



BACKGROUND

- Who wrote the book?
- What is it about?
- When was it written?
- Why was it written?

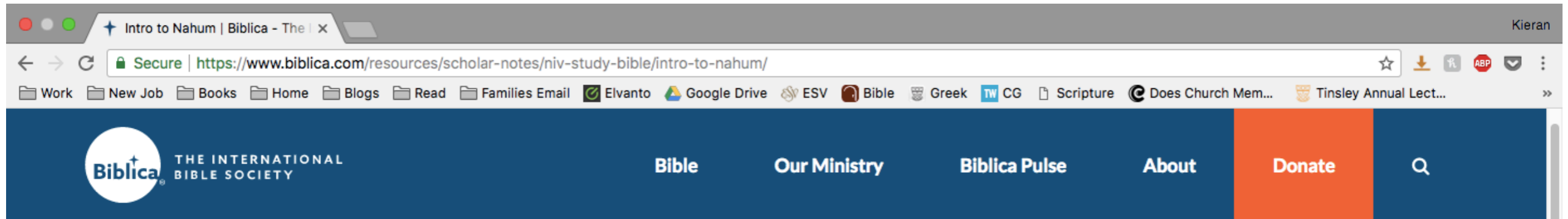


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NAHUM

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AUTHOR



The book contains the “vision of Nahum” (1:1), whose name means “comfort” and is related to the name Nehemiah, meaning “The Lord comforts” or “comfort of the Lord.” (Nineveh’s fall, which is Nahum’s theme, would bring comfort to Judah.) Nothing is known about him except his hometown (Elkosh), and even its general location is uncertain.

DATE

In 3:8–10 the author speaks of the fall of Thebes, which happened in 663 b.c., as already past. In all three chapters Nahum prophesied Nineveh’s fall, which was fulfilled in 612. Nahum therefore uttered this oracle between 663 and 612, perhaps near the end of this period since he represents the fall of Nineveh as imminent (2:1; 3:14,19). This would place him during the reign of Josiah and make him a contemporary of Zephaniah and the young Jeremiah.

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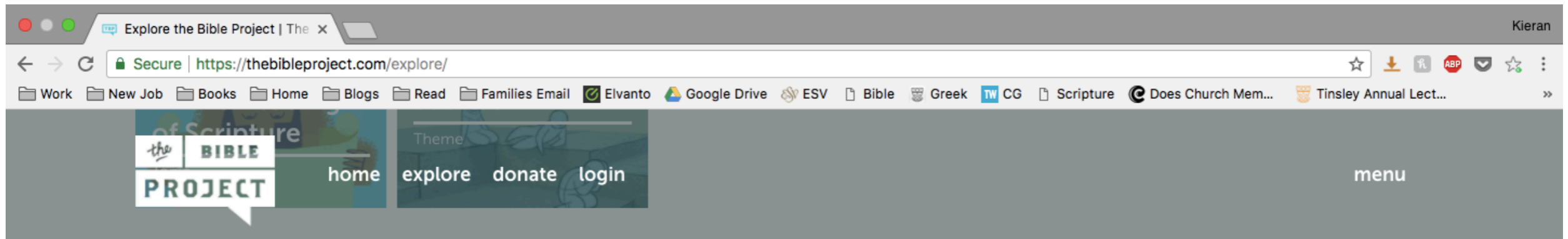
Assyria (represented by Nineveh, 1:1) had already destroyed Samaria (722–721 b.c.), resulting in the captivity of the northern kingdom of Israel, and posed a present threat to Judah. The Assyrians were brutally cruel, their kings often being depicted as gloating over the gruesome punishments inflicted on conquered peoples. They conducted their wars with shocking ferocity, uprooted whole populations as state policy and deported them to other parts of their empire. The leaders of conquered cities were tortured and horribly mutilated before being executed (see note on 3:3). No wonder the dread of Assyria fell on all her neighbors!

