



GOD CALLING

JONAH 1



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1 The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me." 3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

WHO WAS JONAH?

- 2KINGS 14:25

- AMITTAI – “GOD IS TRUTH”!
- PREACHED DURING PROSPEROUS REIGN OF JEROBOAM
- RESTORED LAND AND BORDERS... VICTORIES...
- THEY HAD EVERYTHING EXCEPT GOD
- AND ONE DAY, “ARISE, GO TO NINEVEH...”



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0 100 Km.



Caspian Sea

ASSYRIAN
•Nineveh
EMPIRE

Mediterranean Sea

ISRAEL
•Jerusalem

Joppa

JUDAH

Euphrates River
Tigris River

River

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ASSYRIANS - NINEVEH

- TOOK CAPTIVE THE NORTHERN TRIBES
 - MOST INHUMANE OF ANCIENT CULTURES
 - KNOWN FOR CRUELTY & VIOLENCE
 - 60 FOOT WALLS, POWERFUL AND PROUD
 - NAHUM – DEN OF LIONS (2:11,12)

GOD'S HEART FOR...

- NINEVEH? WHY CARE ABOUT SUCH PEOPLE?
 - GOD IS BROKENHEARTED OVER OUR SINS
 - IMMEDIATE CONSEQUENCES – LOSS OF HIM
 - GOD IS PATIENT AND PASSIONATE JN 3:16
 - CALLS US WITH WORD AND WARNINGS
 - ESTABLISHES PEOPLE OF THE “GAP” EZK 22:30

GOD'S HEART FOR...

- “CRY AGAINST... THE WICKEDNESS”
 - NOT TO ADDRESS SINFUL ACTION IS NOT LOVE!
 - CALLING SINNERS TO REPENT
 - WE DO NOT CALL OUT OF HIGH STANDING...
 - ...BUT RATHER HUMILITY AND SACRIFICE!

GOD'S HEART FOR...

- JONAH RAN:

- NOT FROM THE MISSION...
- BUT FROM GOD'S PRESENCE!!!
- ROSE UP TO FLEE...
- WENT DOWN TO JOPPA...
- PAID THE FARE



John 17:

20 ¶ "I do not ask on behalf of these alone, but for those also who believe in Me through their word; 21 that they may all be one; even as You, Father, are in Me and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe that You sent Me. 22 "The glory which You have given Me I have given to them, that they may be one, just as We are one; 23 I in them and You in Me, that they may be perfected in unity, so that the world may know that You sent Me, and loved them, even as You have loved Me.

GOD'S HEART

- GOD WAS WILLING TO SEND HIS SON:
 - TO REACH THE LOST
 - TO DIE FOR OUR SINS
 - TO RISE FROM THE DEAD, CONQUER DEATH
 - TO SEND THE HOLY SPIRIT
 - SO WE WILL TELL THE LOST.. CRY OUT!!!