

A Ride To The Greatest Revival



A Bible Study On The
Old Testament Book Of
Jonah
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**1 Corinthians 15:57 But thanks be to God,
which giveth us the victory through our
Lord Jesus Christ.**

Intro

I hope you enjoy reading this as much as I have enjoyed studying and writing my thoughts and the wonderful messages that God has for all of us in His precious word. I believe I was lead by the Sprit of God to fined out more about such a short book of the Bible but, it says it all about most of us as Christian believers.

I myself ran for many years from God but, never could I hide from His love for me and for sure not hide from His presence .

God could have used someone else besides Jonah to accomplished what He had for him to do but, God was merciful with Jonah, just as God was merciful with the people of Nineveh.

God put Jonah in the darkest place with nowhere else to turn except to Him.

Jonah thought his life was over but, God had other ideas.

God could have used someone else to get what he wanted me to accomplish for Him but, He was merciful to me just as God was merciful to all of my family.

When I thought my life was over, God was there to rescue me.

Psalms 40:2 He brought me up also out of an horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.

When there is nothing left but God, that's when you find that God is all you need.

May God add a special blessing to each that read this little book. Love in Christ Jesus

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Whether it's the Old Testament or the New, God always has a message for us to live by. The text we are about to study has most of the time been portrayed as being a fictional story with fictional characters, but this really happened with very real people because it is God's word. It was and still is I believe the biggest revival of all time and deals with every issue on how He works in each of His children to get His will done and shows His marvelous grace and mercy for all.

We are going to look at the Old testament book of Jonah and look at the life and times of this man who speaks for most of us in listening to God's will. Lets began reading in chapter 1 and read through verse 5.

1. Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
2. Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.
3. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.
4. But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.
5. Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea,

to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

In verse 1 its really astounding that Jonah's name means "Dove" and his father Amittai means "My Truth" You put those together and you see that Jonah's by name, was to be a messenger of the Truth.

All born again Christians are messengers of the Truth. I think sometimes or most of the time we forget that. Its our duty as a Christian to tell others about the grace and goodness of God.

Jonah, I don't believe knew about God's grace towards all people.

If he did, he for sure didn't want God to shed His grace on the people of Nineveh. God said in verse 2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; What God was saying was to tell those people to repent and turn from their wicked way. But we see in verse 3 that Jonah didn't want to here that, he didn't want to do what God had told him to do, and he thought he was fleeing from the Lord and that God would get someone else to go I suppose.

You see there were reasons I believe that Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh.

I think Jonah was afraid to go first of all.

You see what God said in verse 2, for their wickedness is come up before me.

The people of Nineveh were for sure wicked and ruthless.

We see in the book of Nahum in chapter 3:1 thru 3

The Bible says: 1. Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not;

2. The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the prancing horses, and of the jumping chariots. 3. The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcasses; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses:

I read what some historians said about these people and I found that the city of Nineveh was the largest city in the world at that time and the capital of the Assyrian empire.

When you entered into that great city you were to do as they do and abide by their laws. As you entered in one of the gates there were piles of bones and dead bodies of the one's that didn't abide by their laws. They did that as a reminder for the visitors and an example of what could happen to them. I believe also that Jonah wanted God's judgement to come upon them because he knew them first hand and maybe had some friends killed by them at some point in time. In any case Jonah was going to run in the opposite direction of what he considered was from His presents and to disobey God's request.

We must never ever forget that God's love is for all of us and all have sinned and fall short of His glory. Remember what Romans 5:8. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.

I'm am really surprised at some folks or some church's for that matter. I have seen this happen and I'm sure you have to. Some will look at you or make some comment that makes you feel that if you don't go to their church you are not save and their church is the only one that's teaching about the real gospel.

Sad as it seems its true. They go around talking about so and so and what they are doing and how they teach or present the gospel and they are building this or building that or sending someone on a mission trip and why they are spending all that money on getting the gospel to some foreign land.

They really forgot that we all serve the same God. Lets set the denominations and all the independent church's aside and go on and grow up Spiritually instead of still feeding on milk as a baby Christian and love one another and help each other in our growth in the Lord. I would say that Jonah thought the people of Nineveh could never be saved. I'd say that a lot of folks didn't think God could save me. I wasn't worth Him dying for but, He did.

None of us are good and the Bible says no not one. Don't ever think that God only loves some and not others.

For God so loved the world,

that's all that was born past, present and future. That's amazing grace, amazing love.

