The following account of the story of Jonah and the whale has not been taken from the 8th century BC writings where the children's story is told, but from; best as I can tell, from writings somewhere between 27 AD-33 AD "of words spoken by none other than the Messiah Himself", making it Gospel, the Gospel "that every adult should know and take heed of", that is, if they want to live forever and see their children so do as well.

Even though this account of the Gospel begins with the Messiahs Words, in His days, it does take us back to a time when history was first being recorded; not only from the records of the civilizations of power in those times "but records made by Gods own prophets".

So come, let us go on a very in-expensive journey, with huge rewards, into "the greatest and most ancient fish story ever told". Only this time we are going to see things much more clearly about Gods plan of salvation, and how it comes from the same faith Adam had, down to the last man, woman and child alive at the end of our days and time, being you and me.

Adam saw creation first hand and told Methuselah "by word of mouth", who told Noah, "by word of mouth", who with his sons saw the flood first hand, and told Abraham "by word of mouth" who saw the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah first hand, who was of course the faithful father of us all, Jews and Gentiles alike, including the most famous "Moses" Jew raised as a Gentile who bridged the gap between the two, and the one who recorded "the ancient words of mouth" sent down to him "into text" [records], which passed on to Daniel and Jonah of the major and minor prophets, and they religiously passed the faith on to the Messiah who confirmed those accounts "in AD time" to our generation!

So in essence; we get the story (Faith-Gospel) almost first hand...think about it.

Do we really have a firm confidence though in the Word of God, the Holy Scriptures, the Bible, having taken them with "a faith that cannot be taken from us", like; "faith in a literal 7 day account of creation" not mixed with evolutionary theories "ramped today" in the so called christian churches (little "c")?

Or have we become victims of the many deceptions Satan has placed "on all the the handed down accounts we have been given"; oh, not to destroy them from view (even though he would love to do so and does so when given a chance) but no, just to pervert them so that they have no meaning or value, as far as our salvation is concerned, and then my friend, he has achieved his goal.

You need to get the inside information "from Gods Holy Scriptures alone" to be safe, and that's why this writing is so important; because it contains things you have never known before that are "in the Scriptures" as handed down for our safety, and friend; that's why Jesus gave this almost unbelievable story "to draw our attention back to Gods Truths that throw off the deceptions out there" and lead us back to the eternal life, the one Adam gave up for "other knowledge" (it was a tree, a choice, of the knowledge of good and evil wasn't it? Knowledge he didn't need as input to live forever – get it?) but he choose other knowledge other than Gods alone and here we are.

Will you do the same?

Many have since Eden, and many-many more will, in fact all who know not the Truth will do so, before the Second coming of the Son of God [the Messiah] takes place.

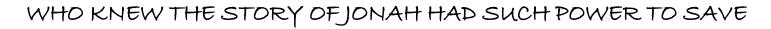
If you still believe in that story?

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Dedicated to:

Those who wish to believe but haven't found a reason yet, and for those who already believe but have been fooled by a religion that has little Biblical bases, setting the paradox of this books sub title

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In this age of RELIGIOUS darkness?



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INTRODUCTION

Luke 11: (King James Version throughout)

³⁰For as Jonas [Jonah] was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

What generation was the Messiah speaking of here?

Well, it had to be the generation in and beyond His presence, right?

But why did He reach back into the past and bring up the Ninevites and Jonas [Jonah]?

Why also did He call Jonas [Jonah] a sign, and speak of Himself also as a sign?

What is a sign in this context?

Let's find out, as we look at the above statement by Jesus "in the context of its setting", to see; if what He meant by this sign includes; "a searching for Him, a believing in Him, and then, departure from evil, even from false religions" as I've underscored in my sub-title. Look for these underlying meanings as we look at the context of Jesus' statement above;

.....Luke 11:

⁹And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be given you; **seek**, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.

¹⁰For every one that asketh receiveth; and **he that seeketh findeth**; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened......

......²⁷And it came to pass, as he spake these things, a certain woman of the company lifted up her voice, and said unto him, Blessed is the womb that bare thee.....

