



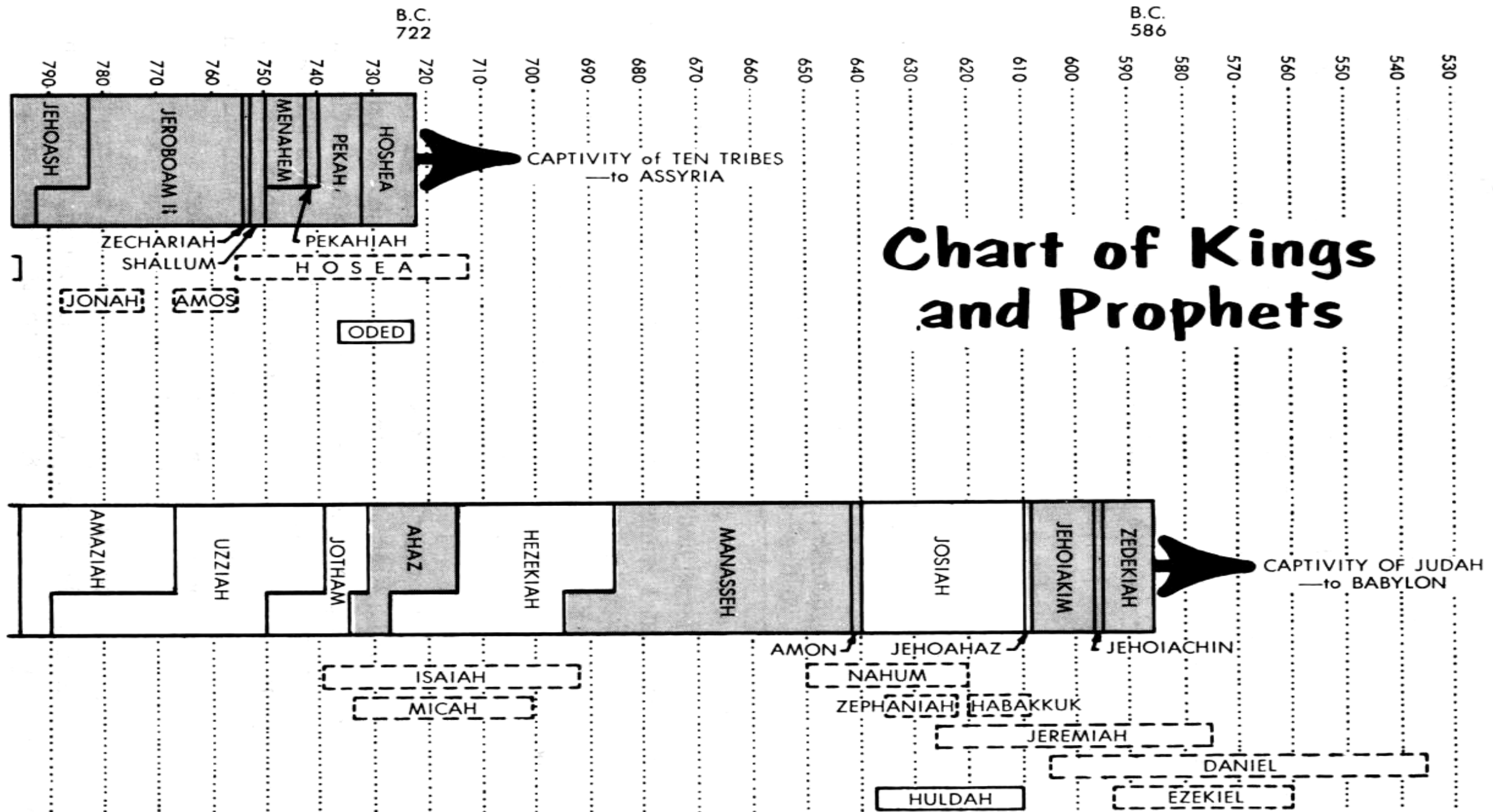
THE MINOR PROPHETS

JONAH

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Chart of Kings and Prophets



Authorship and Date of Writing

- JONAH 1:1 NOW THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JONAH THE SON OF AMITTAI, SAYING,
- 2 KINGS 14:23–24 IN THE FIFTEENTH YEAR OF AMAZIAH THE SON OF JOASH, KING OF JUDAH, **JEROBOAM** THE SON OF JOASH, KING OF ISRAEL, BECAME KING IN SAMARIA, AND ***REIGNED FORTY-ONE YEARS.*** ²⁴ AND HE DID EVIL IN THE SIGHT OF THE LORD; HE DID NOT DEPART FROM ALL THE SINS OF JEROBOAM THE SON OF NEBAT, WHO HAD MADE ISRAEL SIN.
- **JEROBOAM II REIGNED FROM 793-752 B.C.**

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- 2 KINGS 14:25–27 HE RESTORED THE TERRITORY OF ISRAEL FROM THE ENTRANCE OF HAMATH TO THE SEA OF THE ARABAH, ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD GOD OF ISRAEL, WHICH HE HAD **SPOKEN THROUGH HIS SERVANT JONAH** THE SON OF AMITTAI, **THE PROPHET** WHO WAS FROM GATH HEPHER. ²⁶ **FOR THE LORD SAW THAT THE AFFLICTION OF ISRAEL WAS VERY BITTER**; AND WHETHER BOND OR FREE, THERE WAS NO HELPER FOR ISRAEL. ²⁷ AND THE LORD DID NOT SAY THAT HE WOULD BLOT OUT THE NAME OF ISRAEL FROM UNDER HEAVEN; BUT **HE SAVED THEM BY THE HAND OF JEROBOAM** THE SON OF JOASH

