

The Messenger



“... How beautiful are the feet of those who bring glad tidings of good things!” Romans 10:15

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Assyria and Israel

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1. Assyria began long before Israel - Genesis 2:14
2. “From 800-745 B.C., Assyria was torn with internal strife and by wars with revolting provinces” (Geike, *Hours with the Bible*, Vol. IV, pp. 183, 184).
3. This distraction allowed Israel and Judah opportunity to prosper and extend its own borders during the time of Jonah (II Kings 14:25-27).
4. Jonah rejoiced in Israel’s temporary security but knew the Assyrian threat was looming. He did not want Assyria saved (Jonah 4:1, 2).
5. Assyria’s subjugation of Israel and Judah began with the reign of Tiglath Pileser III - 745-727 B.C.
6. 760-722 B.C. The prophets Hosea, Amos, Micah and Isaiah warn Israel of destruction from Assyria if they do not repent.
7. 725 B.C. Shalmaneser V besieges Samaria, Israel’s capital city.
8. 722 B.C. Samaria falls to Assyrian ruler Sargon II.
9. 705 B.C. Sargon dies. His son Sennacherib reigns in his place. Judah and Egypt rebel and refuse to pay tribute.

10. 701 B.C. Sennacherib invades Judah. He destroys 46 Judean cities, many villages and enslaves 200,150 Judean people (II Kings 18).
11. II Kings 19, Hezekiah prays to God for deliverance. God answers His prayer and kills 185,000 Assyrian soldiers in one night.
12. Sennacherib returns home. Twenty years later he is assassinated by his own sons (II Kings 19:36, 37).
13. 663-612 B.C. The prophet Nahum declares Nineveh's destruction.
14. 612 B.C. Nineveh's fall. Nabopolassar of Babylon and Cyaxarxes of Media lead the conquest of Nineveh.
15. 610 B.C. The complete destruction of Assyria by Babylonians and Medes.

In Nahum we see the wrath and vengeance of God poured out upon a prideful and unrepentant people.

“Behold the goodness and severity of God” (Romans 11:22).



Lessons from Jonah

1. God is the true ruler of all men and nations - Daniel 4:17.
2. God loves all men and wants them to be saved. He sternly rebukes an attitude of exclusiveness (Acts 10:34, 35).
3. Man cannot run from God (Proverbs 15:3).
4. We must put aside selfish interests and trust in the Lord.
5. Jesus used Jonah's resurrection from the belly of the great fish as a type of His own resurrection (Matthew 12:39, 40).

News and Notes:

Remember to check the prayer list for those with ongoing spiritual weaknesses and physical illnesses.

“...Pray for one another...The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much.”- James 5:16