²⁸But he said, Yea **rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it......**

......³²The men of Nineveh [Ninevah] shall rise up in the judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: for they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

No man, when he hath lighted a candle, putteth it in a secret place, neither under a bushel, but on a candlestick, that they which come in may see the light.

³⁴The light of the body is the eye: therefore when thine eye is single, thy whole body also is full of light; but when thine eye is evil, thy body also is full of darkness.

³⁵Take heed therefore that the light which is in thee be not darkness......

Now I've underscored the points from above on which I want to establish this writing, by searching out the following as they have to do with this "one and only sign we have been given", and "what we are to do about it";

- 1. A seeking after God thru His son the Messiah is <u>step one</u>, as if we didn't know that, or do we? (You may have doubts about Jesus as the Messiah, or even Jesus himself, but not after this study you won't)
- 2. Developing a belief or faith in Him via the evidences left for us from the past (like Jonah and Nineveh), evidences which confirm the Word of God [the scriptures] for us as signs, <u>step two</u>.
- 3. Then after having established that kind of faith, we will deal with the putting off of Evil and the putting on of "True Light", so that we have no "False Light" within us; then after believe, having committed to the first two steps, just like the Ninavites did back then, we need to do "this last and most essential step", and that's because we are the generation Jesus was addressing because of the "similar times we live in with all the false prophecies out there, all those doctrines of religion that have lead us away from the Truth and into darkness unaware", and believe me "we today are unaware of the real Truths of God" as much as we are unaware

of the story of Jonas [Jonah] and what it means to our salvation, this is step three....

The whole premise then of this study is; to establish these ultra important "prerequisite steps" to salvation (that's more than just believing), steps as Jesus made clear in the texts above, leaving us hanging in the balance on "one premise as it were" based on only "one sign alone".

What again, was that one sign Jesus said He was going to give us "to build our faith around?"

Let's read it again in context now in light of the above challenges;

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²⁸But he said, Yea rather, blessed are they that hear the word of God, and keep it.

²⁹And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonas the prophet.

That's how Luke heard it and recorded it; now let's listen to how Matthew heard it;

Matthew 12:

³⁹But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign;

and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

40 For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the
Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall
condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a
greater than Jonas is here.

Now Jesus was identifying Himself and His resurrection as the one sign, "but" by His reference to the sign of Jonas [Jonah] and the Ninevites "who repented", and His reference to the judgment (which we also will face), this then concerns as well "the same element of faith on our part". In that they (the Ninevites) turned from the darkness of mans ways, [mans] tainted "religions", even back then as we will see, and turned back towards "the light of God's Word, Gods religion". Something we must do to be saved "as those back then" (step 3), and might I add by the "same evidence" they had and we still have! Yet we are unaware of them (these evidences) and they make a world of difference to our salvation, in fact they will.

⁴¹The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it:

because they repented at (not because) the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here.

You say: "now wait a minute, who do you think you are saying my religion is tainted, and that what you are going to say is not?"

Fair question;

The reason I know, that what I'm going to present is contrary from most all the religions out there is; Truth comes only from the pages of Scripture and documented evidence from the past, not like some of the religious beliefs today, beliefs that directly contradict the Holy Scriptures, being Gods Word.

How do they contradict? Because they are not built on "all Scripture-alone" both Old and New testaments, as well as the evidence I'm going to introduce you to from the past, evidences such as in this fish story of Jonah.

So the complete answer to your **Question** about <u>tainted religion</u> "is simple", <u>yet vital</u>; to those who believe or want to believe. It could even be a salvation issue; that we get the picture "in whole" of Jesus' "<u>insinuation of just one</u>

<u>sign</u>", coupled then with His reference "for that one sign" as having to do with the nation of Nineveh;

So the complete answer, or warning, however you want to take it; "comes from none other than a child's story about a whale, and a city of religion gone bad. Which is, by Jesus' own words ", a sign for <u>us today</u> "as we my friend are that generation Jesus was really speaking too".

Do you know why this is true?

