

Book of Jonah

Unique!

God's word IO, not IHROUGH!

Hebrew prophet sent to Gentiles

God's pursuit of...

Prodigals!

Pharisees!

Gentiles!

The Prodigal

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Jonah

2 Kings 14:23-25

"In the fifteenth year of Amaziah's rule in Judah,
Jeroboam the son of Jehoash, king of Israel, began to
reign in Samaria, and he reigned forty-one years. And he
did what was evil in the sight of the Lord. He did not
depart from all the sins of Iroboa
which he made Is I to sir
Israel from LeboArabah, a.
God of Israe
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Jonah 1:1-3

"The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai...

"Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me."

## Nineveh

- Assyrian city of Upper Mesopotamia, located on the outskirts of Mosul in modernday northern Iraq.
- The capital of the Assyrian Empire.
- Located on the eastern bank of the Tigris River
- One of the OLDEST cities in the world (Genesis 10:11)
- It was the LARGEST city in the world for some fifty years until the year 612 BC when it was overthrown by a coalition of its former subject peoples, including the Babylonians. (A "3-days' journey" to survey – Jonah 3:3)

Assyrian Empire URARTU KEDAR **Assyrian Empire** in Isaiah's Time (745-701 BC) under Tiglath-pileser, Sargon, and Sennaci At the peak of its power, Assyria stretched from Egypt to Persian Gulf.

Assyrian Empire

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- Torture! Dismembering!
- Decapitation!
- Flayed alive!
- Slavery

One of the most warlike people in history!
Lovers of the violence of the war and hunt!

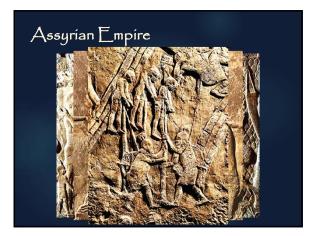
Heavy tribute demanded from **Israel** under King Jehu 842-815 BC

722 - Destroyed Israel/Samaria



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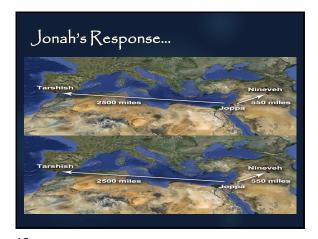
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Jonah 1:1-3 "The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amíttaí:

'Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.'

But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord."





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Refused to represent God's character! Refused to embody God's compassion!

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Are there times we doubt God's...

Goodness!

Wisdom!

Judgment!

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## Are there times $(\underline{I})$ refuse to... Be a representative of God's character? Be the embodiment of His compassion?

**Praise God for** His mercy!

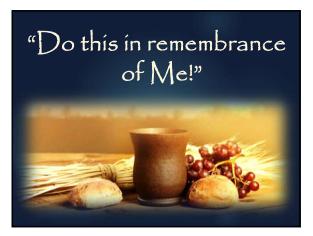
Ephesians 2:16

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"...He reconcile both to God through the cross, by which He put to death the enmity and removed forever the hostility between them!"

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Romans 5:8

"But God shows his love for us in that while we were still sinners. Christ died for us!"