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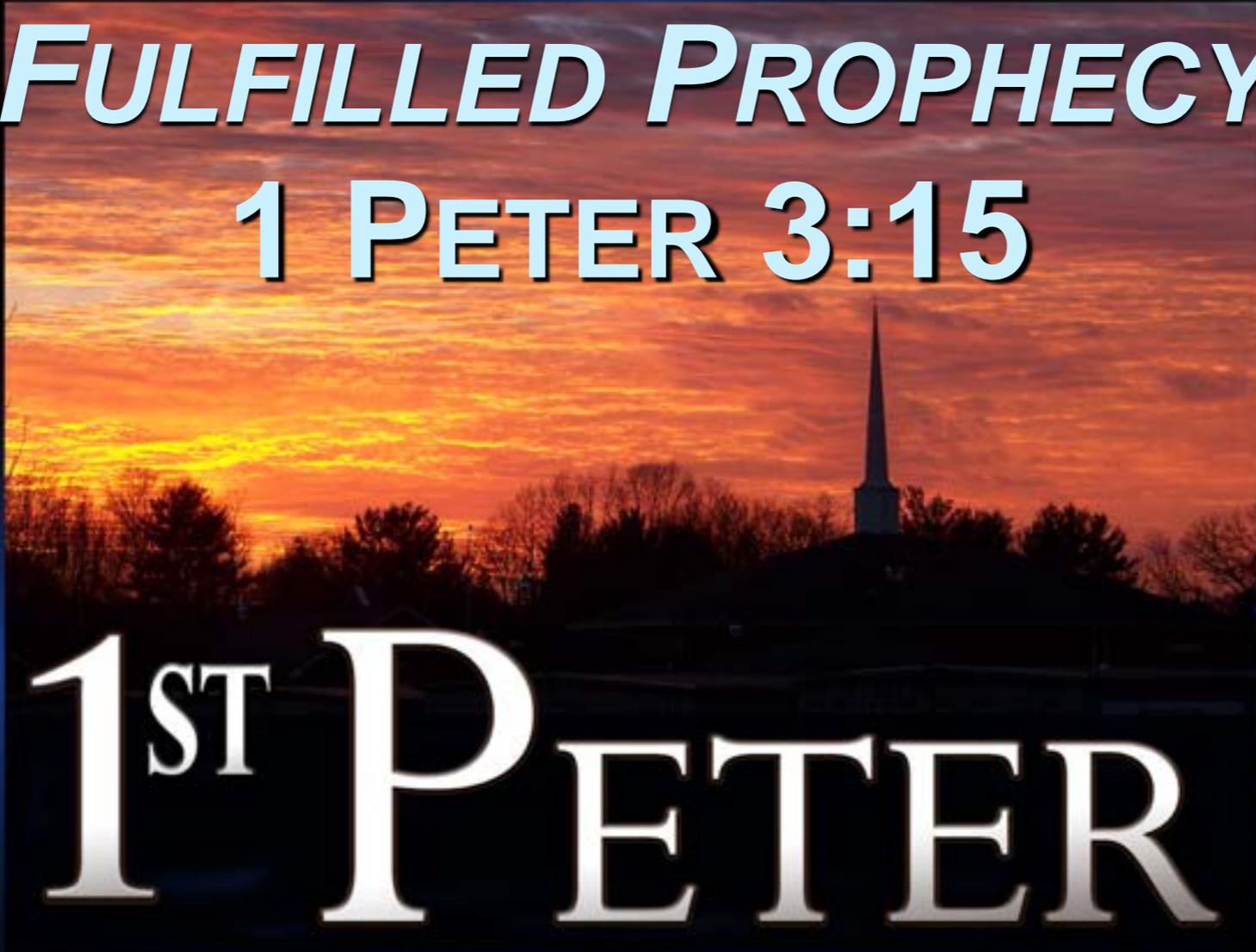
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# GIVING AN ANSWER – PART 13

## *THE BIBLE AND FULFILLED PROPHECY*

**1 PETER 3:15**

A photograph of a church steeple silhouetted against a vibrant sunset sky. The sky is filled with orange and yellow clouds, and the sun is low on the horizon. The church is in the foreground, with trees and a body of water visible.