Jesus knew that His people of His age, His church as it were, His religion had gone bad and would shortly be rejected notice His words;

Matthew 23:

³⁶Verily I say unto you, All these things shall come upon this generation. ³⁷O Jerusalem, Jerusalem, thou that killest the prophets, and stonest them which are sent unto thee, how often would I have gathered thy children together, even as a hen gathereth her chickens under her wings, and ye would not! ³⁸Behold, your house is left unto you desolate.

If you know the history you know "this happened just as He stated", and was actually predicted hundreds of years previous by one of those prophets Jesus was refereeing to, they rejected the promise one now right in their face, why? Because they failed to meet their obligations as Gods people and notice those reasons why from that old prophecy;

Daniel 9:

²⁴Seventy weeks are determined upon thy people (Jews) and upon thy holy city, to finish the transgression, and to make an end of sins, and to make reconciliation for iniquity, and to bring in everlasting righteousness, and to seal up the vision and prophecy, and to anoint the most Holy.

This could be true of today's church as well, actually is, for remember; "this wasn't addressed to them alone 'in context' but also to the generations after Jesus - being the last", for in the next chapter of Matthew 24 where Jesus is talking about the end of the world, He mixes and compares the rejection and destruction of Jerusalem, "and the religion that rejected Him", with the one in the end of the world making this conclusion obvious of who He was really addressing.

Why would we think anything different?

We are not heading for a more perfect world society as some preachers teach, wake up, but one that will have reached the stage of corruption "as it was in Noah's day"; when every imagination of mankind's thoughts were continually evil, and that did, and will include religions as well "just as it did the first church".

Listen; "anything outside of Gods religion is false religion" and false religion even among, especially among Christian religion is ramped today. Just stick with me and you will see just how far "about every church" has strayed from "the Bible and the Bible only" as their source of reference. "Just as the Jews did" mind you, and now we too have nearly rejected the Jesus of their day who hasn't changed.

Did you get that?

He hasn't changed!

His bases for salvation, despite the modern claims, "is the same for us as it was for the Jews, as it was for Adam, and friend, you can look around today and see "nearly every church has strayed from Gods <u>eternal</u> gospel" as the "Old" Testimony (testament) compares with the supposed "New" Testimony, and this entire comparison is clearly seen when put in the context of Gods Last day warnings found in Revelation 14 which is "the last call for this last generation", one you have never studied even though it's for our generation,

and it's the generation that Jesus was comparing to Jonah's, but we will get to that in more detail as we go on, but first; we need to look at Jonah's connection into what this writing is all about.

Nineveh was a city gone bad yes, but a city that made a complete turnaround "back to Gods religion". So since this is the only sign we are going to get according to Jesus (Messiah) we need to know then how this fish story then "was meant to change our religion (of our choice and possibly gone bad as stated above) meant to change our religion "back to Gods religion" and away from the false ones out there today which we may, and highly possible do, subscribe to unawares.

It's easy to see the contrast of mans religion verses Gods when you simply compare their doctrines with God's Word.

It's also easy to see if you just open your eyes and look at what the religions of this nation have become, and friend they have become as they were in the days of Nineveh, which according to Nineveh's history;

Nineveh was a center for religion in its day for the whole of the Mesopotamian world, but was obviously denying Gods religion, or was it that God's religion was just one of the hundreds out there like today hardly even known and needed to be re-discovered?

So then for us, in the process of the re-discovery of Gods religion as the people of Nineveh re-discovered, when they, as us, were faced with an end of the world scenario, get that? We too, in this same age of religious overload or religious darkness, as I have concluded, we too will discover the same evidence they did, that set them back on the track of salvation, the same

evidence that I'm bringing forward in this writing, evidence "that will answer your Questions you didn't even know you needed an answer to";

For we will discover the truths that I'm 100% sure you are <u>unaware of</u>, truths that even our salvation may be hanging upon as was the Ninevites, but the greatest thing we will take away from this study is a knowledge of the very things that turned them "away from the darkness in them and into the light", is the very thing that will do the same for us, I guarantee it, your eyes will be opened to the full light of the meaning behind "this one and only sign Jesus gave us", but most importantly, it's one we must know, as we return to an era of religious darkness, even in this arena of religions everywhere, of every kind?

