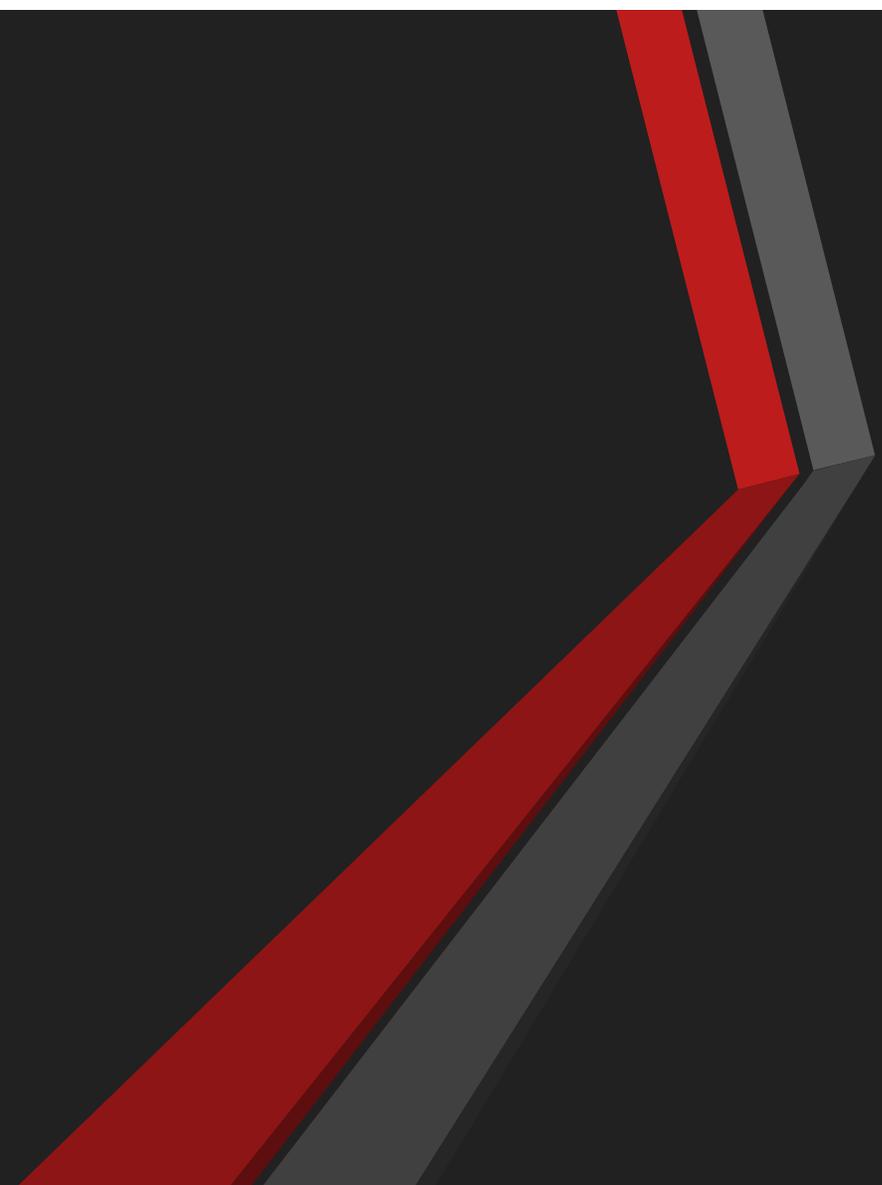
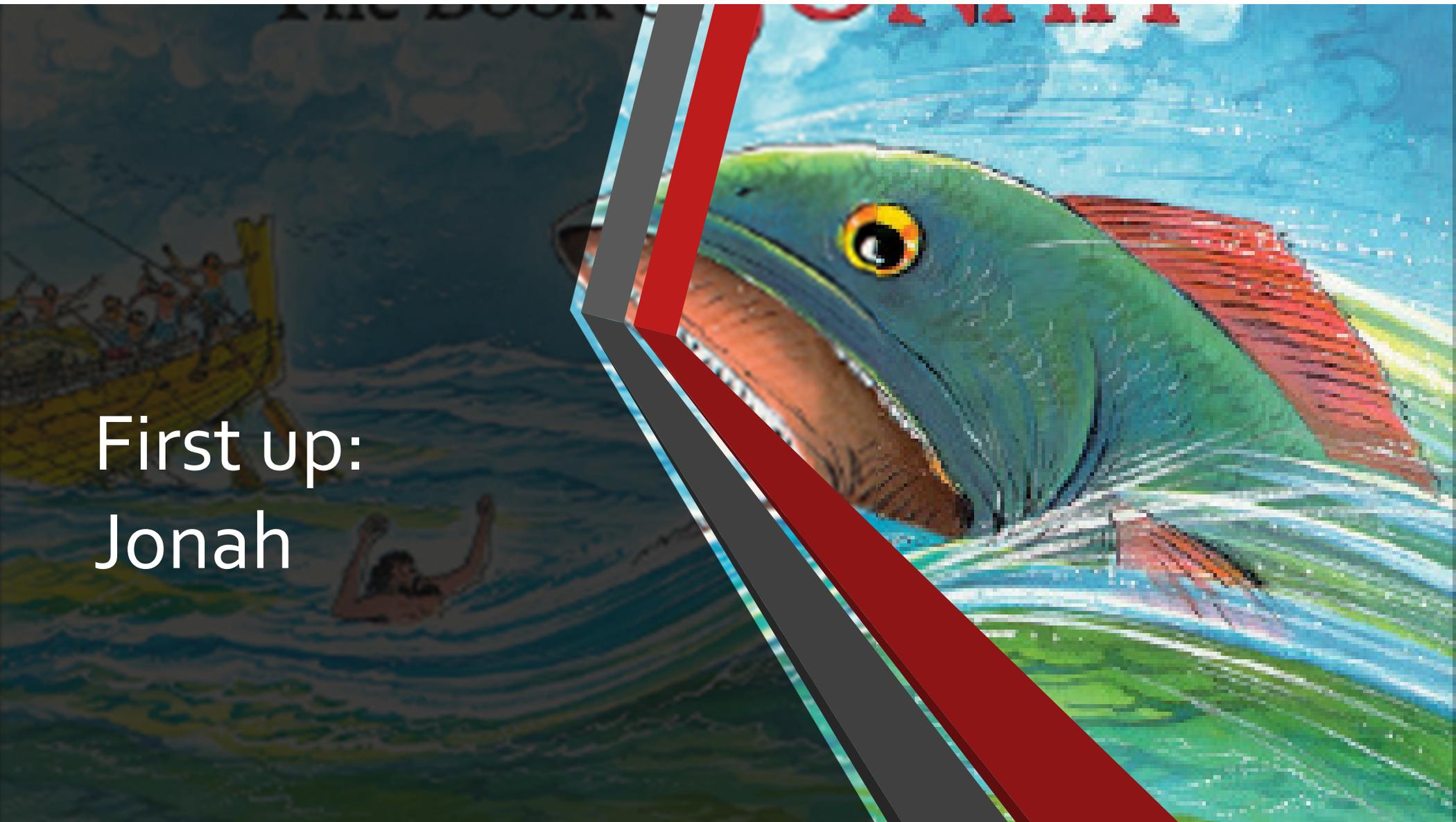


THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS

An overview of the timeline



First up:
Jonah



The Cast (WWWWH)

➤ **Jonah**

➤ **Jeroboam II**

➤ **The Sailors**

➤ **Nineveh**



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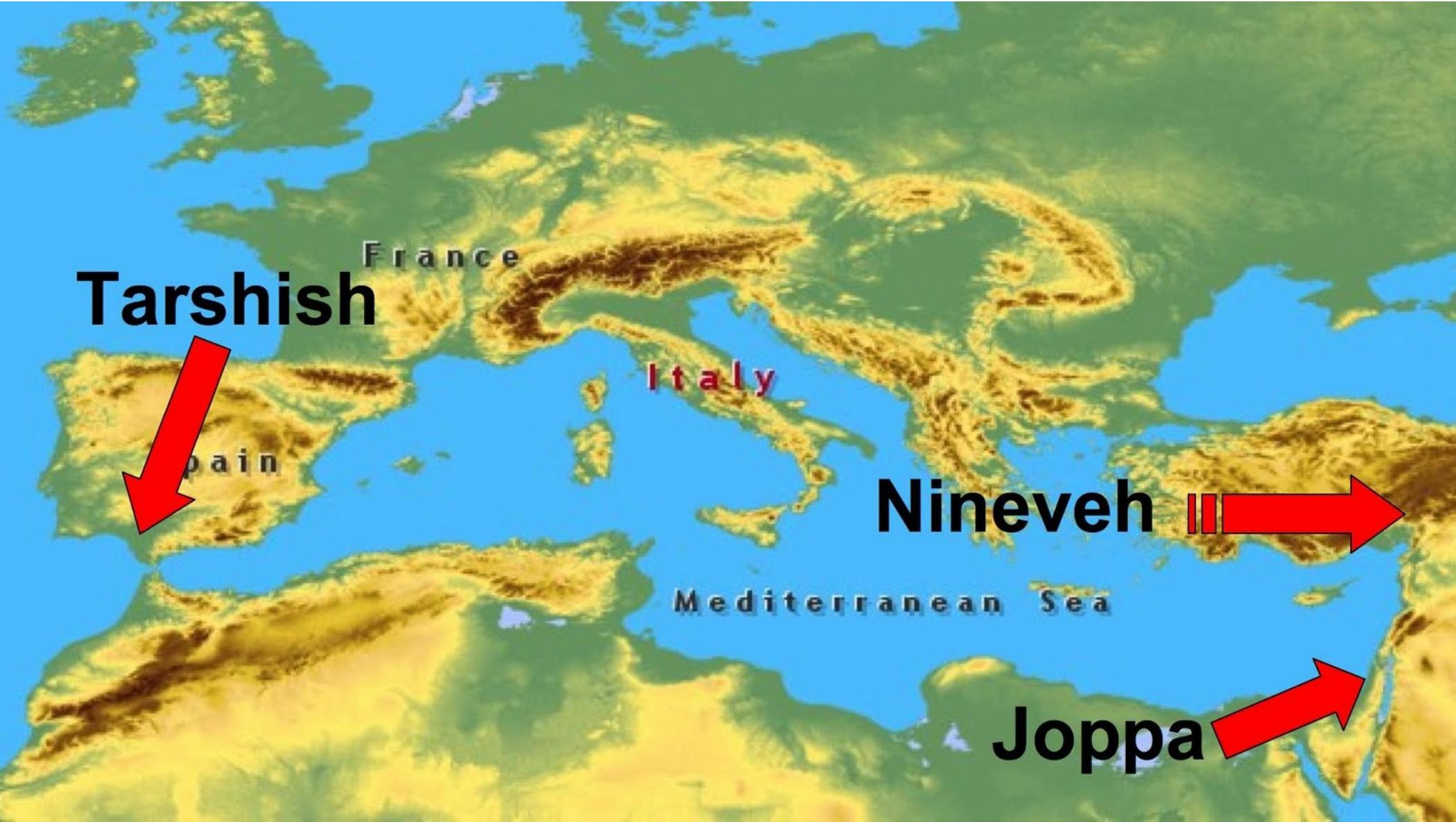
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Tarshish

