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to

Jonah

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They will possess Samaria,
and Benjamin will possess Gilead.
20 The company of Israelite exiles who
are in Canaan
will possess the land, as far as
Zarephath;

Sepharad
will possess the towns of the Negev.
21 Deliverers will go up on a Mount Zion
to govern the mountains of Israel.
And the kingdom will be the
LORD'S.

ויהי דבר יהוה אל יונה בן אמתי לאמר
קום לך אל נינוה היצירה גדולה וקרא
עליה כי עלתה רעתה לפני יקם יונה
לכרתה וישב מלפני יהוה וירד יפ
ויהי יונה יושב יושב יושב יושב

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Flees From the LORD

The word of the LORD came to Jonah
son of Amittai: 2 "Go to the great city of
Nineveh and preach against it, because its
wickedness has come up before me."

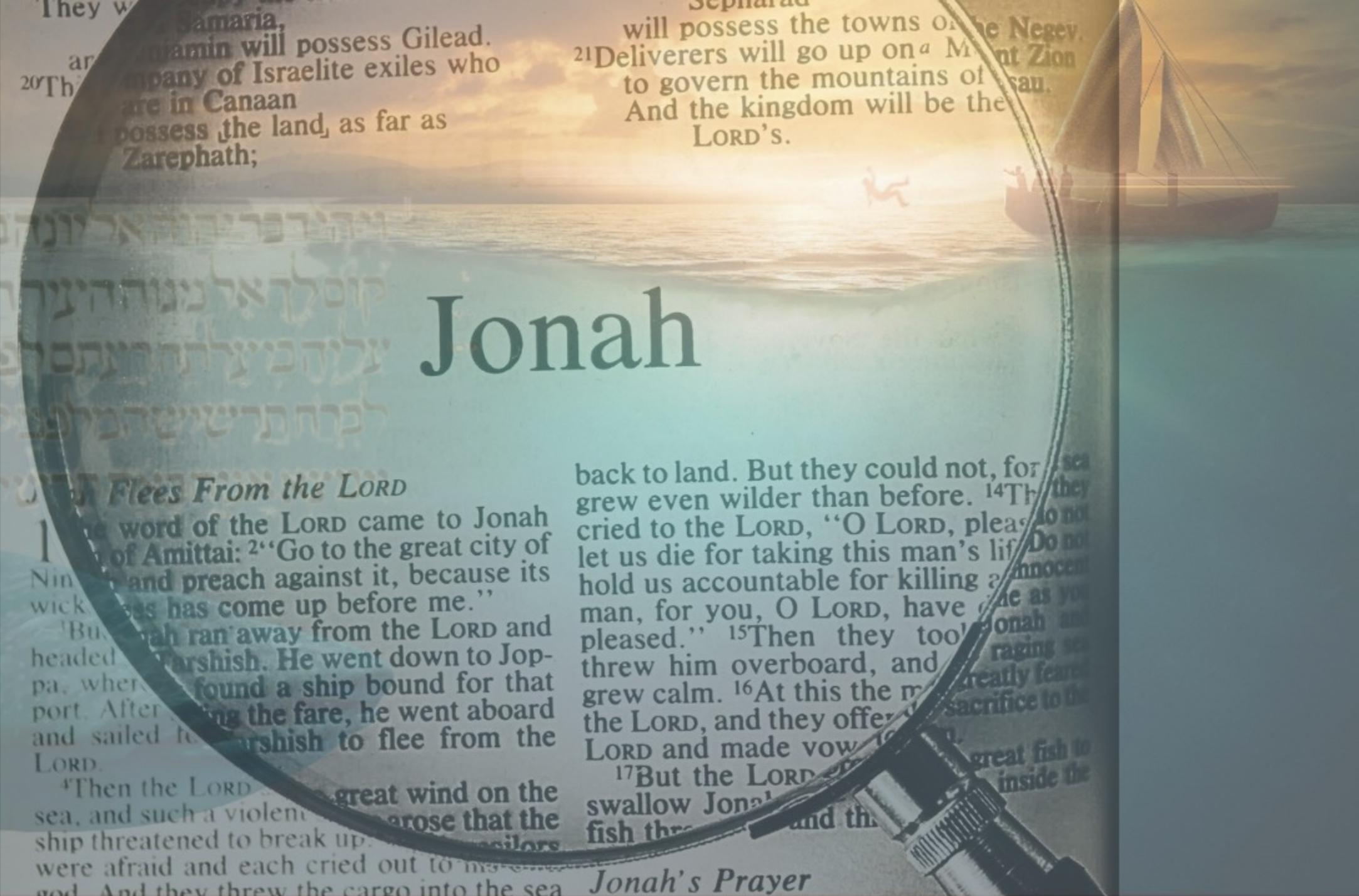
But Jonah ran away from the LORD and
headed toward Tarshish. He went down to Jop-
pa, where he found a ship bound for that
port. After paying the fare, he went aboard
and sailed to Tarshish to flee from the
LORD.

