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The Message of the Minor Prophets

Jonah: *“Salvation Belongs to the Lord”*

Jonah 1

Now the word of [Yahweh] came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² “**Arise, go to Nineveh**, that great city, and call out against it, for their **evil** has come up before me.” ³ But Jonah **rose to flee** to Tarshish from the presence of [Yahweh]. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of [Yahweh].

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⁴ But [Yahweh] **hurled** a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship [**feared** it would be broken up]. ⁵ Then the mariners were **afraid**, and each cried out to his god. And they **hurled** the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep.

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¹⁰ Then the men were **exceedingly afraid** and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of [Yahweh], because he had told them. ¹¹ Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.

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¹² He said to them, “Pick me up and **hurl** me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.”

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¹³ Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.

¹⁴ Therefore they called out to [Yahweh], “O [Yahweh], let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O [Yahweh], have done as it pleased you.”

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¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and **hurled** him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶ Then the men **feared [Yahweh] exceedingly**, and they offered a sacrifice to [Yahweh] and made vows.

¹⁷ And [Yahweh] appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²
“**Arise, go to Nineveh**, that great city, and call out against it the
message that I tell you.” ³ **So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh**,
according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was a [great city
belonging to God], three days' journey in breadth.

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⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵ And the people of Nineveh 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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¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their **evil** way, God relented of the **disaster** that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

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But [this was **exceedingly evil** to Jonah], and he was angry. ² 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**.”

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³ Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.” ⁴ And the Lord said, “[Is it right for you to be angry]?”

⁵ 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.

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⁶ 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. ⁷ But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered.

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⁸ 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.” ⁹ But God said to Jonah, “[Is it right for you to be angry over] the plant?” And he said, “Yes, [it is right for me to be angry], angry enough to die.”

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¹⁰ 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. ¹¹ And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”

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Core Application Question:

- ❖ Do we see our enemies with the eyes of God?
 - Do we love our enemies, as Jesus calls us to do?

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Further Application Questions:

1. What do we learn about God?
2. What do we learn about mankind?
3. How does this point to Jesus and the gospel?
4. What are my personal takeaways?

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❖ What do we learn about God?

➤ His sovereignty over all

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❖ What do we learn about God?

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➤ His heart for the nations

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Application 2

❖ What do we learn about ourselves?

➤ We are like the pagan gentiles

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❖ What do we learn about ourselves?

➤ We are like the pagan gentiles

➤ We are like Jonah

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Application 3

❖ How does this point to Jesus and the gospel?

➤ Jesus is our prophet

➤ Jesus is our substitute

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