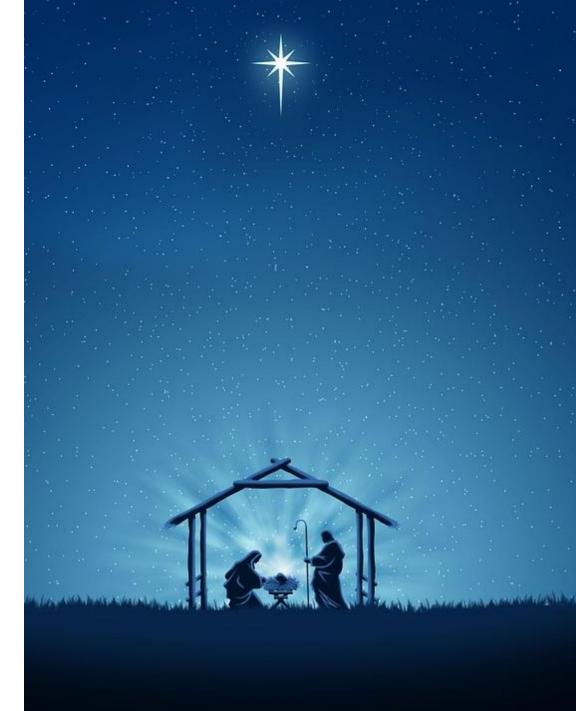
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Jonah, The Unwilling Prophet

Jonah 1-4





Your questions...



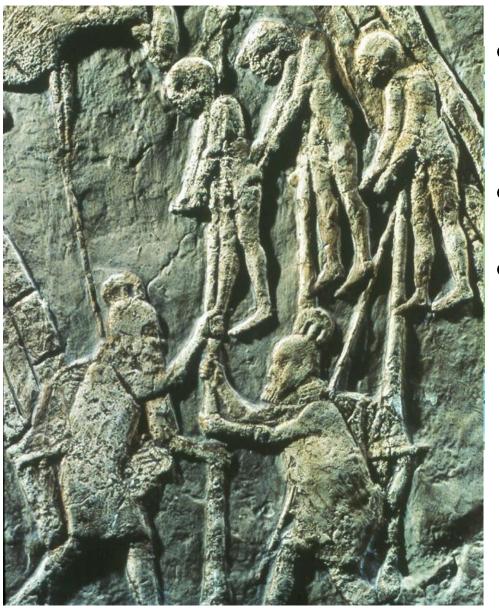
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WHO?



