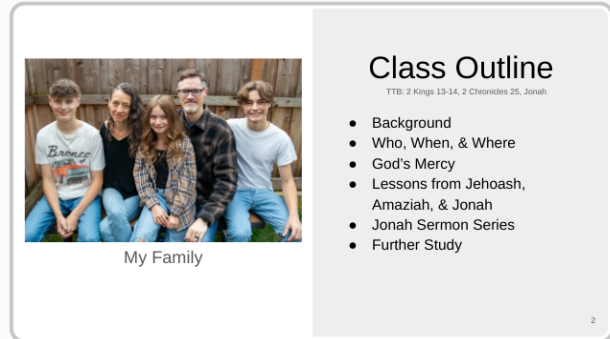
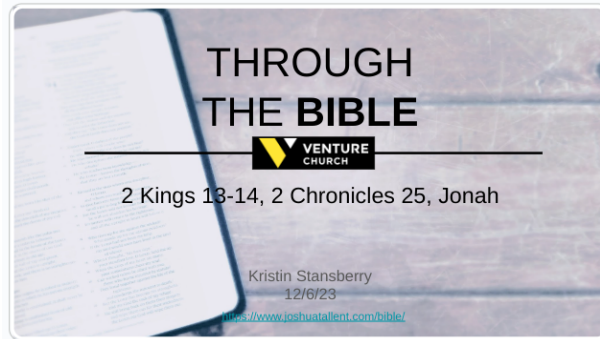


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CLASS OUTLINE

- Background
- Who, When, & Where
- God's Mercy
- Lessons from Jehoash, Amaziah, & Jonah
- Jonah Sermon Series
- Further Study

INTRODUCTION

- Kristin Stansberry
- Wife to Justin for almost 25 years
- Mom of 3 - Gavin (18), Dylan (15), Lauren (11)
- Passionate about family and discipleship of family
- Work from home as a project manager for a tech company based in Dallas, TX
- Been at Venture for about 5 ½ years. Love our church and we love serving here!
- Enjoy studying the Word and teaching!
- Very thankful for this opportunity to be stretched and to learn more

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3. BACKGROUND [PPT]

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- The Splendid Reign of Solomon (1 Kings 1-10)
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- The History of Judah

2 CHRONICLES

- A Book of Revivals
 - Asa (2 Chron 15)
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 - Joash (2 Chron 23-24)
 - Hezekiah (2 Chron 29-31)
 - Josiah (2 Chron 35)

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Cutaway of Solomon's Temple [Crossway ESV Bible Atlas]

