



A Jesus University Study
Sundays @9:45am
(except on 1st Sundays)

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About the Class

Study: Book of Jonah

Duration: 6 Sessions (*no class August 7th*)

Curriculum: The Bible (*NASB*)

Study progression method: verse-by-verse

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Classroom Expectations

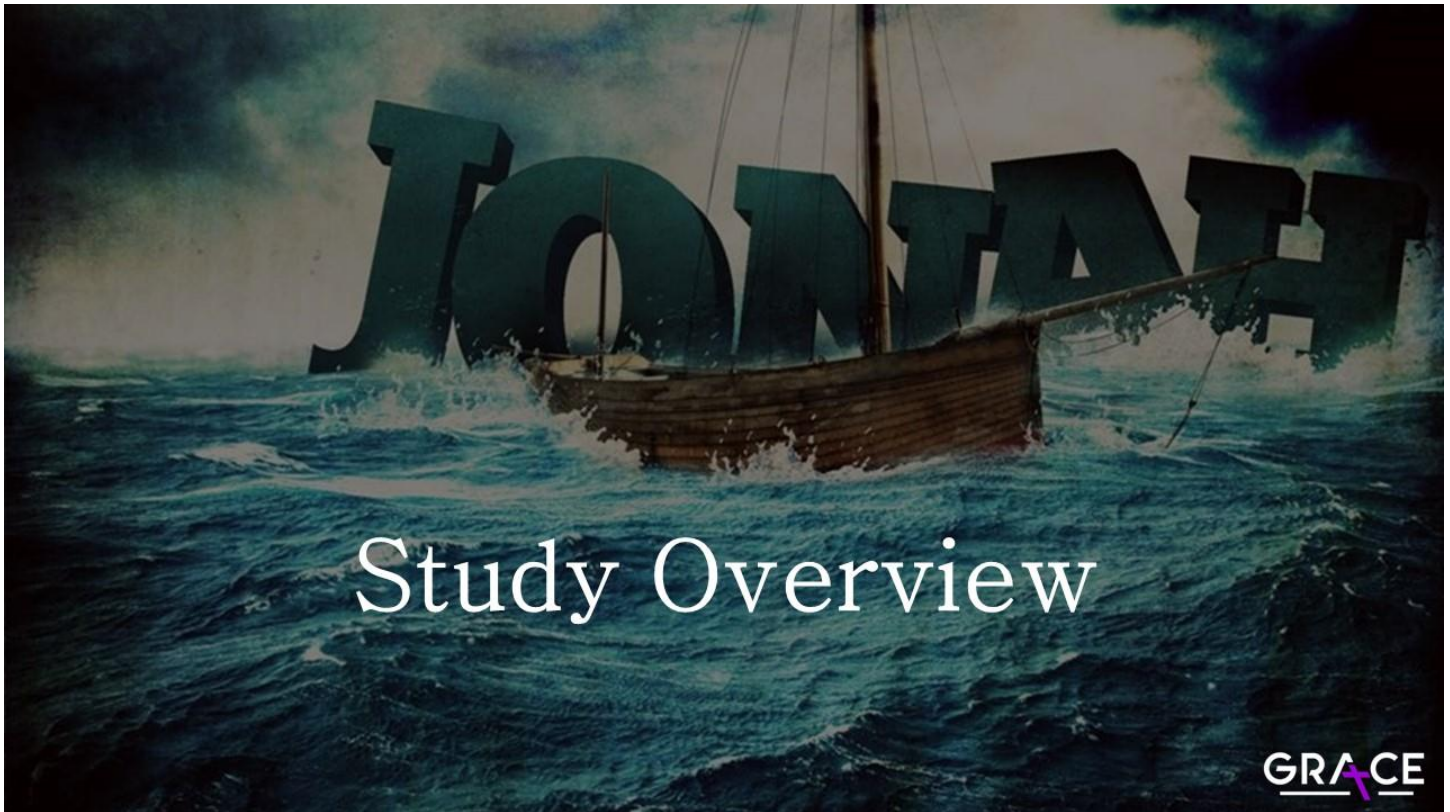
Seek to bring value to the class through participation

