
Repentance

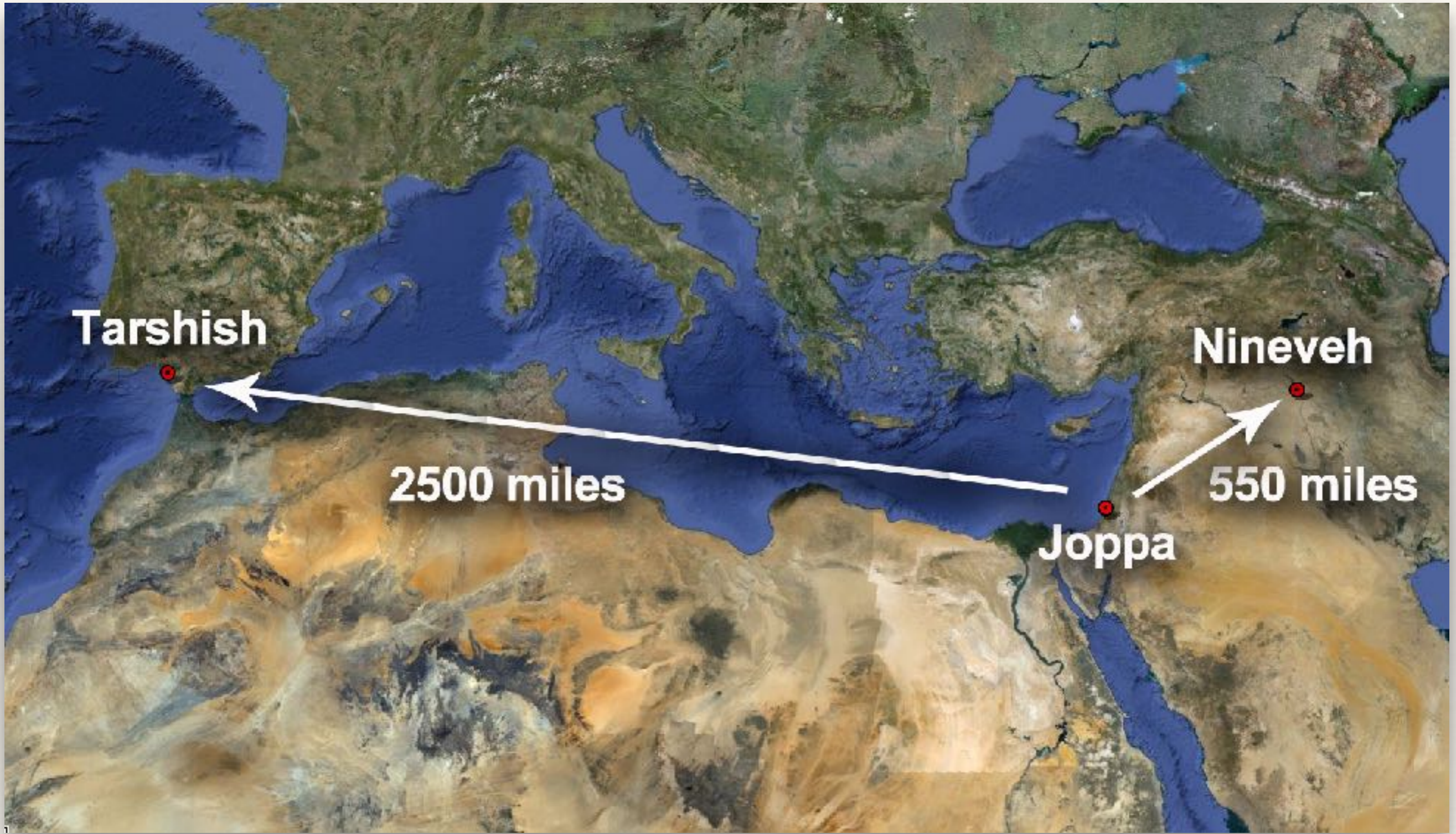
Jonah 3:1-10

An underwater scene with sunlight filtering through the water, creating rays and illuminating small fish. The word "JONAH" is written in large, dark, bold, sans-serif capital letters across the middle of the image.

JONAH

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OUTRAGEOUS GRACE



When my life was slipping away,
I remembered God, and my prayer got
through to You. My cry made it all the way
to Your Holy Temple. Those who worship
hollow gods, idols, walk away from their
only hope for steadfast love.

But I'm worshiping You, God, calling out
in thanksgiving! And I'll do what I promised
I'd do! Salvation belongs to God!"
Then God spoke to the fish, and it vomited
up Jonah on the seashore.

—Jonah 2:7-10

The Lord's word came to Jonah a second time: "Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation I am commanding you."

Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's Word.

(Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.) Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, "Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God.

They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant.

