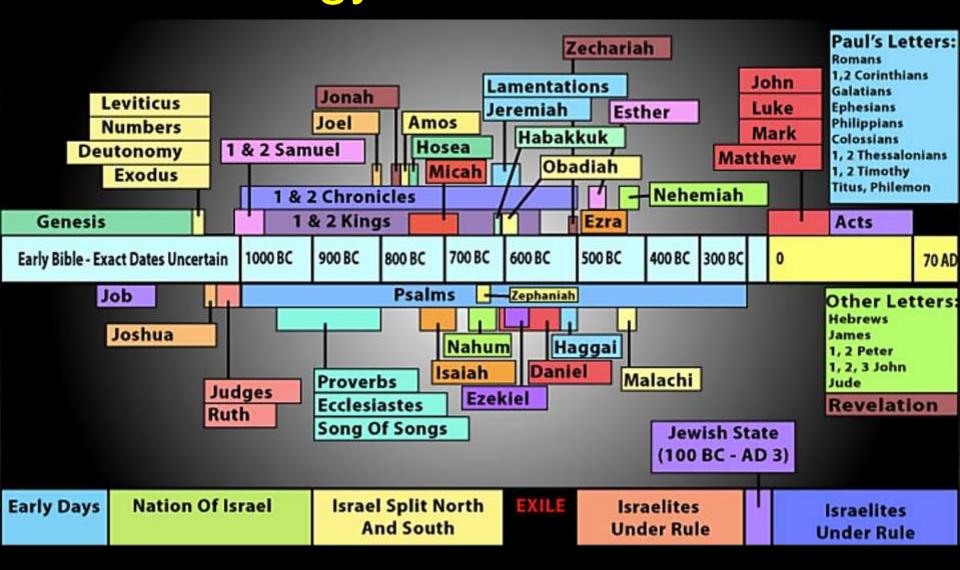
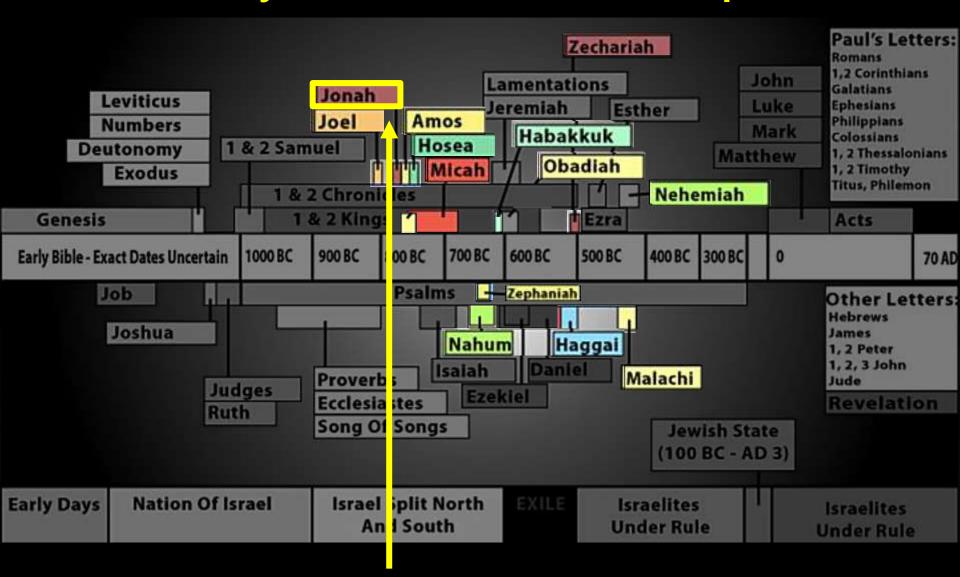


...a verse by verse study

Chronology of the Bible Books



Ministry of the Minor Prophets



Jonah: c.853-824 B.C.

Most Hated Books of the Bible?

- Genesis
 - The Incarnation of Christ
- Jonah
 - The Resurrection of Christ
- Daniel
 - The Second Coming of Christ
- Revelation
 - The Ultimate Reign of Christ

The Book of Jonah

- Chapter 1
- Chapter 2
- Chapter 3
- Chapter 4

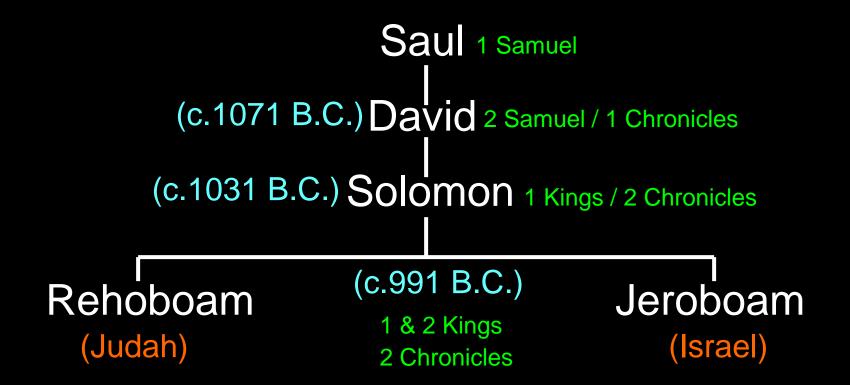
- The Reluctant Prophet
- The Repentant Prophet
- The Revival in Nineveh
- The Short-Sighted Prophet

- A model of life
 - Running from God
 - Repentance
 - Revival
 - The Struggle learning to submit to the will of God

The Book of Jonah

- Written about 853-824 B.C.
- About 150 years before this time, Israel had been the no.1 power (under David/Solomon)
- Israel divided into two kingdoms c. 991 B.C.
 - North: 'Israel'
 - South: 'Judah'
- By the time of Jonah Assyria was now on the rise as the major world power
- In c.100 years from this time, Israel would be defeated by the Assyrians (722 B.C.)