“Parking lot” tangential questions/comments till end

Strive to apply lessons learned throughout the weeks

Purposely get to know someone new & pray for them

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Purpose	The purpose of this study is to show the extent of God's grace – the message of salvation is for everyone.
Author (?)	Jonah, son of Amittai
Date Written	Approximately 785 – 760 B.C
Audience	God's people everywhere
Settings	Joppa, Nineveh, Belly of a large fish

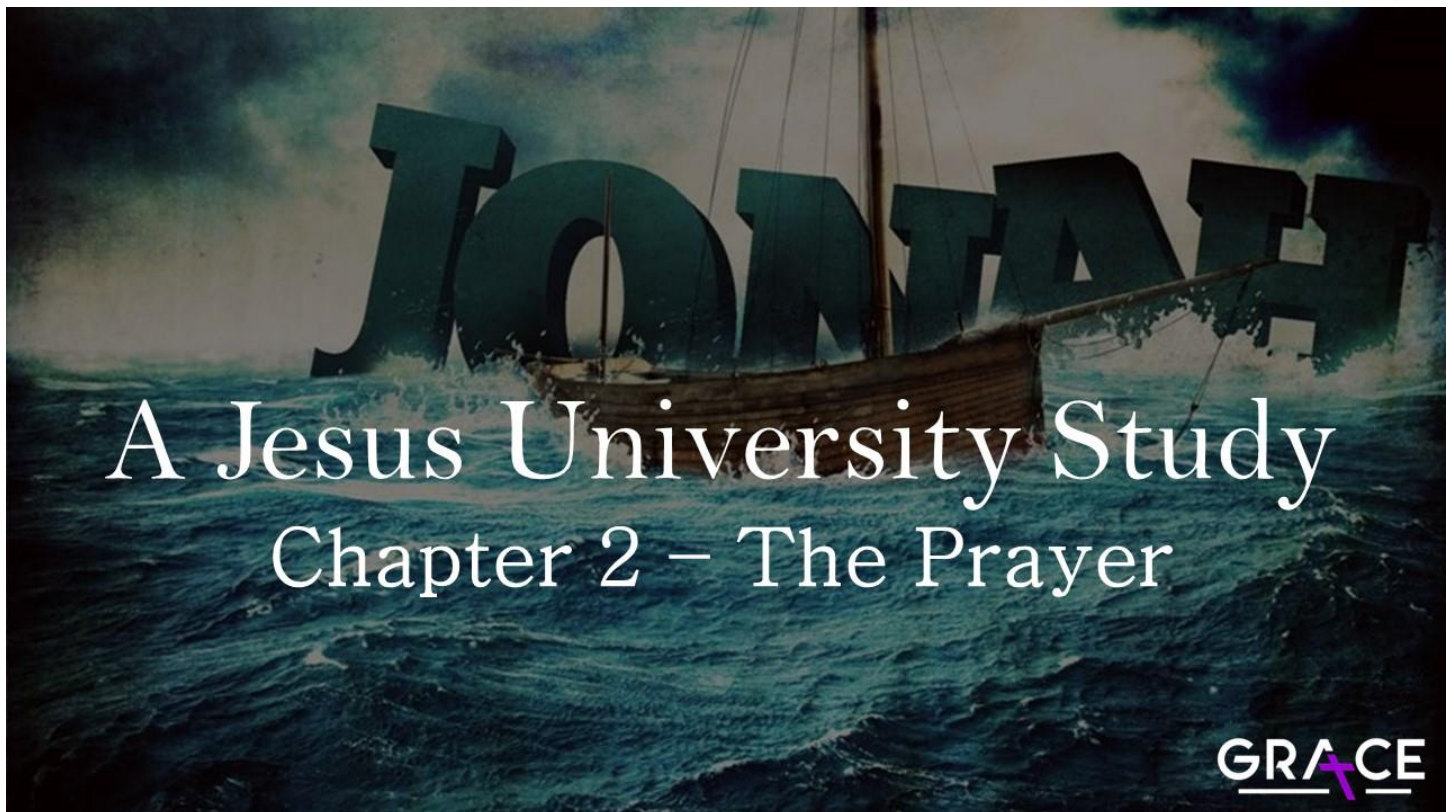
Key Passage

Jonah 4:11



“Should I not also have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 people, who do not know the difference between their right hand and their left, as well as many animals?”

