

Sovereign Grace: Running from God Jonah 1

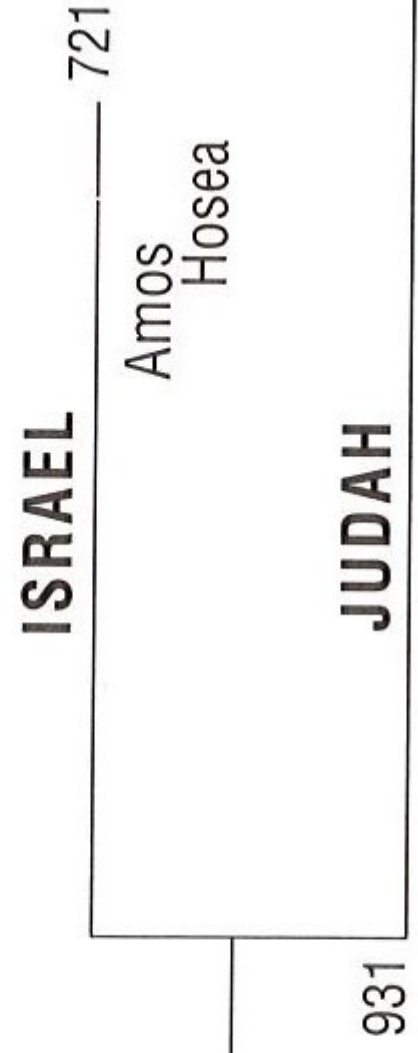
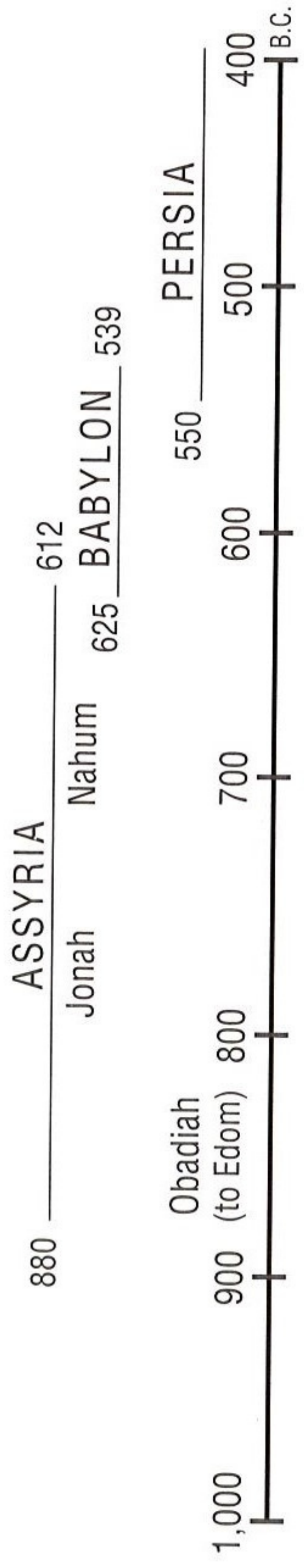
Grace is the free, undeserved goodness and favor of God to mankind.

-Matthew Henry

I. The Message

II. The Mutiny

CHRONOLOGY OF THE PROPHETS OF ISRAEL AND JUDAH



• - Major Prophet

Into the Bible

1. One of Jonah's main objections to being God's messenger was the people he was called to preach to. As an Israelite he wanted God's justice to fall on the city of Nineveh, not God's mercy. In a similar situation God answered Moses regarding His mercy (Romans 9:14-18). How does Ephesians 2:4-5 apply to us as recipients of God's mercy?

Application

2. Running away from God, for whatever reason—fear, guilt, disobedience, is never a good idea, but starting with Adam in the Garden of Eden humans have attempted this strategy. When we may be tempted to try this, what is the characteristic of God's nature evident in the following verses that proves this action to be futile? (Psalm 139:7-12, Jeremiah 23:24, Proverbs 15:3)

3. Hearing God's call and obeying it can provoke feelings of inadequacy, just ask Moses (Exodus 3-4) and Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:4-8). It can pose risks and there is always a cost involved (Luke 14:28-29). What does God reassuringly promise to those who choose to follow God's call on their life in both the Exodus and Jeremiah passages? What does Christ tell Peter in regard to the cost of following Him?

For Families

4. Talk with your children about who deserves mercy in God's eyes.