**1<sup>ST</sup> PETER**

**LIVING IN LIGHT  
OF ETERNITY**

**Developing a base set of answers to  
common questions:**

**CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?**

**WHO WAS JESUS?**

**DID JESUS REALLY RISE FROM THE DEAD?**

# CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?

**The Bible claims to be God's revelation of Himself to man.**

**False**

**True**

**If False, then it is no better than any other book.**

**If False, then it is a fraud and deceptive and should be rejected completely.**

**If True, then it is the unique book of the universe and should be valued above all things.**

- 1. The Bible is a one-of-a-kind Book. No other book is like the Bible.**
- 2. What does the Bible claim about itself?**
- 3. The testimony of archaeology.**
- 4. The testimony of fulfilled prophecy.**

# **Basic Presuppositions**

- 1. The Christian God is the Creator of all things, including human beings, and their ability to communicate and to understand His communication to them.**
- 2. The Bible assumes His existence and claims that it preserves and expresses God's communication to humankind.**
- 3. The Bible is internally consistent with its claims to be the revelation from God and no evidence has ever surfaced which contradicts this claim.**

**Isaiah 46:9, “Remember the former things of old, for I am God, and there is no other; I am God, and there is none like Me,**

**Isaiah 46:10, “Declaring the end from the beginning, and from ancient times things that are not yet done, saying, ‘My counsel shall stand, and I will do all My pleasure,’ ”**

**Deut. 13:1**, “If there arises among you a prophet or a dreamer of dreams, and he gives you a sign or a wonder,

**Deut. 13:2**, “and the sign or the wonder comes to pass, of which he spoke to you, saying, ‘Let us go after other gods’—which you have not known—‘and let us serve them,’

**Deut. 13:3**, “you shall not listen to the words of that prophet or that dreamer of dreams, for the LORD your God is testing you to know whether you love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul.

**Deut. 13:4**, “You shall walk after the LORD your God and fear Him, and keep His commandments and obey His voice; you shall serve Him and hold fast to Him.”

**Deut. 18:20, “ ‘But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in My name, which I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that prophet shall die.’**

**Deut. 18:21, “ ‘And if you say in your heart, “How shall we know the word which the LORD has not spoken?”—**

**Deut. 18:22, “ ‘when a prophet speaks in the name of the LORD, if the thing does not happen or come to pass, that is the thing which the LORD has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously; you shall not be afraid of him.’ ”**

**Isaiah 41:21, “ ‘Present your case,’ says the LORD. ‘Bring forth your strong reasons,’ says the King of Jacob.**

**Isaiah 41:22, “Let them bring forth and show us what will happen; Let them show the former things, what they were, that we may consider them, and know the latter end of them; Or declare to us things to come.”**

**Isaiah 41:23, “Show the things that are to come hereafter, that we may know that you are gods; Yes, do good or do evil, that we may be dismayed and see it together.”**

# **1. The young prophet from Judah (1 Kings 13:1–13)**

**1 Kings 13:1, “And behold, a man of God went from Judah to Bethel by the word of the LORD, and Jeroboam stood by the altar to burn incense.**

**1 Kings 13:2, “Then he cried out against the altar by the word of the LORD, and said, ‘O altar, altar! Thus says the LORD: “Behold, a child, Josiah by name, shall be born to the house of David; and on you he shall sacrifice the priests of the high places who burn incense on you, and men’s bones shall be burned on you.” ’ ”**

**1 Kings 13:3, “And he gave a sign the same day, saying, ‘This is the sign which the LORD has spoken: Surely the altar shall split apart, and the ashes on it shall be poured out.’ ”**