About 700 b.c. King Sennacherib made Nineveh the capital of the Assyrian empire, and it remained the capital until it was destroyed in

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- [Intro to Leviticus](#)
- [Intro to Numbers](#)
- [Intro to Deuteronomy](#)
- [Intro to Joshua](#)
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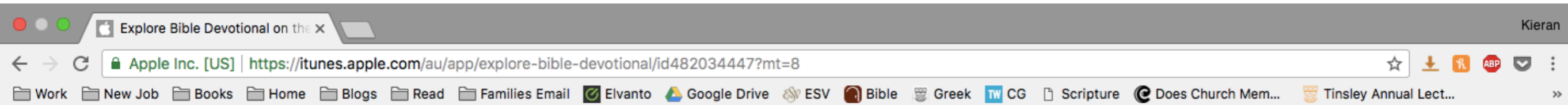


Old Testament

Genesis 1-11 Torah	Genesis 12-50 Torah	Exodus 1-18 Torah	Exodus 19-40 Torah	Leviticus Torah
Numbers Torah	Deuteronomy Torah	Joshua Historical	Judges Historical	Ruth Historical
1 Samuel Historical	2 Samuel Historical	1 & 2 Kings Historical	1 & 2 Chronicles Historical	Ezra-Nehemiah Historical
Esther Historical	Job Wisdom & Poetry	Psalms Wisdom & Poetry	Proverbs Wisdom & Poetry	Ecclesiastes Wisdom & Poetry
Song of Songs Wisdom & Poetry	Isaiah Major Prophet	Jeremiah Major Prophet	Lamentations Wisdom & Poetry	Ezekiel Major Prophet



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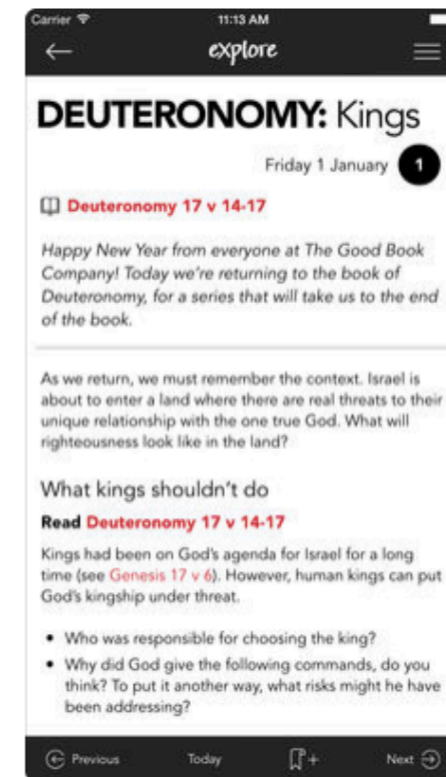
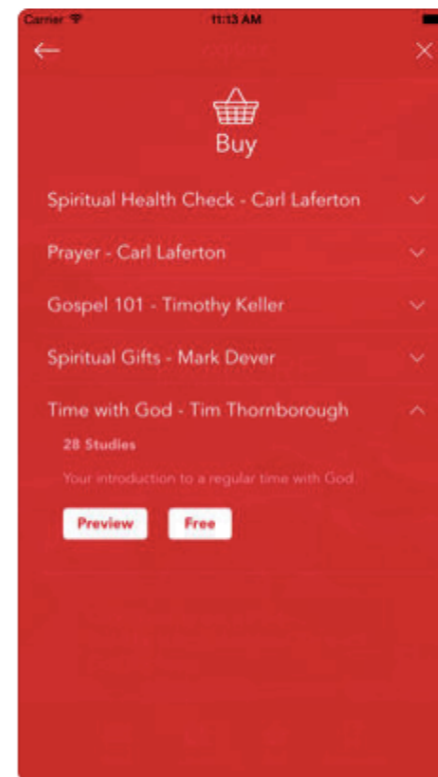
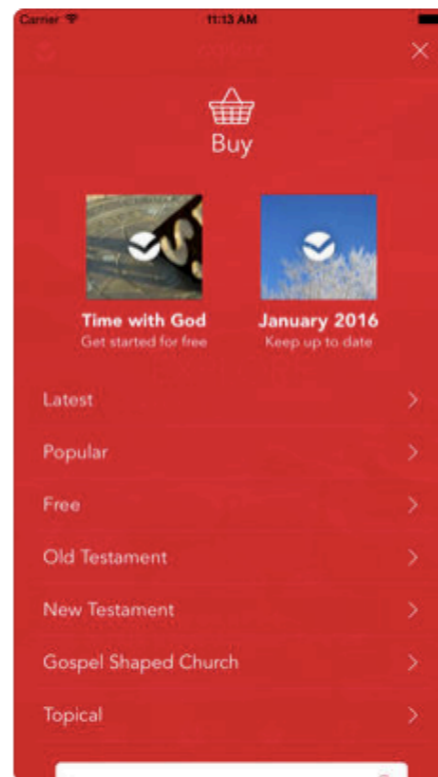


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APPLICATION

- What does this passage tell us about God?
- What does this passage tell us about ourselves?
- What does this passage tell us about our world?
- How will these truths change the way I live?