Then the LORD sent a great wind on the
sea, and such a violent storm arose that the
ship threatened to break up. The sailors
were afraid and each cried out to his own
god. And they threw the cargo into the sea

back to land. But they could not, for the sea
grew even wilder than before. 14 Then they
cried to the LORD, "O LORD, please do not
let us die for taking this man's life! Do not
hold us accountable for killing an innocent
man, for you, O LORD, have done as you
pleased." 15 Then they took Jonah and
threw him overboard, and the raging sea
grew calm. 16 At this the men greatly feared
the LORD, and they offered a sacrifice to the
LORD and made vows to him.

17 But the LORD said to Jonah, "The great fish to
swallow Jonah." And the fish swallowed him
and he was inside the

Jonah's Prayer



Nineveh?
I'll show him!







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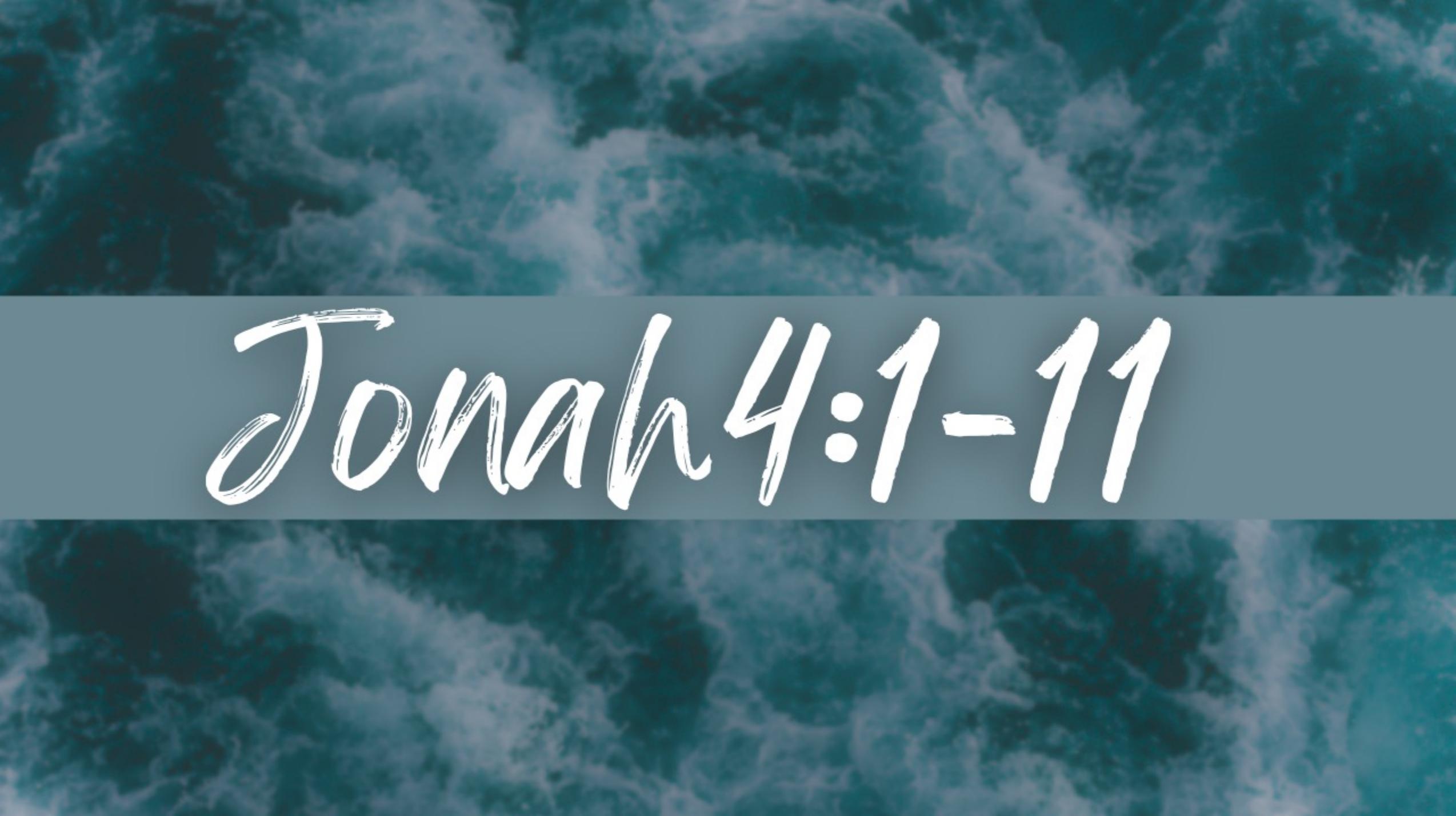


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**Confronting
the Jonah in You**

Part 4 of 4





Jonah 4:1-11

Exodus 34:6-7 NIV

⁶ And he [the Spirit of God] passed in front of Moses, proclaiming, “The LORD, the LORD, the compassionate and gracious God, slow to anger, abounding in love and faithfulness, ⁷ maintaining love to thousands, and forgiving wickedness, rebellion and sin.