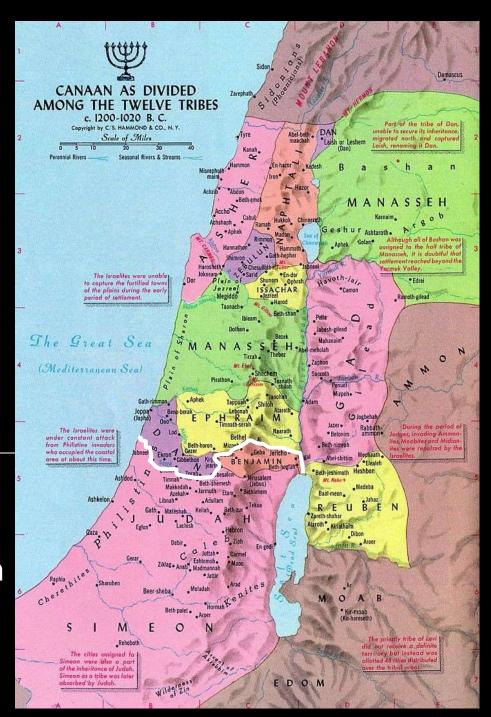
The History of Israel & Judah



Israel Jeroboam

The Northern Kingdom (Ten Tribes)

Judah Rehoboam
The Southern Kingdom
(Two Tribes)



The History of the Kings Judah

Jeremiah

Rehoboam 17y (991 B.C.)
Abijam 3y
Asa 41y

Jehoshaphat 25y

Jehoram 8y

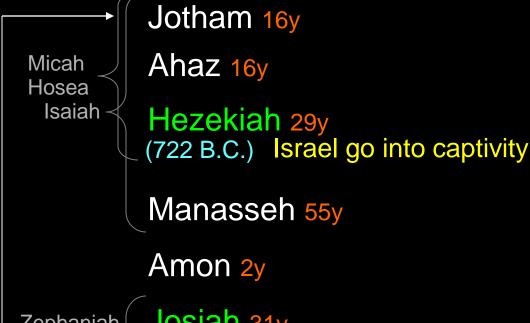
Ahaziah 1y

Q. Athaliah 6y

Jehoash 40y

Amaziah 29y Jonah

Hosea (Uzziah) Azariah 52y Amos



Zephaniah Josiah 31y

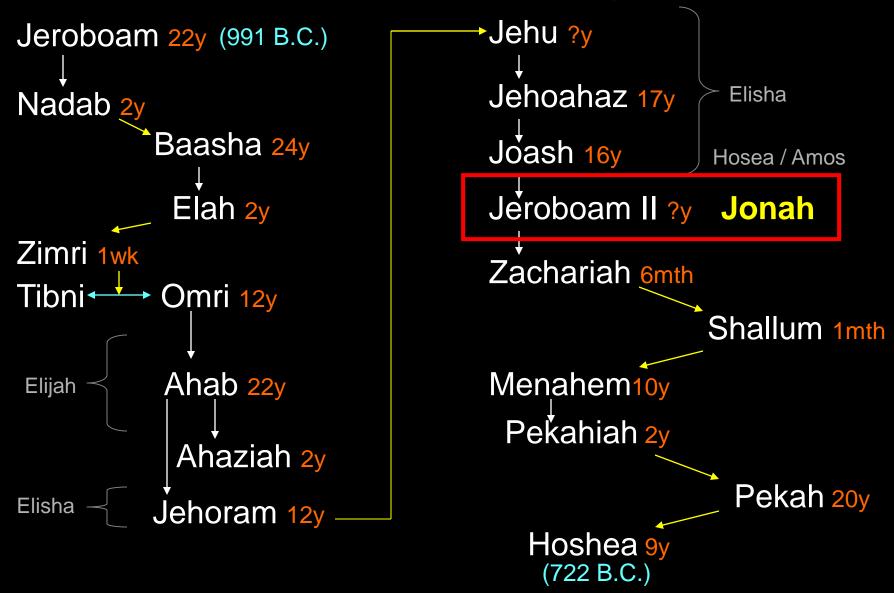
Jehoahaz 3mts

(Eliakim) Jehoiakim 11y

Jehoiachin 3mts (606 B.C.)

Zedekiah 11y (587 B.C.)

The History of the Kings of Israel



The Book of Jonah

- Most attention is given to the fish!
- The most incredible miracle is the repentance of an entire city the size of London!
- Jonah <u>did not</u> misunderstand God's request
- He was a patriotic Israelite
- He wanted to see Israel's enemies destroyed
- Jonah feared that sparing Nineveh would be detrimental to Israel - which it proved to be!

Lessons: The Book of Jonah

- God is not slack concerning judgment
- But God always warns before judgment
 - The cry of their wickedness had come before God
 - As a result of their humility and repentance, judgment was postponed for approx. 200 years
 - Nineveh was eventually be overthrown by Babylon (612 B.C.)
 - The book of Nahum prophecies this destruction
- God's mercy extends to the gentiles also
- We must trust God
 - who sees the end from the beginning, knows what we don't know.