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JONAH [JONAS] AND THE WHALE

Our story is taken from the "most ancient of texts" as handed down to mankind, "from Gods hands as it were", and it's found in the chapter of the Bible properly named "Jonah" the book of our reference.

Jonah is considered one of the <u>minor</u> prophets of God, the "One God" might I say for the record, but his story is one of <u>major</u> importance as we have seen in the preceding warnings by Jesus, in that Jonah's experience is "the only sign Jesus gave of Himself as *being who He was*", and of course who He had been prior to having been born into this world. But what's most important about this sign, as I have discovered, and why Jesus used Jonah's experience as an example is as follows;

"Where it leads us, if we just study it to see and that is; to a real, structurally sound, and established faith in the God of our <u>real history</u>, and the God of our <u>prophetic one</u> as well, but most importantly to the God of our salvation and eternal life."

Saying; "if we can establish, and we will, how God has led us in our past <u>as a reality</u>, then we can have complete faith in His predicted future prophecies as well as; a future reality to come."

Now I want to condition that last statement on the fact that "most of the prophecies today, especially the ones of the future, are categorically false, based on false pretenses, and we are going to see that clearly as we understand why it was Jesus said "the only sign He was going to give an evil and adulteress world was the sign of Jonas [Jonah]", and friend, it was given especially as we have already concluded to "our future" generation of whom, He was "specifically addressing" and if your still cloudy on this you will see its true as we go on, it will be clear.

Why do we even need to study this seemingly silly children's story?

We today as a so called Christian nation and religion have separated ourselves from the religion of God as the light of our salvation, and have entered once again into the same darkness that prevailed in times past "specifically as in Nineveh", which was the worlds center of religion at that time, and this is a big part of why Jesus gave them as the only sign we need to address, and it's given to "us as a warning from the Messiah himself".

Jesus (Messiah) gave other warnings for us to consult the prophets such as Matthew 24:15, warnings that have salvation consequences which we will get to later in detail, but Keep in mind God has always led His people by prophecies and today it's no different, "BUT" we have lost sight of not only the ancient prophecies but also the future ones as well, and that by all the false prophets, false teachers preachers out there and especially today, so much so, that all the prophecies of God have been perverted and killed no different than the Jews did (Matthew 23:24), and if you doubt that stick with me please for the proof, it will be life changing.

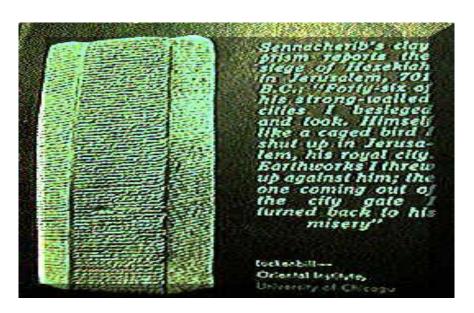
Sure for you who know the story, the comparison of the three days and nights was also relative 'and telling' about His grave experience for the locals, but there is so much more behind this "legitimate sign" for us to pursue, and we will, because it's extremely important that we do, "if", we wish to stand for the truth in these last days. If not, the three days and nights will have the same effect it had on the people and church of His day, "they didn't get the depth of what Jesus was saying and killed their only hope of salvation, we too my friend; individually and collectively are on that same threshold and we "don't even realize it". We sit comfortable there in our church pews, fulfilling a void obligation, but it's high time we were shaken into reality and this story will do just that.

Get on with the story you say....

Nineveh

Nineveh one of the most ancient cities of Hittite origin, was a city and a people that once existed on the pages of history, but was lost in time, and the Bible was the only reference for it having existed. This among other things of course led the agnostics to claim the Bible as a book of fiction, however, in the mid 1800's the missing city of Nineveh was discovered much to the displeasure of the anti-Bible groups.