Yet he does not leave the guilty unpunished; he punishes the children and their children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation.”





“ We must be clear where Jonah gets it wrong. It's not as if we should never desire justice or even celebrate the wrath of God... It is good news when the oppressor is toppled, the terrorist is caught, and the torturer enjoys no impunity. The arrival of justice is heartening for the afflicted... The great danger is that instead of rejoicing at the vindication of the afflicted, we self-righteously identify ourselves as the afflicted and the victimized, taking pity on ourselves and not on others, so that in our imagination the LORD becomes a weapon in our campaign to destroy our enemies, an instrument for our own vengefulness rather than the judge of the whole earth.” (pg. 134)

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- The LORD cares for all people who are made in his image; he even cares for the animals

What's the Point of Jonah?

The main point of the book of Jonah is to expose as shameful something we all engage in but don't want to acknowledge that we do, both with God and with others.

And also to put the question to us:

"Will we be like God in our mercy, grace, and compassion, or not? Will we join his mission of mercy, or not?"

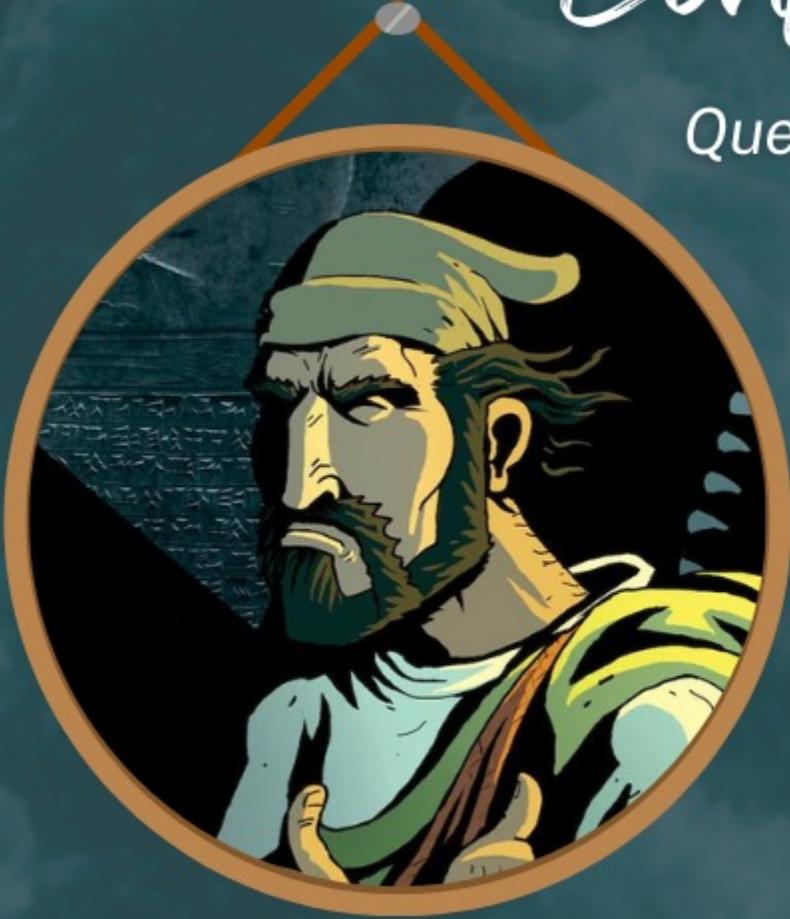
The God who looks like Jesus invites us to follow him.

