



**Further**  
The Book of Jonah

**Than  
You  
Think**

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## **SPITEFUL MESSENGER OF MERCY**

*Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me."*

Jonah 1:1-2

### **I. JONAH IN CONTEXT**

- Israel from the Exodus to the Northern Kingdom
- King Jeroboam II of Israel
- Assyria

### **II. JONAH IN NINEVEH**

- God commands Jonah to preach judgement against Nineveh. But Jonah boards a ship bound for Tarshish.

- God threatens the crew and ship with a storm. But Jonah attempts suicide to avoid preaching at Nineveh.
- God uses a fish to carry Jonah to shore. So Jonah repents and consents to preach at Nineveh.
- God forgives the Ninevites, after they heeded Jonah's message. But Jonah becomes angry with God for forgiving the Ninevites.

### **III. WHAT IS YOUR NEXT STEP?**

- Are we willing to accept that God might show mercy to our enemies?

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