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Tarshish ☆
An unknown port city in the Western region of the Mediterranean (1:3), i.e. in the opposite direction to Nineveh.
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Joppa ☆
A port city in Judah (1:3), where Jonah disobediently boarded a ship for Tarshish.
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Nineveh ☆
"That great city" (1:2), namely the capital of Assyria and home to 120,000 of Israel's enemies (as well as many cattle). Also, the mission destination of Jonah.
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The Assyrian king (3:6)

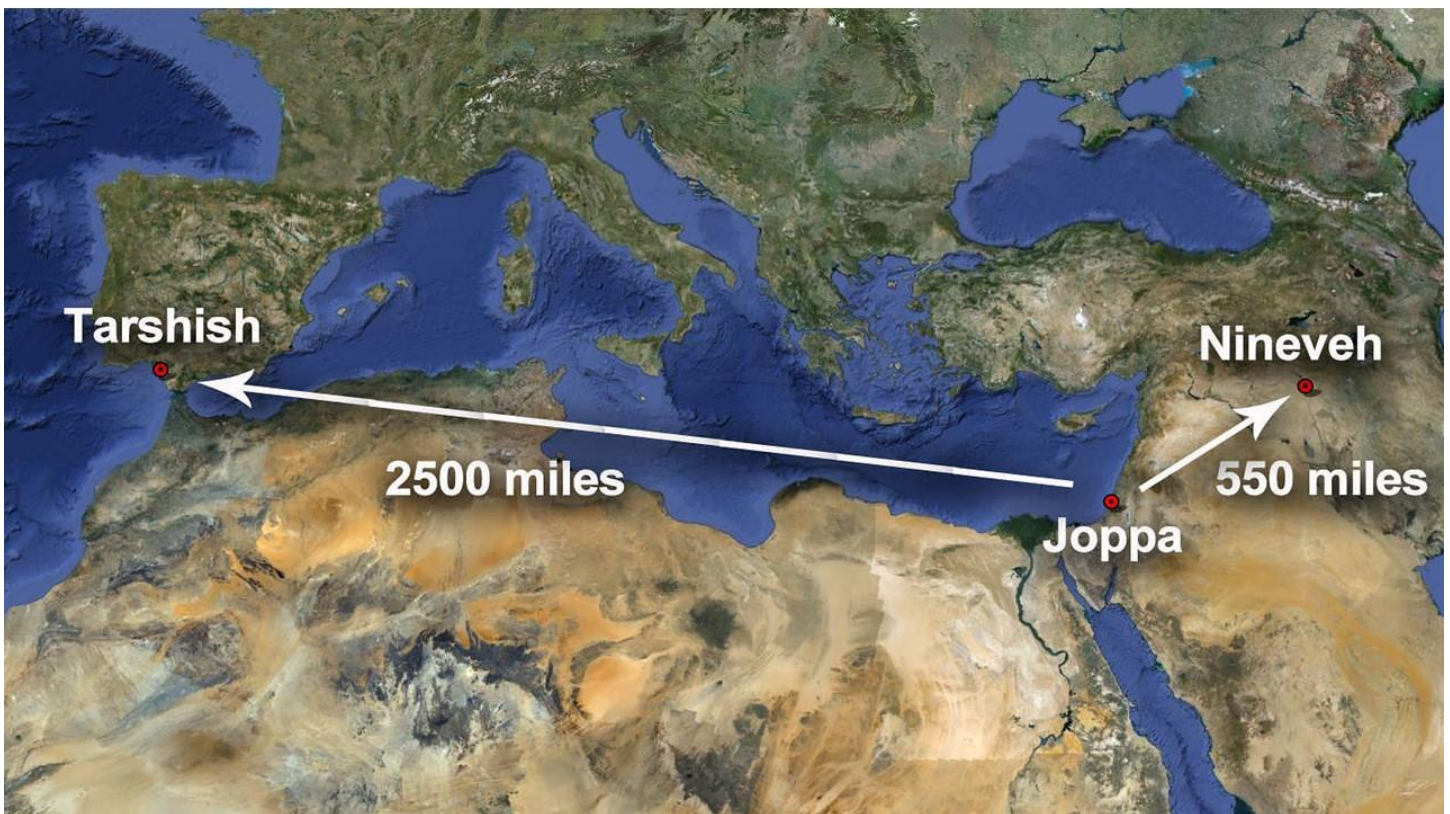
The great fish (1:17)