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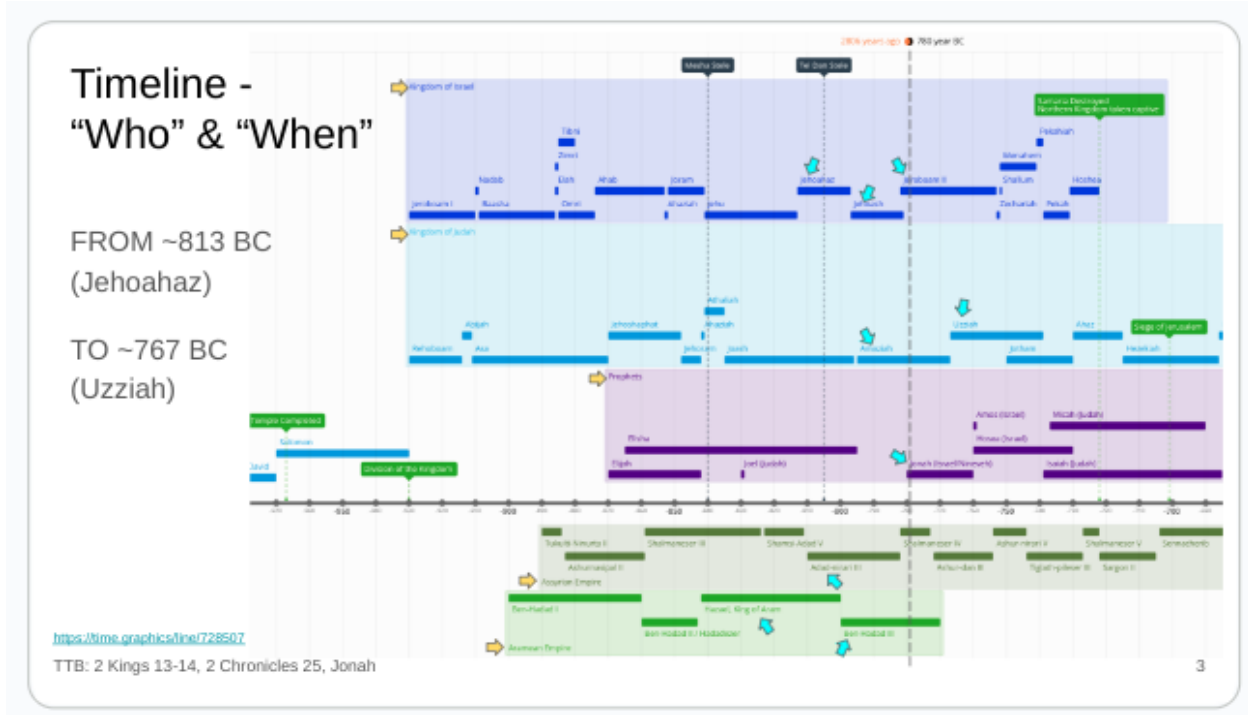
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4. TIMELINE - “WHO” & “WHEN” [PPT]



- See graphic on powerpoint or go to this link: <https://time.graphics/line/728507>
 - FROM ~813 BC (Jehoahaz)
 - Jonah ~780 BC
 - TO ~767 BC (Uzziah)

5. & 6. “WHO” HIGHLIGHTS [PPT]

“Who” Highlights

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Jehoahaz - Evil; Reigned 17 years (2 Kings 13:1–9)

Jehoash/Joash - Evil; Lesson of Lost Opportunity; Reigned 16 years (2 Kings 13:10–25; 14:8–16)

Jeroboam II - Evil; reigned 29 years, with Joash from 792; Jonah’s prophecy fulfilled by him as deliverer of Israel (2 Kings 14:23–29)

KINGDOM OF JUDAH

Amaziah - Did what was right in the Lord’s sight, but not wholeheartedly; Lesson of Defeat by Pride; Reigned 28 years; Conspiracy formed against him in Jerusalem so he fled to Lachish and was killed there. (2 Kings 14:1–22; 2 Chron 25)

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"Who" Highlights (Continued)

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Elisha - death during Jehoash's (Israel) reign; prophesied about Aram's defeat (arrow story); prophet for 70 years (Elisha's death 2 Kings 13)

Jonah (Israel/Nineveh) - One of the best known Bible Stories - Jonah in the belly of the great fish; Called to preach to the City of Nineveh, an enemy of Israel, and a very cruel people; Lessons of Resignation, Repentance, Revival, and Rebellion; prophet for 20 years (2 Kings 14:25; Jon 1:1; 3:1)

A Prophet - Could be Amoz, the father of the prophet Isaiah*; Warned Amaziah to not take Israel's army with him against Edom (2 Chron 25:7,14,16)

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Adad-nirari III - probably the deliverer in 2 Kings 13:5, reigned 28 years

ARAMEAN EMPIRE

Hazael - King of Aram, reigned 42 years (2 Kings 8-13)

Ben-Hadad III - Son of Hazael, reigned 30 years (2 Kings 13:4-7, 23-25)

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7. "WHERE" HIGHLIGHTS [PPT]

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Damascus and Hamath (the area north of Lebo-Hamath): Jeroboam recovered these cities from Judah

