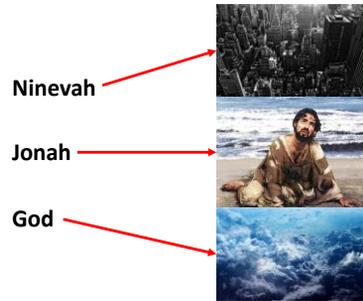


# Jonah



Ninevah



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- One of the Capitals of the Assyrian empire
- Assyrian a violent and warring people, run by the military classes
- Forced relocation of people from conquered lands
- Largest city in the world at the time of Jonah
- Its destruction is well foretold in the books of Nahum and Zephaniah
- A place of depravity and barbarism.

## Ninevah

Nahum 3:1- 3

Woe to the bloody city, all full of lies and plunder-  
- no end to the prey! The crack of the whip,  
and rumble of the wheel, galloping horse  
and bounding chariot! Horsemen charging,  
flashing sword and glittering spear, hosts of slain,  
heaps of corpses, dead bodies without end-- they  
stumble over the bodies!



## Ninevah



- What are the things that God is asking us to do this year?
- Have we asked God?
- Are these things going to be hard and a challenge?
- If God is involved we will achieve them

## Ninevah

Matthew 5 14 – 16

“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden. Nor do people light a lamp and put it under a basket, But on a stand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see you good works and give glory to your father who is in heaven”



## Jonah



- Chosen by God
- Asked to do a hard task
- Anointed
- Close Relationship with God
- Repentant Heart

## Jonah

- Chosen by God

Jonah 1:1

“And the word came to Jonah”



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**Ephesians 1 4-5**

“For he chose us in Him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love he predestined us to be adopted as his sons through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will – To praise his glorious grace which he has freely given to us.”



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• **Asked to do a Hard task**

Jonah 1 1:2

"Arise go to Ninevah, and Call out against it"



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• **Anointed**

Jonah 1 14-16

"Therefore they (The sailors) called out to the LORD, "O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you O LORD, have done as it please you" So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased its raging. Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows"



Jonah

• **Anointed**

Jonah 3 4-6

"Jonah began to go in to the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "yet forty days and Ninevah shall be overthrown!" and the people of Ninevah believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them."



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• **Close relationship with God**

Jonah 4 1-10

"But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"



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Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered.



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When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. And should I not pity Nineveh, the great city?"



So we to are promised a close relationship with the Father.

Romans 8 12-17

So then, brothers, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh. For if you live according to the flesh you will die, but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him.

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I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

1 Peter 4 10–11



"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen."

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### •Repentant Heart

Jonah 2 2:9

"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.' The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head at the roots of the mountains.



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If we know Christ these are true for us:

- We are Chosen by God
- We are asked to do hard things
- We are Anointed
- We are able to have a Close Relationship with God
- With a repentant heart we are able to be forgiven

2 Corinthians 5:20

"We're Christ's representatives. God uses us to persuade men and women to drop their differences and enter into God's work of making things right between them. We're speaking for Christ himself now: Become friends with God; he's already a friend with you."



## God



- He used Jonah
- He asked Jonah to do a difficult thing
- He is real and he acted
- He has love and compassion
- He keeps his promises
- He has an Awesome Eternal perspective.

## Jonah.

2014 is going to be an amazing year of challenges and victories, a year where we see his hand at work and we grow in him.

Lets commit ourselves to him and what he is going to do this year with us and through us.

