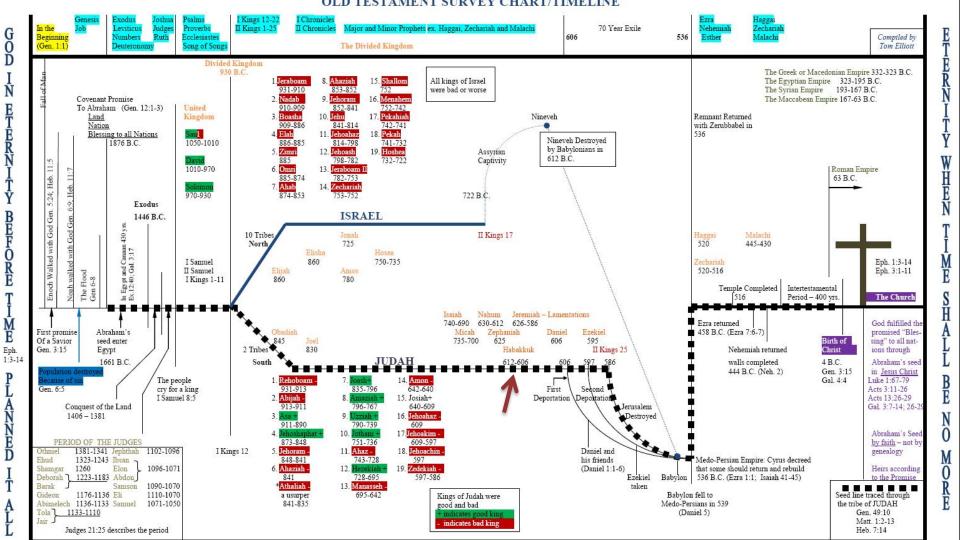


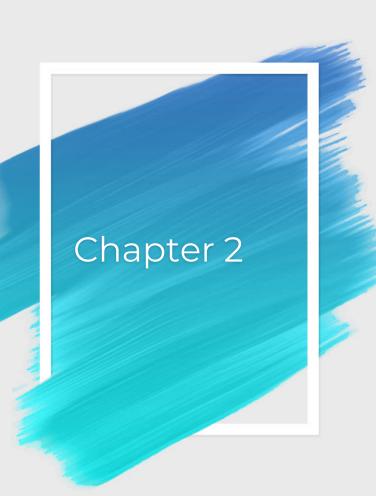


- >Habakkuk (chabhaqquq) means "embrace,"
- The church fathers think that He was from the tribe of Levi based upon the presence of the musical song at the end of the third chapter.
- >He lived during the rule of King Jehoiakim
- >The Prophecies of Habakkuk were probably written between B.C. 612 -605

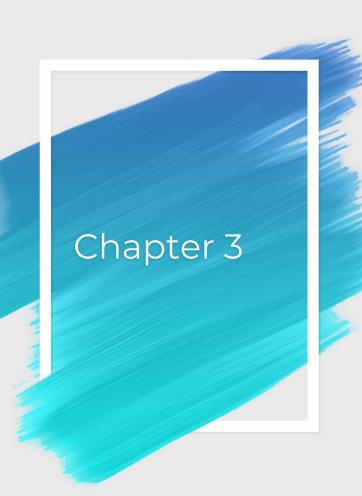




- (V 1-5) Habakkuk complained about the violence and he questioned God for the injustice towards the people of Israel.
- V (6 − 11 ) God answered by letting Habakkuk prophesy
- (V 12-17) Again the prophet appeal to God, Now that he is aware of the punishment But still questioning how God is holy, yet allows this punishment by the hand of wicked people



- Habakkuk must wait in faith.
- Judgments upon the Chaldeans.
- > Judgments upon drunkenness and idolatry.