France

Spain

Italy

Mediterranean Sea

Nineveh

Joppa

Kingdom Split
930 BC

Book of Jonah

Northern Kingdom
Overthrown
722 BC



Set in the reign of Jeroboam II



Book of Jonah Breakdown

- **Chapter 1: non-Israelite sailors (true worship of God)**
- **Chapter 2: Jonah's prayer (sort of)**
- **Chapter 3: non-Israelite Ninevites (true worship of God)**
- **Chapter 4: Jonah's prayer (sort of)**

Matthew 12:38-41 (The Desire for Signs)

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." **39** But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation craves a sign; and so no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet; **40** for just as Jonah was in the stomach of the sea monster for three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights. **41** The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.



Matthew 16:4

4 An evil and adulterous generation wants a sign; and so a sign will not be given to it, except the sign of Jonah.” And He left them and went away.

Luke 11:29-32

²⁹ Now as the crowds were increasing, He began to say, “This generation is a wicked generation; it demands a sign, and so no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. ³¹ The Queen of the South will rise up with the men of this generation at the judgment and condemn them, because she came from the ends of the earth to listen to the wisdom of Solomon; and behold, *something* greater than Solomon is here. ³² The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, *something* greater than Jonah is here.

Listen for this:

- Specific Directions to a Specific Audience

Jonah 1

- 1 **The word of the Lord came to Jonah** the son of Amittai, saying,
- 2 **“Arise, go** to Nineveh, the great city, and **cry** out against it, because their wickedness has come up before Me.”
- 3 But Jonah got up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship that was going to Tarshish, paid the fare, and boarded it to go with them to Tarshish away from the presence of the Lord.

Jonah 1

⁴ However, the LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea, so that the ship was about to break up.

⁵ Then the sailors became afraid and every man cried out to his god, and they hurled the cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten *it* for them. But Jonah had gone below into the stern of the ship, had lain down, and fallen sound asleep.

⁶ So the captain approached him and said, "How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, call on your god! Perhaps *your* god will be concerned about us so that we will not perish."

Jonah 1

⁷ And each man said to his mate, "Come, let's cast lots so that we may find out on whose account this catastrophe *has struck us*." So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah.

⁸ Then they said to him, "Tell us, now! On whose account *has this catastrophe struck us*? What is your occupation, and where do you come from? What is your country, and from what people are you?"

⁹ So he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD God of heaven who made the sea and the dry land."

Jonah 1

¹⁰ Then the men became extremely afraid, and they said to him, “How could you do this?” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Jonah 1

¹¹ So they said to him, “What should we do to you so that the sea will become calm for us?”—for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy.

¹² And he said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm for you, because I know that on account of me this great storm *has come* upon you.”

Jonah 1

¹³ However, the men rowed *desperately* to return to land, but they could not, because the sea was becoming *even* stormier against them.

¹⁴ Then they cried out to the LORD and said, “We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man’s life, and do not put innocent blood on us; for You, LORD, have done as You pleased.”

Jonah 1

¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging.

¹⁶ Then the men became extremely afraid of the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

¹⁷ And the LORD designated a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish for three days and three nights.



Next Week: Jonah's Response

Sort of a Prayer