- Jonah
- The LORD
- The Assyrian inhabitants of Nineveh

Assyrian Empire

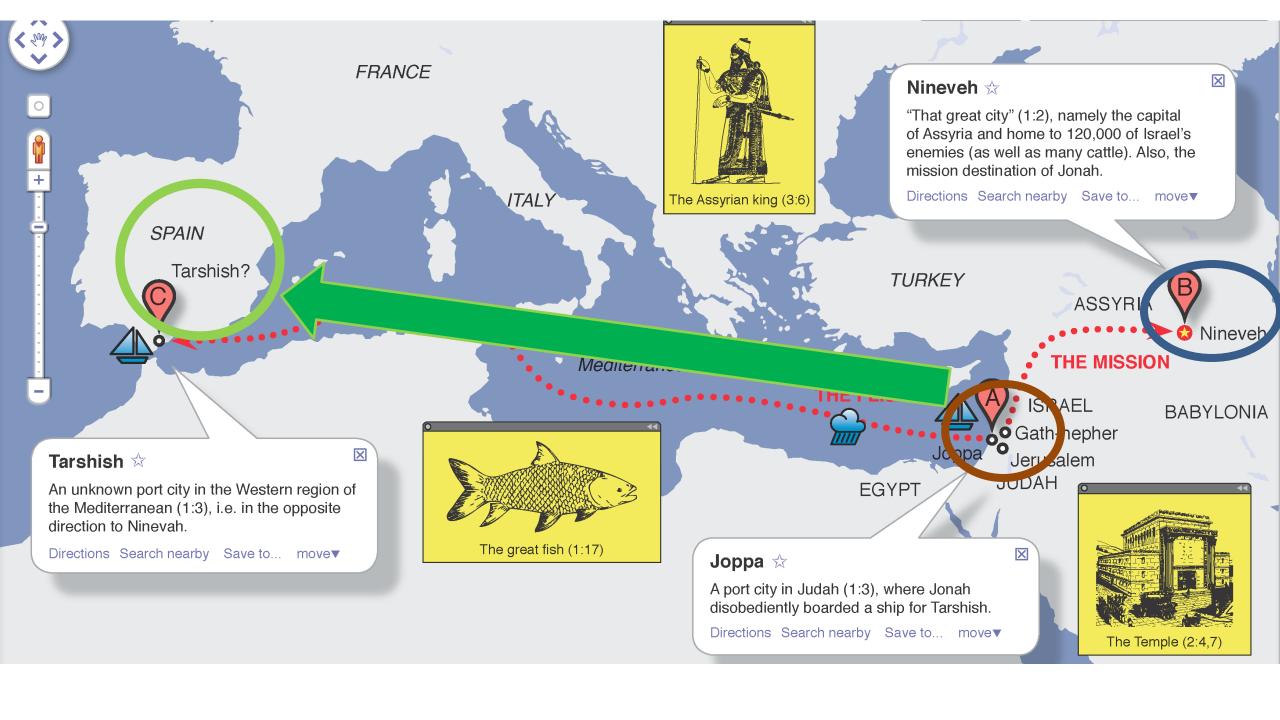


- Pagan empire to the north of Israel
- Known for brutality and violence
 - After a 3 year siege of Samaria, the Assyrians conquered the northern kingdom of Israel and deported the inhabitants (722 BC).



 Jonah prophesied during or before the reign of King Jeroboam II (~750 BC) (2 Kings 14:25).





The Story

8 the Great Fish

Read: Jonah 1:1-3

1.) Imagine you were Jonah. What reasons might you give for refusing God's commands and fleeing in the

opposite direction?