Historic Background

1. JEROBOAM II CAME TO THE THRONE (793 B.C) AND ISRAEL WAS EXPERIENCING GREAT OPPRESSION FROM SYRIA. THEY WERE EXPERIENCING INTENSE AFFLICTION. **JONAH THE PROPHET IS GIVEN A MESSAGE OF HOPE TO THE NATION.**
2. GOD ALLOWS JEROBOAM II TO LEAD ISRAEL TO A RESTORED TIME OF SECURITY AND PROSPERITY.
3. ASSYRIA AT THIS TIME WAS A NATION STRUGGLING FOR ITS EXISTENCE

Important NT Reference

- MATTHEW 12:39–41 BUT HE ANSWERED AND SAID TO THEM, “AN EVIL AND ADULTEROUS GENERATION SEEKS AFTER A SIGN, AND NO SIGN WILL BE GIVEN TO IT EXCEPT **THE SIGN OF THE PROPHET JONAH.** ⁴⁰ FOR AS **JONAH WAS THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE BELLY OF THE GREAT FISH,** SO WILL THE SON OF MAN BE THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS IN THE HEART OF THE EARTH. ⁴¹ **THE MEN OF NINEVEH WILL RISE UP IN THE JUDGMENT WITH THIS GENERATION AND CONDEMN IT, BECAUSE THEY REPENTED AT THE PREACHING OF JONAH;** AND INDEED A GREATER THAN JONAH IS HERE.

Jonah: A Prophet's Journey

1. GOD LOVES YOU AND HAS A WHALE OF A PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE.
2. PRAYER IS SPIRITUAL BREATHING - INWHALE / EXWHALE.
3. THE WORLD'S GREATEST REVIVAL WITH THE WORLD'S WORST EVANGELIST.
4. GOD HAS A PLAN TO DRIVE YOU OUT OF YOUR GOURD.

