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VERSE 3 READS A SOLEMN LESSON AS TO THE INTENSE DETERMINATION WITH WHICH THE HEART OF UNBELIEF WILL DEPART FROM THE LIVING GOD.

IT IS HARDLY POSSIBLE TO CONCEIVE OF A MORE DOGGED, DETERMINED, RESOLVED PURPOSE OF TRANSGRESSION THAN IS INDICATED IN THE WORDS WHICH DESCRIBE THE FLIGHT OF JONAH.

Hugh Martin

STEP AFTER STEP THE DISOBEDIENT PROPHET TAKES IN CONSUMMATION OF HIS PURPOSE-- AND EACH FOLLOWING FAST ON THE BACK OF ITS PREDECESSOR, WITHOUT REPENTANCE AND, AS IT WOULD ALMOST SEEM, WITHOUT REFLECTION.

THERE IS SOMETHING AWFUL AND OMINOUS IN THE VERY SOUND OF THE WORDS.

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PSALM 139:7-10

- ▶ *Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence?*
- ▶ *If I ascend to heaven, You are there; If I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there.*
- ▶ *If I take the wings of the dawn, If I dwell in the remotest part of the sea,*
- ▶ *Even there Your hand will lead me, And Your right hand will lay hold of me.*

NOT THAT THE PSALMIST WISHED TO GO FROM GOD, OR TO AVOID THE POWER OF THE DIVINE LIFE; BUT HE ASKS THIS QUESTION TO SET FORTH THE FACT THAT NO ONE CAN ESCAPE FROM THE ALL-PERVADING BEING AND THE OBSERVATION OF THE GREAT INVISIBLE SPIRIT.

Charles Spurgeon

WHERE SHALL I FLEE?

SURELY NOWHERE: THEY THAT
ATTEMPT IT DO BUT AS THE FISH
WHICH SWIMS TO THE LENGTH OF THE
LINE, WITH A HOOK IN THE MOUTH.

John Trapp

WHEN WE THINK THAT WE FLY FROM
GOD, IN RUNNING OUT OF ONE PLACE
INTO ANOTHER, WE DO BUT RUN FROM
ONE HAND TO THE OTHER...

Henry Smith

FROM THE SIGHT OF GOD HE CANNOT BE HIDDEN, BUT THAT IS NOT ALL- FROM THE IMMEDIATE, ACTUAL, CONSTANT PRESENCE OF GOD HE CANNOT BE WITHDRAWN. **THIS MAKES IT DREADFUL WORK TO SIN;** FOR WE OFFEND THE ALMIGHTY TO HIS FACE, AND COMMIT ACTS OF TREASON AT THE VERY FOOT OF HIS THRONE. GO FROM HIM, OR FLEE FROM HIM WE CANNOT: NEITHER BY PATIENT TRAVEL NOR BY HASTY FLIGHT CAN WE WITHDRAW FROM THE ALL SURROUNDING DEITY.

Charles Spurgeon

AH! YOU MAY THINK YOU GAIN YOUR END; BUT THE LORD HAS YOU IN HIS HAND, AND NEVER MORE SO THAN PRECISELY WHEN YOU THINK YOU HAVE SUCCEEDED. YOU MAY FIND YOUR WAY TO JOPPA; YOU MAY FIND THE SHIP READY THERE; YOU MAY FIND THE MARINERS MAKE NO OBJECTION TO YOUR COMPANY AND ARE READY TO RECEIVE THE FARE.