- Fear for life
- Hatred of Assyrians
- Uncomfortable command



Read: Jonah 1:4-16

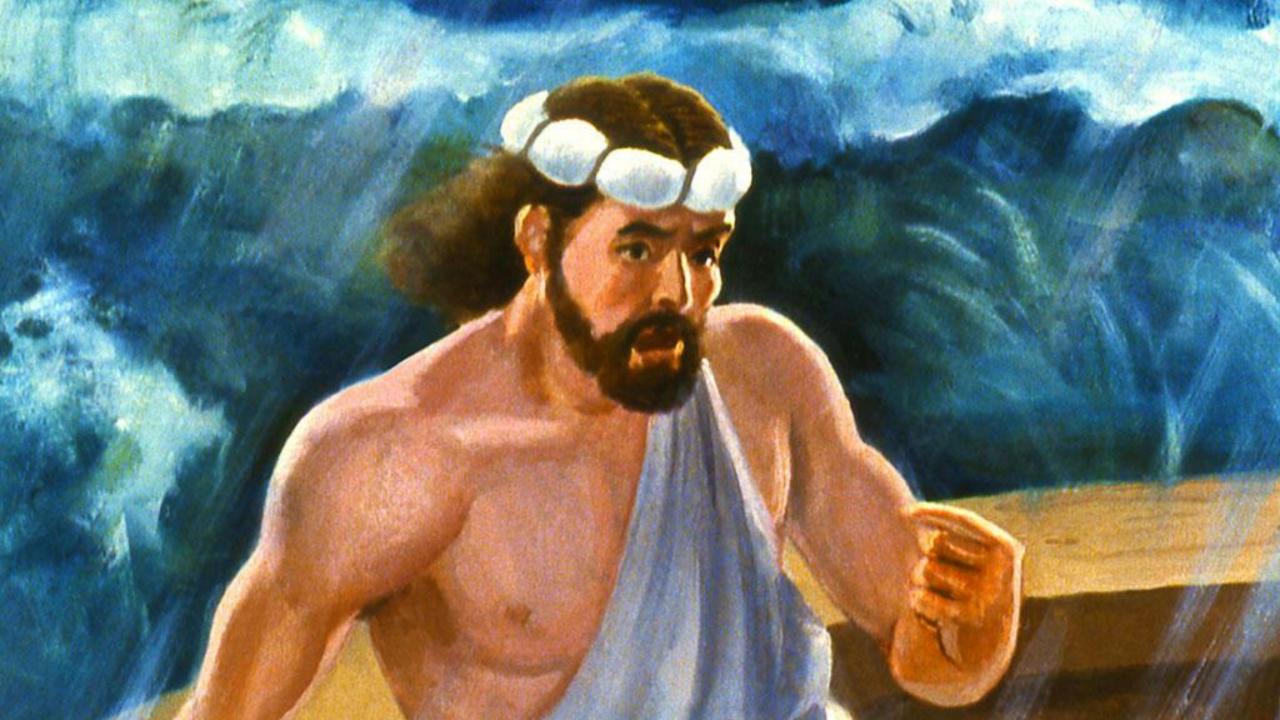








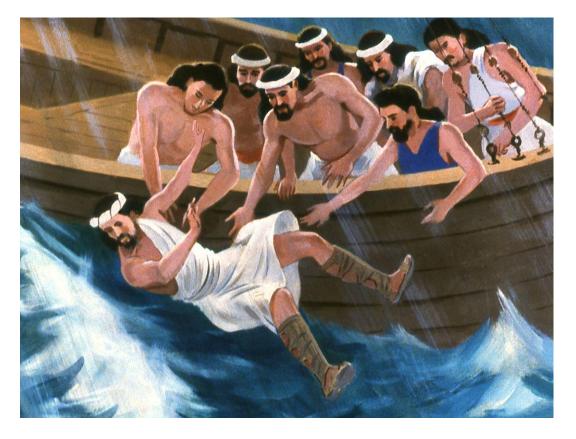






- 1.) What amazing thing did the LORD do through the storm and the preaching of Jonah? (v. 16)
- These pagan sailors were converted to faith in the

LORD.



Overview: Jonah 2

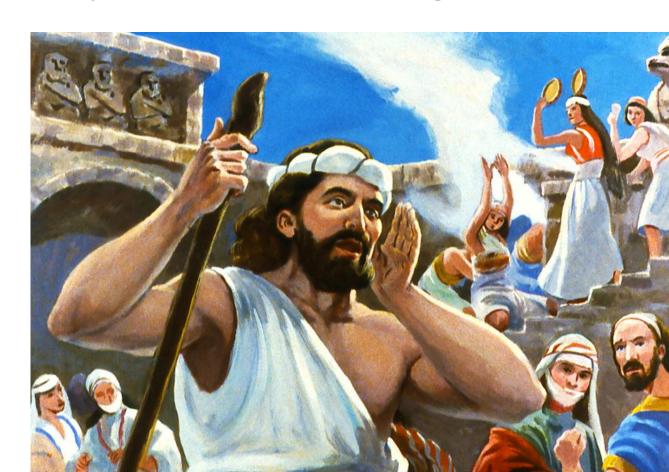






Read: Jonah 3

- 1.) God's word came to Jonah again and this time he obeyed. How would you classify Jonah's message? (v.4)
- It was a law message

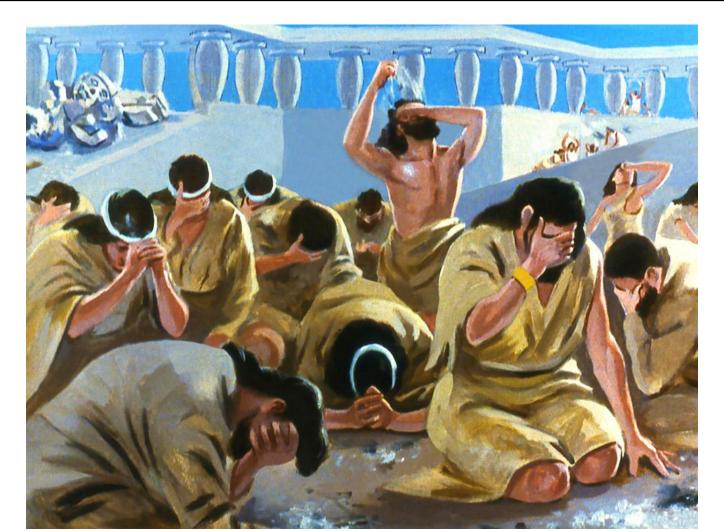


- 2.) How did the Ninevites respond to this message of judgement? (v. 5-9)
- They confessed and turned from their evil ways

(repented).



- 3.) How did God respond to their repentance? (v. 10)
- With compassion. He did not destroy them.