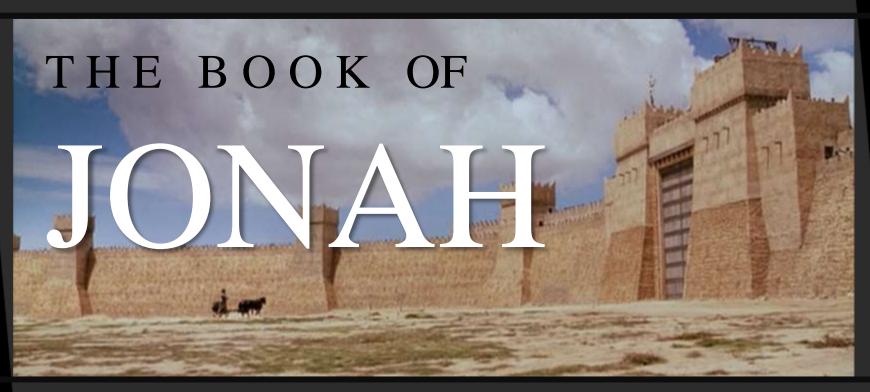
Lessons: The Book of Jonah

"The idea is not that we do work for God, but that we are so loyal to Him that He can do His work through us – 'I reckon on you for extreme service, with no complaining on your part and no explanation on mine'. God wants to use us as He used His own Son."

Oswald Chambers







Chapter 1

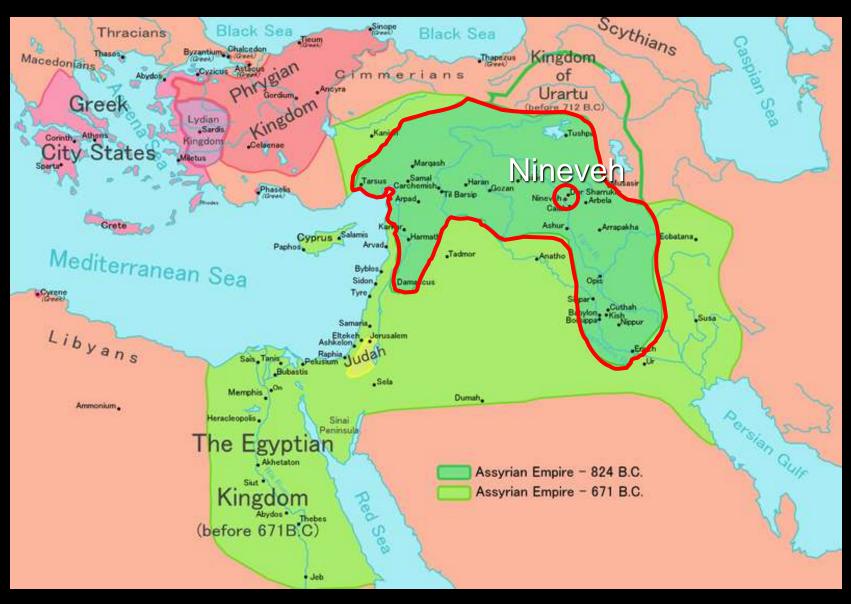
- The Reluctant Prophet

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² Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

Jonah 1:1-2

The Assyrian Kingdom



Nineveh

- At the time of Jonah, the city was 14 miles across
- With 100ft walls all around the city.
- There were 1500 towers 200ft tall around the city
- 15 gates
 - (of which 5 have now been uncovered).
- Many skeptics thought that Nineveh was just a mythological city - like Atlantis - until the 19th Century when Arabs discovered some ancient ruins.
- 1820: Nineveh was mapped by the British archaeologist Claudius J. Rich.
- 1847 a young British adventurer Sir Austen Henry Layard explored the ruins and found the lost palace of Sennacherib - thus silencing the critics and proving once again the accuracy of the Bible!

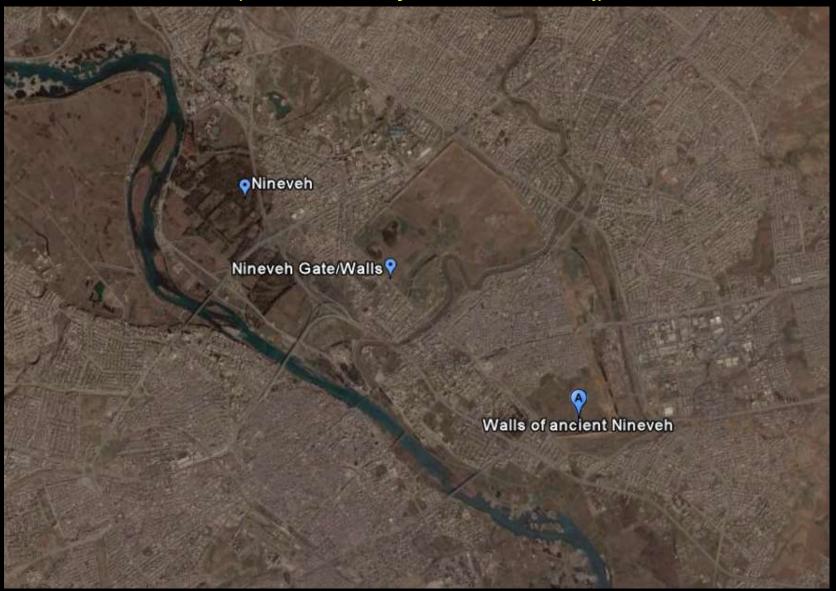
The Remains of Nineveh Today



Destruction prophesied by Nahum

The Remains of Nineveh Today

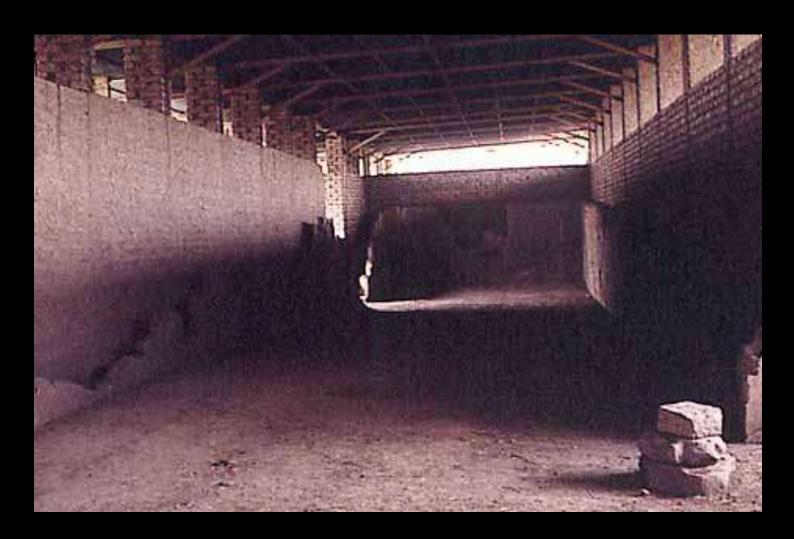
(Modern day Mosul - Iraq)