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Gath-hepher: Jonah was born here

Nineveh: Jonah called to this "extremely great" city

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Map created by Joshua Tallent via biblemapper.com

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a. Note from JT: The description in 2 Kings 14:28 of Jeroboam, "how he fought and recovered Damascus and Hamath for Judah in Israel" is unclear. The Hebrew text reads just like that: He recovered those cities "for Judah in Israel," but English translations are inconsistent from what I can tell. It is likely that he was somehow able to get the Arameans to submit to his rule somehow, possibly due to their waning power. Without more detail in the text it's hard to know what it really means. However, that ties into a map I have attached here that shows the borders that the prophet Ezekiel provides for the Land of Israel during the reign of Messiah. Note the inclusion of Lebo-Hamath and

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Damascus in the north. This is the same borders that are given by God in the Torah (Numbers 34). I suspect the author is using poetic language in some ways to describe the exploits of Jeroboam.

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Elath was an Israelite city that existed in the same general area. The original settlement was probably at the northern tip of the Gulf of Eilat.^[8] Ancient Egyptian records also document the extensive and lucrative mining operations and trade across the Red Sea with Egypt starting as early as the Fourth Dynasty of Egypt.^[citation needed] Elath is mentioned in antiquity as a major trading partner with Elim, Thebes' Red Sea Port, as early as the Twelfth Dynasty.^[citation needed] Trade between Elim and Elath furnished frankincense and myrrh, brought up from Ethiopia and Punt; bitumen and natron, from the Dead Sea; finely woven linen, from Byblos; and copper amulets, from Timna; all mentioned in the Periplus of the Erythraean Sea.^[citation needed] In antiquity Elath bordered the states of Edom, Midian and the tribal territory of the Rephidim, the indigenous inhabitants of the Sinai Peninsula.^[citation needed] Elath is first mentioned in the Hebrew Bible in the Book of Exodus. The first six Stations of the Exodus are in Egypt. The seventh is Crossing the Red Sea and the 9th–13th are in and around Elath after the exodus from Egypt and crossing the Red Sea. Station twelve refers to a dozen campsites in and around Timna in the state of Israel near Eilat.^[citation needed]

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8. THROUGH 17. "WHERE" PICTURES AND DESCRIPTIONS [PPT]

"Where" - Tel Lachish

Ancient walkway leading up to the gate on the left



Lachish: Amaziah fled here due to a conspiracy and he was put to death here.

Photo: Joshua Tallent

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"Where" - Lachish

Ancient City Gate Structure at Lachish



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"Where" - Valley of Salt



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This valley (the Arabah) is between Judah and Edom on the south of the Dead Sea.

Valley of Salt, (2022, February 13) in Wikipedia. https://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/File:Valley_of_Salt

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"Where" - Jonah's Journey



Jonah
Jonah's Journey in Nineveh - 760 B.C.

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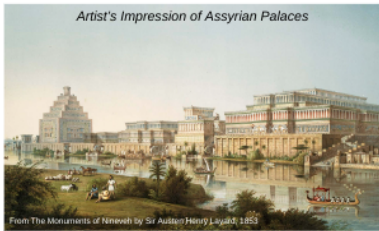
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"Where" - Nineveh

Artist's Impression of Assyrian Palaces



From The Monuments of Nineveh by Sir Austen Henry Layard, 1853

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"Where" - Nineveh



Modern-day Map of the Location of the Nergal Gate in Nineveh

Nineveh
City Wall & Gates

Conjectural reconstruction of the Nergal Gate and Walls of Nineveh near Mosul, Iraq

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"Where" - Balawat Gates

Reconstruction of the gates at the palace of Shalmaneser III in Balawat.

Made of cedar wood and wrapped in bronze.

These gates are similar to what Jonah would have seen in Nineveh 60 years later.

