

Jonah

3179c AM, 3889 JP, 825 BC, 15 SK, 1 NK

552. God used Jeroboam II to deliver Israel. He recaptured Damascus and Hamath, which rightly belonged to the tribe of Judah. {#2Sa 8:6 2Ch 8:3} [E53] He restored the former borders {#Nu 13:21} from the entrance into Hamath to the sea of the plain. This fulfilled the prophecy of the Lord spoken by Jonah, the prophet, the son of Amittai. {#2Ki 14:25,27,28} [L77]

3197a AM, 3906 JP, 808 BC 4, SK, 19 NK

555. NK-During this same time, Jonah the son of Amittai and Hosea the son of Beerli prophesied in Israel.

556. Jonah was from Gathhepher, {#2Ki 14:25} a town of the tribe of Zebulun, {#Jos 21:13} in Galilee of the Gentiles. {#Isa 9:1} This is referred to by the Pharisees when speaking with Nicodemus: Search and know that out of Galilee never arose any prophet. {#Joh 7:52} It seems that at the time, the Syrians were oppressing Israel, and all were vulnerable to their invasions. They took great spoil and no one was able to oppose them. He foretold that Joash's son, Jeroboam II, would deliver Israel out of their hands and avenge them of

the wrong they had endured. {#2Ki 14:25,26} Jonah was later sent to Nineveh, the capital city of Assyria, where both the king and the people were brought to repentance through his preaching.{#Jon 3:1-10 Mt 12:41}

3233c AM, 3943 JP, 771 BC

574. Pul seems to have been the father of Sardanapalus. Sardanapalus was named after his father and called Sardan-Pul just as Merodach, king of Babylon, was called Merodach Baladan from Baladan his father. {#Isa 39:1} The following chronologers agreed that he was the same person, but called him by different names: Julius Africanus called him Acracarnes, Eusebius called him Ocrazapes, Stephanus Byzantinus called him Cindaraxes, and Strabo, Arrian and Suidas called him Anacyndaraxes or Anakyndaraxes. {*Strabo, l. 14. c. 5. s. 9. 6:341} {*Arrian, Anabasis, l. 2. c. 5. s. 2. 1:137} By others again he was called Anabaxares. {*Athenaeus, l. 12. (528f) 5:387} Furthermore, I considered the number of years assigned by Africanus and Eusebius to the reigns of Pul and his son. I then counted the years backward from the beginning of Nabonassar to the end of Sardanapalus' reign. I believe both lived at the same time. [E58] This man named Pul seems to have been the same man who was converted and brought to repentance by the preaching of the prophet Jonah. This means that the men of

Nineveh may have risen in judgment against this nation. God here raised up a repentant, heathen man to take vengeance on unrepentant Israel.

3378 AM, 4088 JP, 626 BC

When Josiah was reigning, (as Jerome in his commentaries on the prophet Jonah affirms) Nineveh was destroyed. Thus the prophecies of both Nahum and Isaiah concerning the destruction of Nineveh were fulfilled. This is also described in Ezekiel. {#Eze 31:1-18} [E80]