

## JONAH ON THE RUN

(or A Man After Our Own Hearts)

Central Idea: *We can be certain of God's disciplining hand in our lives when we live in willful disobedience.*

### ☞ **Jonah's Commission** (1-2)

### ☞ **Jonah's Flight** (3)

### ☞ **God's Discipline** (4-16)

| Chiasm of Jonah 1.1-16                                 |                                                           |
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| sailors' fear, 4-5a                                    | sailors' fear of the Lord, 15-16                          |
| sailors pray to their gods, 5b                         | sailors pray to the Lord, 14                              |
| sailors unload the ship, 5c                            | sailors row the ship, 13                                  |
| captain's speech to Jonah, 6                           | Jonah's words to sailors, 12                              |
| sailors' words to each other, 7a<br>"let us cast lots" | sailors' question to Jonah, 10b-11<br>"what should we do" |
| sailors' question to Jonah, 7b-8<br>"who are you"      | sailors' question to Jonah, 10a<br>"what have you done"   |
| <i>Jonah's confession, 9</i>                           |                                                           |

### ☞ **God's Preservation** (17)

#### Questions for Personal Reflection of Group Discussion

1. Read the first chapter of Jonah in a Bible paraphrase like the Living Bible or in a very readable translation like the NLB or NIV. What stands out to you most?
2. Have you ever been tempted to avoid something you believed God wanted you to do? Is obedience easy or difficult? Or both? Why?
3. Discuss: Can a person physically run from God? (see Ps 139:7–10). Why do you think Jonah ran away?
4. What differences do you see between Jonah and the sailors? What does this teach us?
5. How does God's pursuit of Jonah demonstrate both His discipline and His grace?
6. What are some common reasons a believer might run from God's instructions today?
7. What characteristics of God do we see in Jonah 1?

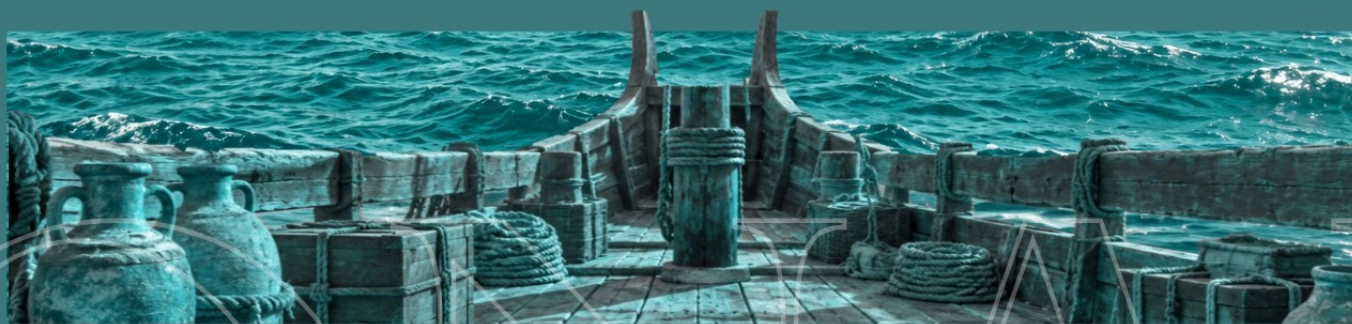
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Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, “Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.” But He answered and said to them, “An evil and adulterous generation craves for a sign; and yet no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah the prophet; for just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment, and will condemn it because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