## **Fulfillment**

**2 Kings 23:15, “Moreover the altar that was at Bethel, and the high place which Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin, had made, both that altar and the high place he broke down; and he burned the high place and crushed it to powder, and burned the wooden image.**

**2 Kings 23:16, “As Josiah turned, he saw the tombs that were there on the mountain. And he sent and took the bones out of the tombs and burned them on the altar, and defiled it according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who proclaimed these words.”**

## **Fulfillment**

**2 Kings 23:17, “Then he said, ‘What gravestone is this that I see?’ So the men of the city told him, ‘It is the tomb of the man of God who came from Judah and proclaimed these things which you have done against the altar of Bethel.’”**

**2 Kings 23:18, “And he said, ‘Let him alone; let no one move his bones.’ So they let his bones alone, with the bones of the prophet who came from Samaria.”**

## 2. The Prophecy Against Tyre (Ezek. 26:3–6; 12–14)

The Destruction of  
**Tyre**





Elijah fed by widow

Tyre

Elisha predicts Ben-Hadad's death

Elijah confronts Baal's prophets, then runs to Jezreel

Jonah born

Naaman healed of leprosy

Elisha restores Shunammite's son to life

Gath Hopher  
Shunem  
Jezreel

Elijah fed by ravens

Elisha traps blinded Arameans

Elisha born

Ramoth Gilead

Dothan  
Abel Meholah?

KERITH RAVINE  
Tishbe?

Elijah born

Samuel raised in temple

Samaria

Aphek

SAMARIA

GILEAD

Joppa

Amos calls for social justice

Shiloh

Samuel goes on annual circuit

Elijah goes up to heaven in a whirlwind

AMMON

Jonah sails for Tarshish

Bethel

Gilgal?

Mizpah  
Ramoth



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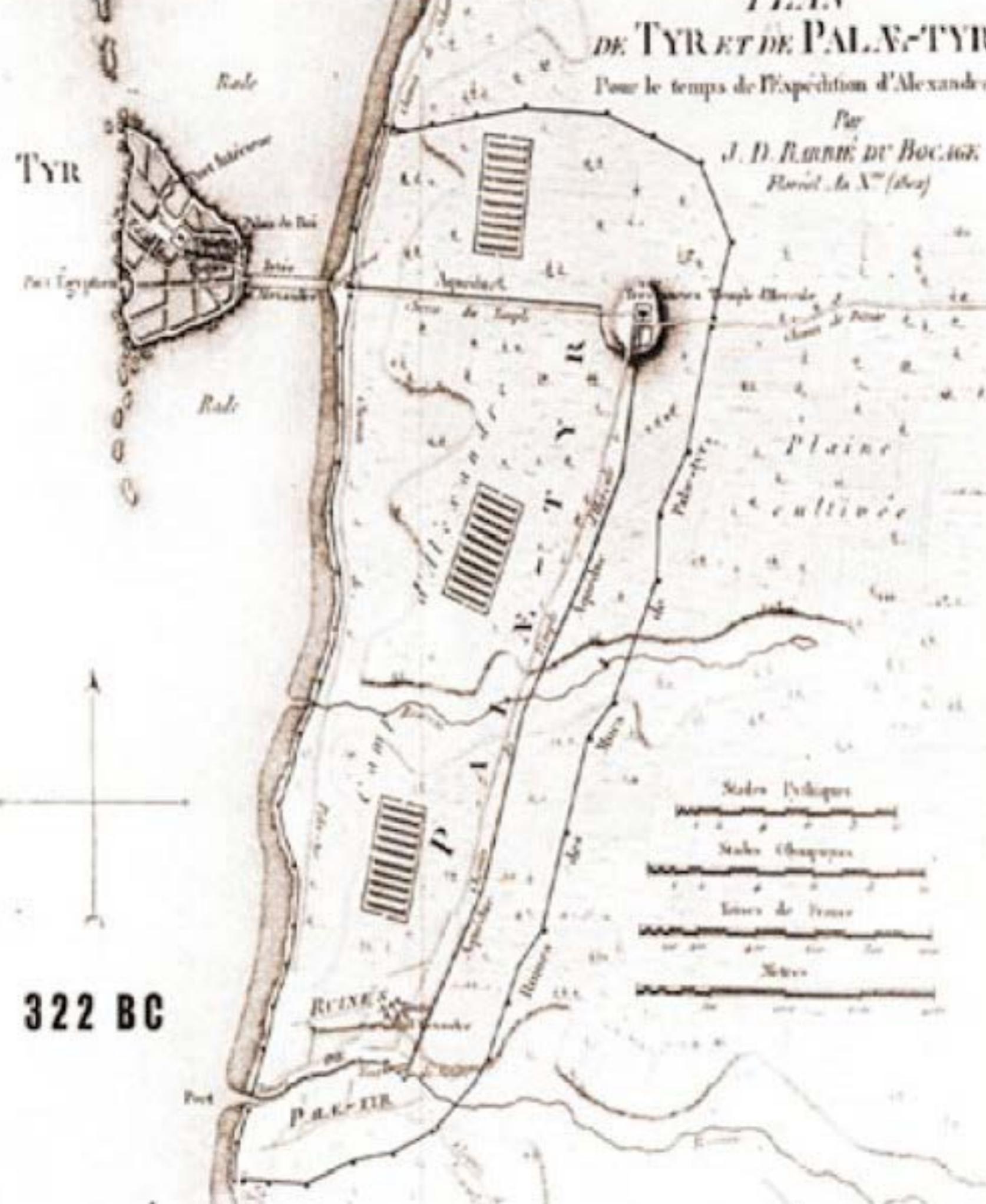
**Ezek. 26:2, “Son of man, because Tyre has said against Jerusalem, ‘Aha! She is broken who was the gateway of the peoples; now she is turned over to me; I shall be filled; she is laid waste.’**