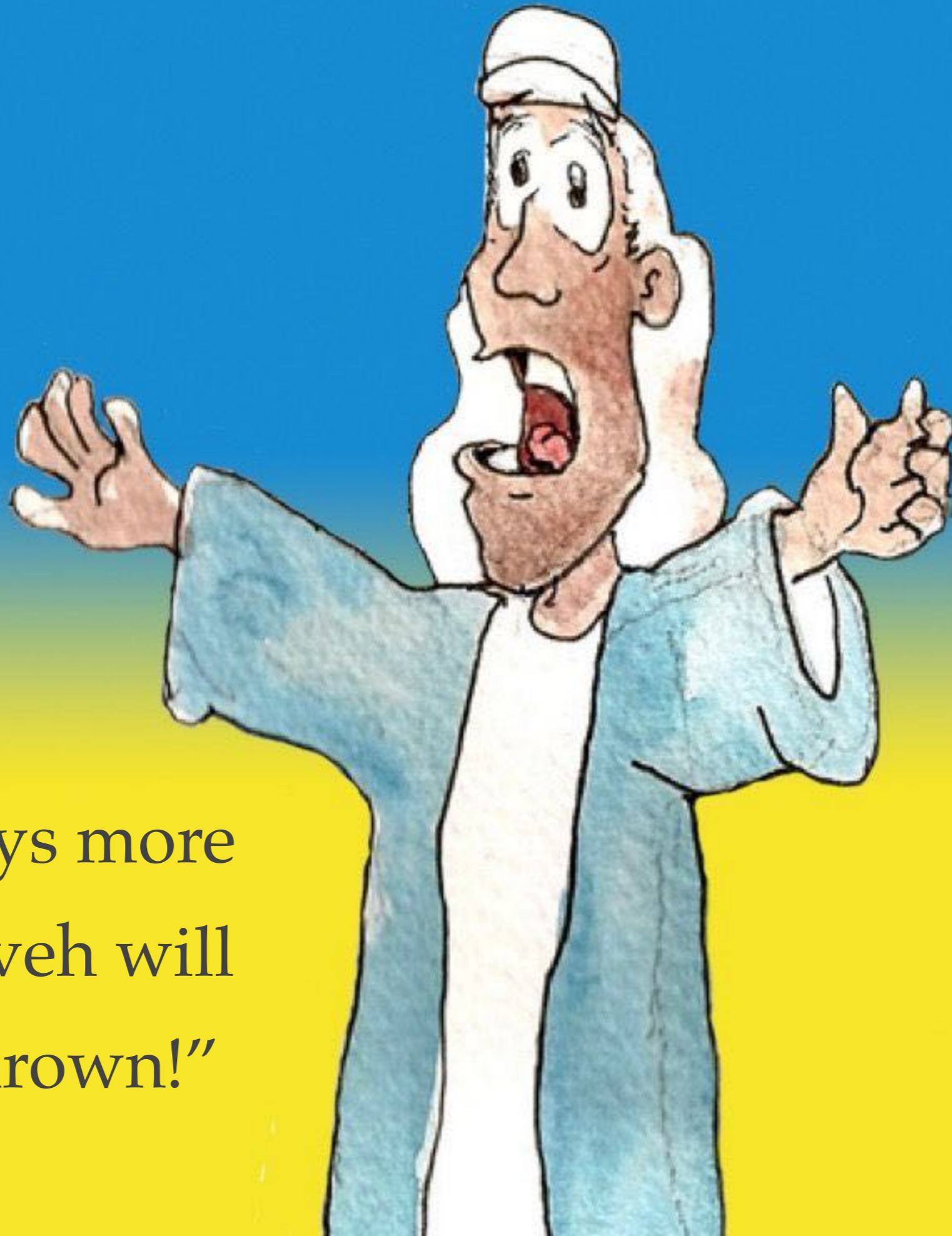
When the word of God reached the king
of Nineveh, he got up from his throne,
stripped himself of his royal robe,
covered himself with mourning clothes,
and sat in ashes.

Then he announced,
“In Nineveh, by decree of the king and
his officials: Neither human nor animal,
cattle nor flock, will taste anything!
No grazing and no drinking water!

Let humans and animals alike put on mourning clothes, and let them call upon God forcefully! Let all persons stop their evil behavior and the violence that's under their control!" He thought, Who knows? God may see this and turn from His wrath, so we might not perish.

God saw what they were doing—that
they had ceased their evil behavior.
So God stopped his plan to destroy them,
and He didn't do it.

—Jonah 3:1-10



“Forty days more
and Nineveh will
be overthrown!”



“Come on, Lord! Wasn’t this precisely my point when I was back in my own land? This is why I fled to Tarshish earlier! I know You are a merciful and compassionate God, very patient, full of faithful love, and willing not to destroy. At this point, Lord, You may as well take my life from me, because it would be better for me to die than to live.”

–Jonah 4:1-3

All glory to Him Who loves us and has freed us from our sins by shedding His blood for us. He has made us a Kingdom of priests for God His Father. All glory and power to Him forever and ever! Amen.

–Revelation 1:5b-6