The Temple (2:4,7)

Map controls: More... Map Satellite Earth

Geographic labels: FRANCE, ITALY, SPAIN, TURKEY, ASSYRIA, BABYLONIA, ISRAEL, JUDAH, EGYPT, Joppa, Gath-hepher, Jerusalem, Mediterranean Sea.

Itinerary labels: Tarshish?, THE FLIGHT, THE MISSION, Nineveh.



Who was Jonah?

- Jonah came from a town later known as Galilee (*2 Kings 14:25*)
- Jonah was a prophet during the reign of Jeroboam II (*2 Kings 14:23-28*) 782 -753 B.C.
- Jonah as one of the few prophets to come from the Northern Kingdom of Israel
- He lived during a time of expansion of the Northern Kingdom's borders, under the reign of Jeroboam II
- When God calls him to preach to the Ninevites, he refuses, unable to see how God could have compassion for a nation that boasts of its cruelty toward other

Chapter 1 Summary

- Jonah (prophet) was the son of Amittai
- God commanded him to go to Nineveh (a wicked city)
- Jonah was to preach the wickedness of Nineveh
- Jonah rebelled and ran away from the Lord to Tarshish
- Jonah went to Joppa to find a ship to Tarshish
- Paid the fare, boarded the ship
- Jonah's disobedience was the cause of a great storm

Chapter 1 Summary *(continued)*

- The captain and crewmen cast lots to discover the truth
- Jonah confesses his disobedience and informs the crewmen who he served as Lord
- The crewmen reluctantly threw Jonah overboard to calm the sea
- Jonah was swallowed up by a big fish

Jonah 2:1-3 [The Prayer]

¹ Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the stomach of the fish, ² and he said, "I called out of my distress to the Lord, And He answered me. I called for help from the depth of Sheol; You heard my voice. ³ For You threw me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the current flowed around me. All Your breakers and waves passed over me.

Jonah 2:4-6

[The Prayer]

⁴ So I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight. Nevertheless I will look again toward Your holy temple.' ⁵ Water encompassed me to the point of death. The deep flowed around me, Seaweed was wrapped around my head. ⁶ I descended to the base of the mountains. The earth with its bars was around me forever, But You have brought up my life from the pit, Lord my God.

Jonah 2:7-10

[The Prayer]

