed Souffle



MISERABLE Ordeal

What Would YOU DO?

Would YOU Say?

What would **YOU** PRAY?

Jonah's Prayer - Precisously Poetic





**Charles Spurgeon Preached on Jonah 2:7
at Metropolitan Tabernacle May 4, 1916**

**"When my soul fainted within me,
I remembered the Lord."**

Spurgeon said:

**To convince a man of his error,
to arrest him in his evil pursuits ...
this is seldom accomplished without
dire trouble and deep affliction.**

**Some ... brought to God by gentle means;
they are drawn by soft but mighty bonds;**





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**still, a much larger class of persons
remains, upon whom these silken
cords would exert no influence.**

**They must NOT be handled softly,
but must be dealt with heavily.**

**The picklock will never open their hearts;
there must be the crowbar, and even the
battering ram, to give a furious cannonade.**

**Some hearts can never be captured
for God and for truth except by STORM.**





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**Sword in hand, God's law must
scale the ramparts.**

**With thundering report,
God's Word must dash down
the walls of their confidence,
and make breach after breach in the
bastions of their pride,
and even then THEY WILL FIGHT it out, and
NEVER YIELD, until, driven to an awful extremity**





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never yield, until,

driven to an awful extremity,

**they see that they MUST either yield at once,
or else BE LOST for ever.**

Oh ... that is Jonah you & me, too!

When the world SWALLOWS us WHOLE

When in the belly of a stinking *HELL* ...

When we desire to *ESCAPE* to the ...



**Flee ... Running Man ... to the
Known MANY Swallowed WHOLE
Many drowned in alcohol or drugs**

An illness, death, loss ... FEAR

Drove them to the BRINK ... to edge of life ...

