



engulfed by God's mercy and grace

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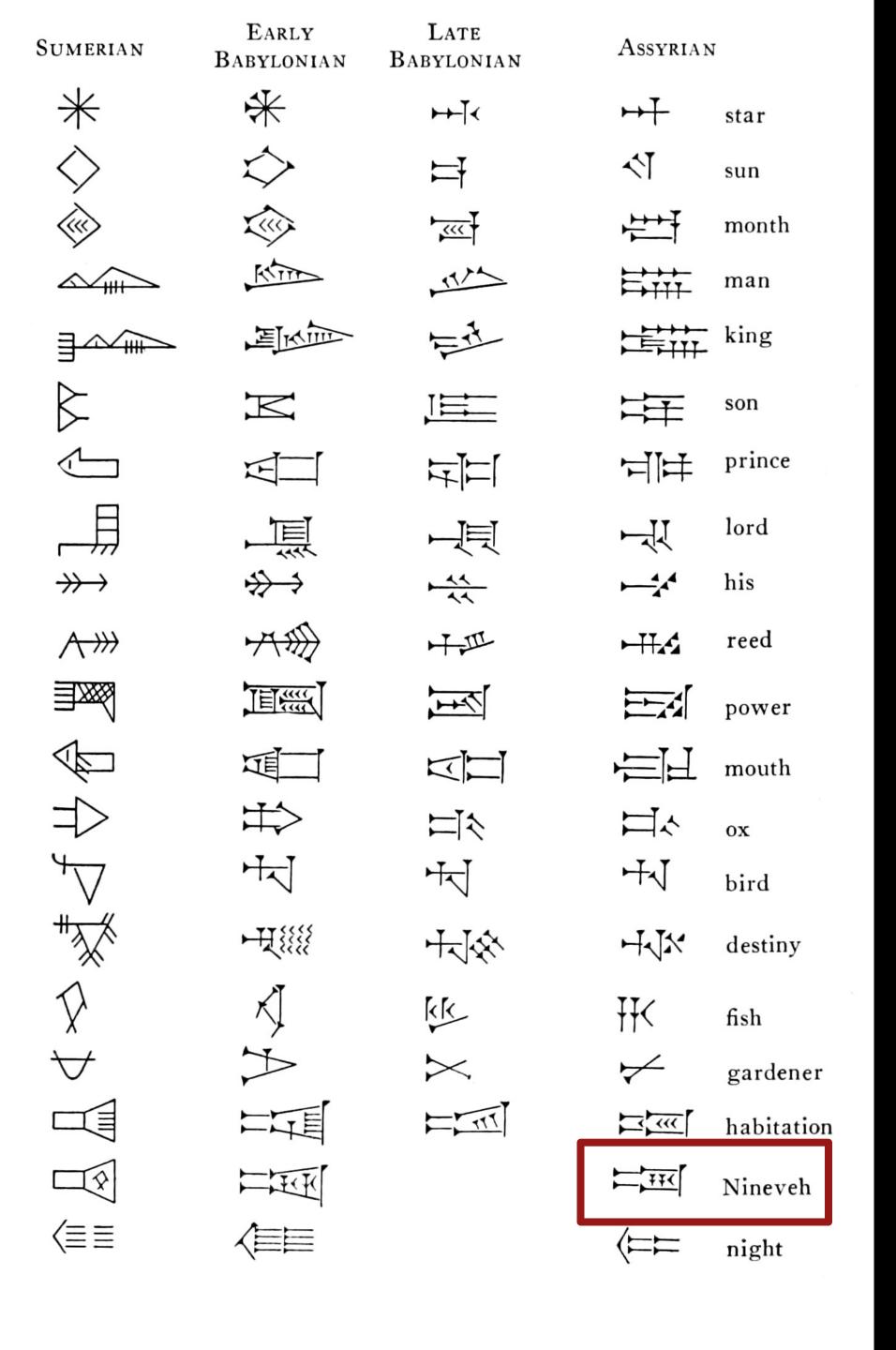
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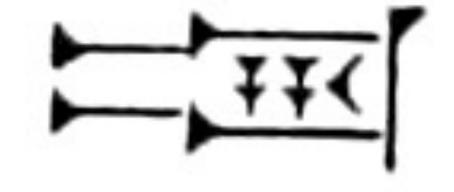
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Nineveh

"The story incorporates an ironic play on words that enhances readers' enjoyment: Jonah tries to flee in the opposite direction, to get as far as possible from "Fish City" and avoid performing his mission. But the Lord intervenes and sees to it that he winds up in a fish all the same—first a marine creature and then the metropolis."