Now another thing that's amazing is that God was speaking to Jonah on a personal bases. Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah in verse 1. You know what? That's all God has ever wanted from us was a personal relationship from back in the Garden of Eden when He visited Adam and Eve. He walked with them in the cool of the evening. But just like a lot of us Jonah had other plans because in verse 3 the Bibles says But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, Now Joppa was the main port at that time to where Jonah could catch a boat or ship to go to Tarshish and Tarshish was about 2000 miles in the opposite direction.

Give you an example is to imagine a Jewish man in New York during World War II. and God saying to him. I want you to go to Berlin and tell Nazi Germany to repent. Instead he goes to the West Coast and catches a ship going to China.

You notice that the Bibles says in verse 3 that he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it,

That tells me that you can invest your time and money in running from the Lord but, you will be very disappointed in the end if you think you can get away.

I believe down deep in his heart that Jonah knew he could not run from God and of course God knew that Jonah knew that.

But Jonah did in fact try to run and (next page)

Psalms 48:7 Thou breakest the ships of Tarshish with an east wind.

now God was going to deal with Jonah but what about the other men on the ship. That's just another one of God's plans that is going to unfold right before our eyes. Lets look at verse 4 and 5 4. But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. 5. Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

Now God had sent a great wind and storm in the sea and the Bible says "that the ship was like to be broken"

It was so strong that the ship was about to be torn apart and verse 5 says that "the Mariners were afraid."

Mariners means that they were professional sea man this wasn't the first time they had been out in a ship. They probably had run this same route many times to Tarshish and back. But it was like being on the Queen Mary cruise ship and a great storm came up and the Captain got afraid. Now that's scary in it self. They were so afraid that the Bible says in verse 5 that they cried out every man to his god.

Every man to his god? Sounds to me as if they all had different god's but, it seems their god was not going to help. Maybe their god was a deserter and left them on their own. It seems that way. They began to throw things over board to lighten the ships load hoping the storm would not tear it apart and sink. From experience it seems they had did that before and it helped in some of the storms they had been in the past. I suppose to ride the waves instead of letting the waves beat against ship and destroy it. But the storm was just to strong and this time was not going to help. I would say they knew they would die if it continued. Now where was Jonah while all of this was going on?

Last of verse 5 says he was below fast asleep. I believe the reason he was asleep, he thought that he really had gotten away from God's presence and more so didn't have to go to Nineveh and tell those murders to repent.

Wait a minute, while he was dreaming about the good people of Tarshish and was going to be in a safe place miles away from God's plan. He was awoken by the ships captain and told him to rise and call upon thy God so maybe He would look upon them to so they wouldn't perish.

Those men being professional and trusting their own skills many times to get their passengers to their destination safe and sound had tried everything they had learnt and still wasn't working

Psalm 20:6 Now know I that the Lord saveth his anointed; he will hear him from his holy heaven with the saving strength of his right hand.

and the situation had gotten so bad that they cried out to their own god's and they couldn't save them either. Given up on them selves and their god.

There was only Jonah's God left the only God that can help or save anyone that same and real God that lives today and forever. He is still saving people today through His Son Jesus Christ. He is still the God that's in control of the land and the sea and all of His creation. He can bring you out of any storm if you cry out to His Son Jesus. If your life has been torn apart by a terrible storm. God can put it back together through Jesus.

I believe that Jonah was mistaken, you see he didn't think that God could love the people of Nineivh

Jesus Christ Himself said about loving everyone in John 3:16,17,18

16. For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

17. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world; but that the world through him might be saved.

18. He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.

Its amazing but we have some of those kind of folks today. They think that God only loves them and everybody else is going to hell.

What is really amazing is that God loves all that has ever been born and will be born.

If anyone will believe on Him as those Mariners and it seems they repented also. I'm sure they began to believe on Jonah's God. Jonah Chapter 1 and verse 7 and began reading and the Bible says.

7. And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

8. Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? What is thy country? and of what people art thou?

9. And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.

10. Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him. Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.

They were looking for a answer as to why this was happening to them. So they began to cast lots, an example would be like the old game of spinning the bottle that some of us remember. It was a game teenage girls and boys used to play years ago at party's.

God gives us second chances and third and fourth chances. I'm sure glad He does. Aren't you?

You would use a soda bottle. Girls in one circle and boys in another with a bottle in the center of each group and you would spin it to see what girl and boy would kiss each other. Casting lots was basically the same principle. Except there was no kissing going on.