Now, dear friends, beloved brothers & sisters

NOW then ... you are prepared for

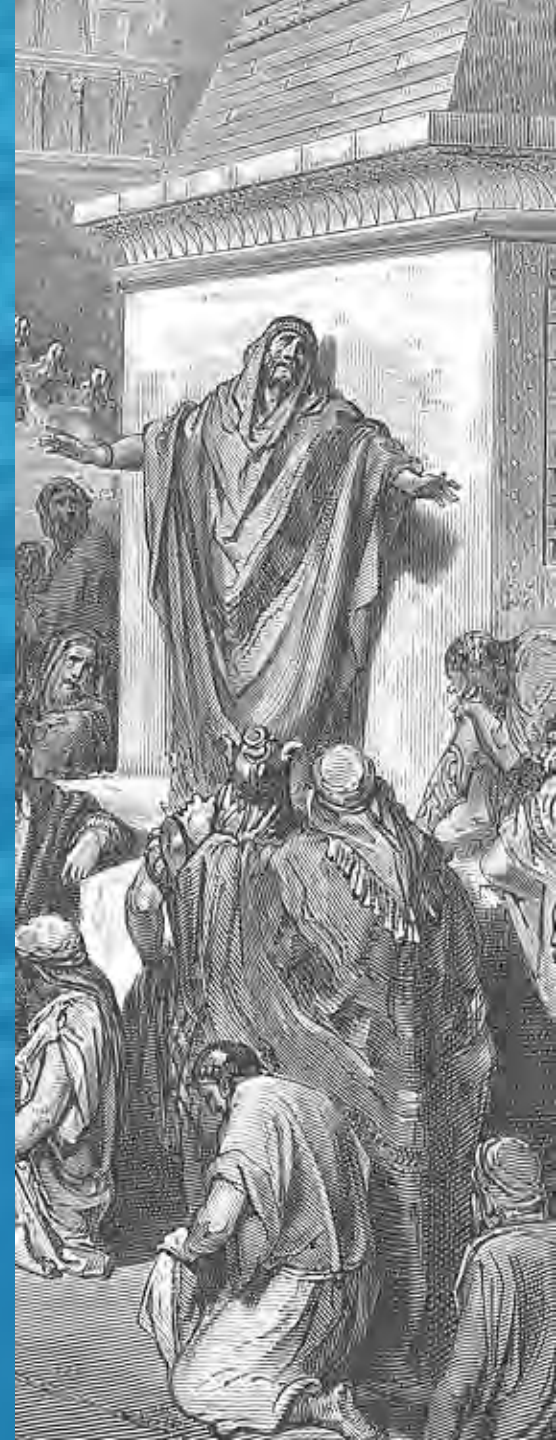
Jonah's Exquisitely Precious Prayer

**END of
the World**



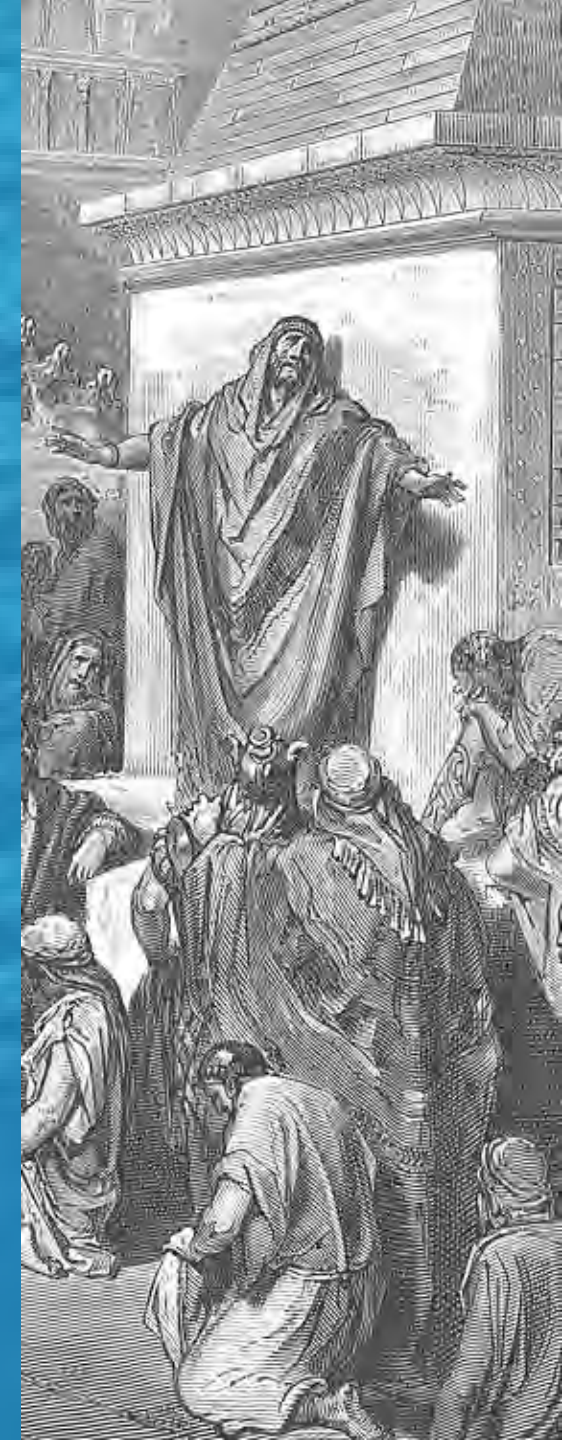
**1 From inside the fish Jonah
prayed to the LORD his God.**

**2 He said: “In my distress I called
to the LORD, and he answered me.**
From deep in the realm of the dead
I called for help,
and you *listened* to my cry.

