



WEEKLY CHRISTIAN FOCUS

MORE LESSONS FROM JONAH AND EXCITING INFORMATION ABOUT NINEVEH!

God bless you and warm
Greetings in Jesus Christ!

We are continuing our study or
looking at the book of Jonah.
This is the last and final edition
we are doing on Jonah. The first
edition was WCF#129; if you have
not read it please request a free
pdf by email by emailing us here
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We are going to skip most of
chapter 2, where Jonah is in the
Fish's belly for three days and
nights! We are catching up with
him now as he ends his prayer
to God inside the Fish. We will
also be skipping chapter 4, as
this is the well known Jonah
Phenomenon lesson. **We are
focussing today on the Message
to Nineveh and also the city of
Nineveh itself.**

Jonah 2:9 But as for me, I
will sacrifice to You with the
voice of thanksgiving; I will
pay that which I have vowed.
Salvation and deliverance
belong to the Lord!

**10 And the Lord spoke to
the fish, and it vomited out
Jonah upon the dry land.**

Jonah has repented from his
disobedience and will **pay his
vows** to God, which only he and
God know about in this story.
The Lord 'spoke to the Fish'.
This is tremendous information
that this can even happen!

Jonah 3 : 1And the word of the
Lord came to Jonah the second

time, saying,

**2 Arise, go to Nineveh,
that great city, and
preach and cry out to it the
preaching that I tell you.**



3 So Jonah arose and went to
Nineveh according to the word
of the Lord. Now Nineveh
was an exceedingly great city
of three days' journey [sixty
miles in circumference].

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

*God was faithful to call Jonah
a second time to preach in
Nineveh! This time he obeys
probably very robustly and
with determination. He hadn't
wanted the job initially, but
after meeting the Storm and the
Fish he was now ready. God is
merciful to him.*

*God wanted this message of
potential destruction delivered
to the Ninevites. Nineveh was
the capital of the Assyrian
world empire. (The second
world empire of human history*

chronologically after Egypt).

'After God eventually turned Jonah
in the right direction, the prophet
obediently prophesied to the
people of Nineveh
while Ashurbanipal III
(685–633 BC) sat on
the throne of Assyria.
**Though Assyria had
been in a politically
weakened state
for some time, by
the time of Jonah
their cruelty to
captives and other
undesirables was
well-known in Israel, creating an
obvious need for Jonah's message
of repentance.'** Courtesy Chuck
Swindoll (links below)

*Nineveh was a huge city,
by ancient standards; here
the Amplified Classic Bible
tells us it was 60 miles in
circumference, this calculates
to 19.1 miles in diameter! Or as
the Bible says, it would take 6+
miles walking each day to get
through it, from east to west in
this story I believe. That is the
'three day's journey' in verse 3
above.*

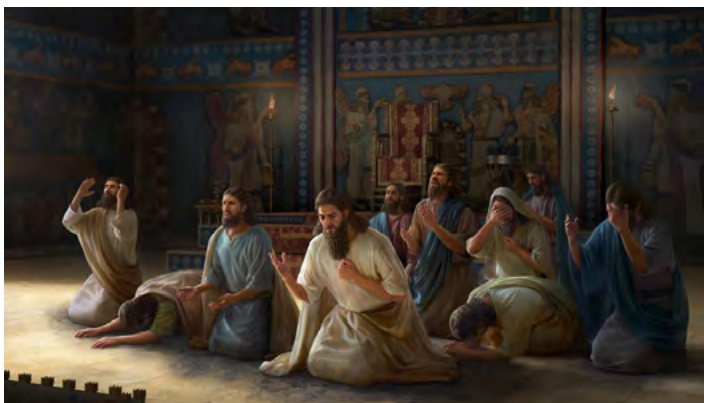
*So God's message was that
Nineveh would be 'overthrown'
after 40 days if they did
not repent of their evil and
violence. The Bible uses the
word 'overthrew' (KJV) often
when discussing Sodom and
Gomorrah and a few other*

places, or even individual people, see link below!

