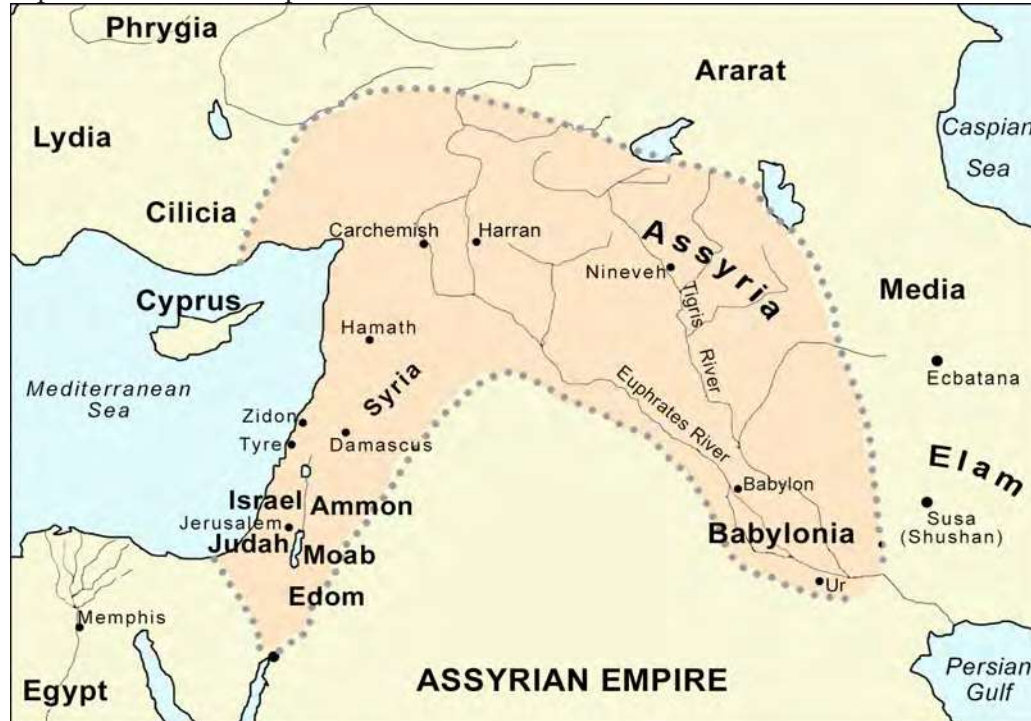
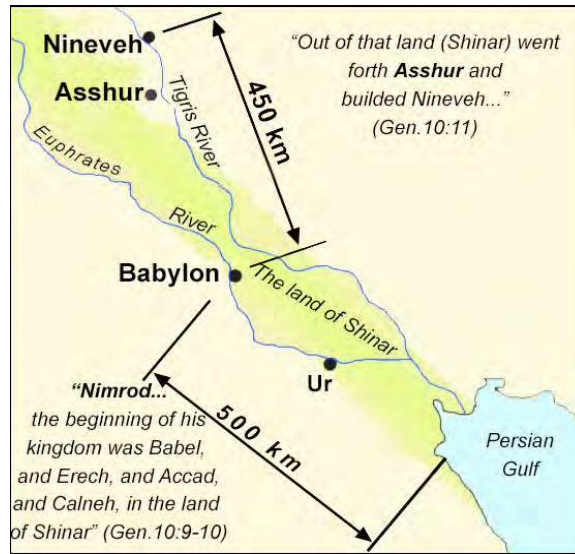


## The Judgment of Nineveh - 612BC

When Nimrod, who was from the line of Ham, built the Tower of Babel, Asshur from the line of Shem, left the plain of Shinar (Gen.10:11) and built Nineveh with its surrounding cities which suggests that he did not want to be associated with the idolatry of Nimrod and that the people of Nineveh originally worshipped the living God.

About 830BC Jonah warned the Assyrians at Nineveh that God would destroy the city but they repented and were spared.



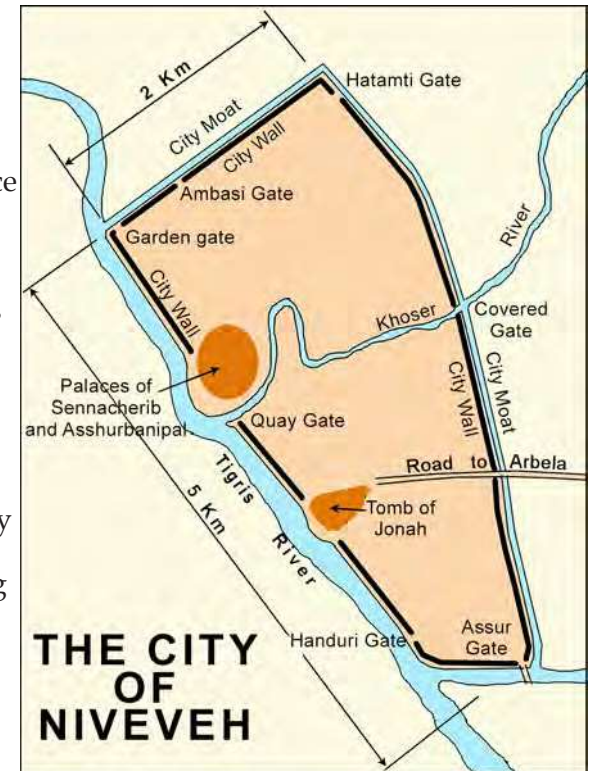
Between 650BC and 612BC Nahum prophesied the complete destruction of Nineveh and God raised up the Medes and the Babylonians to execute His judgment. The cruelty and violence of the Assyrians, witchcraft, and the blasphemy of Sennacherib (Nahum 1:11-13) when he came to Jerusalem, are given as the reasons for judgment.

