

SHADOWS

GLIMPSES OF JESUS IN THE OLD TESTAMENT

Jonah

Week 9 | Jonah 1:1-17

All throughout the Old Testament, we see story after story of faithful yet flawed men and women whose lives reflect glimpses of the **glory** of the coming King, Jesus Christ.

After Judah and Israel split, Israel was under the poor and wicked leadership of various kings. Through this wicked and godless leadership, Israel was attacked and oppressed by its enemies; but through the Lord's compassion and grace, Israel was spared and eventually saved. After being rescued and restored, Israel began to reclaim its former territories. King Jeroboam II—though he was evil and did not honor God—restored Israel to the fullness of its former glory that the nation had under the rules of David and Solomon; and this he did according to the word of God spoken through the prophet Jonah. This was a show of compassion and mercy from God towards a people who did not deserve it, which Jonah will witness again, as the Lord calls him to prophecy to the Assyrian Ninevites, who were a wicked and perverse people who historically stood in great opposition to Israel.

BEFORE YOU START

Pray for God to illuminate his word, guide the conversation, and stir our souls.

If your life were dependent on you winning one game of your choice, what game would you play?

Read **Jonah 1:1-17**.

Summarize the passage in your own words. What stands out to you?



Did Jonah's rebellion against God prevail? What does this tell us about both God's grace and providence?



Are there any ways that you have seen the Lord's faithfulness to you despite your disobedience? What was the outcome?



Are there ways that you know you have turned away from what the Lord has called you to? How can you come back to obey him this week?



How is Jesus the true and better Jonah?

BEFORE YOU'RE SENT

What is God teaching you? What are you going to do about it? How can we help?

How can we pray for you? For your neighbors?