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



6 For word came to the king of Nineveh [of all that had happened to Jonah, and his terrifying message from God], and he arose from his throne and he laid his robe aside, covered himself with



sackcloth, and sat in ashes.
7 And he made proclamation and published through Nineveh, By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed nor drink water.
8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth and let them cry mightily to God. Yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.
9 Who can tell, God may turn and revoke His sentence against us [when we have met His terms], and turn away from His fierce anger so that

we perish not.
10 And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God revoked His [sentence of] evil that He had said that He would do to them and He did not do it [for He was comforted and eased concerning them]

Praise the Lord, so much wonderful information here in this chapter. The men of Nineveh upon hearing of their imminent destruction, and also hearing the King of Nineveh's proclamation, (verse 7) all turned with one full desperate heart from their evil and violence for which they were ancient-world famous!

They were so diligent and desperate that they covered themselves in sackcloth and cried mightily to God. Here the Word of God came to a people, an undoubtedly

wicked and historically violent people.



Now the people had already heard somehow about Jonah and the Fish and the message he was now bringing. The time was right, they knew something, (verse 6). The King knew this was the real deal, somehow his spirit sensed it, or the knowledge of Jonah's situation really got through to him. Time was up to continue to be wicked! They didn't know the Lord God, but now here for one unique time, **and out of nowhere, they had a chance to hear from God Himself through Jonah!** You will notice Jonah apparently did not even tell them to 'repent' he just told them about the judgment that was coming, and that they had 40 days to do something about it!

Sometimes that's what we need, more than being told to repent, just to be shown the judgement, the Spiritual axe, the Spiritual hammer and the disaster that is coming, may spur us to change.

Now that's about 1 month and 10 days only. Count that time forward on your diary and make a note, pretend you are a Ninevite for a moment, and write a note stating 'I will be overthrown and die on this day!' Then you may get a sense of the message of Jonah and God! Everybody obeyed the message, everyone obeyed Jonah and the King and God. From the least to the greatest, at least temporarily, there were no more class systems, rich or poor, just an absolute united terror of the terrifying message. The King (**Ashurbanipal III (772-754 BC)**) summed it all up very well in verse 9: **Who can tell,** God may turn and revoke His sentence against us [when we

have met His terms], and turn away from His fierce anger so that we perish not. Since we can't tell what God will do,, then this is our only chance to do this.

There was a slim chance perhaps, that they could show



God their repentance and God would turn away from His Anger towards them. They repented as wholeheartedly and dynamically as they were evil and violent before!

*What a message for this world, what a message for many cities! The message is already here in the Bible. There are cities around the world where murder is an everyday occurrence, child trafficking and child sacrifices are **common** in secret places (and not even so secret) from certain locations globally. Many places, towns and cities today need this message.*

However in the same breath, we can say some places have passed the point of no return.

*God turned away His anger (verse 10). He saw it was a genuine, wholehearted, life-changing repentance, a no-going-back repentance, which is quite rare to see today, but the men of Nineveh and their King managed it, thanks to Jonah and God's message! **So, God changed His mind**, as He likes to work with us. He looks how we respond to His*

Word as we discussed in the last edition 'Sensitive to the Truth'. God always wants to bless us and leave a blessing for us as He passes by. Even the 'Men of Nineveh!' They did it! Jesus mentions them here:

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.

NINEVEH

We cannot complete this article without a very important mention about Nineveh itself!

If you do not watch any other Christian video in your life connected to the Bible, then I recommend this one here. This dear brother (Joel) from the USA makes a trip to Nineveh and explains how the city was found (discovered again), how its final destruction has fulfilled Bible prophecy. He especially makes plain the size of the city in which Jonah moved. He also explores the history of the Assyrians and their almost full conquest of Israel and Judah with the exception of Jerusalem. There are many more very exciting things in this video.

Please bless this brother if you can and subscribe to his excellent work along with his family.

The remains of Nineveh are just outside Mosul in Iraq, a city which ISIS took full control of for some years in the recent wars. Go back in time with this man to Nineveh and also the Assyrian conquest of

Lachish in Judah. Learn how their writing was finally understood by western scholars relatively recently and revealed so many secrets that corresponded with all the Biblical accounts of the Assyrian invasions under King Sennacherib! God bless you.

Until next week,

Jerry for the WCF TEAM. (22)
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REPENTANCE, BUT HE HAS NOT PROMISED
TOMORROW TO YOUR PROCRASTINATION.”
— ST. AUGUSTINE OF HIPPO

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