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- JONAH 1:1–3 **NOW THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JONAH** THE SON OF AMITTAI, SAYING, ² “**ARISE, GO TO NINEVEH**, THAT GREAT CITY, AND CRY OUT AGAINST IT; FOR THEIR WICKEDNESS HAS COME UP BEFORE **ME**.”
³ BUT **JONAH AROSE TO FLEE** TO TARSHISH FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD. HE WENT DOWN TO JOPPA, AND FOUND A SHIP GOING TO TARSHISH; SO HE PAID THE FARE, AND WENT DOWN INTO IT, TO GO WITH THEM TO TARSHISH FROM THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD.

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- JONAH 3:1–3 **NOW THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JONAH THE SECOND TIME**, SAYING, ² “**ARISE, GO TO NINEVEH**, THAT GREAT CITY, AND PREACH TO IT THE MESSAGE THAT I TELL YOU.” ³ SO **JONAH AROSE AND WENT TO NINEVEH**, ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD. NOW NINEVEH WAS AN EXCEEDINGLY GREAT CITY, A THREE-DAY JOURNEY *IN EXTENT*.

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- JONAH 1:5–6 THEN **THE MARINERS WERE AFRAID**; AND **EVERY MAN CRIED OUT TO HIS GOD**, AND THREW THE CARGO THAT WAS IN THE SHIP INTO THE SEA, TO LIGHTEN THE LOAD. BUT **JONAH** HAD GONE DOWN INTO THE LOWEST PARTS OF THE SHIP, HAD **LAIN DOWN, AND WAS FAST ASLEEP**.⁶ SO THE CAPTAIN CAME TO HIM, AND SAID TO HIM, “WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SLEEPER? **ARISE, CALL ON YOUR GOD**; PERHAPS YOUR GOD WILL CONSIDER US, SO THAT WE MAY NOT PERISH.”

Jonah: A Prophet's Journey

A. GOD IS SOVEREIGN – HE REIGNS OVER ALL.

1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS CREATION

- JONAH 1:4 BUT **THE LORD SENT OUT A GREAT WIND** ON THE SEA, AND THERE WAS A MIGHTY TEMPEST ON THE SEA, SO THAT THE SHIP WAS ABOUT TO BE BROKEN UP.
- JONAH 1:9 SO HE SAID TO THEM, “I AM A HEBREW; AND I FEAR THE LORD, **THE GOD OF HEAVEN, WHO MADE THE SEA AND THE DRY LAND.**”

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1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS CREATION

- JONAH 1:14 THEREFORE THEY CRIED OUT TO THE LORD AND SAID, “WE PRAY, O LORD, PLEASE DO NOT LET US PERISH FOR THIS MAN’S LIFE, AND DO NOT CHARGE US WITH INNOCENT BLOOD; FOR YOU, **O LORD, HAVE DONE AS IT PLEASED YOU.**
- JONAH 1:17 **NOW THE LORD HAD PREPARED A GREAT FISH** TO SWALLOW JONAH. AND JONAH WAS IN THE BELLY OF THE FISH THREE DAYS AND THREE NIGHTS.

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1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS CREATION

➤ JONAH 2:10 So **THE LORD SPOKE (COMMANDED) TO THE FISH**, AND IT VOMITED JONAH ONTO DRY LAND.

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1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS CREATION

- JONAH 4:6–8 AND **THE LORD GOD PREPARED A PLANT** AND **MADE IT COME UP** OVER JONAH, THAT IT MIGHT BE SHADE FOR HIS HEAD TO DELIVER HIM FROM HIS MISERY. SO JONAH WAS VERY GRATEFUL FOR THE PLANT. ⁷ BUT AS MORNING DAWNED THE NEXT DAY **GOD PREPARED A WORM**, AND IT SO DAMAGED THE PLANT THAT IT WITHERED. ⁸ AND IT HAPPENED, WHEN THE SUN AROSE, THAT **GOD PREPARED A VEHEMENT EAST WIND**; AND THE SUN BEAT ON JONAH'S HEAD, SO THAT HE GREW FAINT. THEN HE WISHED DEATH FOR HIMSELF, AND SAID, *"IT IS BETTER FOR ME TO DIE THAN TO LIVE."*

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A. GOD IS SOVEREIGN — HE REIGNS OVER ALL.

1. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS CREATION

- JONAH 4:9–11 THEN GOD SAID TO JONAH, “**IS IT RIGHT FOR YOU TO BE ANGRY ABOUT THE PLANT?**” AND HE SAID, “**IT IS RIGHT FOR ME TO BE ANGRY, EVEN TO DEATH!**” ¹⁰ BUT THE LORD SAID, “**YOU HAVE HAD PITY ON THE PLANT FOR WHICH YOU HAVE NOT LABORED, NOR MADE IT GROW, WHICH CAME UP IN A NIGHT AND PERISHED IN A NIGHT. ¹¹ AND SHOULD I NOT PITY NINEVEH,** THAT GREAT CITY, IN WHICH ARE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND PERSONS **WHO CANNOT DISCERN BETWEEN THEIR RIGHT HAND AND THEIR LEFT—AND MUCH LIVESTOCK?**”

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A. GOD IS SOVEREIGN – HE REIGNS OVER ALL.

2. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS SERVANT AND HIS MISSION.

- JONAH 2:10–3:3 SO THE LORD SPOKE TO THE FISH, AND IT **VOMITED JONAH ONTO DRY LAND**.¹ NOW THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JONAH THE SECOND TIME, SAYING,² “**ARISE, GO TO NINEVEH**, THAT GREAT CITY, AND PREACH TO IT THE MESSAGE THAT I TELL YOU.”³ **So JONAH AROSE AND WENT TO NINEVEH**, ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD. NOW NINEVEH WAS AN EXCEEDINGLY GREAT CITY, A THREE-DAY JOURNEY *IN EXTENT*?

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A. GOD IS SOVEREIGN – HE REIGNS OVER ALL.

2. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS SERVANT AND HIS MISSION.

- JOHN 17:18–20 AS YOU SENT ME INTO THE WORLD, **I ALSO HAVE SENT THEM INTO THE WORLD.** ¹⁹ AND FOR THEIR SALES I SANCTIFY MYSELF, THAT THEY ALSO MAY BE SANCTIFIED BY THE TRUTH. ²⁰ “I DO NOT PRAY FOR THESE ALONE, BUT ALSO **FOR THOSE WHO WILL BELIEVE IN ME THROUGH THEIR WORD;**
- MARK 1:17 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME, AND **I WILL MAKE YOU BECOME FISHERS OF MEN.**”

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- MARK 1:17 THEN JESUS SAID TO THEM, “FOLLOW ME, AND **I WILL MAKE YOU BECOME FISHERS OF MEN.**”
- ACTS 1:8 BUT **YOU SHALL RECEIVE POWER** WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU; AND **YOU SHALL BE WITNESSES TO Me** IN JERUSALEM, AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.”

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A. GOD IS SOVEREIGN – HE REIGNS OVER ALL.

2. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS SERVANT AND HIS MISSION.

➤ HEBREWS 12:9–14 FURTHERMORE, WE HAVE HAD HUMAN FATHERS WHO CORRECTED *US*, AND WE PAID *THEM* RESPECT. SHALL WE NOT MUCH MORE READILY **BE IN SUBJECTION TO THE FATHER OF SPIRITS AND LIVE?** ¹⁰ FOR THEY INDEED FOR A FEW DAYS CHASTENED *US* AS SEEMED *BEST* TO THEM, BUT **HE FOR OUR PROFIT, THAT WE MAY BE PARTAKERS OF HIS HOLINESS.**

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A. GOD IS SOVEREIGN – HE REIGNS OVER ALL.

2. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS SERVANT AND HIS MISSION.

