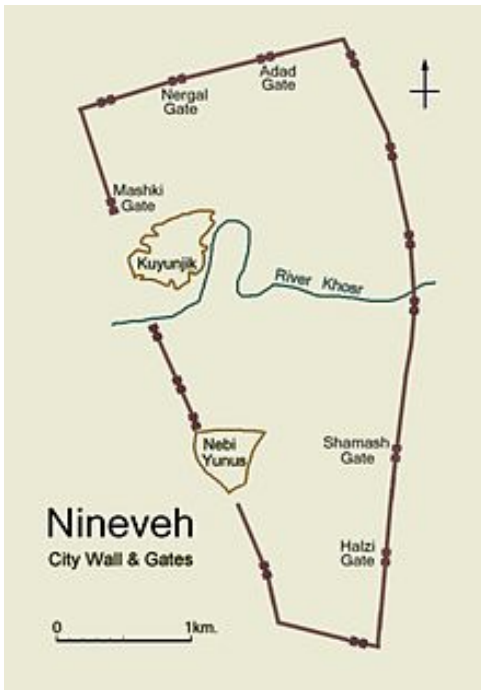


NINEVEH THE LARGEST CITY IN THE WORLD

Jonah 3:3-4 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was **an exceedingly great city, a three days' walk**. Then Jonah began to go through the city one day's walk; and he cried out and said, "Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown."



Prior to Jonah's prophetic visit, Nineveh was a huge city located on mount Kuyunjik, near the Mediterranean sea. Nineveh was the largest city in the world at that time. It was the capital of the Assyrian Empire. The city itself was about 1 1/2 miles long and 3/4 mile wide. Nineveh included the suburbs of Calah, Resen, and Rehoboth Jr.. In its prime, Nineveh consisted of about 120,000 inhabitants, surrounded by 40-50 feet high walls 8 miles long around the inner city and 2 1/2 miles along the Tigris River. It was designed as a labyrinth. There were 15 gates into this massive empire. It would have required a three days journey to go around the city, and a days journey to get to the city center from the outlying area.

The largest and oldest city of ancient Assyria was Nineveh, which is located in modern-day Iraq across from Mosul on the eastern bank of the Tigris River. In the seventh century BCE, under Sennacherib and Ashurbanipal, it reached its pinnacle of growth. In 612 BCE, Nabopolassar of Babylonia and his allies the Medes and Scythians took it and destroyed it. In 1845–1851, palaces, a library, city walls, and several gates and structures were unearthed during excavations. The old Nineveh is now a tiny place in Iran.

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