Archeological digs; not only discovered the lost city but everything about its history, all well kept in the kings library along with some historical documents that proved many things the Bible claimed, that had been denied by the world at large as myths, (these same claims are made today even by some of the major denominations, Christian ones if you can believe it, like the reality of the six days of creation) this denial especially by the scientist's of the day, who had by that time set their own version of history of the world through their evolutionary theories, had no room for the Bible or it's story, and believe it not even today some Biblical proofs are still hidden from the public view in the back rooms of the museums for the impact they might have on the state of the art.



Ancient manuscript, no books back then, things "fortunately" were formed or carved in stone and thus survived to today for Gods purposes

Nineveh as we have come to know, was the center of the world's religions, brought to the attention of the then known world by a king named Sennacherib, who had his sites on conquering the whole Mesopotamian society under his command. Sennacherib failed, as many others have tried and failed, but among his conquering of surrounding nations and people groups, was included an attempt to conquer even Gods nation of Israel, as we see inscribed on the above prism, found in Nineveh. Just one of the 10's of thousands found that he managed to collect "of the history of the world" to his time.

But what really made the city of Nineveh the religious capitol of the then known world society, was something that happened just 50 years before Sennacherib's time seeing this king wasn't a religious man, and it's easy to see this if you read about his antics. We can determine from the evidence that Sennacherib himself was like Saddam Hussein, a collector of ancient history and artifacts, but didn't necessarily buy into their implications, especially the religious aspects unless one he himself adopted (like us?), but Nineveh was in fact a city of religion despite, much like I think the USA is today; harboring the many world's religions, allowing them to freely worship as they please, but, and posibably why we have returned to Nineveh's state, to many religions "have an effect on Gods religion as handed down from eternity" (Gods eternal Gospel remember) being the essence of Jesus' warning if you get that?

Today we can easily see this, if we will but allow ourselves to rise above the religious rhetoric to see that; Gods religion has once again been dissolved and diluted, a needle in a hay stack as it were, one religion alone among all the thousands of Christian religions out there, and this is just as it was in the days of Nineveh, making it then a sign (actually critical) a sign for us to look into, and we are going to now, because;

Something really big happened in the days of Nineveh that caused Jesus to refer to it as "the only sign He was pointing to for or going to give an

adulterous religious nation" (one like ours today), and for us too as well as the people of His day, He gave it for us to look back and see, just what it was that happened to that "city of our past" that made it so important, as to be the only sign?

A sign of the end!

As I said' Nineveh had reached a point of religious overload, among other things, it had reached a point of obvious "religious intolerance by God", and He called on His prophet to go and tell the city that He was going to destroy it because of its corruption, and I would emphasize religious corruption from all we know, a corruption that had reached "flood stage" in Gods book, and was counted worthy of destruction, "if", if it didn't repent and fall back in line with His [Gods] religion and His offer of salvation, and I'm emphasizing religion here, because this was the city of religion, and that's an important factor as we will see.

Jonah was told to go and warn the city, but he got scared and ran in the opposite direction, got onto a boat for the great escape, and eventually was cast overboard (you got to read the story), swallowed up by a whale, and that's the fish story part, however, after three days and nights of remaining alive in the belly of the whale (by Gods power of course and for His purpose), Jonah was cast alive upon the shore with a different "attitude"; being one of going back to Nineveh and warn them of the pending destruction as God had asked him to do.

Do you suppose Jonah believed in God after that experience?

"Well yes", you say; "But he was a prophet after all", which is true, but, just maybe, (and I'm just conjecturing here), maybe he didn't have any real proof of God until then like most of us?

Who knows? But one thing is for sure and not guess work; when the people of Nineveh heard about Gods plans of destruction, they had no doubts about "the reality of God", and all of them repented and the city was saved.

- The End of the fish story -

The rest is history, past, present and future.

But?

What was it that made them believe Jonah?

His fish story that no one saw actually happen, no, that's even unbelievable in our day?

I don't think so.

Was it the three days and nights part that struck them? No, because that part didn't even have an effect on the Jews when Jesus told them that it was the only sign He was giving, they still killed Him despite, so, if it was the sign then it was it a failed sign, or did it have future repercussions rather than local?