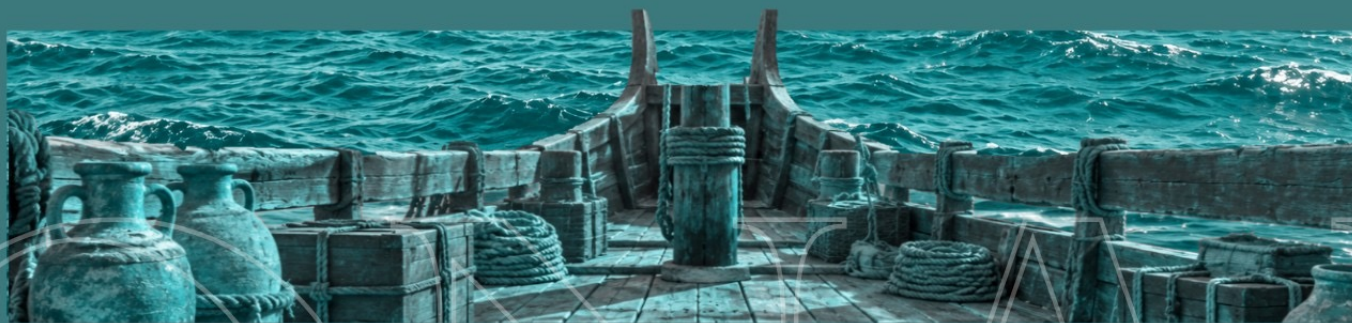


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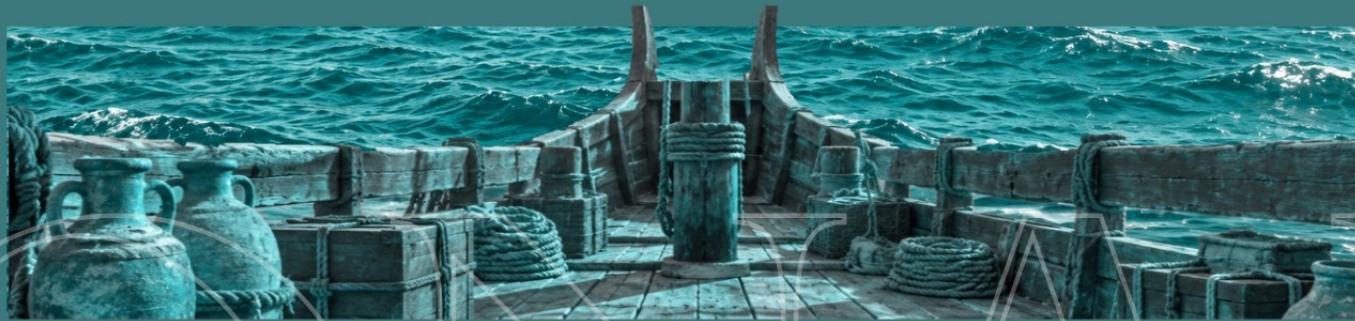


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Commission, 1.1-2

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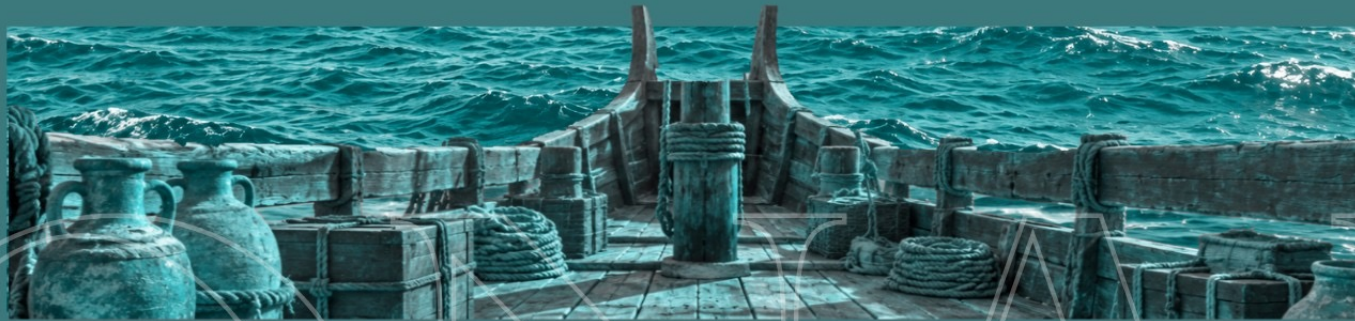