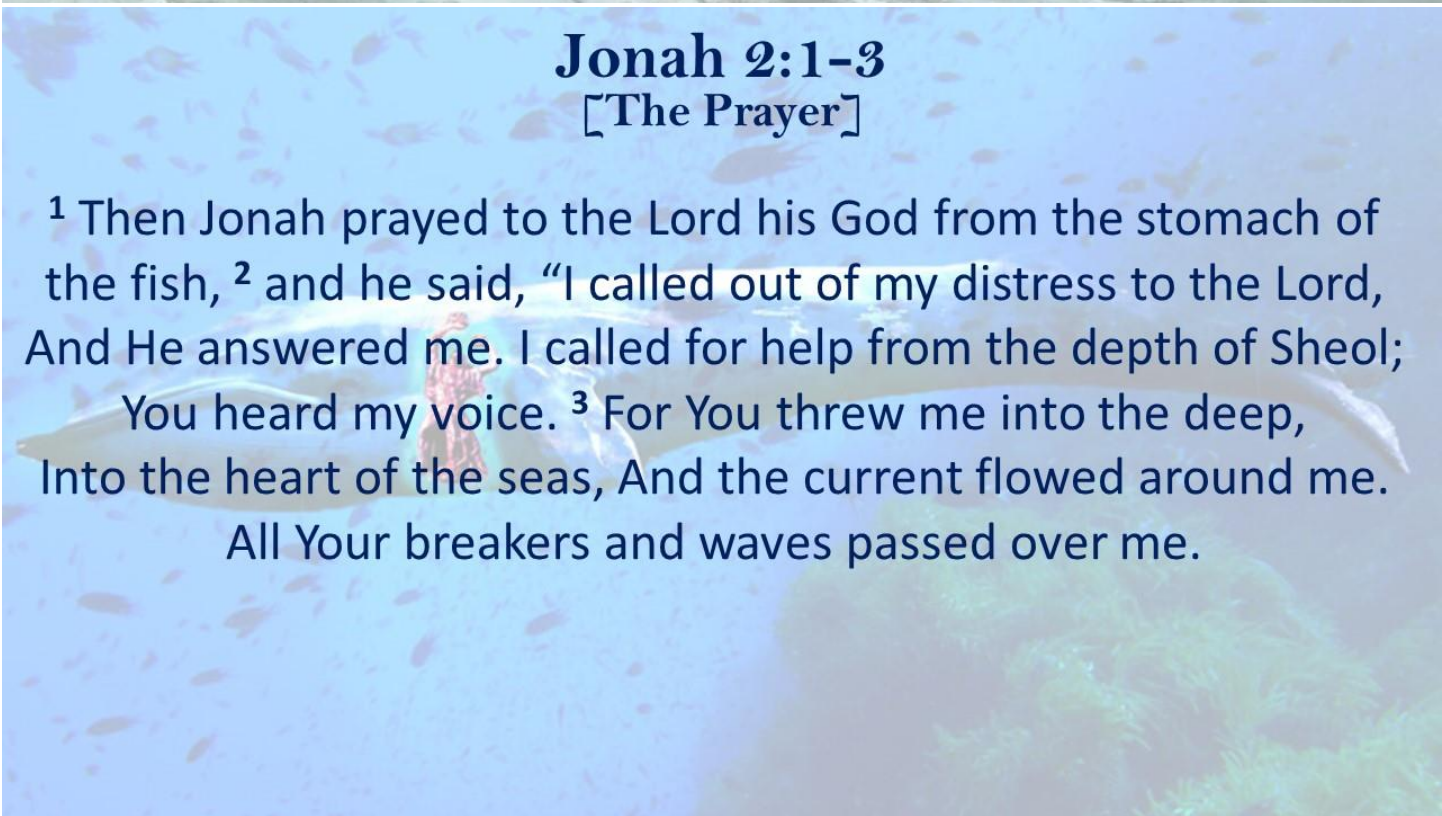
⁷ While I was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, And my prayer came to You, Into Your holy temple. ⁸ Those who are followers of worthless idols Abandon their faithfulness, ⁹ But I will sacrifice to You With a voice of thanksgiving. That which I have vowed I will pay. Salvation is from the Lord." ¹⁰ Then the Lord commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land.



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What type of prayer did Jonah pray? A prayer of thanksgiving? A prayer of deliverance?



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Jonah 2:1-7

[key takeaways from this passage]

- Jonah gives a prayer of thanksgiving
- Jonah was thankful that he had not been drowned as he was delivered in a miraculous way
- Jonah was overwhelmed that he had escaped death
- Jonah remembered the Lord when his "soul fainted"
- God heard Jonah's prayer even from inside the fish
- We can pray ANYWHERE and God will hear our prayers
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[The Prayer]

What would you have done had you found yourself in Jonah's "fishy" situation? What might hinder one from offering a sincere prayer?