Maybe it was Jonah's sermons that moved them because he was such a smooth talker and committed to God like a modern Joel, so much so that he convinced them "with his earnestness and cunning" that God might do such things like destroy their nation, but "He's really not like but He is mad with you", as he conditions the threat so as not to offend them to much?

I still don't think so because; if you read Jonah's account he was only half hearted in what he was to do, even after the whale incident, for we read he even got mad when God didn't destroy Nineveh, even after they repented, so, no I don't think his commitment, his smooth talking or his fish story convinced them.

So what was it that made them, "hands down", everyone of them in the city, recommit themselves back to Gods religion and offer of salvation?

The answer to this is where the "fish story is only a baseline" for the Truth, "Truth that is as it comes from the Bible and the Bible only", the oldest history book of all time, mankind's story that has been handed down from posterity to our very own hands today, and those same truths came to the people of Nineveh that day, truths about the One God, "Truths that they obviously hadn't fully forgotten, being the Truths about His dealings in the past", like;

when He [God] brought about the great deluge [the flood] of our history; after His long 120 years of warnings through Noah, the last righteous man standing, preaching against the corruption that had taken in the whole world, and how the people so steeped in their ways laughed at Gods warnings, ignored Gods offerings of salvation from the pending destruction, ignored His warnings that went unaccepted by the mass, and the whole world save 8 were destroyed.

Oh yes, the people of Nineveh remembered that reality well the greatest event of their past, of our past, and they remembered too their history (when they looked at the history books-recording on stone) they remembered when God pelted the cities of Sodom and Gomorrah; who would not repent and were wiped them off the face of the earth because of their perversions, leaving the deepest hole on the face of the earth filled with death and the remembrance of Gods dealings. (See www.theuniversalreligion.com "What if The Bible is True" for startling details and proofs)

Oh yes, they remembered for sure, for they had "read their history books" [stones and scrolls] and they knew of Gods dealings with mankind <u>from the Creation</u>, and "that's why everyone of them repented" and were saved from another major blow by the "One God" of the universe of history & creation, they remembered full well the story of why God had to destroy the world, that it was out of "love for the rest of the future world", that He had to stop the progression of evil and false worship, or the human race would self implode in no time, and none would be acceptable for eternal life "<u>nor care to be</u>" is the point!

You say; "well that's an assumption on your part, and just as unbelievable as the fish story, and so far you haven't given me any new information to believe in God as our creator, and the Bible especially the Old outdated Testament as nothing more than tales to keep us in line" and all the miracles in the New Testament are just other impossible fish stories", and most of us today have already come to that conclusion at least some of it like the part about the Old Testament.

I say to that; "Jesus doesn't refer us back to something that's a fairy tale or just a myth, and if you think that the creation is just allegory, as many in the whole of Christianity do today, (in fact about all today following the mother church in that believe of unbelief), then you, if you are a part of those organizations, are actually denying Jesus and the Father, just as they did in His day, just as they have done since Cain walked away from God and set up all the unbelieving nations of people, and the false religions of the past, present and future.

But history tells us; "Nineveh knew of the realities of their [our] past history and obviously believed them and acted upon them unlike the antediluvians".

How do I know that?

Remember I told you that it wasn't until the mid 1800's that Nineveh was rediscovered, giving support to the Bible as a true account of the history of mankind from creation?

Among the many thousands of artifacts that were found in the ancient city of Nineveh were Biblical accounts of our history including but in no way limited to the reality of;



Sodom and Gomorrah

The Flood

The "7" Creation tablets

The following are excerpts from the book written by the man who deciphered the Nineveh artifacts in 1800's of which I have in my library but are viewable on line;

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As in any library, including Sennacherib's, fiction is recorded as well as non-fiction, so don't get hung up by semantics, following are a few pages from the above book of the artifacts found that prove the Bible credible, and you can see even in his day some tried to disprove his findings but God gets the last word.

of a passage in the Izdubar Epic will show that the practice of erecting a Bethel or sacred stone was familiar to the early Babylonians. In some instances Mr. Smith has misconceived the true character of a whole text. What he believed to be a record of the Fall, for instance, is really, as M. Oppert first pointed out, a hymn to the Creator.