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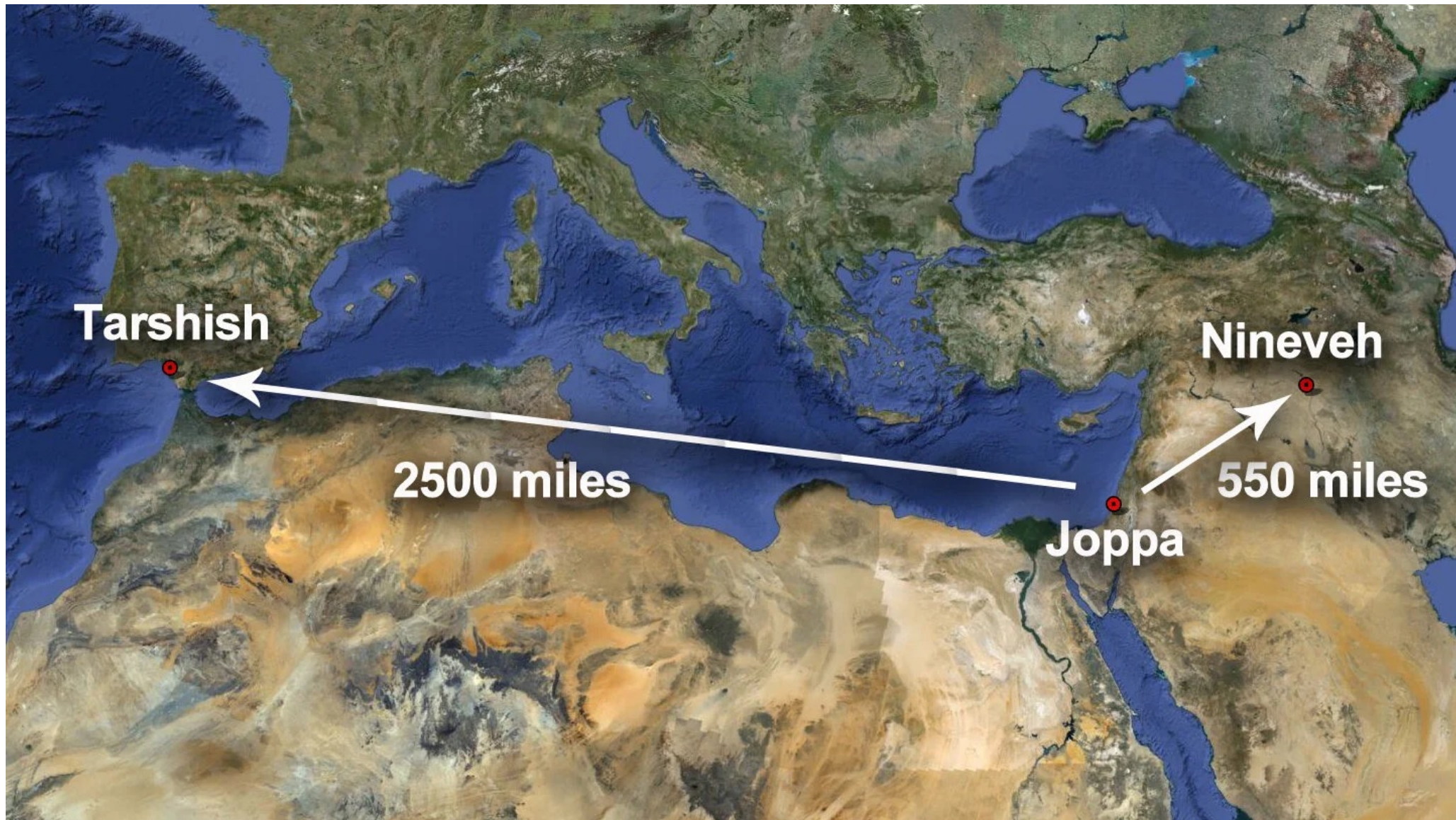
Flight, 1.3

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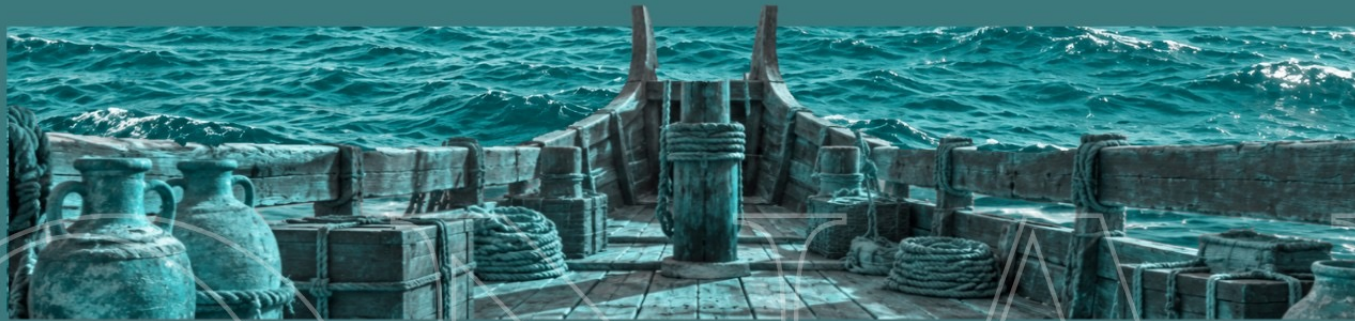


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Discipline, 1.4-16

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Preservation, 1.17

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