The Remains of Nineveh Today



Excavations of Nineveh



Palace of Sennacherib

Assyria: Nineveh

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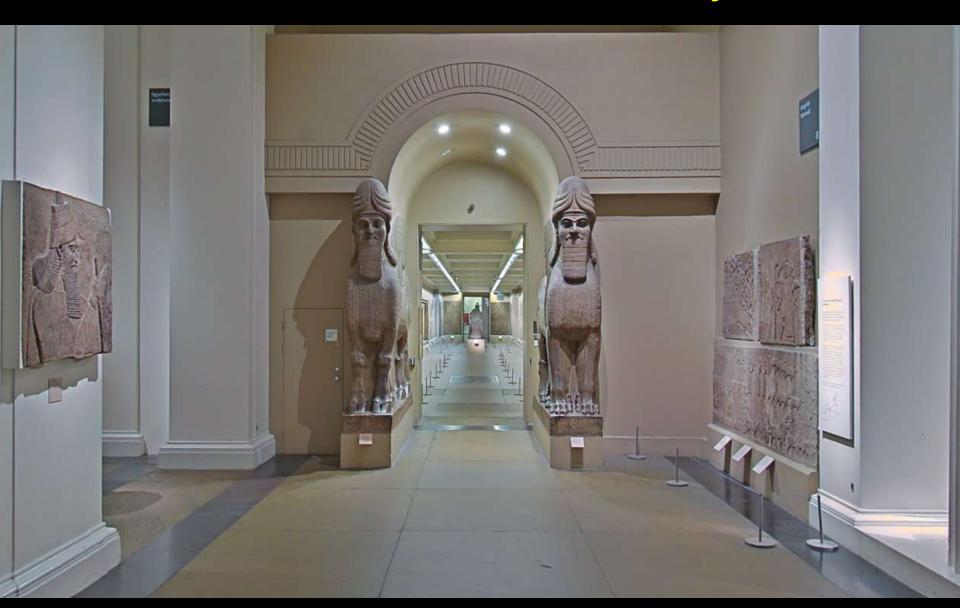
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Nineveh was the capital of the powerful ancient Assyrian empire, located in modern-day northern Iraq.

Sennacherib was the king of Assyria from 704–681 BC and was famous for his building projects. The rooms and courtyards of his Neo-Assyrian Southwest Palace at Nineveh were decorated with a series of detailed carved stone panels. Many of these stone panels are on display in Room 9. The panels depict a variety of scenes, including the transport of huge sculptures of human-headed winged bulls (lamassu) that weigh up to 30 tons and were intended for the main entrances to the palace.

These illustrations provide an insight into ancient quarrying and transport techniques, as well as Sennacherib's keen interest in his building projects. Other panels on display depict the king's military campaigns.

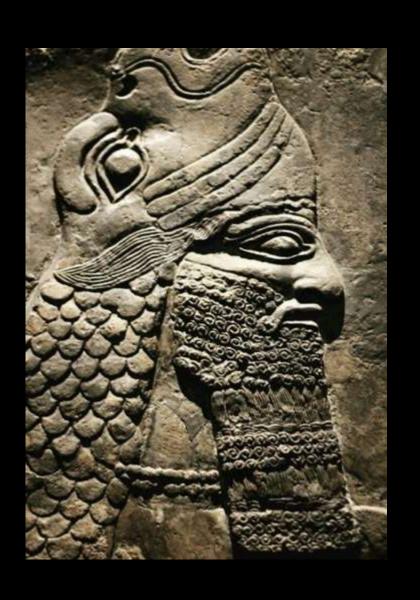






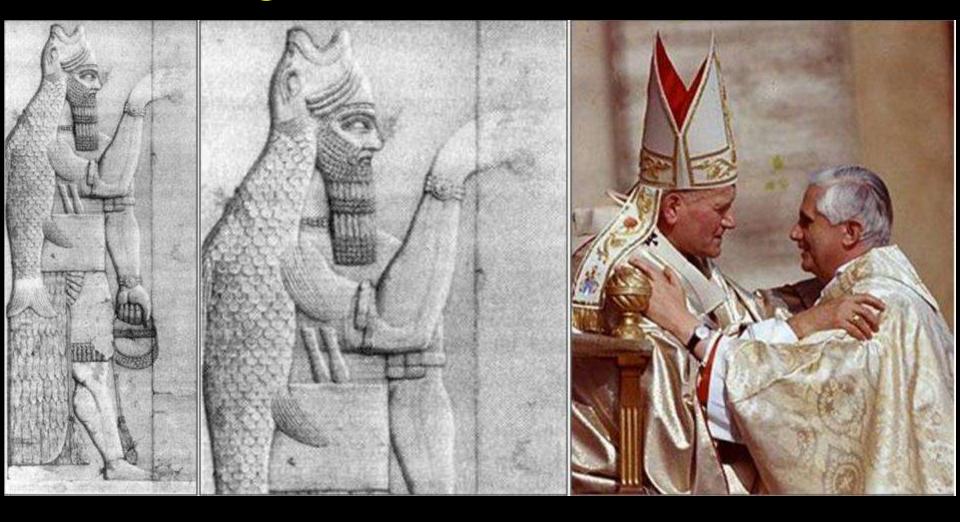


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Jonah 1:1-2

- God sees he requires an account!
 - Ecclesiastes 3:15
- God is not mocked!
 - Galatians 6:7
- Don't mistake God's mercy for approval