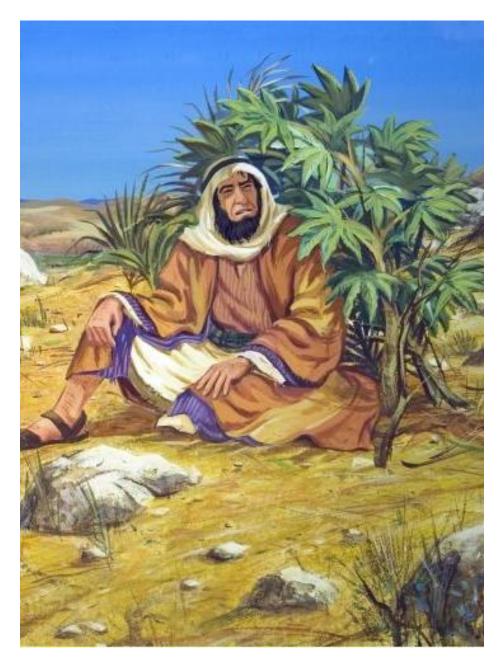


Read: Jonah 4

- 1.) How did Jonah respond to God's compassion? (v. 1, 3) Why? (v.2)
- He was angry. So angry he wanted to die. All because he knew the Lord was so merciful that he would forgive the people of Nineveh, and Jonah didn't want that to happen!

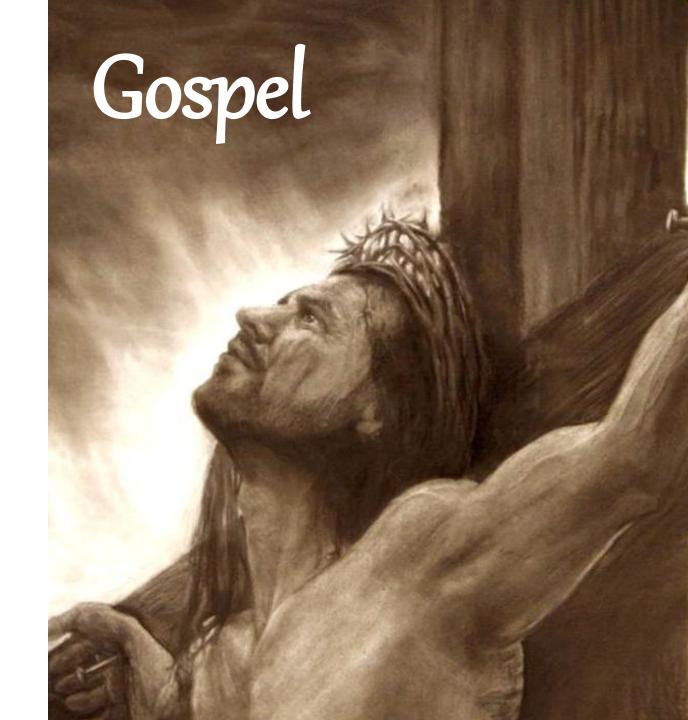


- 2.) Jonah was very angry about the Lord's compassion but very happy about a vine that gave him shade and protection. The next day the LORD sent a worm to destroy the vine. What did the Lord hope to teach Jonah through the vine? (v. 9-11)
- You care more about a vine than 120,000 people who need to be forgiven and saved.



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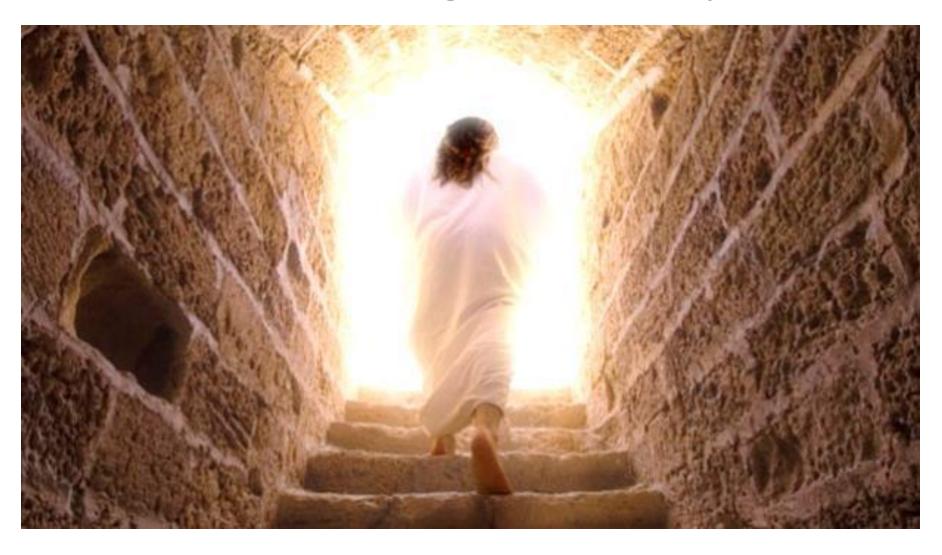
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- God's commands, threats, punishments...
 - —God commanded Jonah to preach to the Ninevites.
 - -God sent the storm to stop Jonah
 - —God threatened to destroy Nineveh
 - God confronted Jonah for his lovelessness