The fall of Nineveh in 612BC is described in the *3rd Babylonian Chronicle of Nabopolassar*, the father of Nebuchadnezzar. The city was besieged and after heavy rains, Nineveh was flooded; twenty furlongs of the wall along the Tigris River collapsed.

The King at this time was Sinsariskun, the brother of Ashurbanipal. When the wall collapsed the king remembered an ancient prophecy that "Nineveh could not be taken until the river became an enemy to the city." The King gathered his concubines and eunuchs into the palace, built a large funeral pile, and burned it down on them. Nahum wrote, "the palace shall be dissolved" (Nahum 2:6). When the palace was burned the great library of Ashurbanipal was buried. It contained 22,000 valuable records many of which recorded the Biblical Flood and the Antediluvian period of history. So complete was the destruction that 300 years later, Alexander the Great passed over it without realising Nineveh was under his feet. God said that Nineveh would become "a gazingstock" (Nahum 3:6); It is to archeologists today.

No mention is made of the Queen but Nahum states that "Huzzab shall be led away captive...her maids shall lead her...Nineveh is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look back" (Nahum 2:6-8).

The kings of Assyria bred lions for the sport of lion hunting and Nahum wrote: "The sword shall devour the young lions" (Nahum 2:13).





## The Judgment of Tyre - 586BC & 332BC

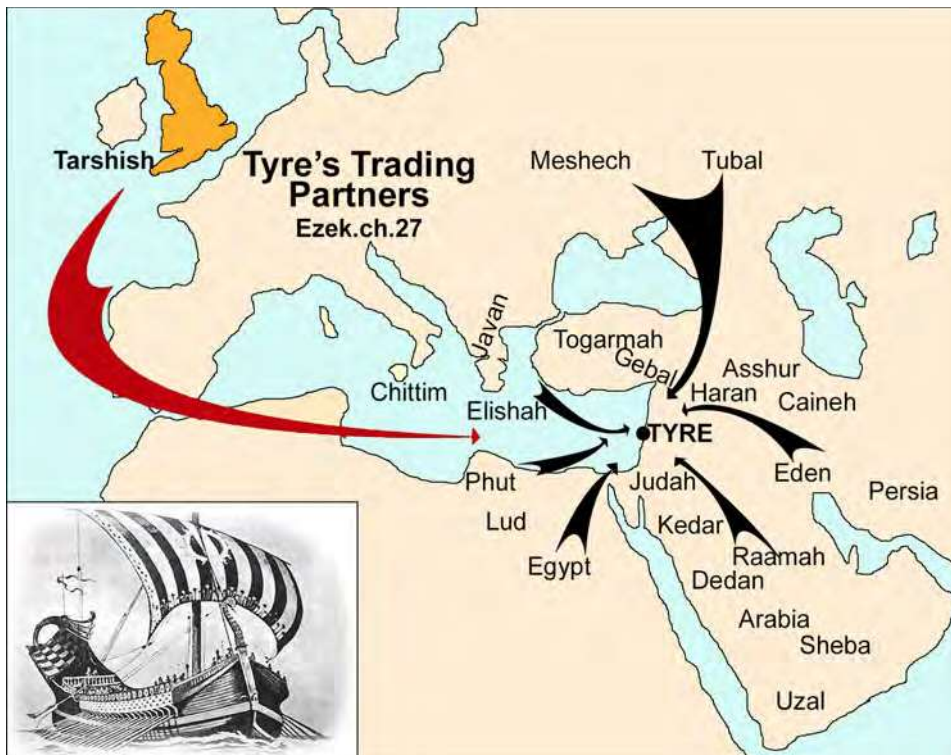
*"Thus saith the LORD; For three transgressions of Tyrus, and for four, I will not turn away the punishment thereof; because they delivered up the whole captivity to Edom, and remembered not the brotherly covenant: But I will send a fire on the wall of Tyrus, which shall devour the palaces thereof"* (Amos 1:9-10).

Isaiah (about 700 BC) described Tyre as *"the crowning city, whose merchants are princes, whose traffickers are the honorable of the earth"* (Isa.23:8) but he also prophesied she would be destroyed and unable to trade for 70 years. *"Tyre shall be forgotten seventy years...at the end of seventy years shall Tyre sing as a harlot"* (Isa.23:15). This prophecy was fulfilled by Nebuchadnezzar who, according to Josephus, began a siege in the 7th year of his reign and destroyed the coastal city 13 years later in 586BC; the same year that the Temple was burned in Jerusalem.

