# Jonah Runs From God: Chapter One review

# 1-3: God sends Jonah to specific city

- Assyrians disobeyed God's moral law
- Jonah disobeyed His direct commands
- 4: Jonah no statute of limitations, no sneaking outside Lord's jurisdiction, no hiding in ship. Gn.3
- 5: sleepers not prepared to meet God. Ro.13:11

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- 6-7: Jonah's light had gone out. Mt.5:16. Sailors outshine him.
- 9-10: world recognizes a hypocrite.
- 11-16: sailors fear storm, then LORD, as disciples (Mk.4)

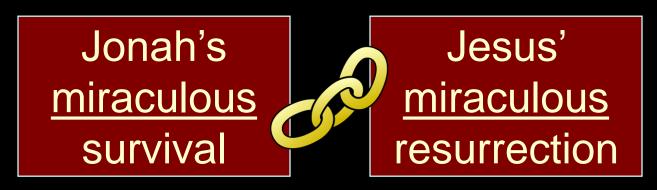
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- 1:17: God sends major fish to swallow minor prophet. 1 Pt.5:8
  - 2:1: Now Jonah wants God near; prays.
  - 2:2: Jonah could not run from God . . . or go beyond His power to forgive.
    - Affliction / distress:
      - Sheol as good as dead.
      - Forever (6) no way out.
      - Life ebbing away (7).
    - You heard my voice...inside fish.

- 2:9: 'Where could I go but to the Lord?'
  - No man could help
  - No power of his own
  - No money could redeem him
  - No love of family could rescue him
    - Fish will digest him
  - Salvation is of the LORD.

# 2:10: vomited Jonah onto dry land

- Vomit up, spit up, disgorge.
- Not first class...
- Vomit better than separation from LORD
  - History says men were swallowed by great fish and survived.
  - What if NO ONE was?



# Jonah Runs With God

- 1: Word of the LORD... we may shun it, but it remains. Jn.12:48.
  - We cannot hide from God or from our duty to Him.
- 2: Almost identical to 1:1-2. [Ex.34:1]
  - 'Message that I tell you' Where God speaks, Jonah must speak
  - Jonah is not a 'law-breaker'

- 3: So Jonah arose... He changed, not LORD
  - Jonah changed, not the LORD.
  - SAME God ... man ... mission ... words
    ... duty ... distance ... audience
- 4: forty days... [Feb.11 Mar.23]
  - '40' often used of period of trial –
     Ex.24:18 (34:28); Nu.13:25; 1 K.19:8
  - Jonah shouted...

- 1. Choices matter, 2:2
  - Turn from God Turn from salvation

"Everything happens for a reason. Sometimes the reason is you're stupid and make bad decisions."

- We cannot ignore God.
- Prov.13:15

- 1. Choices matter, 2:2
- 2. God's word controls / judges nations, 3:1-4
  - Gn.6; 19 . . . Assyria

Surrounded by inner wall 50' wide, 100' high.

Outer wall surrounded fields and smaller towns.

Perished in 612 B.C.

What mean to me? 2 Co.5:10

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- 3. We determine God's sentence
  - Jonah: Nineveh repented, were saved
  - Nahum: Nineveh rebelled, were lost

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- 3. We determine God's sentence
- 4. "Don't misinterpret God's patience for God's permission"
  - God's patience will come to an end.