Jesus, Matthew 9:35-38 NLT

³⁵ Jesus traveled through all the towns and villages of that area, teaching in the synagogues and announcing the Good News about the Kingdom. And he healed every kind of disease and illness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, **he had compassion on them** because they were confused and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ He said to his disciples, **“The harvest is great, but the workers are few. ³⁸ So pray to the Lord who is in charge of the harvest; ask him to send more workers into his fields.”**

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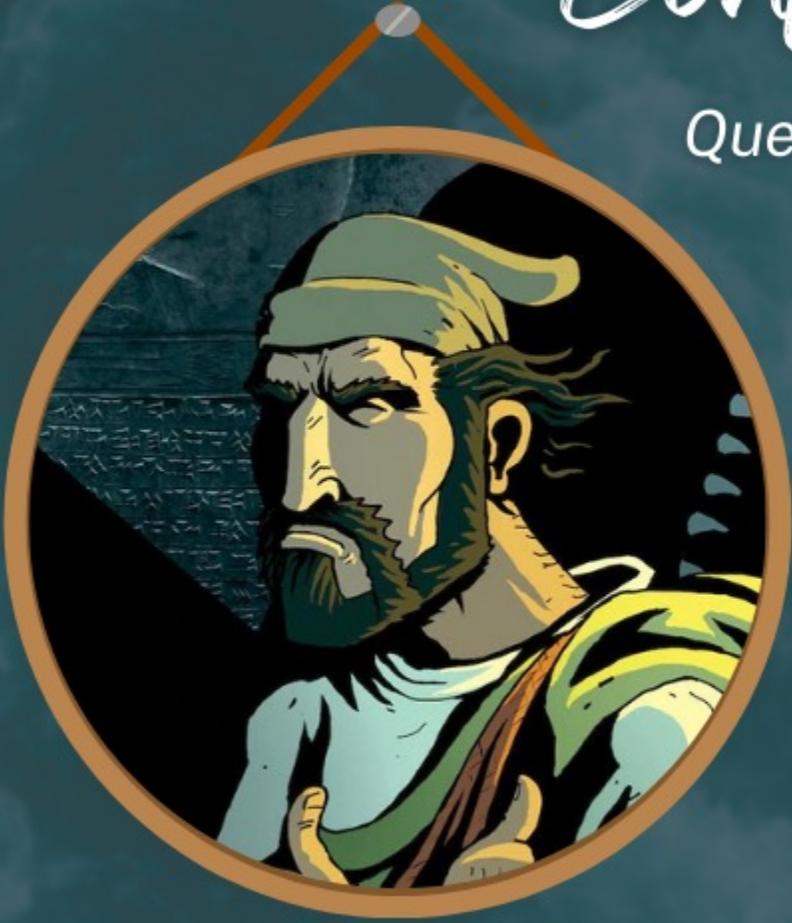


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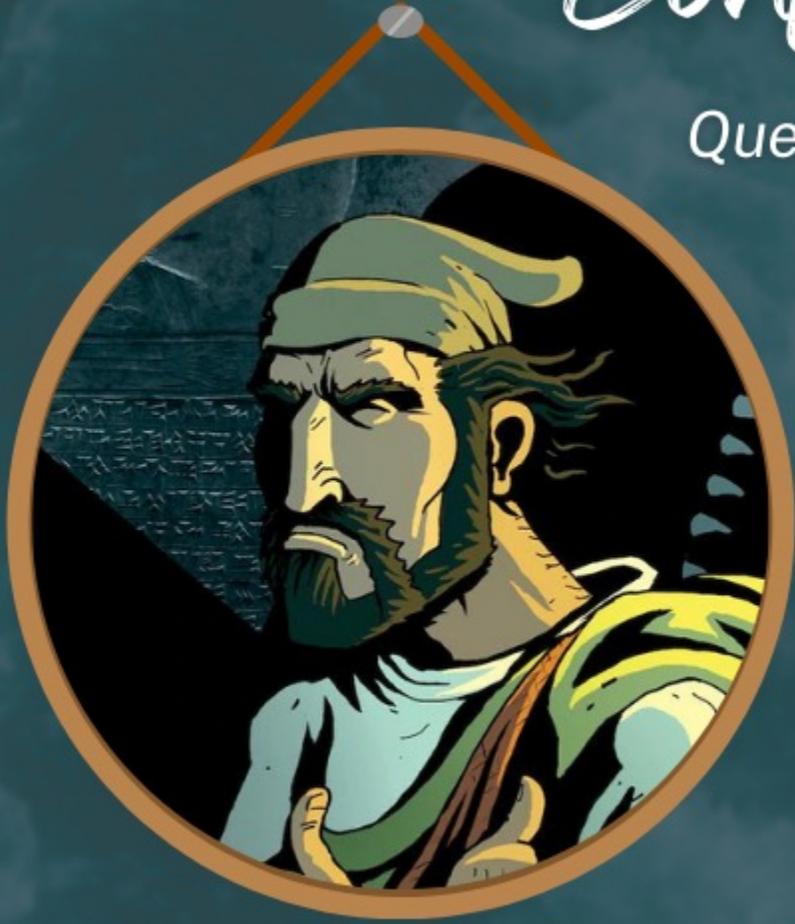
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1. Where do you see Jonah in you?
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2. Do you need to repent and trust in God's character and compassion?
3. How is God inviting you to follow Jesus and join his mission of mercy?



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