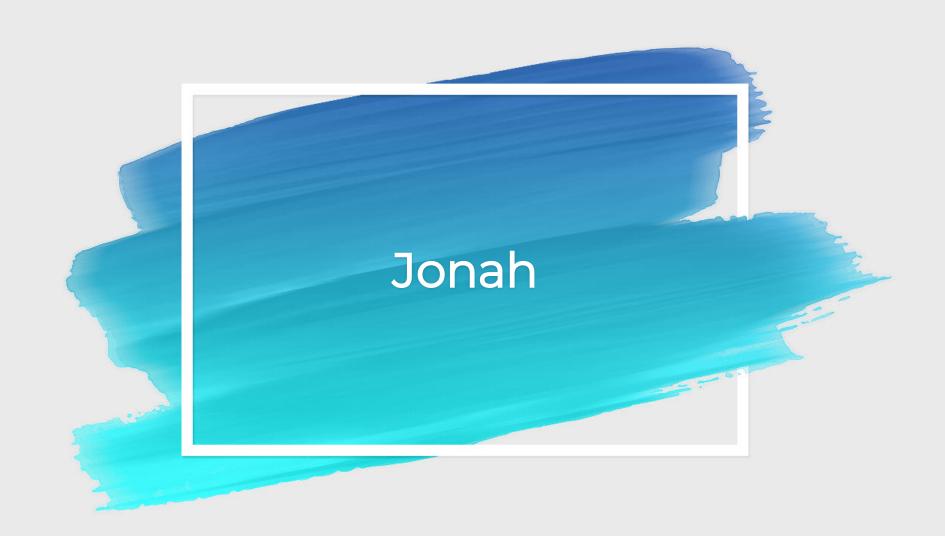


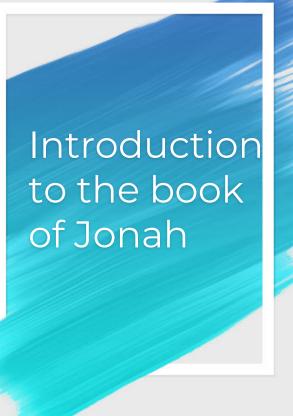
# Habakkuk's Prayer

- Habakkuk prayed for revival.
   He knew how God once
   worked and how His people
   once responded.
- Habakkuk wanted to witness this again.



- The servant heart is always open to God carrying his own burdens along with his children problems and put them infront of God until he realize God purpose and solutions.
- The servants heart should be open towards his children .The servant should feel their pain and suffering.
- With a Joyful heart the servants should always react despite all the trouble.





- The book of Jonah is an announcement from God enforcing the acceptance of the gentiles and glimpse of his messages to them. We understand that God reveals himself to everyone not to certain people.
- Jonah's name means "dove" in Hebrew and also suffering
- He is believed to be the son of Widow at Zarephath1 Kings 17



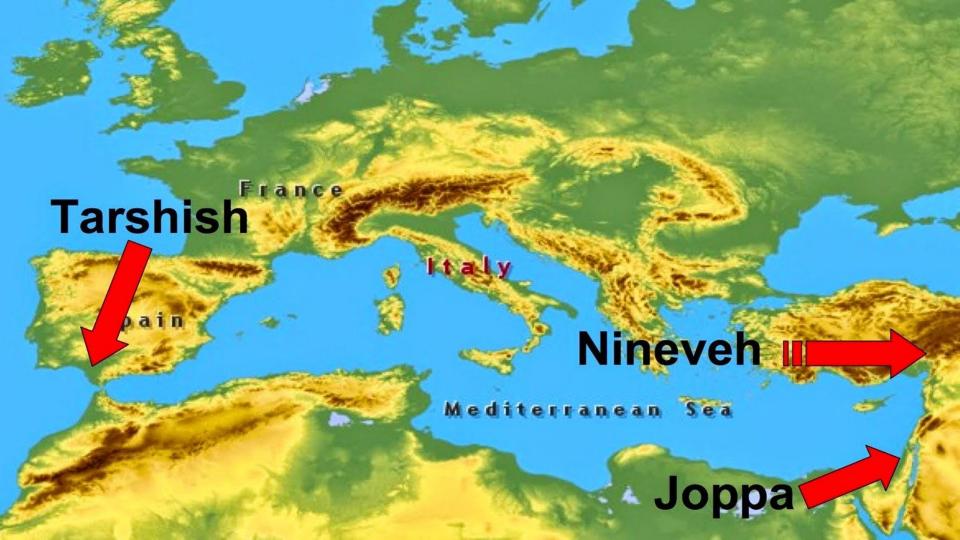
- Jonah lived in the eighth century BC.
  Some have estimated between 793-753 BC (possibly 780 BC).
- The book of Jonah is prophetic work that is unlike any of the other prophets. The genre is historical literature. The book is surrounded by historical data: Jonah was a historical person, Nineveh was a historical city, the seaport of Joppa has historical significance, etc. There is no reason to doubt its historical value, no matter how magical the story might seem to the reader.

# Introduction to the book of Jonah

- Ninevah was the capital of Assyria, the arch rivals and enemies of Israel
- We learn from the book of Jonah that God is orchestrating the nature, the sea, the animals, trees to achieve a mission
- Jesus referred to the story of Jonah in Matthew 12:39



- Jonah Flees From the LORD. WHY?
- Jonah went down to Joppa then gone below deck (Jonah kept on drowning in his sin to the extent that he never noticed the trouble surrounding him any more)
- Gentile mariners praying to their gods woke Jonah up and they asked him to pray to his God so that they could be saved





- > Jonah is Praying in the Great Fish (2:1-9)
- > The prayer of Jonah is a prophecy of Jesus crucifixion.
- God has finally put His prophet in the place where he would seek His face and submit himself to Him.



