

Jonah

Context

- Jonah's ministry was in the early to mid 8th Century B.C. during the reign of Jeroboam II of Israel. (2 Kings 14:25)
- Jonah was called to preach to Israel's enemies, the Ninevites (Assyrians).

Major Theme

God's Salvation is for all nations - not just the Jews.

Truths

1. God's Mercy and Compassion is Profound
 - God shows mercy to the sailors and saves them physically and spiritually.
 - God shows mercy to Jonah and saves him from drowning.
 - God shows mercy to Ninevites and saves them from their wickedness and his wrath.
2. God is Sovereign Over All Things
 - Creation: winds, waves, sea, animals, plants.
 - Hearts: the reluctant prophet Jonah, the sailors, the Ninevities.
3. God is Zealous for the Salvation of All Peoples
 - There is no nation, ethnicity, group or individual beyond God's salvation.
 - To be part of God's people is to care for the nations and the lost in the same way that He does.

God's mercy is profound. and it extends to all his people. from every tribe. and every nation. and every people group on earth.

Outline

Chapter 1 - Jonah Runs from God's Call

Chapter 2 - Jonah Praises God for His Mercy

Chapter 3 - Jonah Fulfills God's Command to Preach to Nineveh

Chapter 4 - Jonah's Anger & God's Compassion