They were to point a finger at who was causing this deathly trouble on them. When they cast the lots guess who it landed on. That's right Jonah, and I believe that God had something to do with that. I wonder what Jonah thought when it fell upon him? You suppose he was thinking "Oh no God has found me." I would say that when it did fall upon Jonah that the look that those men gave him was not one of love and compassion. Those men gave him was not one of love and compassion.

You see in verse 8 that they began to question him on who he was and who was his God and when Jonah answered them in verse 9 I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land. In verse 10 the Bible tells us that the men were then exceedingly afraid. Why do you think they were more afraid now after he had answered them on who his God was?

Could it be that they were beginning to see and believe the true and living God.

Verse 10 also tells us that they knew Jonah was running from God's

presence because he had told them. I would say that a conversation had come up on what his business was in Tarshish. Jonah probably said something like I really don't have any business there I'm running from my God because he wanted me to go to Nineveh and tell those people to repent before it was too late and I'm not going there to be laughed at persecuted, and probably killed by those murderers because they are not worth it, so I'm going to hide out for a while and maybe He will forget.

The reaction from Jonah's testimony was probably hilarious at the time but, now his statement was coming back to their mind because remember they had given up all hope and was looking for a way out and a God that they could trust.

Isn't it the same story when things get really bad and it seems everything around us comes tumbling down. The storms get so bad we can't handle them anymore.

That's when we are on our knees asking God to come to our rescue.

Then sometimes we didn't trust Him enough to really believe that He would. Those storms might get water up to our necks but, God will come to our aid if we cry out to Him. I've always thought that if a person has never cried out to God at some point in their life,

Peter 1:7 That the trial of your faith, being much more precious than of gold that perisheth, though it be tried with fire, might be found unto praise and honour and glory at the appearing of Jesus Christ:

I would doubt their salvation. A child of God is never alone. God is only a cry away.

How about when things are going good. Do you thank Him for those moments of pleasure as in watching our children or grandchildren grow and how about living in a country where we can go next door or down the street and get a loaf of bread without being afraid we will be shot at. I would dare say that if a person never thanks God for everything then, how can they trust God.

When there is nothing left but God that's when you find out that God is all you need.

Lets see what happens next and began reading in verse 11 and read through verse 16 of chapter one of Jonah..11. Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.

12. And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

13. Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

14. Wherefore they cried unto the Lord, and said, We beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O Lord, hast done as it pleased thee.

15. So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

16. Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows.

Now here is an assume scene.

They were probably crowded around Jonah wet, cold and exalted and they ask him in verse 11 What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us?

It sounds as though they were afraid to just throw Jonah over board because,

they were beginning to believe that his God was the only God and if so, he was a man of God. But in verse 11 Jonah was saying , Yes its me that God wants not you guys so go ahead and throw me over board and the storm will stop and you will be safe. My God has found me and truth of the matter is I never could run from His presence anyway, so instead of all dying I will surrender to Him, if that's what His will is, I will die in this storm. But in verse 13 I believe they were all most convinced that Jonah's God was the real God to worship, the creator of the Heavens and the earth and all of creation. Because they contuined to fight the storm but it was taking a toll on them and the ship. As the last resort they would cast Jonah over board but only as last resort.

*Psalms 86:11 Teach me thy way, O Lord; I will walk in thy truth:
unite my heart to fear thy name.*

But all had failed and they were about to throw a man of God into a raging sea. Its wonderful to think that these men in verse 14 were asking forgiveness from the Lord for what they were about to do. Lets read that verse again and the Bible says 14. Wherefore they cried unto the Lord, and said, We beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O Lord, hast done as it pleased thee.

You know, it seems as though the Lord had spoken to them according to the last of that verse. O Lord hast done as it pleased thee.

It seems as though the human side of them was thinking about killing an innocent man and asking forgiveness for it but, on the other hand they wanted to please God and do His will.

Here is a passage that might sum up what they were thinking.

Psalms 115:3 But our God is in the heavens: he hath done whatsoever he hath pleased.

What ever pleases you Lord is what they were saying. The Lord has a way of getting things done doesn't He ?Jonah didn't realize it but his testimony of who he believed in caused others to, as the first part of verse 14 said "cried out to the Lord"

A lot of folks keep their testimony to themselves and never mention the goodness and mercy of our all and mighty God and what He has done for them.