- Jonah Goes to Nineveh. He took 3 days to arrive after the fish vomited him onto dry land.
- The people of Nineveh were ready for Jonah's evangelistic message.
- They proclaimed a fast, put on sackcloth, and sat in ashes and dressed coarse cloth, dark in color, that was usually made of goat's hair
- God's evaluated Ninevites' faith and it was strong enough to persuade God not to destroy them



- The repentance was good news to Nineveh, but bad news to Jonah.
- instead of being pleased with what happened, and praising God for His grace to Nineveh and for the success of his ministry, Jonah was displeased exceedingly and very angry with what God had done
- God prepared a plant and made it come up over Jonah.
- Jonah sat under a shelter he watched the city.
- As the morning dawned the next day God prepared a worm.



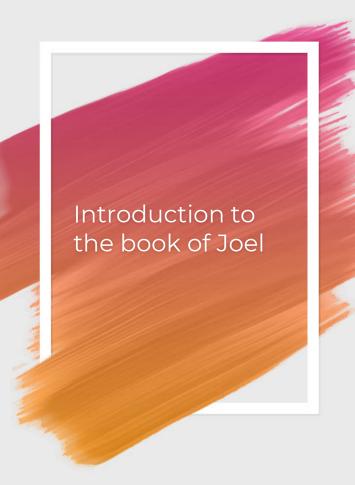
- Jonah was concerned over a temporary plant.
- > This was a plant without a soul.
- > He had no concern over the great city of Nineveh.
- This city had a population of more than 120,000 souls (v.11).



- Jonah was not expecting God's mission for him "A Godly prophet to preach Gentiles"

  Sometimes as servants we are called for a service out of our scope and we feel that this service is not for us.
- We need to be watchful to avoid missing God's clear messages to us. It is easier to have our ears open than to get swollen by a fish ©
- Jonah was not ready to learn lessons from others (sailors, Ninevites, worm)
- Jonah witnessed miracles once he started God's work not because of his own powers but through God's glory.





- >Who? The author of the book is Joel the son of Pethuel (Joel means Jehovah is his God)
- >When? It is not known exactly when Joel lived and prophesied to the kingdom of Judah
- between the reign of Joash, before 850 B.C. and the return of the tribe of Judah from captivity in Babylon and some other says that he lived around 400 BC in Jerusalem.
- >Purpose: Calling for repentance and receiving the receive the Holy Spirit



# Verses 1-12

- An Invasion of Locusts explains how if we ignore small sins, it brings bigger sins which causes destruction.
- God warnings comes in stages.
- The greatness of Judgment.
  - A nation has invaded my land.
  - Waste my vines
  - Ruined my fig trees



# Verses 13 -15

- A call for repentance.
- The prophet is addressing the clergy and the servants as this is where repentance should start.

# Verses 16 - 20

Describing the signs of suffering as a result of the people sins



## Verses 1-12

A very strong army coming to attack as a discipline from God.

# Verses 12 - 20

The repentance act God is expecting from his people.

# Verses 21 – 32

It was revealed to the prophet how people will rejoice after God's forgiveness.

Describes the fruits of the spirit (same verses St. Peter used in Act 2 -17).



# Verses 1 - 8

- After they repented God turn against the nations whom he allowed to discipline his children.
- Valley of Jehoshaphat = God's Judgment Valley

# Verses 9-17

With God's grace his people can defeat their enemy (Let the weakling say, "I am strong!")



#### Verses 18-

- Blessings for God's People.
- Valley of acacias. = means the dry land which was ruined by the Locusts and the enemies.
- Egypt and Edom = represent the devil.
  - Egypt → the love of the world
  - Edom → the violence and bloodshed



- The timing of the prophecy is unknown which makes it applicable for all times not sent for certain period.
- The important message is that :The days are near hence without Jesus and the Holy spirit people will be in distress but God's people will be in peace despite all the trouble as the holy spirit will be guiding us and talking to us (Read John 16 -13)

Important service lessons learned from Joel

- Joel 2-18 Then the LORD was jealous for his land and took pity on his people. The prophet in this verse is describing God's feelings towards his people and the land. Servants land is the service and the people we should have pity for are our kids.
- Joel 3-10 Let the weakling say, "I am strong!" Always remember in your service that its not your own words or your own powers that you are depending on but God's grace.