



# THE 12 MINOR PROPHETS: Jonah

Forgiveness Given To God's Enemies

Jonah Preached  
Nineveh Repented  
God Relented

**Mission Accomplished???**

Now the Paul Harvey Rest of the Story!

## Jonah 3 (NASB)

**10** When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their evil way, then God **relented** of the disaster which He had declared He would bring on them. So He did not do it.

## Truths:

- ✓ Repentance has its privileges
- ✓ God uses people, things, circumstances to bring people to repentance (The Whale, the Weed, the Worm, The Wind)
- ✓ We Have The Same Mission

## Jonah 4

1 But it greatly displeased Jonah, and he became angry.

2 Then (in anger) he prayed to the LORD and said, "Please LORD, **was this not what I said when I was still in my own country? Therefore in anticipation of this I fled to Tarshish,** since I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in mercy, and One who relents of disaster.

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**<sup>3</sup> So now, LORD, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life."**

## Deuteronomy 18:15-22

15 Moses continued, "The LORD your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among your fellow Israelites. You must listen to him. 16 For this is what you yourselves requested of the LORD your God when you were assembled at Mount Sinai. You said, 'Don't let us hear the voice of the LORD our God anymore or see this blazing fire, for we will die.'

17 "Then the LORD said to me, 'What they have said is right. 18 I will raise up a prophet like you from among their fellow Israelites. I will put my words in his mouth, and he will tell the people everything I command him. 19 I will personally deal with anyone who will not listen to the messages the prophet proclaims on my behalf. 20 But any prophet who falsely claims to speak in my name or who speaks in the name of another god must die.'

21 "But you may wonder, 'How will we know whether or not a prophecy is from the LORD?' 22 If the prophet speaks in the LORD's name but his prediction does not happen or come true, you will know that the LORD did not give that message. That prophet has spoken without my authority and need not be feared.



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4 But the LORD said, "Do you have a good reason to be angry?"



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<sup>5</sup>Then Jonah left the city and sat down east of it. There he made a shelter for himself and sat under it in the shade, until he could see what would happen in the city.

<sup>6</sup>So the LORD God designated **a plant**, and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head, to relieve him of his discomfort. And Jonah was **overjoyed** about the plant.

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<sup>7</sup> But God designated a **worm** when dawn came the next day, and it attacked the plant and it withered.

<sup>8</sup> And when the sun came up God designated a **scorching east wind**, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint, and he begged with *all* his soul to die, saying, "Death is better to me than life!"

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<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, “Do you have a good reason to be angry about the plant?” And he said, “I have good reason to be angry, *even* to the point of death!”

<sup>10</sup> Then the LORD said, “You had compassion on the plant, for which you did not work and *which* you did not cause to grow, which came up overnight and perished overnight.

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**<sup>11</sup> 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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