Now more than ever we need to tell people about Christ our Lord. Jonah didn't want to go where the Lord wanted him to go because for another reason was that he didn't trust God to protect him and guide him through the storms maybe that was waiting for him in Nineveh. I am a firm believer in that you are indestructible until God has finished with you here on this Earth. God has a plan for all of us and He will get it done one way or another.

Most of the time we don't understand the way and route He takes to get it done but, you can rest assure that He will touch people all along the route He puts you on.

Now again, I wonder what was going through Jonah's mind at this point? Think he was afraid? Of course he was. I would say he thought this was it. God was going to take him home and he was going to die because he didn't do what God had ask him to do.

Lets read verse 15 and 16 again the Bible says, 15. So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging. 16. Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made VOWS.

Well they did it but, they had ask forgiveness before hand and on God's request, I believe.

After they threw Jonah over board low and behold the storm had stopped.

They feared the Lord very much and offered sacrifice unto the Lord and made vows. What do you think that means?

I think it means the sacrifice of one man saves a multitude. At that point they had excepted the Lord as their saviour and they offered sacrifice's to Him and vows saved us.

Iwould say that from that moment on they said that they would follow the Lord and do what ever He had for them to do and made a commitment to follow because He had saved them.

You see it was the disobedience of one man Adam that caused the rest of us to die but, it was the obedience of another that saved us.

That man Jesus Christ.

We have seen so far of God's marvelous way of dealing with people like ourselves and how He touches and even uses our disobedience in touching the lives of others.

I have a lot to learn about my walk with the Lord. It seems the more I study the less I really know. It took my walk in disobedience for many years to learn that He still uses old sinners like me to get what He wants done. God's timing is always right. Let me say this, if all would come to repentance that God has called,

there would be nothing for a Christian to do except praise Him each day.

But all did not and there is a lot of work to do and we still have some things that God sees in advance for all of us. We will have some people to talk to that we won't realize that God sent us there at that exact moment until later or maybe till we get to Glory!

But God will never send you to a person place or time unless first He has prepared the time and you before hand.

Now let's look at the and verse 17 and the Bible says. 17. Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Now the Lord had prepared , He had prepared Jonah, He had prepared the men on that ship to be at work that day. He had prepared the storm, He had prepared the casting of lots to fall on Jonah, He had prepared the hearts of those men by showing them the true and living God that Jonah and you and I believe in today and think about this if you will.

Now these men were going back home and tell their family's and friends about what had happen.

So God was preparing them also to believe on Him by their testimony. God gives all of us a testimony and its our duty as a child of His to share it with both believers and nonbelievers.

Why? Because it's an encouragement to the believer and a witness to the non believers.

It's a gift from God because of His mercy and grace.

It is a tool for which no body else has that God can use from each of His children.

I give my testimony every opportunity I have because, I am so glad God shed His grace on me and preserve me until the opportune time. He prepared me and my family for what He have us do. The old song, “He’s still working on me“.

As we move on to chapter 2 in Jonah we see that mostly all of this chapter is repentance. Jonah praises and cry's out to God from the belly of this great fish. When you read it. Its like reading in the book of Psalms. Then in verse 10 of chapter 2 the Bible says And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

You see, God didn’t send the great fish to punish Jonah. He prepared it to save him. I have said this before and I will say it again. We are indestructible until God has finished with us.

Now we are going to go to Chapter 3 and read a few verses and began in vers one and the Bible says.

1. And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying,
2. Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

Matthew 12:39 But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

3. So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

4. And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

The first verse of chapter 3 is one of my favorites of the whole Bible. The word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time. God gives us second chances and third and fourth chances. I'm sure glad He does. Aren't you?

The last of verse 2 God said to preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. Now lets look at Matthew 12:41 The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here. Its that just awesome? Think about this if you will. God sent Jonah to these people in Nineveh to tell them to repent and turn from their evil way

Jonah for sure didn't want to go because for one, he didn't want God to show His grace on them. Almost eight hundred years later He sent His own Son Jesus Christ in which He was God in the flesh to show His grace on all of mankind. It seems to me that all through the Old Testament God used men to get His will done but when He saved all that would believe on Him,

God's Taxi.



but when He saved all that would believe on Him,

He did it Him self because humans cant even come close in loving, understanding and showing mercy on people as our all and mighty God does, besides no one was worthy to pay that price for us but Jesus Christ.

Now it says in verse 3 and 4 that Jonah began to enter into Nineveh in one day and the Bible says it was a 3 day journey.

