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Minor Prophets

Micah

Nahum

Jonah

Habakkuk

Obadiah

Zephaniah

Amos

Haggai

Joel


Zechariah

Hosea

Malachi



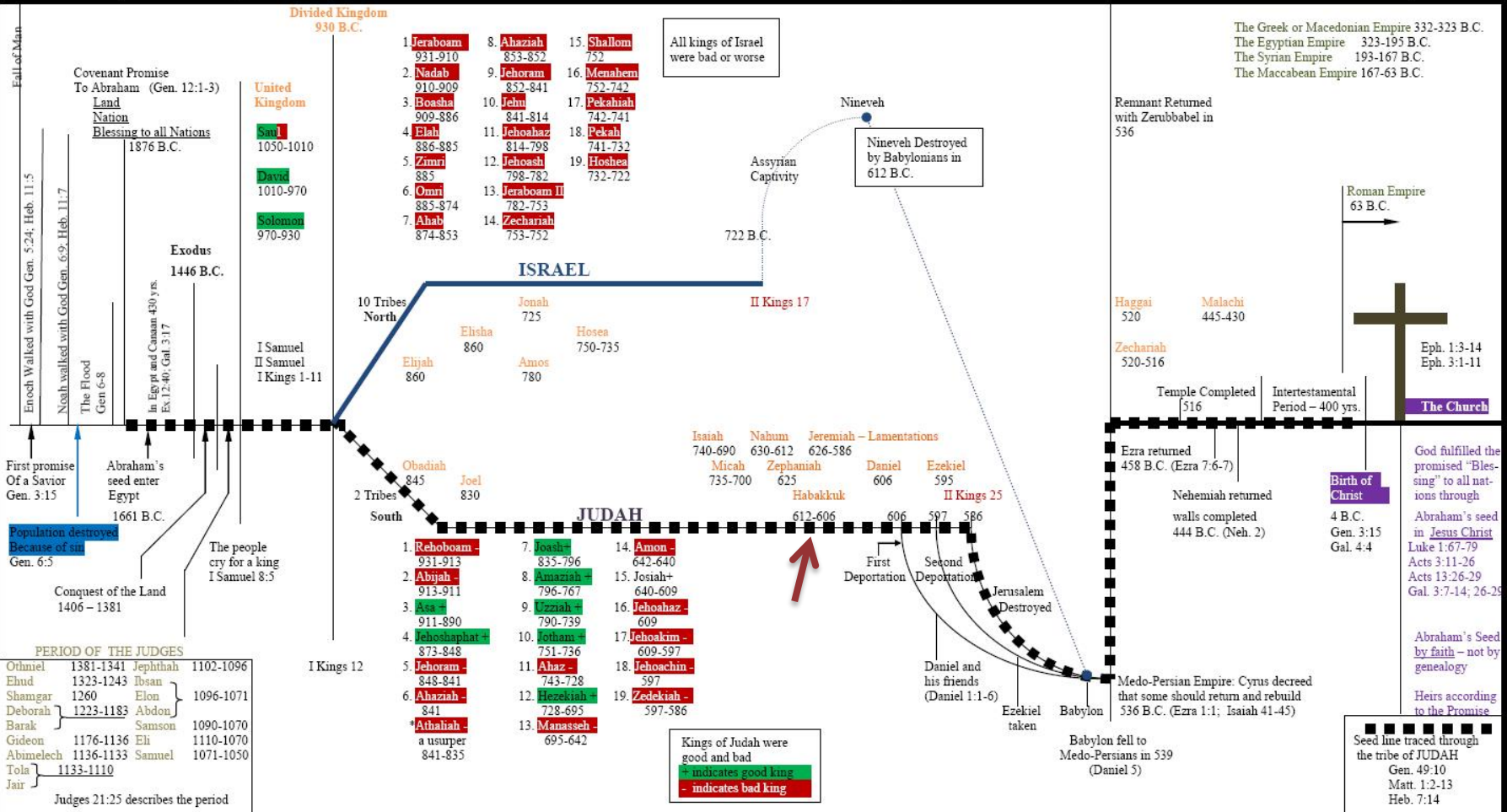
Habakkuk



Introduction to the book of Habakkuk

- Habakkuk (chabhaqquq) means "embrace,"
- The church fathers think that He was from the tribe of Levi based upon the presence of the musical song at the end of the third chapter.
- He lived during the rule of King Jehoiakim
- The Prophecies of Habakkuk were probably written between B.C. 612 -605