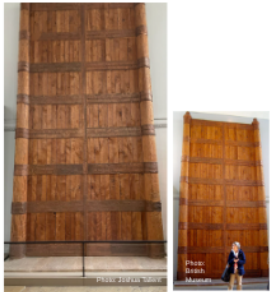


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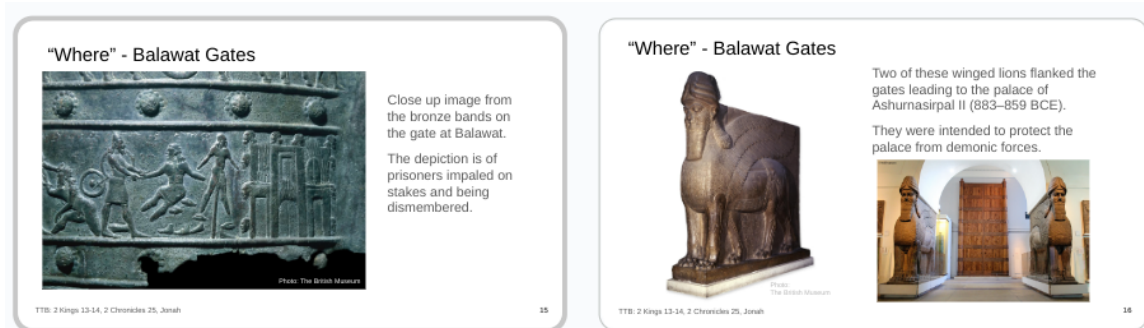
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13. THROUGH 17. Nineveh & Balawat Gates -

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- Nineveh
 - Modern-day Map of Nineveh
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Named for the god Nergal, it may have been used for some ceremonial purpose, as it is the only known gate flanked by stone sculptures of winged bull-men (lamassu). The reconstruction is conjectural, as the gate was excavated by Layard in the mid-19th century and reconstructed in the mid-20th century.

Source: [wikipedia.org-Nineveh](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Nineveh)

- Balawat Gates, Bronze Bands, and Winged Lions Flanking Gates - similar to what Jonah would have seen in Nineveh

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18. HIGHLIGHT - GOD'S MERCY [PPT]

Highlight - God's Mercy

<p>For Israel (2 Kings 13:22-25)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● OPPRESSION by King Hazael of Aram (during reign of Jehoahaz) ● God had COMPASSION on Them ● He turned TOWARD them because of His COVENANT <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ He didn't destroy them ○ He didn't banish them from His PRESENCE ● PROMISE/PROPHECY Fulfilled <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ As Elisha said, Jehoash DEFEATED Ben-Hadad three times ○ RECOVERED the cities of Israel 	<p>For Nineveh (Jonah 3:4-10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Jonah warned that the city would be demolished in 40 days ● The people believed God ● Culture-wide REPENTANCE by Kingly Decree - fasting, calling out to God, & TURNED from evil ways ● God RELENTED from the disaster he had threatened them with <p style="text-align: center;"><i>"MERCY is not a matter of merit; it is GOD'S GIFT."</i></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><small>-She Reads Truth Bible</small></p>
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For Israel (2 Kings 13:22-25)

2 KINGS 13:22-25 CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE (CSB)

God's Mercy on Israel

22 King Hazael of Aram **oppressed** Israel throughout the reign of Jehoahaz, 23 but the LORD was gracious to them, had **compassion** on them, and turned **toward** them because of his **covenant** with Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. He was not willing to destroy them. Even now he has not banished them from his **presence**.

24 King Hazael of Aram died, and his son Ben-hadad became king in his place.

25 Then Jehoash son of Jehoahaz took back from Ben-hadad son of Hazael the cities that Hazael had taken in war from Jehoash's father Jehoahaz. Jehoash **defeated Ben-hadad three times** and recovered the cities of Israel.