**Ezek. 26:3, “Therefore thus says the Lord GOD: ‘Behold, I am against you, O Tyre, and will cause many nations to come up against you, as the sea causes its waves to come up.’ ”**

# DE TYR ET DE PALAESTYR

Pour le temps de l'expédition d'Alexandre

Par  
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Plat. de N<sup>o</sup> (des)



**322 BC**

**Ezek. 26:4, “And they shall destroy the walls of Tyre and break down her towers; I will also scrape her dust from her, and make her like the top of a rock.**

**Ezek. 26:5, “ ‘It shall be a place for spreading nets in the midst of the sea, for I have spoken,’ says the Lord GOD; ‘it shall become plunder for the nations.’ ”**

**Ezek. 26:6, “ ‘Also her daughter villages which are in the fields shall be slain by the sword. Then they shall know that I am the LORD.’**



Cyprian fleet

North (Sidonian) harbour

**Tyre**

South harbour

Alexander's dam

700-800 m

Phoenician fleet

Alfanar  
Restaurant  
& Auberge

Sour Municipal  
Stadium  
ملعب صور

Rafie Abou Jamra

Senegal  
سنيغال

Sour  
صور

Hafez El Asad

Senegal  
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Haram

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Islamic University  
of Lebanon

Yehia Charafeddine

Abou Deib

Queen  
Elissa

Shawatina  
Restaurant

Dr Ali El Khalil

**Ezek. 26:7, “For thus says the Lord GOD:  
‘Behold, I will bring against Tyre from the  
north Nebuchadnezzar king of Babylon,  
king of kings, with horses, with chariots,  
and with horsemen, and an army with  
many people.**

**Ezek. 26:8, “He will slay with the sword  
your daughter villages in the fields; he will  
heap up a siege mound against you, build  
a wall against you, and raise a defense  
against you.”**