In the Beginning (Gen. 1:1)	Genesis Job	Exodus Leviticus Numbers Deuteronomy	Joshua Judges Ruth	Psalms Proverbs Ecclesiastes Song of Songs	I Kings 12-22 II Kings 1-25	I Chronicles II Chronicles	Major and Minor Prophets ex. Haggai, Zechariah and Malachi	606 70 Year Exile	536 Ezra Nehemiah Esther	Haggai Zechariah Malachi	Compiled by Tom Elliott
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Chapter 1

- (V 1 -5) Habakkuk complained about the violence and he questioned God for the injustice towards the people of Israel.
- V (6 – 11) God answered by letting Habakkuk prophesy
- (V 12 -17) Again the prophet appeal to God ,Now that he is aware of the punishment But still questioning how God is holy, yet allows this punishment by the hand of wicked people




Chapter 2

- Habakkuk must wait in faith.
- Judgments upon the Chaldeans.
- Judgments upon drunkenness and idolatry.



Chapter 3

- **Habakkuk's Prayer**
- Habakkuk prayed for *revival*. He knew how God once worked and how His people once responded.
- Habakkuk wanted to witness this again.

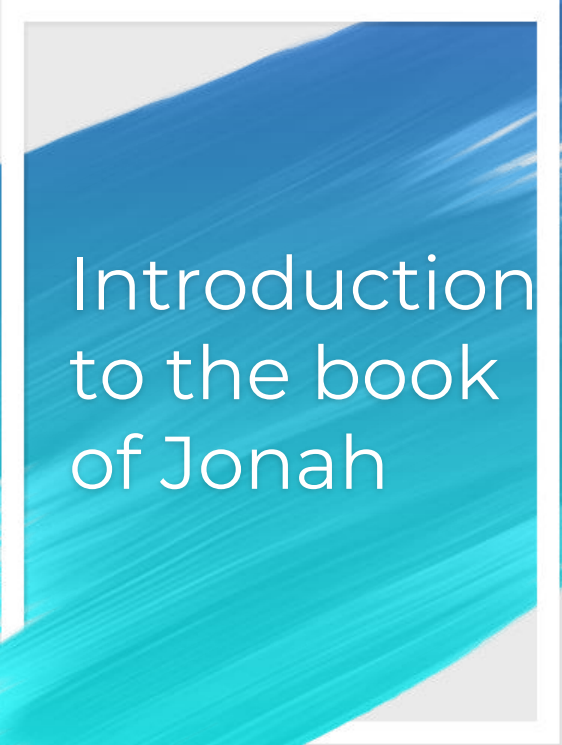


Important service lessons learned from Habakkuk

- The servant heart is always open to God carrying his own burdens along with his children problems and put them in front of God until he realize God purpose and solutions.
- The servants heart should be open towards his children .The servant should feel their pain and suffering.
- With a Joyful heart the servants should always react despite all the trouble.