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For Nineveh (Jonah 3:4-10)

JONAH 3:4-10 CHRISTIAN STANDARD BIBLE (CSB)

4 Jonah set out on the first day of his walk in the city and proclaimed, "In forty days Nineveh will be demolished!"

*5 Then the people of Nineveh believed God. They **proclaimed a fast** and dressed in sackcloth—from the greatest of them to the least.*

6 When word reached the king of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

7 Then he issued a decree in Nineveh:

By order of the king and his nobles: No person or animal, herd or flock, is to taste anything at all. They must not eat or drink water.

*8 Furthermore, both people and animals must be covered with sackcloth, and everyone must call out earnestly to God. Each must **turn** from his evil ways and from his wrongdoing.[a]*

9 Who knows? God may turn and relent; he may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish.

*10 God saw their actions—that they had turned from their evil ways—**so God relented** from the disaster he had threatened them with. And he did not do it.*

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19. LESSONS FROM JEHOASH & AMAZIAH* [PPT]

*Warren Wiersbe Expository Outlines

Lessons from Jehoash & Amaziah*

Jehoash - Lost Opportunity (2 Kings 13)

- Did what was evil in God's sight.
- Defeated the king of Judah, Amaziah.
- Elisha gave him a golden opportunity to defeat Syria once and for all, but he failed to use his opportunity.
- Wrong decisions today often mean defeat tomorrow.

Amaziah - Defeat by Pride (1 Kings 14) (2 Chron 25)

- Good start by obeying the Lord.
- God gave him great victories in Edom, but he worshiped their heathen gods.
- Idolatry and pride led him to "meddle" with Jehoash, the king of Israel.
- Result: Judah was soundly defeated by Israel; Jerusalem was partly destroyed, and the Lord's treasury emptied
- Had Amaziah remained in his own land and given God the glory for his victories, he would not have become captive to Israel.

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Jehoash — Lost Opportunity (2 Kings 13)

In the first nine verses, we read of Jehoahaz, Jehoash's father. Do not confuse this Jehoash (or Joash) with the young king of Judah in chapters 11-12. This Jehoash was king of Israel and **did what was evil in God's sight**. We will see in **2 Kings 14:8-14** that this king defeated the king of Judah, **Amaziah**. During his reign, Jehoash came into contact with the prophet Elisha just before the man of God died. **Elisha gave him a golden opportunity to defeat Syria once and for all, but he failed to use his opportunity**. **2Ki 13:25** tells us that he won only three times. How tragic it is when we fail to take advantage of the great opportunities the Lord gives us. **Wrong decisions today often mean defeat tomorrow**. The unusual miracle of **2Ki 13:20-21** suggests the powerful influence a godly man can have even after his death.

Amaziah — Defeat by Pride (2 Kings 14) (2 Chron 25)*

This king got off to a good start by **obeying the Lord** and avenging the murder of his father Joash (**2Ki 14:5, and see 2Ki 12:20**). Note his strict obedience to God **Deu 24:16 in 2Ki 14:6**. **God gave him great victories in Edom**, but **2Ch 25:14-16** tells us that he brought back with him the heathen gods of Edom and worshiped these gods of the defeated enemy. This combination of **idolatry and pride** led him to "meddle" with **Jehoash**, the king of Israel (**see 2Ki 13:10-13**), and challenge him to a war (**2Ki 14:8**). The king of **Israel** was too wise to fear the threat. As his clever parable in **2Ki 14:9-10** indicates, Amaziah was but a little thistle. The result? **"Pride goes before destruction and a haughty spirit before a fall"** (**Pro 16:18**). **Judah** was soundly defeated by Israel; **Jerusalem** was partly destroyed, and the Lord's treasury emptied. **Had Amaziah**

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20. LESSONS FROM JONAH* [PPT]

*Warren Wiersbe Expository Outlines

Lessons from Jonah*

- I. Resignation — The Lesson of God's Patience
 - A. The causes of his backsliding were many
 - B. The course of his backsliding was downward
 - C. The consequences of his backsliding were tragic
- II. Repentance — The Lesson of God's Pardon
- III. Revival — The Lesson of God's Power
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Jonah*