Wickedness of the Assyrians

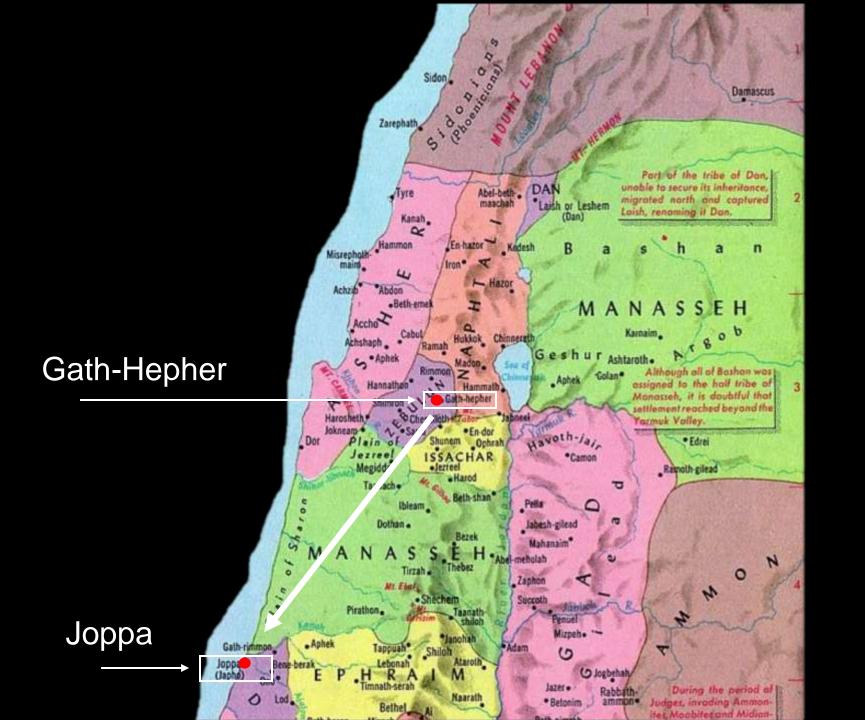
- Cruel & Barbaric
- Carried captives away with nose hooks
- Sew captives together
- Well-know historically for their violence
- God had seen this wickedness

³ But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Jonah 1:3

"You cannot say 'No Lord', and mean both words; one annuls the other. If you say no to Him, then He is not your Lord"

D. James Kennedy







Where Can We Go?

- 7 Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?
- 8 If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.
- ⁹ If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;
- 10 Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

Psalm 139:7-10

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Tarshish?

- 'Afar off' Isaiah 66:19
- 3-year round-trip 1 Kings 10:21-22
- 'Beyond the pillars of Hercules'
 - Herodotus







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Britain's wrestling with the scope of its future trade links with Europe may seem a very modern phenomenon. But early trade between Britain and Europe was much more widespread than previously thought. Our <u>new research</u> reveals remarkable evidence of a copper-mining bonanza in Wales 3,600 years ago that was so productive that the metal reached France, the Netherlands, Germany, Denmark and Sweden.

Understanding Britain during the Bronze Age (c.2,400-800BC) relies entirely on archaeological research. During this period, agricultural communities combined stock rearing with cereal cultivation. While they constructed numerous circular monuments, evidence for settlement is generally scarce before 1,500BC and on a small scale. Despite this somewhat insular vision of scattered farming communities, there is growing evidence of strong trade or exchange links with continental Europe. What the nature of these contacts were, in a pre-monetary economy, remain a matter of debate.

Ezek 38 - Magog Invasion

- And thou shalt say, I will go up to the land of unwalled villages; I will go to them that are at rest, that dwell safely, all of them dwelling without walls, and having neither bars nor gates,
- 12 To take a spoil, and to take a prey; to turn thine hand upon the desolate places that are now inhabited, and upon the people that are gathered out of the nations, which have gotten cattle and goods, that dwell in the midst of the land.

Ezek 38 - Magog Invasion

13 Sheba, and Dedan, and the merchants of with all the young lions thereof, shall say unto thee, Art thou come to take a spoil? hast thou gathered thy company to take a prey? to carry away silver and gold, to take away cattle and goods, to take a great spoil?

Ezek 38:11-13

- 4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
- ⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

Jonah 1:4-5

- 'No atheists in a storm'!
- 'Afraid'
- Polytheistic many gods

- 6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.
- And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

Jonah 1:6-7

Proverbs 16:33

"The lot is cast into the lap; but the whole disposing thereof is of the LORD"

8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou?

Jonah 1:8

- Questions we'd rather not answer?
- Do we truly represent our LORD?
- Do we ever get caught doing things that are not consistent with our profession?
- When the world reminds us of who we are, we need to take stock!

Examine Yourself

Examine yourselves, whether ye be in the faith; prove your own selves. Know ye not your own selves, how that Jesus Christ is in you, except ye be reprobates?

2 Cor 13:5

Examine Yourself

Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he cometh in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.

Mark 8:28

- ⁹ And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.
- 10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Jonah 1:9-10

- The men were 'afraid' of the storm & waves
- Now they are 'exceedingly afraid'
- The God of Israel was well known

- 11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.
- 12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

Jonah 1:11-12

Sacrificial Love?

- Jonah volunteers to be thrown in the sea
- Is this a noble act?
- Jonah assumes he will die
- He is still running away!
- He thinks this will end his mission & relieve him of his obligation
- He does this in order to save his own people!
- God won't let him get away that easily!

Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.

Jonah 1:13-14

- ¹⁵ So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.
- 16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

Jonah 1:15-16

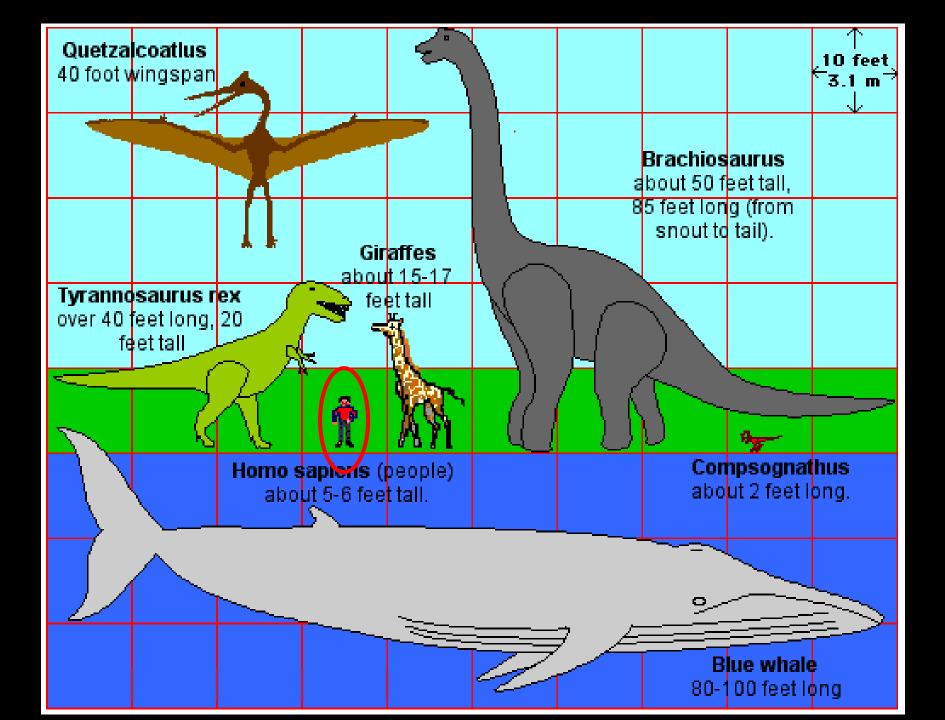
- Afraid 1:5
- Exceedingly afraid 1:10
- Feared the LORD exceedingly 1:16
- These men went home changed!
- God will even work through our disobedience

Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 1:17

Fish or Whale?

- Heb. 387 'dawg'
- a fish (as prolific); in the sense of squirming, that is, moving by the vibratory action of the tail; a fish (often used collectively)
- Gr. 'chtoς 'keytos'
- Huge fish, whale
- Is it possible?
- Remember it's a miracle!
- 'God had prepared' cf.Gen 1:1



Various Reports

- Feb, 1891, James Bartley, a whaler on Star of the East, near Falkland Islands lost chasing sperm whale.
- Crew caught and killed the whale, to find Bartley inside, unconscious, and alive.
- Recovered in 3 weeks, resumed duties; skin bleached white like parchment...

M. DeParvelle, ed. Journal Des Debats

Various Reports

- An English sailor fell overboard and was swallowed by a fish.
 - A day or two later the fish was seen floating on the surface of the water, and was taken ashore.
 When it was opened up, the sailors found their shipmate alive.
 - He survived the experience, but his skin had turned a chalky white and remained so for the rest of his life. (Dr. Rimmer talked with him and learned the details of his experience.)

Harry Rimmer, The Harmony of Science and the Scripture

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Jonah 1:17

- Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.
- 39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonah:
- For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matt 12:38-40

- Sign of the 'Prophet' Jonah
- Only 8 words of prophecy in the whole book!
- Evidently Jonah prophesied more
 - 2 Kings 14:25

²⁵ He (Jeroboam) restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gath-hepher.

2 Kings 14:25

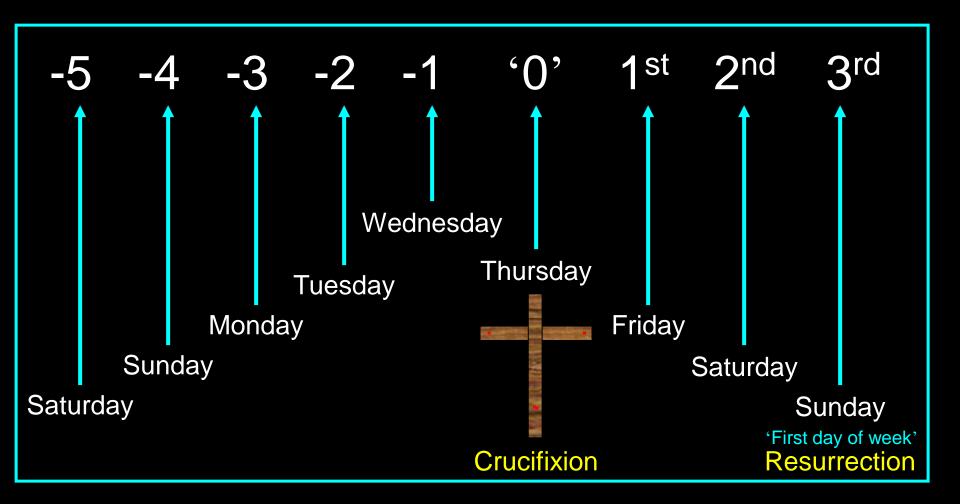
Jonah's Greatest Prophecy?

- Jesus points to Jonah's 'death & resurrection' experience as a prophetic model of what He would accomplish
- Specifically, 'being in the heart of the earth' for 'three days and three nights'

The Third Day

- Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.
- For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spittefully entreated, and spitted on:
- 33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and the third day he shall rise again.

