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Jonah

Matthew 12:39-40

He answered, "A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."

JONAH LOCATION MAP

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Tarshish ☆
An unknown port city in the Western region of the Mediterranean (1:3), i.e. in the opposite direction to Nineveh.

Joppa ☆
A port city in Judah (1:3), where Jonah disobediendly boarded a ship for Tarshish.

Nineveh ☆
"That great city" (1:2), namely the capital of Assyria and home to 120,000 of Israel's enemies (as well as many cattle). Also, the mission destination of Jonah.

The great fish (1:17)

The Assyrian king (3:6)

The Temple (2:4,7)

Map labels: FRANCE, ITALY, SPAIN, TURKEY, ASSYRIA, ISRAEL, BABYLONIA, EGYPT, JUDAH, Gath-hepher, Jerusalem, Joppa, Tarshish?, Mediterranean Sea.

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Chapter 1 – Jonah runs from God

Chapter 2 – Jonah prays to God

Chapter 3 – Jonah obeys God

Chapter 4 – Jonah pouts to God

Jonah 1:2-5

“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. Then the Lord sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up.” All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.

Jonah 1:13-15

“Instead, the men did their best to row back to land. But they could not, for the sea grew even wilder than before. Then they cried out to the Lord, “O Lord, please do not let us die for taking this man’s life. Do not hold us accountable for killing an innocent man, for you, Lord, have done as you pleased. Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the raging sea grew calm.”

Jonah 2:2-9

“In my distress I called to the Lord, and he answered me. From the depths of the grave I called for help, and you listened to my cry. You hurled me into the deep, into the very heart of the seas, and the currents swirled about me; all your waves and breakers swept over me. I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.’ The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. To the roots of the mountains I sank down; the earth beneath barred me in forever. But you brought my life up from the pit, O Lord my God.” When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, Lord, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. “those who cling to worthless idols forfeit grace that could be theirs. But I, with a song of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to you. What I have vowed I will make good. Salvation comes from the Lord.”

Jonah 3:4

4On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.”

Jonah 3:10

“When God saw what they did and how they had turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

God called Jonah.

Jonah ran away.

God sent a storm.

The sailors throw Jonah overboard.

The storm ends.

The sailors worship God.

God sends the great fish.

Jonah spends three day and three nights inside the fish.

God saves Jonah.

Jonah finally goes to Nineveh.

He preaches a four word sermon.

The whole city repents.

God relents.

And the greatest revival in the history of the world takes place.

Jonah 4:2-3

“He prayed to the Lord, “O Lord, is this not what I said when I was still at home? That is why I was so quick to flee to Tarshish. I knew that you are gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abounding in love, a God who relents from sending calamity. Now, O Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

Jonah 4:9-10

“I am angry enough to die.” “But the Lord said, “you have been concerned about this vine, though you did not tend to it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. But Nineveh has more than a hundred twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and many cattle as well. – Should I not be concerned about that great city?”

It's all about God.

God is sovereign over all things.

God chooses to do his work through his people.

God is a loving and gracious Savior.