➤ HEBREWS 12:11–14 NOW NO CHASTENING SEEMS TO BE JOYFUL FOR THE PRESENT, BUT PAINFUL; NEVERTHELESS, AFTERWARD IT **YIELDS THE PEACEABLE FRUIT OF RIGHTEOUSNESS** TO THOSE WHO HAVE BEEN **TRAINED BY IT**.¹² THEREFORE STRENGTHEN THE HANDS WHICH HANG DOWN, AND THE FEEBLE KNEES,¹³ AND MAKE STRAIGHT PATHS FOR YOUR FEET, SO THAT WHAT IS LAME MAY NOT BE DISLOCATED, BUT RATHER BE HEALED.¹⁴ **PURSUE PEACE WITH ALL PEOPLE, AND HOLINESS**, WITHOUT WHICH NO ONE WILL SEE THE LORD.

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A. **GOD IS SOVEREIGN – HE REIGNS OVER ALL.**

3. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS COMPASSION (BEING GRACIOUS).

➤ JONAH 3:10 THEN **GOD SAW** THEIR WORKS, THAT **THEY TURNED** FROM THEIR EVIL WAY; AND **GOD RELENTED FROM THE DISASTER** THAT HE HAD SAID HE WOULD BRING UPON THEM, AND HE DID NOT DO IT.

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A. **GOD IS SOVEREIGN – HE REIGNS OVER ALL.**

3. GOD IS SOVEREIGN OVER HIS COMPASSION (BEING GRACIOUS).

➤ JONAH 4:1–2 BUT **IT DISPLEASED JONAH EXCEEDINGLY**, AND HE BECAME ANGRY. ² SO HE PRAYED TO THE LORD, AND SAID, “AH, LORD, WAS NOT THIS WHAT I SAID WHEN I WAS STILL IN MY COUNTRY? THEREFORE I FLED PREVIOUSLY TO TARSHISH; FOR **I KNOW THAT YOU ARE A GRACIOUS AND MERCIFUL GOD**, SLOW TO ANGER AND ABUNDANT IN LOVINGKINDNESS, ONE WHO RELENTS FROM DOING HARM

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B. GOD TAKES PLEASURE IN REPENTANCE – GOD RESCUES THE REPENTANT.

1. THE MEN ON THE SHIP.

- JONAH 1:11–13 THEN THEY SAID TO HIM, “WHAT SHALL WE DO TO YOU THAT THE SEA MAY BE CALM FOR US?”—FOR THE SEA WAS GROWING MORE TEMPESTUOUS. ¹² AND HE SAID TO THEM, “PICK ME UP AND THROW ME INTO THE SEA; THEN THE SEA WILL BECOME CALM FOR YOU. FOR I KNOW THAT THIS GREAT TEMPEST IS BECAUSE OF ME.” ¹³ NEVERTHELESS **THE MEN ROWED HARD TO RETURN TO LAND, BUT THEY COULD NOT**, FOR THE SEA CONTINUED TO GROW MORE TEMPESTUOUS AGAINST THEM

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B. GOD TAKES PLEASURE IN REPENTANCE – GOD RESCUES THE REPENTANT.

1. THE MEN ON THE SHIP.

- JONAH 1:14–16 THEREFORE THEY CRIED OUT TO THE LORD AND SAID, “WE PRAY, O LORD, PLEASE DO NOT LET US PERISH FOR THIS MAN’S LIFE, AND DO NOT CHARGE US WITH INNOCENT BLOOD; FOR YOU, O LORD, HAVE DONE AS IT PLEASED YOU.”¹⁵ SO THEY PICKED UP JONAH AND THREW HIM INTO THE SEA, AND THE SEA CEASED FROM ITS RAGING.¹⁶ THEN THE MEN FEARED THE LORD EXCEEDINGLY, AND OFFERED A SACRIFICE TO THE LORD AND TOOK VOWS.

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B. GOD TAKES PLEASURE IN REPENTANCE – GOD RESCUES THE REPENTANT.