**Ezek. 26:9, “He will direct his battering rams against your walls, and with his axes he will break down your towers.**

**Ezek. 26:10, “Because of the abundance of his horses, their dust will cover you; your walls will shake at the noise of the horsemen, the wagons, and the chariots, when he enters your gates, as men enter a city that has been breached.”**

**Ezek. 26:11, “With the hooves of his horses he will trample all your streets; he will slay your people by the sword, and your strong pillars will fall to the ground.**

**Ezek. 26:12, “They will plunder your riches and pillage your merchandise; they will break down your walls and destroy your pleasant houses; they will lay your stones, your timber, and your soil in the midst of the water.”**

## **Tyre (Ezek. 26:3–6; 12–14)**

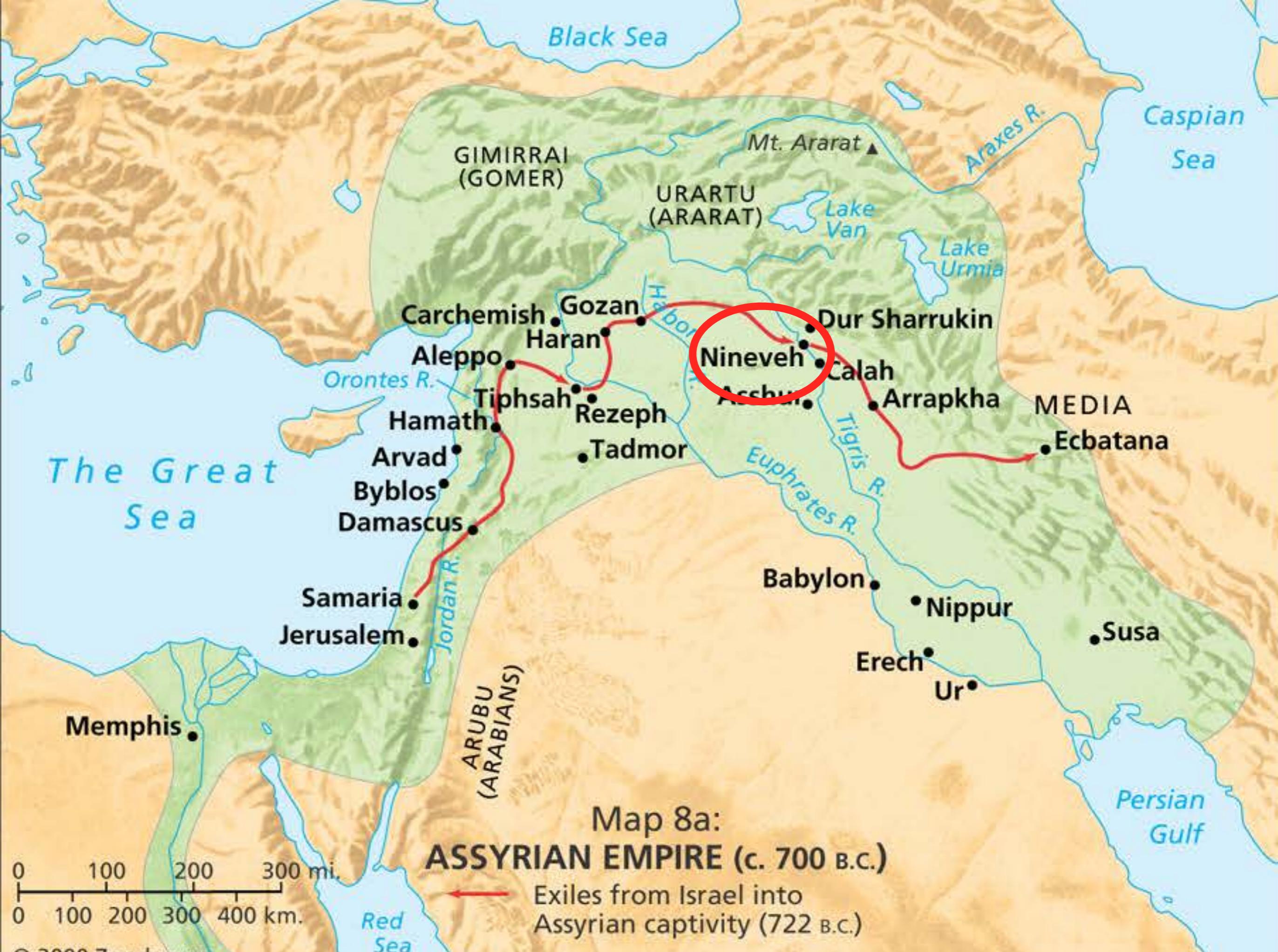
- 1. Nebuchadnezzar will destroy the city of Tyre.**
- 2. Many nations would come against Tyre.**
- 3. Tyre will become like the top of a flat rock.**
- 4. Fishermen will spread their nets over the site.**
- 5. Tyre will be thrown into the water and never be rebuilt.**