That Jonah was an actual person in history is verified by 2Ki 14:25, where we find his prophecy that Jeroboam II would expand his kingdom. This message certainly made him a popular preacher. But when God called Jonah to preach to the city of Nineveh, the capital of the Assyrian empire, then the prophet rebelled. History tells us that the Assyrians were a cruel and heartless people who thought nothing of burying their enemies alive, skinning them alive, or impaling them on sharp poles under the hot sun. "If the city of Nineveh is going to be overthrown, then let it be overthrown," argued Jonah. "I would rather disobey God than see my enemies saved from judgment." In the four chapters of his book, Jonah traces his experiences and the lessons that he learned.

I. Resignation — The Lesson of God's Patience (1)

Instead of going to Nineveh, Jonah ran in the opposite direction. He fled "from the presence of the Lord," which means that he resigned his prophetic office. Jonah knew that he could not run away from God's presence, but he could resign his calling and stop preaching. He became a backslidden prophet.

A. The causes of his backsliding were many

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First, he had the **wrong attitude** toward God's will; he thought it was something difficult and dangerous. And he had the **wrong attitude toward witnessing**; he thought he could "turn his witnessing on and off" when he wanted to, and did not realize that he was witnessing either against or for the Lord no matter where he was. He also had the **wrong attitude toward his enemies**: he *wanted* to see them perish.

B. The course of his backsliding was downward

Down to Joppa, **down** into the ship, **down** into the sea, and **down** into the great fish. **Disobedience always leads downward**. But note that often things seem to "work out" even for a backslidden believer, for the ship was waiting for him and he had the money to pay the fare. He was so at peace that he was even able to go to sleep in the storm!

C. The consequences of his backsliding were tragic

He lost God's voice, for now God had to speak to him in a storm. He **lost his spiritual energy** and went to sleep in the hold of the ship. He lost his power in prayer, and even his desire to pray. The heathen were praying, but Jonah was sleeping. He lost his testimony with the men on the ship, and he lost his influence for good, because he was the cause of the storm. He also almost lost his life. **But how patient and long-suffering the Lord was with him.**

II. Repentance — The Lesson of God's Pardon (2)

Jonah was first of all chastened under the loving hand of God. **Jonah admitted it was God who cast him into the sea, not the hands of the sailors (Jon 2:3)**. When trials and afflictions come to us because of our sins, it is important that we **acknowledge God's working**. Read **Heb 12:5-11** to see the meaning of divine chastening. Next Jonah was convicted of his sins, and this, after all, is the **purpose of chastening** — to bring us to the place of **conviction and confession**. He lost the presence of God (**Jon 2:4; see Psa 51:11**); he **admitted** he had **believed the devil's lies (Jon 2:8)**; and he **showed true sorrow for his sins (Jon 2:9)**. In faith he asked God for His forgiveness, looking toward the temple (**Jon 2:4**) as **the OT Jew was taught to do ***JT: As the Jewish people still do to this day*** (2Ch 6:36-39)**. This is equivalent to our **1Jn 1:9**. God cleansed Jonah and gave him another chance.

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9 If we confess our sins, he is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

According to **Heb 12:5-11**, there are several ways Christians may respond to the chastening of God: we may **despise it**, as Jonah did for three days, and **refuse to confess**; we may **faint and give up**; or we may **endure God's chastening, confess our sins, and trust Him to work everything out for our good and His glory**. To rebel against the hand of God is to ask for trouble. Jonah submitted, prayed, and trusted, and God forgave him.