Jonah



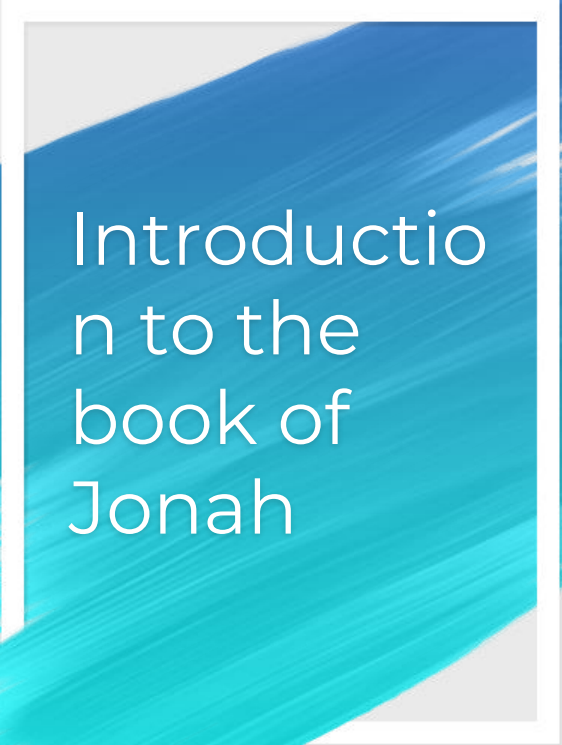
Introduction to the book of Jonah

- The book of Jonah is an announcement from God enforcing the acceptance of the gentiles and glimpse of his messages to them. We understand that God reveals himself to everyone not to certain people.
- Jonah's name means "dove" in Hebrew and also suffering
- He is believed to be the son of Widow at Zarephath 1 Kings 17



Introduction to the book of Jonah

- Jonah lived in the eighth century BC. Some have estimated between 793-753 BC (possibly 780 BC).
- The book of Jonah is prophetic work that is unlike any of the other prophets. The genre is historical literature. The book is surrounded by historical data: Jonah was a historical person, Nineveh was a historical city, the seaport of Joppa has historical significance, etc. There is no reason to doubt its historical value, no matter how magical the story might seem to the reader.