# **Tyre (Ezek. 26:3–6; 12–14)**

- 1. The rubble from Tyre would be put into the sea. This was fulfilled in 332 BC by Alexander the Great's army, 250 years after Ezekiel was written.**
- 2. The passage does not state that Nebuchadnezzar would capture the island city and get its wealth. On the other hand, it does not say Nebuchadnezzar would not conquer Tyre at all—he conquered “Old Tyre.” It simply states he did not get anything of value from it. This is exactly what Ezekiel 29:17ff states. There is no contradiction.**
- 3. The total destruction of Tyre would be accomplished gradually by one nation after another.**
- 4. In the end Tyre would be destroyed down to the bare rock and never rebuilt. The final destruction took place in AD 1291, almost 2,000 years after Ezekiel was written.**

# 3. Nineveh (Nahum 1:15–3:19)





Map 8a:  
**ASSYRIAN EMPIRE (c. 700 B.C.)**

← Exiles from Israel into Assyrian captivity (722 B.C.)

**Nahum wrote around 660–655 BC.**

**He mentions the sack of Thebes (*No Amon*)  
in Nah. 3:8 which was in 663 BC.**

**Thebes was rebuilt in 654 BC.**

**Nineveh was destroyed in August 612 BC,  
at least 43 years later.**

**1. Nahum predicted that the outer ring of fortresses would be easily destroyed.**

**Nah. 3:12, “All your strongholds are fig trees with ripened figs: If they are shaken, they fall into the mouth of the eater.”**

**2. The Ninevites would attempt to strengthen their fortification by making bricks and mortar.**

**Nah. 3:14, “Draw your water for the siege! Fortify your strongholds! Go into the clay and tread the mortar! Make strong the brick kiln!”**

**3. Nahum predicted that the gates would be destroyed.**

**Nah. 3:13, “Surely, your people in your midst are women! The gates of your land are wide open for your enemies; Fire shall devour the bars of your gates.”**

**4. Nahum predicted that the city would be destroyed by fire (Nah. 1:10; 2:13; 3:15).**

**Nah. 1:10, “For while tangled like thorns, and while drunken like drunkards, they shall be devoured like stubble fully dried.”**

**Nah. 2:13, “ ‘Behold, I am against you,’ says the LORD of hosts, ‘I will burn your chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions; I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall be heard no more.’ ”**

**Nah. 3:15, “ ‘There the fire will devour you, the sword will cut you off; It will eat you up like a locust. Make yourself many—like the locust! Make yourself many— like the swarming locusts!’ ”**

**5. Nahum also predicted the city would be destroyed by flood.**

**Nah. 1:8, “But with an overflowing flood He will make an utter end of its place, and darkness will pursue His enemies.”**

**Nah. 2:6, “The gates of the rivers are opened, and the palace is dissolved.”**

**Nah. 2:8, “Though Nineveh of old was like a pool of water, now they flee away. ‘Halt! Halt!’ ”**