On the other hand, the fresh materials that have been acquired by the British Museum during the last five years, or a closer examination of the treasures it already possessed, have enabled us to add to the number of cunciform texts which illustrate the earlier portions of Genesis. Mr. Rassam, for example, has brought home a fragment of the Deluge

PREFACE.

tablet, which not only helps us to fill up some of the lacunæ in the text, but is also important in another way. It is written, not in Assyrian, but in Babylonian cuneiform characters, and comes, not from an Assyrian, but from a Babylonian library. But it agrees exactly with the corresponding parts of the Assyrian editions of the story, and thus furnishes us with a proof of the trustworthiness of the Assyrian copies of the old Babylonian texts. The text, again, which relates to the destruction of a country by a rain of fire, though long contained in the British Museum Collection, was first noticed by myself as being apparently the Babylonian version of the biblical account of the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah.

Numerous alterations and insertions have had to

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So we have accounts in Babylonian text, which agree with the Assyrian accounts of events, Truths of the past history including;

Creation - Deluge (Biblical Flood) - Sodom and Gomorrah's destruction

All the Major events as described in the Biblical account.

Why did the Assyrians as well as the Babylonians keep such accounts?

As fiction?

I think not, they were "historical accounts", preserved by men who knew the past, whether they accepted it as events done by God or not, they knew that they had happened by virtue of history!

Don't you see the significance of this?

It puts the Bible right there in the same category as contemporary history, meaning though; "it's the most detailed accounts of history known to mankind", recorded by men who knew the past first hand, but more importantly, they believed it not from just an historical account of major events in mankind's history, but from the standpoint of "Gods history", and there is the big significant difference; in that "they held the accounts religiously and were obedient followers of the One God of Creation. Please get the full significance of this from my book entitled "History is History" by mosescats available soon on Amazon, or go on line to read "The Universal Religion" on www.theuniversalreligion.com . There you will find several articles that more than prove the Bible as trustworthy in historical documentation, but as with all text, in the end, you've got to believe it to make it worth your while, and don't forget; "if you are a follower of God" your salvation is not automatically fixed by anything you do, but what you believe, and it's then after this when the doing starts just as it has from Adam throughout mankind's history to the last!

CONCLUSIONS

Where has this fish story taken us?

To the very proof that Jesus was who He said He was (One of many proofs, see also www.mosescats.com "The Last World Empire") and that "the only sign He gave to this world brings us face to face with that reality", which was kept from being found until a time of religious awakening when it could not be doubted nor cast off as fiction, like it is today when no one even cares or believes including even the so called religious society.

This story sets us in a time period (7th century BC) when God was beginning to establish His prophecies from the first World Empire of Babylon through His prophet Daniel, that would not only expose "Him as the Messiah", and give us evidence to support "His Word The Sacred Ancient Scriptures of time [Bible]", but tell us of our future and who it is that will pervert His Word in the end and make it powerless to save, as has been the case throughout history.

The prophecies and Truths of reality that were given to the world back in the days of Nineveh (7th century BC), and the artifacts that carry their records, give us undeniable proofs that God has led in the past, predicted the future and it came to fruition just as He said in every case, and His loving warnings for us of the things that are coming in our future concerning the Beast power and false worship, so that we will prepare our minds and hearts for His coming having full faith in the fact He will come and soon for belief in Him is about to reach flood stage even in this age of religious awareness, but void of Godly Faith as Jesus had.

Faith cometh by hearing yes, but hearing the Word of God and believing it, doing it, and today this requires more and more proof when Jesus gave us so many clues from the past, that makes faith possible in this world of unbelief [including the deceived religious] and their hardness of heart, faith so that we turn back to Gods religion and away from the worlds.

Please read my expanded studies on the prophecies from the 7th century BC that give us the hope we need to stay loyal to the end, to the real God of our creation in Who's likeness we were made on the sixth <u>literal day</u> of creation, (See also <u>www.theuniversalreligion.com</u> "We Look Like God" for more proofs).

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