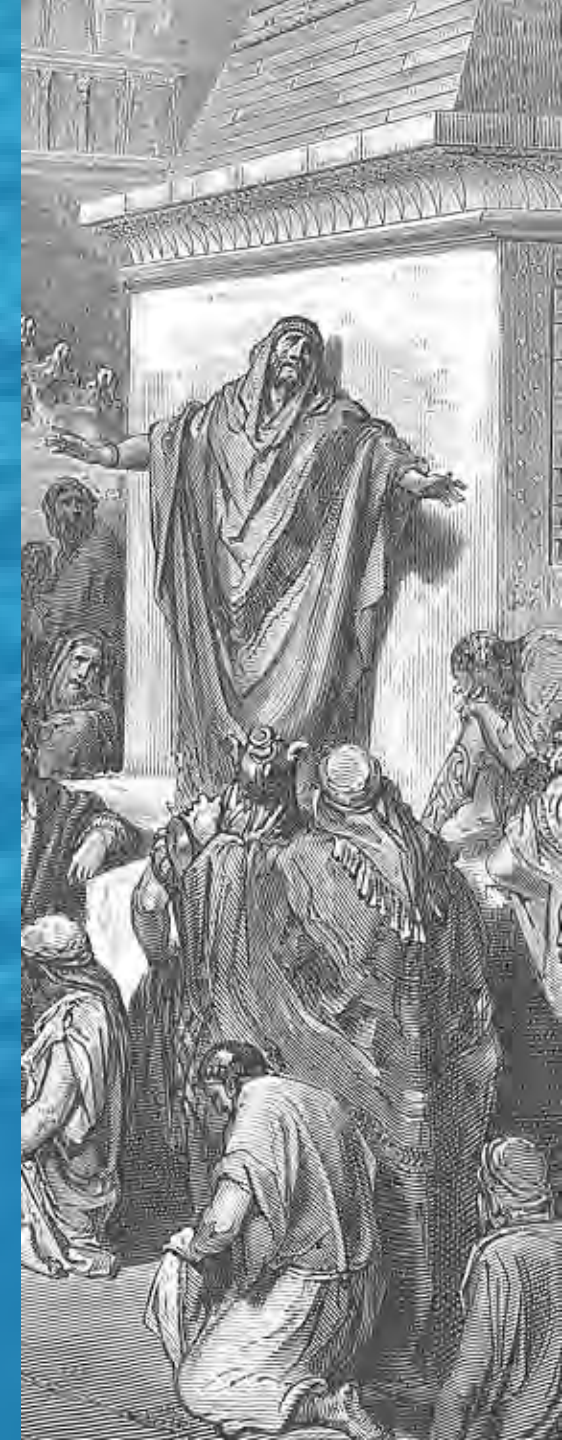


**3 You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me;
all your waves and breakers
swept over me.**

**4 I said, 'I have been banished
from your sight;
yet I will look again
toward your holy temple.'**



**5 The engulfing waters threatened me,
the deep surrounded me;
seaweed was wrapped around my head.
6 To the roots of the mountains
I sank down;
the earth beneath barred me in forever.
But you, LORD my God,
brought my life up from the pit.**