So Jonah, I would say came to his senses and ran for the great city of Nineveh. You would think that Jonah had ran a 3 day journey in one day but, that's not what the Bible means at all.

But I'm sure there was sand flying from his sandals. But this was a way of showing just how large of a city it really was. You could walk 20 miles in a day so to walk around the city of Nineveh it took 3 days so it was about 60 miles around it. It was as the Bible describes, a great city.

Jonah had gotten a ride from God by way of a great fish you could say it was "**God's Taxi**" and walk straight to the first gate he came to and entered it. History tells us that it had about 15 gates around it with big monuments on each side of the gates. The walls were 40 to 50 feet high and so the look out towers were about 100 feet high.

we have talked about how God has prepared things and paved the way for people to repent and look to Him for grace and mercy. Yes, God had prepared even the people of Nineveh for the arrival of Jonah. You might say, how in the world did He do that? God had preserved our history of the city of Nineveh and even used our scientist to accomplish their research as part of his plan. You see, there have been cases recorded even in the late 1800's of a man surviving in the belly of a whale. I suppose that's where we got the great fish as being a whale. The acid that's found inside a whale will bleach out the skin of a human, his hair and even turn his eyes a different color. Now Jonah was in that great fish for 3 days and nights the Bible says. I believe that's more than enough time to do that.

But how did God prepare the people of Nineveh ? History records that the people worshiped a fish goddess by the name of Nanshe (the daughter of Ea, the goddess of fresh water) and Dagon the fish God was represented as half man and half fish.

Now lets travel back in our minds to that very day when Jonah enters the gate of the great city and preaching repent or that Nineveh would be over thrown.

Can you possibly imagine after praying to a god by the name of Nanshe or better than that a half man half fish god by the name of Dagon and getting up from your knees and seeing a chalk white guy especially in the middle east,

Matthew 22:32 I am the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob? God is not the God of the dead, but of the living.



running down the street, smelling like a fish and crying repent!!!

Don't know about you but, I think I would listen to every word this man had to say. God had told Jonah what to preach according to verse 2 of chapter 3. And I'm certain Jonah was giving his testimony of how he serves the God that created the Heavens, the Earth and Sea.

It was God who instructed Jonah on what to preach, it was God who prepared everything thus far for a revival and now it was about to happen lets look at verse 5 of chapter 3 and the Bible says 5. So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

They were repenting the Bible says from the greatest to the least, from the white house to the poor house they were to believe on the real and true God.

That same God that lives today, the creator of the Heavens and the Earth and Sea.

And now verse 10 of chapter 3 and the Bible says 10. And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

God was about to destroy a great city and it seems every man, woman and child and animals also, I suppose every living thing because of the evil they were doing. But God forgave them because they turned from their evil way the Bible says. But what did Jonah think about that? Look at chapter 4 and verse 1 and the Bible says 1. But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. Jonah didn't like God showing His grace and mercy on those people one bit. Verse 2 of chapter 4 goes on to say that Jonah tells God that's the reason he ran away because he knew that God would show His mercy on those people. The Bible goes on to say in chapter 4 that God was about to show Jonah just how wrong he was in being angry. Jonah had gone upon a hill on the east side of the city and the Bible says made him a booth and sat under it to watch what was going to happen to the city. God had ask Jonah in verse 4 of chapter 4 Then said the Lord, Doest thou well to be angry?

Jonah was watching in hopes that God would change His mind and destroy the people instead of having mercy but God made Jonah an example in which he could see and hoping that he would understand even more about His love and grace for everyone. There could be many sermons preached on the shade tree and Jonah but, the reason that God made this demonstration was to show Jonah in simple terms that He love the world enough to show mercy

on the ones that repented and believed on Him.

The Bible says God prepared a tree to shade Jonah and that made Jonah happy because God was comforting him in his time of grief. Over night God prepared a worm to kill the tree. That day God prepared a east wind to, as the Bible puts it in verse 8 and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die

Lets read verse 10 and 11 of the finial verse and 4 chapter in which is the finial chapter of the book of Jonah and the Bible says 10. Then said the Lord, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured either madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11. And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, where in are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

God was saying to Jonah in a sense, you had pity for a plant that was here one day and gone the next day in which its only purpose was to comfort you for a short time and you don't have any feelings for 600.000 people and 120,000 of them are children and besides the cattle that's in Nineveh?