Gospel

- God's mercy, forgiveness, goodness, and promises...
 - —The sailors were brought to faith
 - —God sent the fish to swallow Jonah and kept him alive inside
 - -The Ninevites repented and God relented

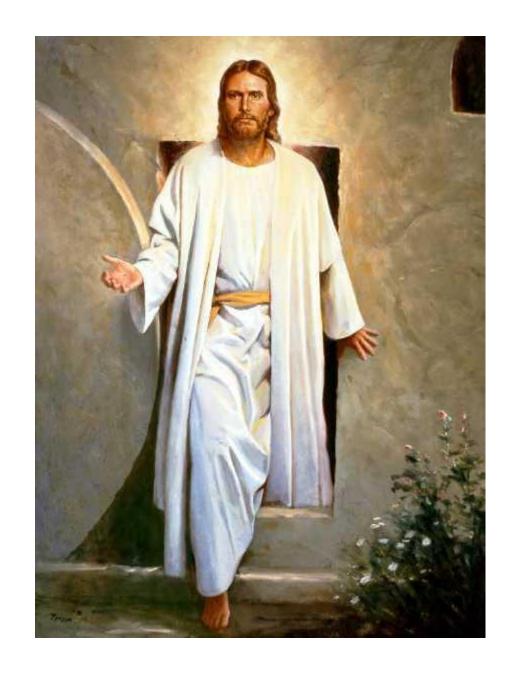
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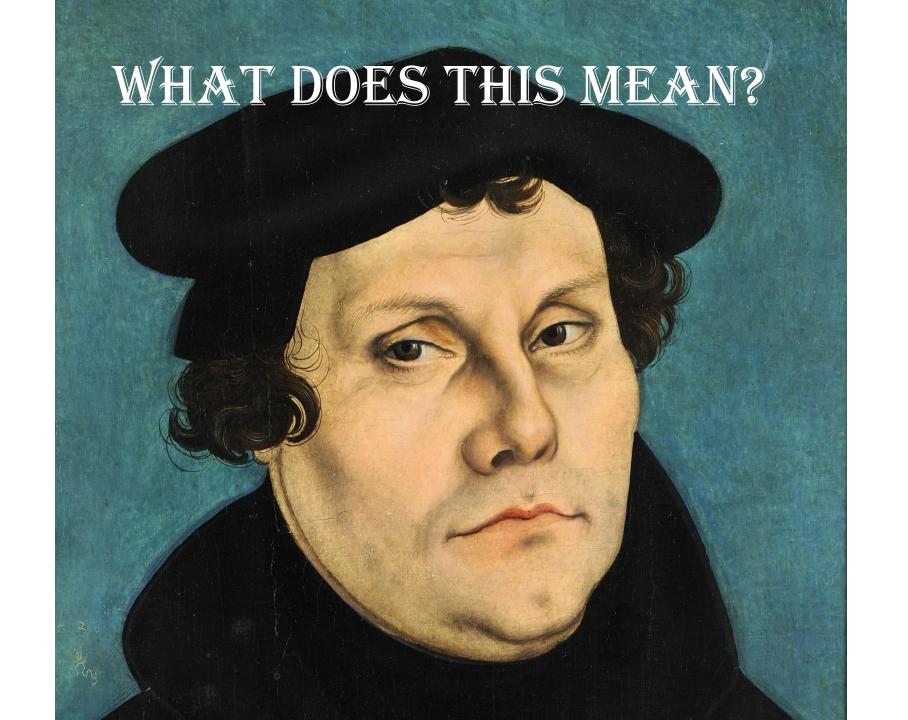


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- 1) Christ's resurrection from the grave would be the undeniable proof that he is the Son of God and the Savior.
- 2) Jesus also considered Jonah's story to be actual history.





- 1.) How does the story of Jonah show that God's power to change hearts is in the *message* and NOT in *the messenger*?
- Jonah did not want to preach to the Ninevites or want them to be saved, but GOD worked it anyway through his Word.

- 2.) List some of the excuses that we, like Jonah, often give for why we can't share the news of Jesus with others.
- I don't know what to say.
- I'm afraid (of ridicule, violence, etc.).
- I don't want others to be saved because....



- 3.) How does the story of Jonah disprove and disarm each of our excuses?
- God gives us what to say in his Word, which is the power of God.
- God is with us and will accomplish what he wants through our witness.
- God loved you enough to rescue you, undeserving as you are!

