

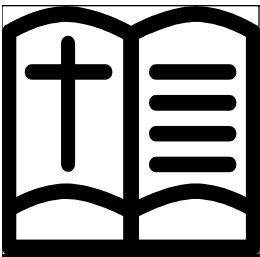
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Part 5: “Repairing Collateral Damage”

JONAH 1:1-17

I. GROWING UP PAGAN

- A. *Under the tutelage of the religious system of the culture - these men came from different cultures*
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- C. *But these are “salty dogs” who have traveled extensively all over the Mediterranean world and perhaps further. They have experienced many things*
- D. *Their ethnic backgrounds are not revealed to us but the city from which they were operating is - Joppa - and the land it set in is known to us as Phoenicia*
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 - 4. *Extensive traders so they brought great influence everywhere*
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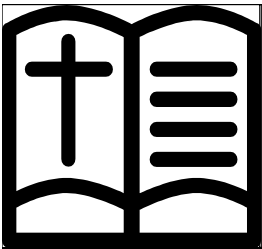


II. GROWING UP PROPHET

- A. Chosen, called and empowered by God
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- C. *But he doesn't want God to spare the Assyrians*

III. THE PAGAN MEETS THE PROPHET - POWER ENCOUNTER THAT CHANGES A WAY OF LIFE

- A. *A disobedient prophet is running away from home*
- B. *Ignorant but assured sailors couldn't care less; just another day of sailing around the world*
- C. *The weather looks great so the journey begins*
- D. *But these salty dogs are about to meet someone they had only heard a little about but they thought very little of: Unfaithful people; limited geographical rulership; old legends and myths*
- E. *Prophet goes to sleep; sailors go to work; God pitches a tempest; target - a sleeping, disobedient prophet of His own!*
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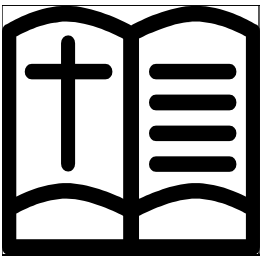
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