Luke 18:31-33

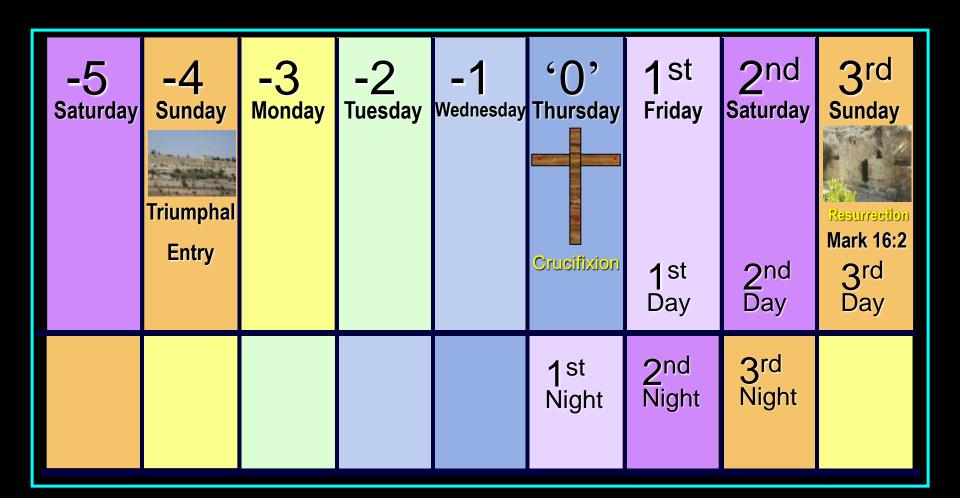


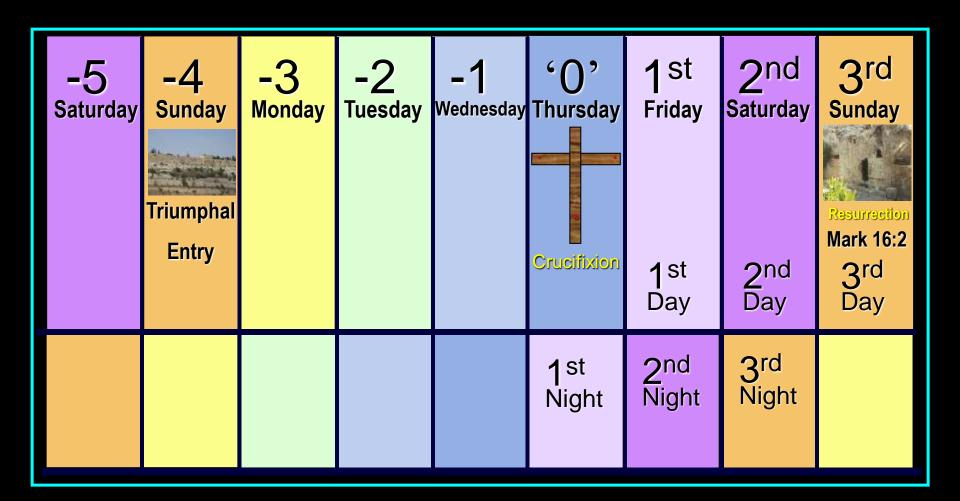
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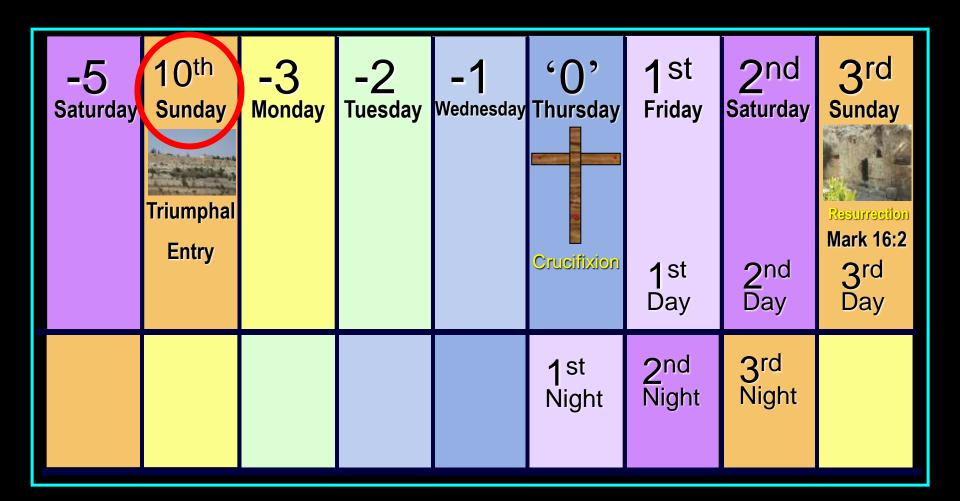
Three Days, Three Nights

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					Crucifixion	1 st Day	2 nd Day	3rd Day
					1 st Night	2 nd Night	3 rd Night	

Timetable







9 th Saturday	10 th Sunday Triumphal Entry	11 th Monday	12 th Tuesday	13 th Wednesday	14 th Thursday Crucifixion		16 th Saturday 2 nd Day	17th Sunday Resurrection Mark 16:2 3rd Day
					1 st Night	2 nd Night	3 rd Night	