Mark 10:14 But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.

History tells us that the population of Nineveh was around 600,000 so God was talking about sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand.

In which that is 120,000 so that was children God was speaking of.

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It's God's will that all would be saved. The Bible says in Romans 10:9.

That if thou shalt confess with thy mouth the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. 10.

For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation

THE END



*Jonah 2:10 And the Lord spake unto the fish,
and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.*



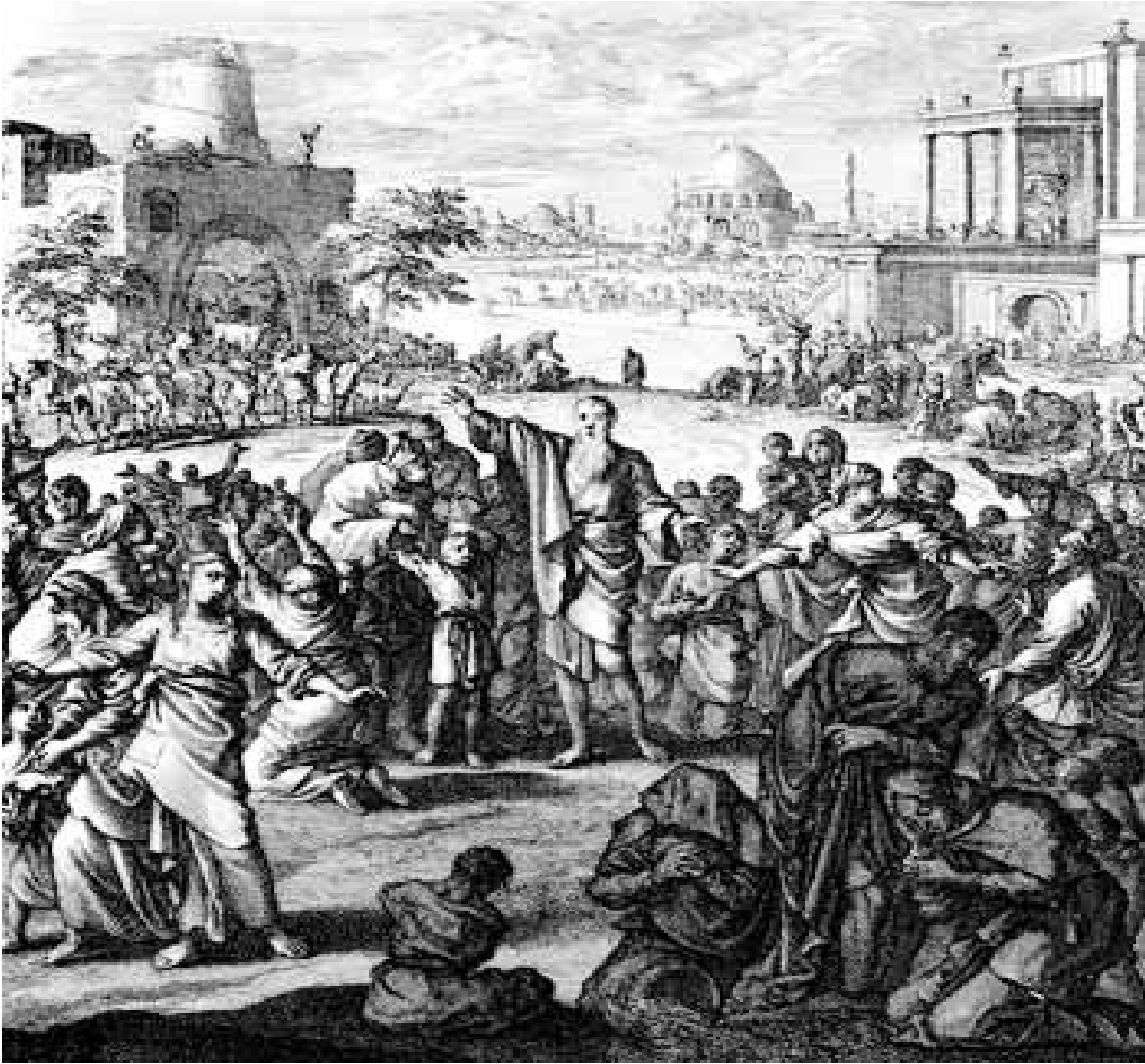
Jonah 1:5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them.

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Jonah 3:4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.



Jonah 1:5 But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.