

Old Testament PowerPoint presentation

Jonah

Suggested Bible Reading: Jonah 2: 1-10

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– This is the story of an ambassador of mercy to Israel's bitterest enemies. The opening verses of Jonah chapter 1 sets the scene. ‡ Does Jonah leave his home town, and go to Nineveh of Joppa? ‡ to open →

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– Some background information. ‡ Jonah is mentioned in 2 Kings 14: 25, when King Jeroboam 2nd reigned in Israel c.800BC. ‡ Jonah was contemporary with the prophets Amos and Hosea. ‡ God's message to Nineveh (capital of Assyria) – repent, judgement imminent – ch. 1 v.2. ‡ The book shows God's dealings with Nineveh, a large gentile city, and shows His love for the whole gentile world. ‡ God's dealings with Jonah are recorded, because of and in spite of, his disobedience. ‡ to open →

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– But Jonah ‡ was disobedient to God's instructions. ‡ He went down to Joppa and paid the fare to travel on a boat sailing to Tarshish (Spain) – the opposite direction to Nineveh. Chapter 1: 3. ‡ to open →

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– On board ship ‡ the LORD sends a storm. Jonah confesses his disobedience to the sailors, and pleads with them to throw him into the sea. ‡ the LORD sends a big fish, which swallows up Jonah. The storm ceases. ‡ to open →

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- Inside the fish, Jonah ‡ prays to God. Recorded in chapter 2. His prayer reminds us of Psalm 120. ‡ Jonah is inside the fish for three days and nights. ‡ The Lord Jesus Christ mentions the “fish” incident in Matthew 12: 39-41; it is a forecast of His death, burial and resurrection. ‡ to open →

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— Jonah is re-commissioned by God to go to Nineveh. ‡ Chapter 3: 1-4. Jonah calls on the people of ‡ Nineveh to repent in the light of the forthcoming judgement on that city. Jonah fulfils his task and the city repents. God withholds his judgement. Jonah, however is disgusted with the result of his preaching, complains against God, and goes outside the city wall, and builds a booth to sulk in. ‡ to open →

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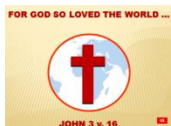
— The hot sun was too much for Jonah. ‡ God miraculously prepares a plant – a gourd - to grow up over the booth to shield Jonah from the sun- chapter 4: 6-7. ‡ Also a worm is sent to destroy ‡ the plant, together with a strong wind. Jonah is at the end of his tether. ‡ to open →

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— Jonah sulks - the reason he first refused to go to Nineveh was because he knew that God would be ‡ merciful if the people repented. He did not want this wicked and cruel nation to experience God’s mercy. He taught Jonah that He is a God of compassion and that His servant must learn the lesson of God’s great desire is to spare rather than destroy. ‡ (v.11) Jonah also had to learn that God is Sovereign in all that He does. ‡ to open →

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- There can be no greater picture for us of God’s love and mercy for the world than declared ‡ in Christ’s death on the Cross. ‡ Read John 3: 16.

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