2. JONAH HIMSELF – FROM THE BELLY OF THE FISH.

- JONAH 2:2–4 AND HE SAID: “I CRIED OUT TO THE LORD BECAUSE OF MY AFFLICTION, AND HE ANSWERED ME. “**OUT OF THE BELLY OF SHEOL I CRIED**, AND YOU HEARD MY VOICE. ³ FOR YOU CAST ME INTO THE DEEP, INTO THE HEART OF THE SEAS, AND THE FLOODS SURROUNDED ME; ALL YOUR BILLOWS AND YOUR WAVES PASSED OVER ME. ⁴ THEN I SAID, ‘**I HAVE BEEN CAST OUT OF YOUR SIGHT; YET I WILL LOOK AGAIN TOWARD YOUR HOLY TEMPLE.**”

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B. GOD TAKES PLEASURE IN REPENTANCE – GOD RESCUES THE REPENTANT.

2. JONAH HIMSELF – FROM THE BELLY OF THE FISH.

- JONAH 2:7 “WHEN MY SOUL FAINTED WITHIN ME, **I REMEMBERED THE LORD; AND MY PRAYER WENT UP TO You**, INTO YOUR HOLY TEMPLE.

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B. GOD TAKES PLEASURE IN REPENTANCE – GOD RESCUES THE REPENTANT.

3. THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH - REPENTED AT JONAH'S MESSAGE.

- JONAH 3:3–4 SO JONAH AROSE AND WENT TO NINEVEH, ACCORDING TO THE WORD OF THE LORD. NOW NINEVEH WAS AN EXCEEDINGLY GREAT CITY, A THREE-DAY JOURNEY *IN EXTENT*. ⁴ AND JONAH BEGAN TO ENTER THE CITY ON THE FIRST DAY'S WALK. **THEN HE CRIED OUT AND SAID**, “**YET FORTY DAYS, AND NINEVEH SHALL BE OVERTHROWN!**”
JONAH 3:5 SO **THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH BELIEVED GOD**, PROCLAIMED A FAST, AND **PUT ON SACKCLOTH**, FROM THE GREATEST TO THE LEAST OF THEM

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3. THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH - REPENTED AT JONAH'S MESSAGE.

- 1 KINGS 21:29 “SEE HOW **AHAB HAS HUMBLLED HIMSELF BEFORE ME?** BECAUSE HE HAS HUMBLLED HIMSELF BEFORE ME, I WILL NOT BRING THE CALAMITY IN HIS DAYS. IN THE DAYS OF HIS SON I WILL BRING THE CALAMITY ON HIS HOUSE.”

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B. GOD TAKES PLEASURE IN REPENTANCE – GOD RESCUES THE REPENTANT.

3. THE PEOPLE OF NINEVEH - REPENTED AT JONAH'S MESSAGE.

- LUKE 13:5 I TELL YOU, NO; BUT **UNLESS YOU REPENT YOU WILL ALL LIKEWISE PERISH.**
- JOHN 3:16 FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON, THAT **WHOEVER BELIEVES IN HIM** SHOULD **NOT PERISH** BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE

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C. GOD HATES SELF-RIGHTEOUSNESS.

- JONAH 4:9–11 THEN GOD SAID TO JONAH, “**IS IT RIGHT FOR YOU TO BE ANGRY** ABOUT THE PLANT?” AND HE SAID, “**IT IS** RIGHT FOR ME TO BE ANGRY, EVEN TO DEATH!” ¹⁰ BUT THE LORD SAID, “**YOU HAVE HAD PITY ON THE PLANT FOR WHICH YOU HAVE NOT LABORED**, NOR MADE IT GROW, WHICH CAME UP IN A NIGHT AND PERISHED IN A NIGHT. ¹¹ AND **SHOULD I NOT PITY NINEVEH**, THAT GREAT CITY, IN WHICH ARE MORE THAN ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY THOUSAND **PERSONS WHO CANNOT DISCERN BETWEEN THEIR RIGHT HAND AND THEIR LEFT**—AND MUCH LIVESTOCK.