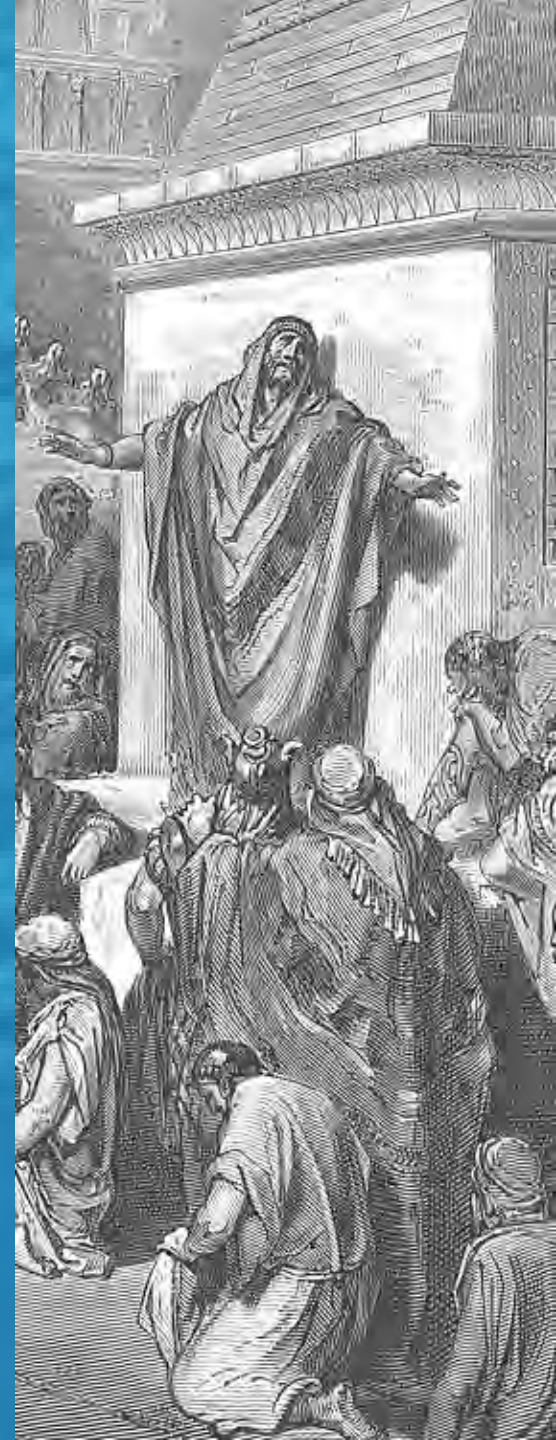


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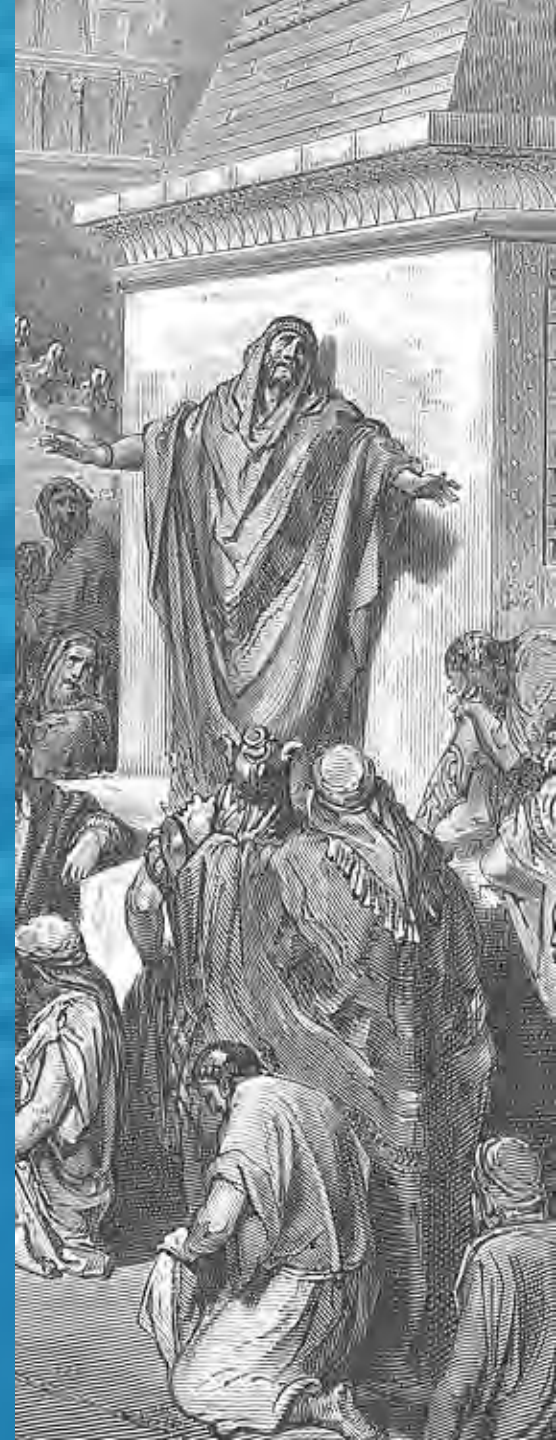
Jonah turns to God ...

Turns to God, perhaps ...