III. Revival — The Lesson of God's Power (3)

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The key word in this chapter is “great.” Jonah came to the great city to preach the message of God. There were nearly a million people in and around Nineveh, and the city itself had great walls and towers. It was the center of the rising empire of Assyria. But it was a sinful city (read [Nah 3:1-19](#)) because the Assyrians were a ruthless, cruel people who had no pity for their enemies. “Violence” ***JT: Interesting note: In Hebrew (and used in this verse) the word for “violence” is Hamas (חַמָּס).*** was their chief sin ([Jon 3:8](#)). God gave Jonah a great commission, to preach to these Gentiles that they could escape the wrath of God and be forgiven. What a message! Jonah had to overcome his sinful prejudices to preach this message. Then, God performed a great change in the city, for from the king to the lowest citizen, there were expressions of fear and repentance. Two things contributed to this: Jonah’s message and the miracle of Jonah’s deliverance from the great fish, the news of which certainly reached this city. It took three days to get through Nineveh, but revival came the very first day of Jonah’s ministry. The people “believed God” ([Jon 3:5](#)), proving their faith by their works of contrition. And God forgave them. This was undoubtedly one of the greatest evangelistic harvests in history. It shows what the Lord can do with a frail human instrument willing to preach God’s message.

Jesus used Nineveh to illustrate an important point ([Mat 12:38-41](#)). He had preached to that generation for three years and had reinforced His message with His miracles, yet they would not repent and believe. The Ninevites heard *one* sermon from *one* preacher, and that sermon emphasized wrath, not love — yet they repented and were forgiven. The Jews ***JT: Especially the Jewish leadership, who were responsible for the people. See [Matthew 21:45](#)*** heard the Son of God for three years, heard the message of God’s forgiveness, yet refused to repent. Certainly theirs will be the greater condemnation.

IV. Rebellion — The Lesson of God’s Pity (4)

Had you been writing this last chapter, you probably would have shown Jonah in the city of Nineveh, carefully teaching the people and helping them in their spiritual decisions. Instead of meeting a rejoicing preacher, we meet a rebellious preacher, angry at the people and angry at God. We see an adult acting like a child, a believer acting like an unbeliever. We see Jonah sitting outside the city, trying to make himself comfortable, and actually hoping that God’s judgment will fall on the people. Here is an amazing thing: God sent a great awakening under the preaching of a man who did not even love the souls of the people he preached to!

This is the key lesson of the book: God’s love and pity for lost souls. Jonah felt sorry for himself, and even felt sorry for the plant that sheltered him and then died, but he had no heartfelt love or pity for the multitudes in the city of Nineveh. It is possible to serve the Lord and yet not love the people. How unlike Jesus Christ he is in this chapter, for Jesus looked upon a city of lost souls and wept. God could control the wind and waves in [Jon 1:1-17](#), the fish in [Jon 2:1-10](#), and the gourd, worm, and wind in [Jon 4:1-11](#), but He could not control Jonah without the prophet’s surrender.

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Everything in nature obeys the Word of God except human beings, and human beings have the greatest reason to obey. It would seem that Jonah did get right with God, confess his sins, and continue his ministry. And God did spare the city of Nineveh for another century and a half.

Some think of Jonah is a type of Jesus Christ (Mat 12:39-41) in His death, burial, and resurrection. Christ was greater than Jonah in His person (He is the Son of God), His outreach (the whole world, not one city), His sacrifice (He did die to save others), and His love for those who did not deserve it.

Matthew 12

39 He answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation demands a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was in the belly of the huge fish[a] three days and three nights, so the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights. 41 The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at Jonah's preaching; and look—something greater than Jonah is here.

Some also see in Jonah a picture of the Jewish nation: disobedient; cast out of the land; "swallowed up" by the sea of Gentiles; preserved in spite of opposition; brought back again and given another chance. ***JT: This analogy is particularly apropos given that he was a Jewish prophet preaching to a Gentile nation about the need for repentance in the name of the God of Israel.***


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21. HIGHLIGHTS - "JONAH - LESSONS FROM A MAN WHO RAN" [PPT]

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