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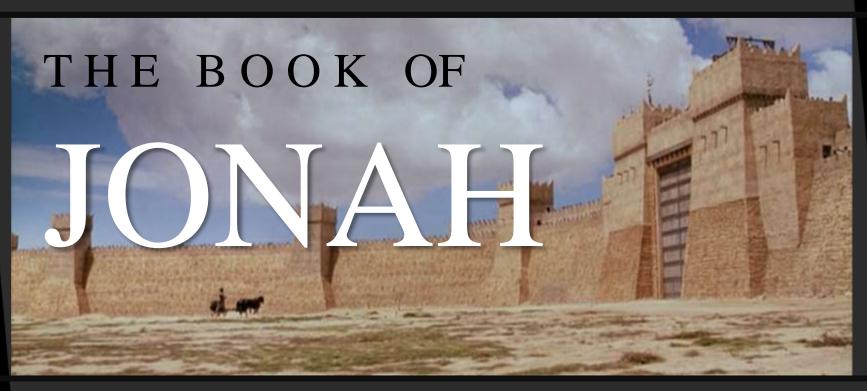
Passion Week April 6th-13th AD32 (10th-17th Nisan in the Jewish Calendar) Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday **Thursday** Friday Saturday Saturday Sunday 10th 14th 9th 11th 12th 13th 15th 16th 17th Triumphal Entry Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' Jesus & disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this Feast of Feast of Passover Feast of Sabbath Sabbath the tables in the temple for stressing that deception will Unleavened Bread Firstfruits Jesus arrives at Bethany after 173,880 days complete evening at sundown as it the 2nd day running of Matt 21:10-17 & Mark 11:15 abound in the last days Also: 'Day of Preperation High Sabbath Daniel 9:24-27 1st day of Week Mark 15:33-37 JOHN 19:31 **Exodus 12:18** The Jews therefore, because hour was come (12:00pm), there was "In the first month, on the "Moreover, brethren, I it was the preparation (14th), ole land until the ninth hour (3:00pm). ourteenth day of the month at that the bodies should not Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying. ven, ye shall eat unleavened remain upon the cross on the thani? which is, being interpreted, My bread, until the one and ast thou forsaken me?.....And Jesus sabbath day (15th), for that wentieth day of the month at sabbath day was an high declare unto you the voice, and gave up the ghost. even" - Thus for the whole 7 Jesus Crucified day, (See below) besought day period they were to eat Mark 16:1-2 unleavened bread Pliate that their legs might be And when the sabbaths broken, and that they might be Matthew 27:62 (Plural) were past, Mary gospel ...that Christ died taken away. "Paid in full..." 3:00pm Now the next day (15th), that Magdalene, and Mary the Luke 23:53-54 Lev 23:5-7 followed the day of the mother of James, and And he took [the body of "In the fourteenth day of the preparation (that being the Salome, had bought sweet Jesus] down, and wrapped it first month at even is the 14th), the chief priests and spices, that they might come in linen, and laid it in a LORD's Passover. And on the for our sins according to Pharisees came together and anoint him. And very sepulcher And that day fifteenth day of the same unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we early in the morning the was the preparation, and the month is the feast of remember that that deceiver first day of the week, they sabbath drew on. unleavened bread unto the said, while he was yet alive, came unto the sepulcher at Mark 15:42-43 LORD* After three days I will rise the rising of the sun. at the the scriptures; And that he id, Go And now when the even was Deut 16:16 again. Command therefore Mark 10:34 come, because it was the that the seculcher be made "Three times in a year shall all And they shall mock him, and sure until the third day, lest preparation, that is, the day thy males appear before the shall scourge him, and shall his disciples come by night, before the sabbath, Joseph LORD thy God in the place was buried, and that he spit upon him, and shall kill of Arimathaea, and and steal him away, and say which he shall choose; in the him: and the third day he nonourable counseller, which feast of unleavened bread. unto the people. He is risen shall rise again. also waited for the kingdom from the dead: so the last and in the feast of weeks, and of God, came, and went in error shall be worse than the in the feast of tabernacles" rose again the third day boldly unto Pilate, and craved (See also Exodus 23:14-15) 3rd Day the body of Jesus. and Day 1st Day 18th Begins 15th Begins 16th Begins 17th begins according to the scriptures 1st Might 2nd Night 3rd Night Matt 12:40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul 5 the the Son of man be three "Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I said preached unto you... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I 1 Corinthians 15:1-4 days and three nights in also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the u that the heart of the earth scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures"(1 Cor 15:1-4) Jaru talam iAccording to the scripturesi the supper on the 14th. And supper being ended, twelve. And as they sat and did ... Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover It is also used this way in ..was buried = Feast of Unleavened bread the devil having now put into eat, Jesus said, Verily I say John 13:1 ... He rose again = Feast of Firstfruits the heart of Judas Iscariot. So after 6 days is the 15th & unto you. One of you which the feast. Simon's son, to betray him eateth with me shall betray me

Miracles in Chapter 1

- The storm
- The lot falling on Jonah
- The repentance of the crew
- The fish that God prepared
- The calming of the storm







Chapter 2

- The Repentant Prophet

- Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,
- ² And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heard my voice.
- For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

Jonah 2:1-3

- ⁴ Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
- The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.
- 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

Jonah 2:4-6

Downward Spiral

- Jonah went down to Joppa 1:3
- Down into the sides of the ship 1:5
- Down into the sea 1:15
- Down in the fish 1:17
- Down to the bottom of the mountains 2:6
- Down to corruption 2:6



- He comes up from corruption 2:6
- He lifts his prayer up to the LORD 2:4
- Lifts his voice up in thanksgiving 2:9
- Comes up out of the fish 2:10
- Finally goes up to Nineveh 3:3

- When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.
- 8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.
- 9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

Jonah 2:7-9

There is salvation in no other Name!

10 And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it ∨omited out Jonah upon the dry land.

Jonah 2:10

To be continued...

- Jonah as a type (or model) of Christ
- Jonah gets to Nineveh
- The biggest revival in history?
- Jonah gets all grumpy again
- The ultimate lesson: God is in charge

(and He's a lot better at it than you are!)

