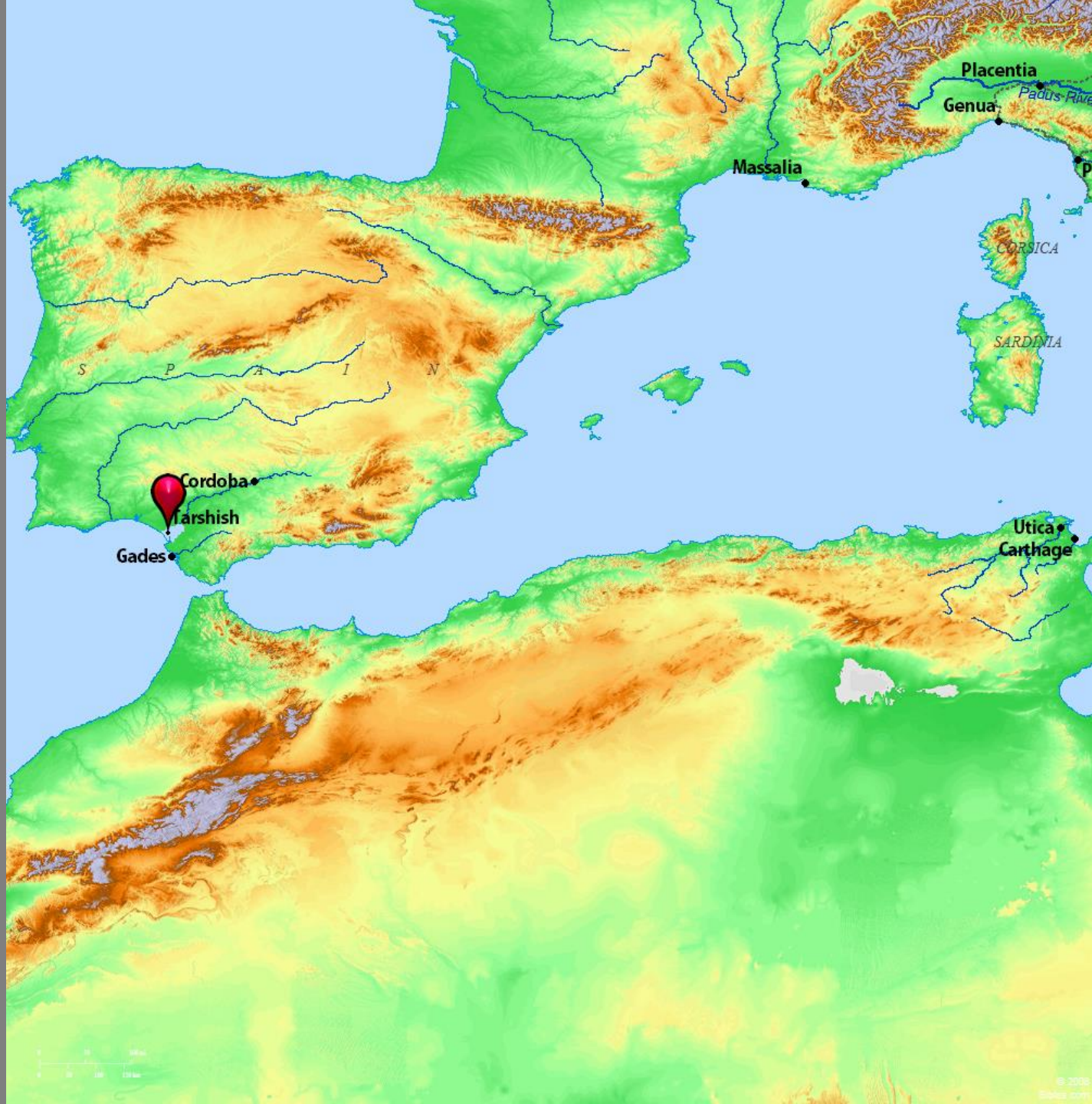
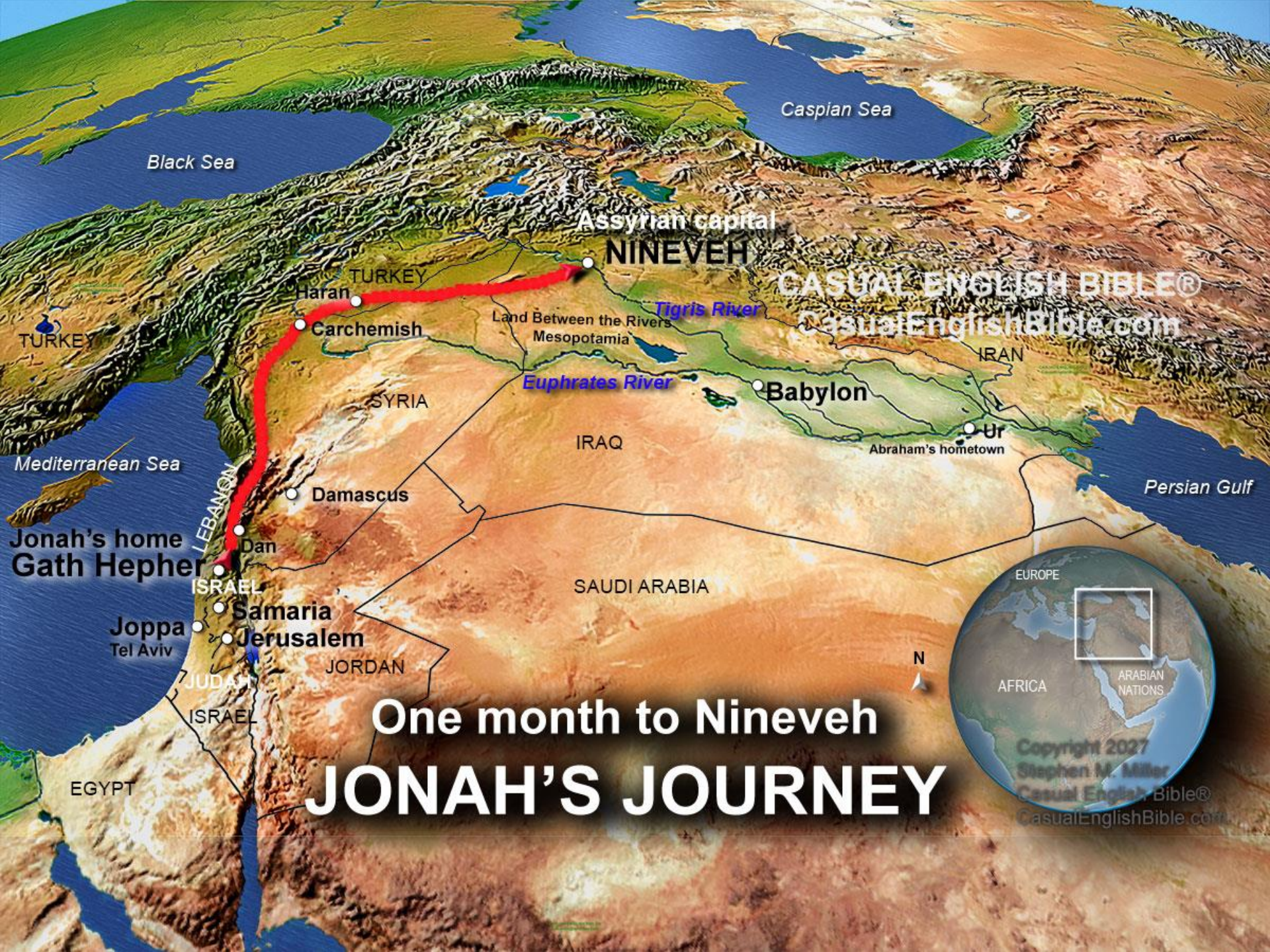


EMBRACE YOUR CALL, DON'T RUN

1. Jonah's call was to a specific people in a specific place.
 - The assignment was about the people attached to our obedience
2. You can run from God's call but you cannot hide.
 - Tarshish was a place he thought he could go to avoid being reminded of his call
3. Storms can come due to disobedience.
 - His life went in a downward spiral
4. When we run, others often get hurt.
 - Our disobedience affects us and others
5. God doesn't give up on us or change His calling
6. Running from God can be rooted in lies we are believing.
7. Unresolved anger and bitterness can cause us to run.
8. When we obey, God can speak to our season & cause it to come to an end.







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RUNNING FROM GOD'S CALLING

Lying vanities Jonah 2:8

1. That you can run from the call of God.
2. That you can hide from the presence of God.
3. That he would be better off fighting God's will for his life.
4. That he knew better than God what was good for him.
5. That he could live independent of God and he could better his own lot in life.
6. That he could escape responsible obedience by drowning himself (We may not drown ourselves in water but what about activities, other pursuits, involvements, work, recreation...).
7. That the Word of God did not apply to his case as though he had special immunity from obedience, a special dispensation, and that he was the exception to the law of sowing and reaping.