During the siege of Tyre, the Tyrians moved with all their treasures to an island one kilometre off-shore however, they ceased to be a great trading port for 70 years while Babylon ruled. The city revived in the Persian era as Isaiah foretold. Ezekiel later wrote:

*"Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon caused his army to serve a great service against Tyrus...yet had he no wages, nor his army, for Tyrus, for the service that he had served against it...Behold, I will give the land of Egypt unto Nebuchadrezzar king of Babylon; and he shall...take her spoil...and it shall be the wages for his army"* (Ezek.29:18-19)

Tyre began operations again 70 years later (516BC) in the Persian era just in time to supply the materials for the Temple service in Zerubbabel's day as foretold by Isaiah: *"Her merchandise shall be for them that dwell before the LORD, to eat sufficiently, and for durable clothing"* (Isa.23:15-18).

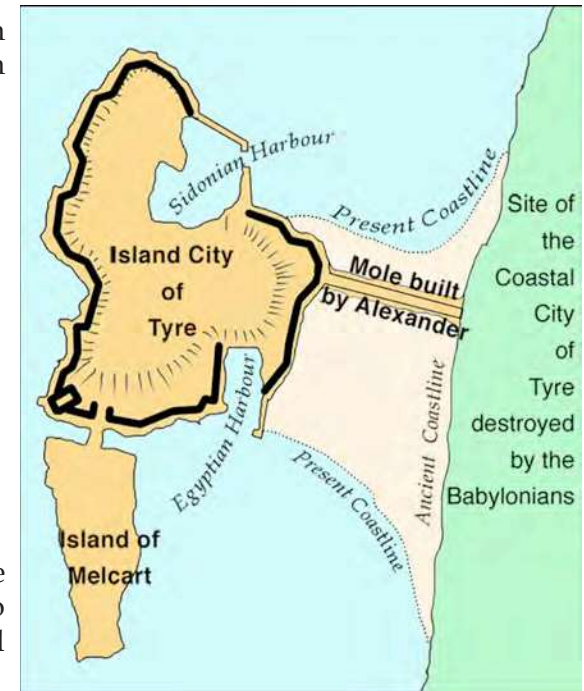


Nebuchadnezzar destroyed Egypt in 570BC and left it desolate for 40 years in fulfilment of Ezek.29:12.

The island city of Tyre was destroyed by Alexander the Great in 332BC in fulfilment of Ezek.26:3-5.

*"Thus saith the Lord GOD; Behold, I am against thee, O Tyrus, and will cause many nations to come up against thee, as the sea causeth his waves to come up. And they shall destroy the walls of Tyrus, and break down her towers: I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock. It shall be a place for the spreading of nets in the midst of the sea"*.

Alexander scraped the ruins of the coastal city left by Nebuchadnezzar into the sea to build a Mole to the island and destroy the island city.





# The Judgment and Blessing of Egypt - 606BC, 570BC & in the Last Days

Three judgments of Egypt are prophesied in the Bible by four prophets; Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and Isaiah. They are:

- 1) Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of Pharaoh-necho's army at Carchemish by the River Euphrates which occurred in the 4th year of the reign of Jehoiakim (606BC) (Jeremiah 46:1-12).
- 2) Nebuchadnezzar's destruction of the land of Egypt in 570BC was foretold by Jeremiah (Jer.46:13-26) and by Ezekiel (Ezek.chapters 29-32).
- 3) The destruction of Egypt in the last days by Antichrist as foretold by Isaiah (Isa.19) and by Daniel (Dan.11:40-43).

Josiah was killed as he "meddled" with Pharaoh-necho whose army was travelling north to help the Assyrians who had made Haran and then



Carchemish their capital after the fall of Nineveh. Jeremiah foretold God's judgment on Pharaoh-necho who was defeated at Carchemish.

Nebuchadnezzar pursued the Egyptians to the border of Egypt and carried Daniel away from Jerusalem on the way home (606BC). In 570BC after Daniel interpreted the dream of the tree cut down (Dan.4), Nebuchadnezzar destroyed the land of Egypt which had been weakened by civil war between Pharaoh-hophra and his General, Amasis (Jer.44:30). God "broke the arm" of Pharaoh (through civil war) to give the spoils of Egypt to Nebuchadnezzar as wages for his army, for the service they rendered in besieging Tyre for 13 years (599-586BC) (Ezek.29:18; 30:21).

Egypt will be destroyed by Antichrist early in the Tribulation (Dan.11:42) but many will turn to the Lord through Jewish witness (the 144,000 Rev.7). At that time the Egyptians "shall fight every one against his brother" (Isa.19:2) just as they are today. After the Russian/Islamic army is destroyed in Israel (Ezek.38/39) many Muslims will turn to Christ and a highway will be built from Egypt and from Assyria to Jerusalem (Isa.19:23-25).

*"At the time of the end shall the king of the south push at him: And the king of the north (Antichrist) shall come against him like a whirlwind... He shall enter the glorious land, and many countries shall be overthrown... Egypt shall not escape"*  
 Dan.11:40-42  
 (See Isa.19)