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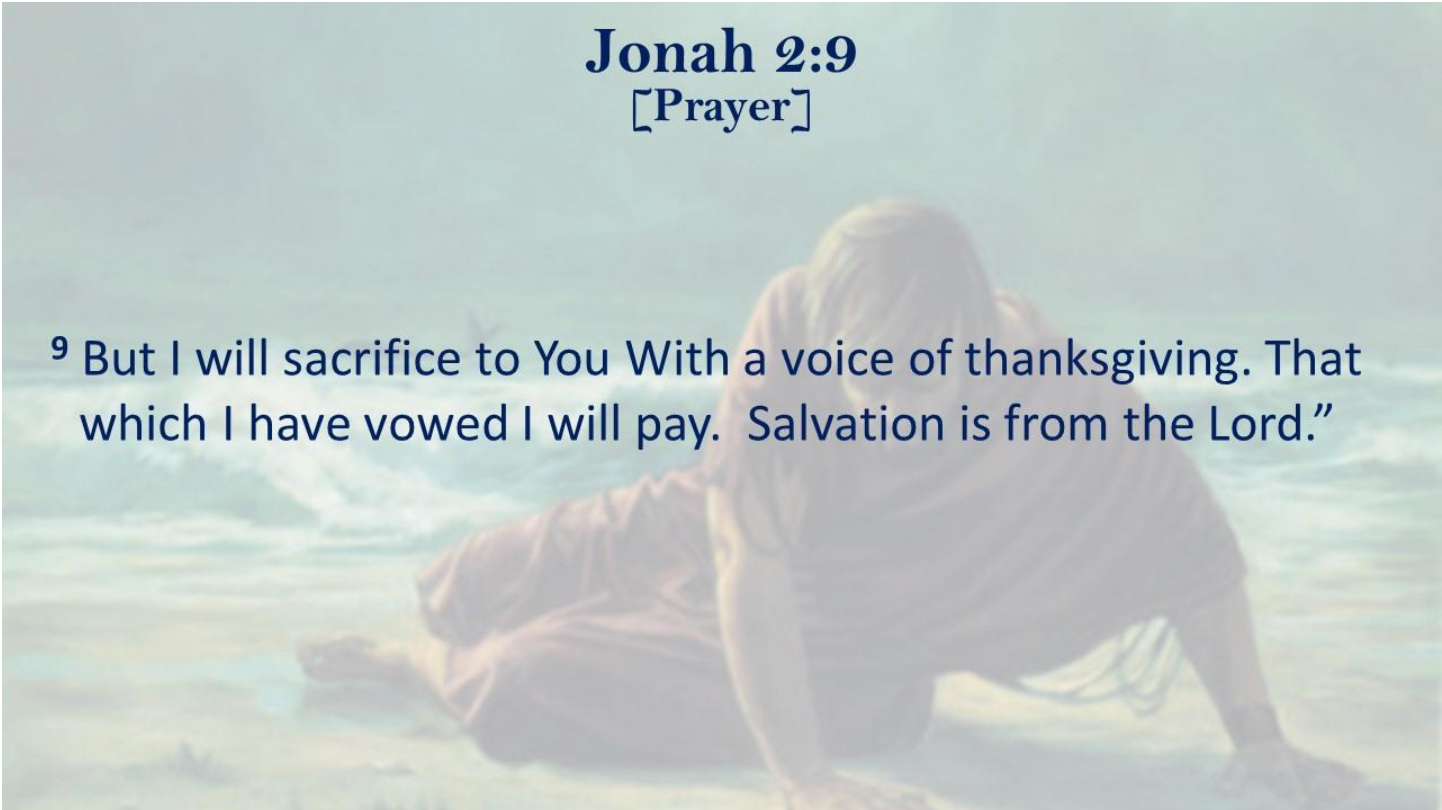
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Jonah 2:8
[Prayer]


Keeping it Real.....

What things do we put our hope in (often times) before calling on the Lord? Why do we do this? No judgment...just keeping it real.



Jonah 2:9
[Prayer]

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Jonah 2:10
[Prayer]

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