-Yael Shemesh

Jonah's Five Word Sermon

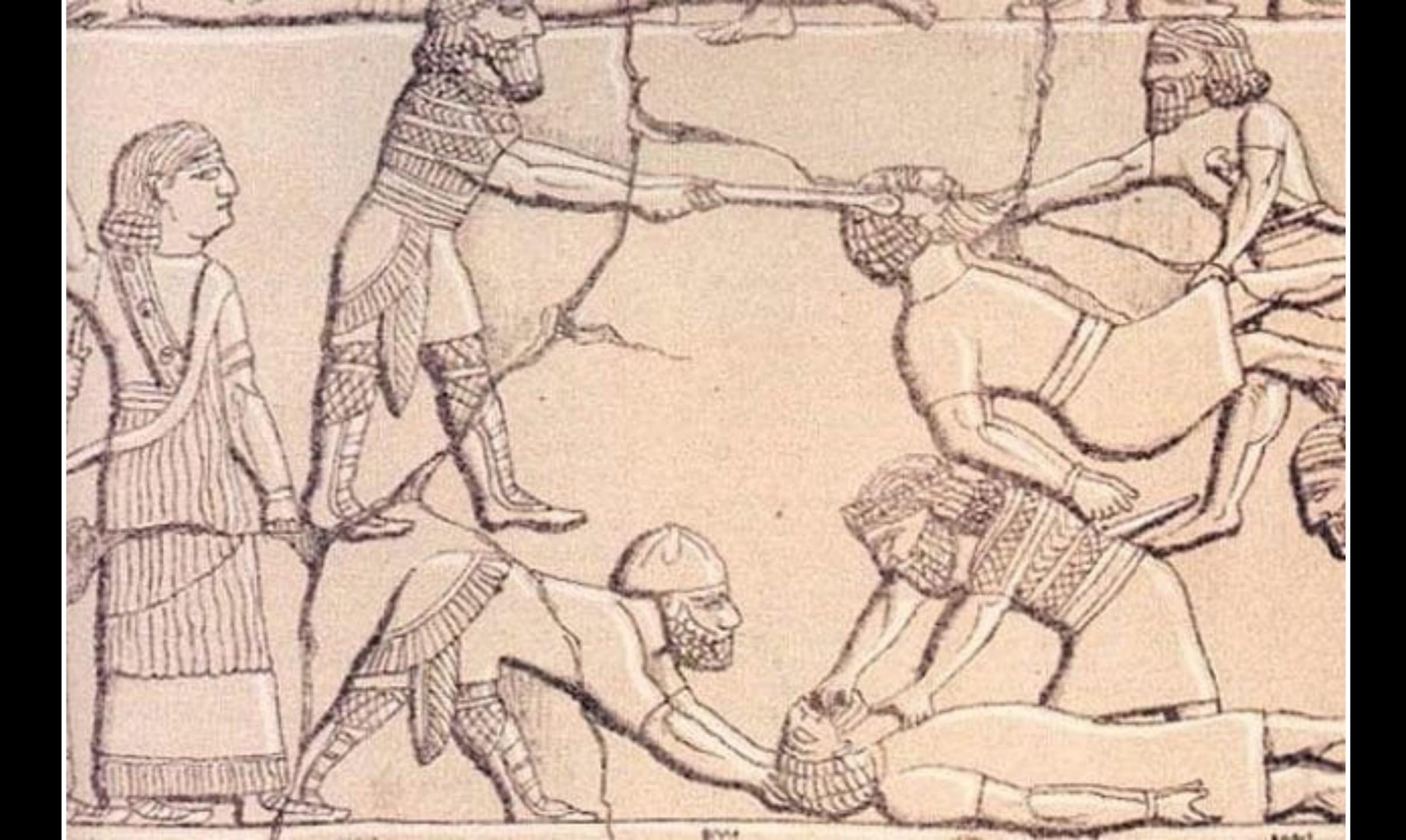
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"The point is that the king is careful not to misrepresent these acts of repentance as requiring God to relent from judgment. It is an admission that, if any change occurs, it will be on the basis of God's gratuitous mercy. Quite out of character for an Assyrian king, this monarch renounces manipulative motives and embraces repentance for its own sake, regardless of the outcome."

-Kevin Youngblood

God's Response

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Our Response

- Recognize the ill will in our own heart
- Recognize the hypocrisy on our own lips
- Recognize the sovereignty of God
- Recognize the grace and mercy of God



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