

BIBLE IN A YEAR- Jonah

Historical Context

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2. Prophesied expansion of **N. Kingdom** (2 Kings 14:21-25); deliverance of **Nineveh** (Gen. 10:8-11).

Literary Context

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