Hugh Martin

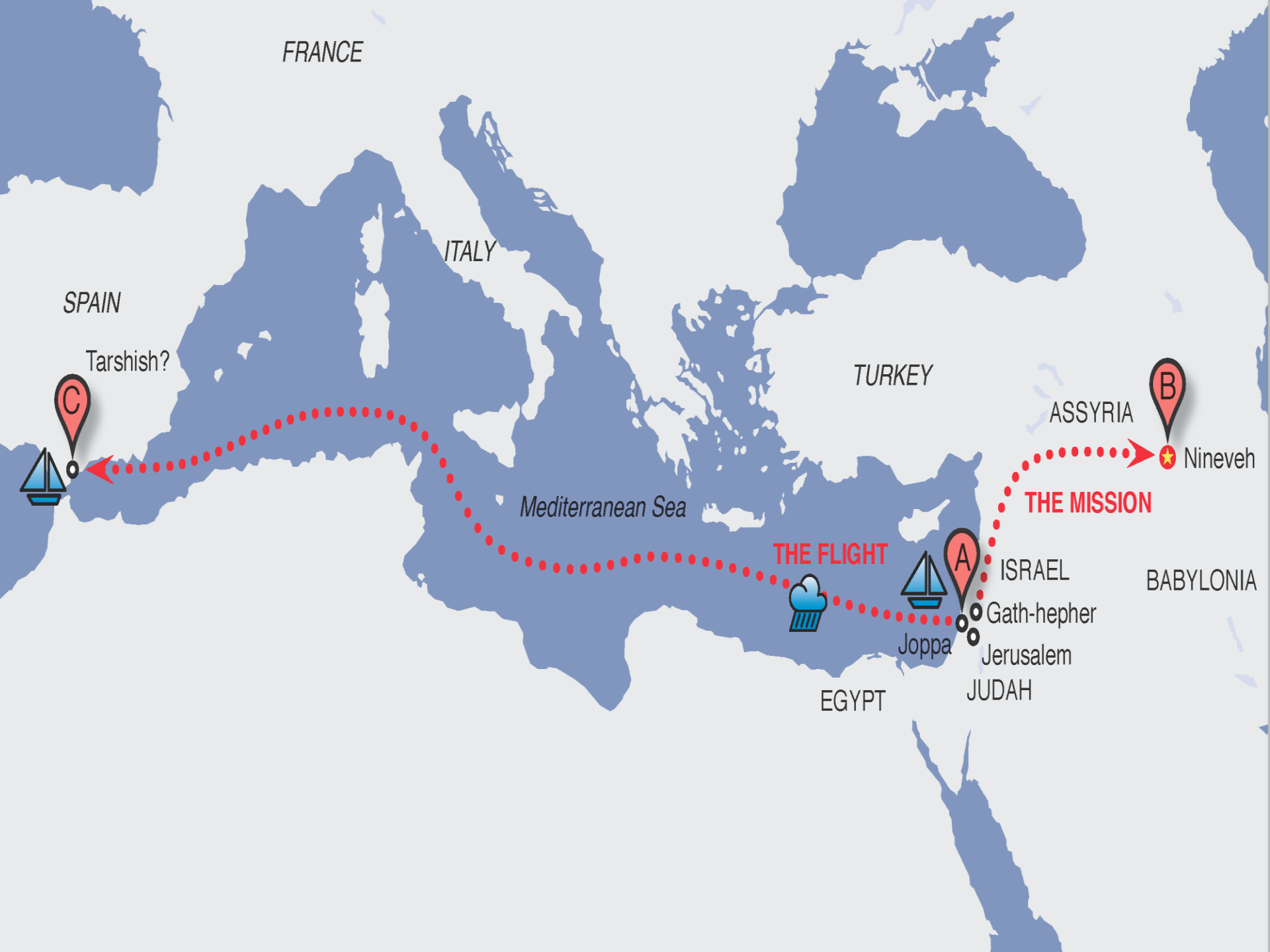
JONAH IS GONE DOWN INTO THE SIDES OF THE SHIP;
AND AFTER THE WEARY CONFLICT IN HIS SPIRIT, AND
THE WEARY FLIGHT TO JOPPA, HE IS QUIET AT LAST,
AND FAST ASLEEP. YOUR PLAN IS SAFE AND YOUR
PROJECT SURE, AND THE LAST MOVE HAS BEEN ALL
THAT YOU COULD WISH IT TO BE.

YES; BUT THAT LAST MOVE IS YOUR MOVE INTO THE
VERY PRISON IN WHICH GOD HOLDS YOU NOW UNDER
LOCK AND KEY...

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Mediterranean Sea

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THE MISSION

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Joppa

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