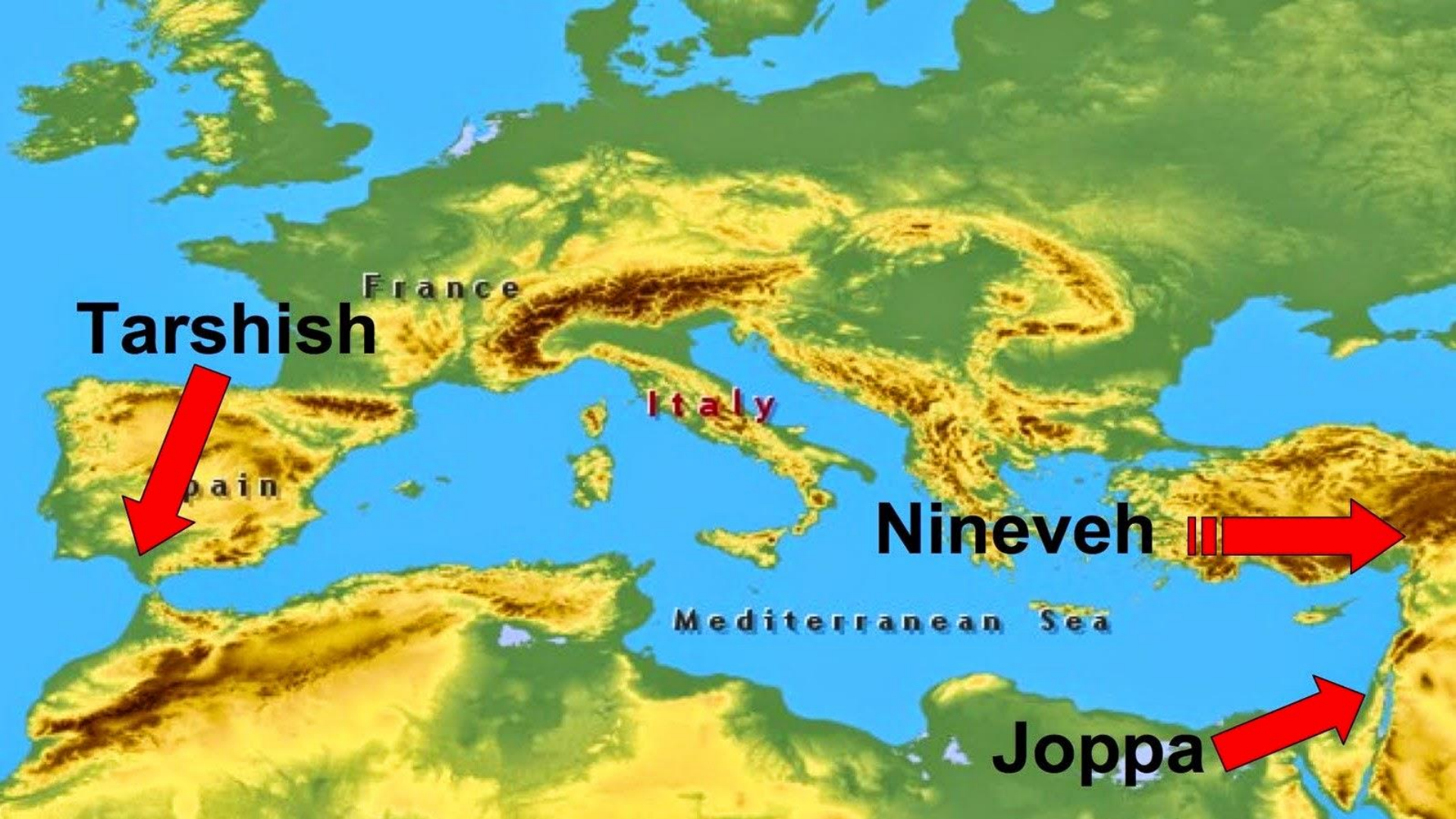
Introduction to the book of Jonah

- . Ninevah was the capital of Assyria, the arch rivals and enemies of Israel
- We learn from the book of Jonah that God is orchestrating the nature, the sea , the animals, trees to achieve a mission
- Jesus referred to the story of Jonah in Matthew 12:39



Chapter 1

- Jonah Flees From the LORD. WHY?
- Jonah went **down** to Joppa then gone **below** deck (Jonah kept on drowning in his sin to the extent that he never noticed the trouble surrounding him any more)
- Gentile mariners praying to their gods woke Jonah up and they asked him to pray to his God so that they could be saved



Tarshish



Nineveh



Joppa





Chapter 2

- Jonah is Praying in the Great Fish (2:1-9)
- The prayer of Jonah is a prophecy of Jesus crucifixion.
- God has finally put His prophet in the place where he would seek His face and submit himself to Him.



Chapter 3

- Jonah Goes to Nineveh. He took 3 days to arrive after the fish vomited him onto dry land.
- The people of Nineveh were ready for Jonah's evangelistic message.
- They proclaimed a fast, put on sackcloth, and sat in ashes and dressed coarse cloth, dark in color, that was usually made of goat's hair
- God's evaluated Ninevites' faith and it was strong enough to persuade God not to destroy them




Chapter 4

- The repentance was good news to Nineveh, but bad news to Jonah.
- instead of being pleased with what happened, and praising God for His grace to Nineveh and for the success of his ministry, Jonah was displeased exceedingly and very angry with what God had done
- God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah.
- Jonah sat under a shelter he watched the city.
- As the morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm.



Chapter 4

- Jonah was concerned over a temporary plant.
- This was a plant without a soul.
- He had no concern over the great city of Nineveh.
- This city had a population of more than 120,000 souls (v.11).



Important service lessons learned from Jonah

- Jonah was not expecting God's mission for him "A Godly prophet to preach Gentiles"
Sometimes as servants we are called for a service out of our scope and we feel that this service is not for us.
- We need to be watchful to avoid missing God's clear messages to us . It is easier to have our ears open than to get swollen by a fish 😊
- Jonah was not ready to learn lessons from others (sailors , Ninevites, worm)
- Jonah witnessed miracles once he started God's work not because of his own powers but through God's glory.