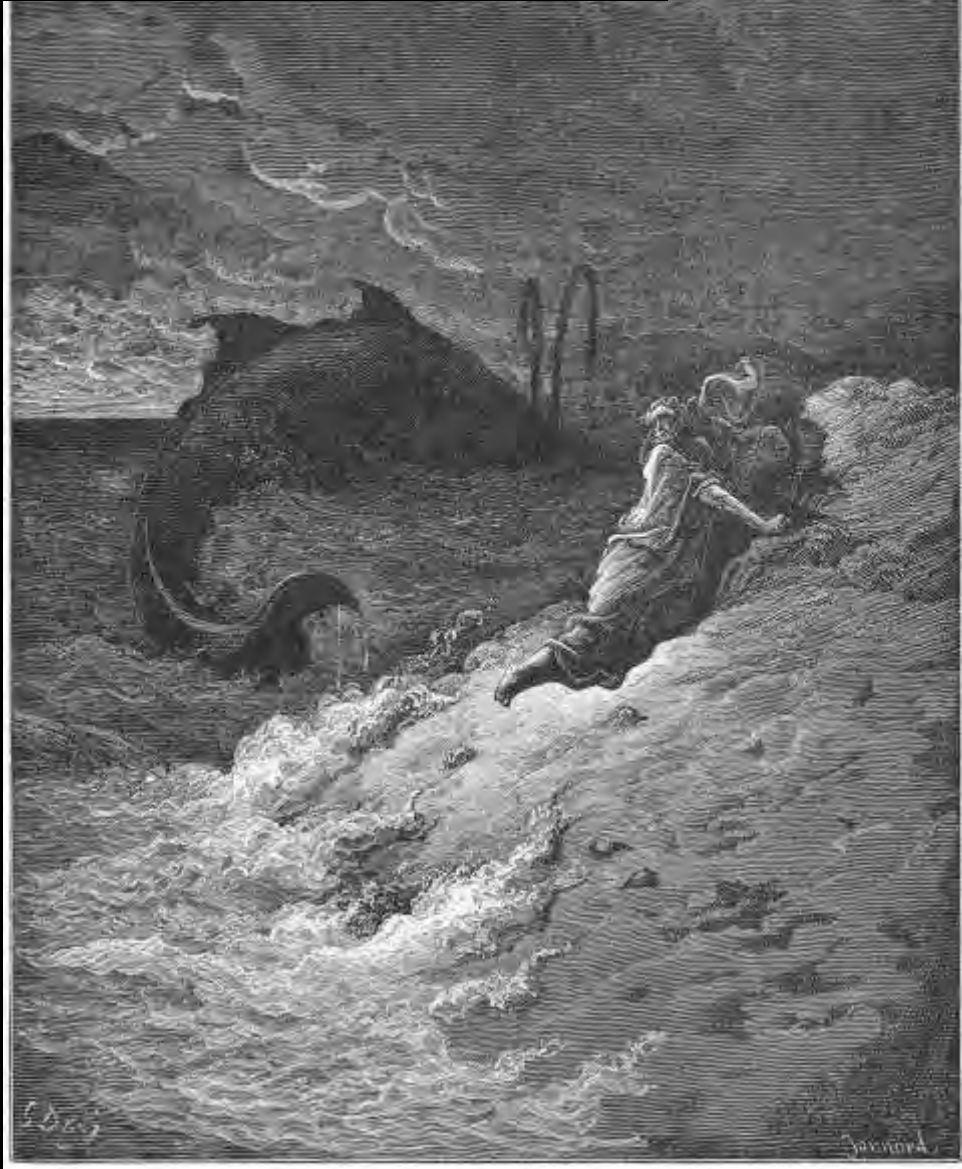
as he had **NEVER** turned before



- 8 “Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God’s love for them.”**
- 9 But I, with shouts of grateful praise,
will sacrifice to you.**
- What I have vowed I will make good.**
- I will say,**
- ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”**
- 10 The LORD commanded the fish, and
it vomited Jonah onto dry land.**



Jonah Cast Forth by Whale
(1866) by Gustave Doré



**Jonah was then ...
at that very moment ... a**

Found Man

He had yielded to God

Most of all ...

He had come to himself

Ready for God's work

***Running Man* No More ...**

Now Fearless