

McCoy Memorial Baptist Church

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Summer Series: The Minor Prophets (April 30, 2023 - Jonah)

THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE 8TH CENTURY B.C. IN ISRAEL

1. During the first part of the 8th century B.C. (799 - 700 B.C.) Israel (and Judah) were unusually successful. The independence as well as the territory of both kingdoms was still intact (from the division of the Unit. Kingdom in 931 BC) during the first half of the 8th century.

Jeroboam II – King of the northern kingdom of Israel for 41 yrs. (793-753). Served as co-regent w. his father, Jehoash (793-82).

Uzziah – King of the southern kingdom of Judah for 52 yrs. (792 -740 B.C.). Served as co-regent w. His father, Amaziah (792-67).
2. It was during this time that Jonah served the Lord. 2 Kings 14:25 says, "He (Jeroboam II) was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, in accordance with the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hopher."
3. During the second half of the 8th cen. B.C. (749-700), three great crises confronted the kingdoms of Israel and Judah, each of which involved the empire of Assyria.

JONAH'S FIRST COMMISSION (chs. 1, 2)

Think About These Things: "You Cannot Run from God"

1. God's Call to Jonah (1:1-16)
 - A. God's Call (1:1, 2)
 - B. Jonah's _____ (1:3)
 - C. God's _____ (1:4-16)
In chapter one there are three great miracles that God performed.
2. Jonah's Call to God (1:17-2:10)
 - A. The _____ of Jonah's Prayer (1:17-2:1)
 - B. The _____ of Jonah's Prayer (2:2-9)
 - C. God's _____ to Jonah's Prayer (2:10)

JONAH'S _____ COMMISSION (chs. 3, 4)

Think About These Things: "God of the Second Chance" (3:1); and "Should I not be concerned about that great city" (4:11).

1. Jonah _____ to the _____ (ch. 3)

- A. Jonah's Second Call (3:1-3)
- B. Jonah's Preaching (3:4)
- C. The People's _____ (3:5-9)
- D. God's _____ (3:10)

2. God _____ His _____ (ch. 4)

We would think that Jonah would have been delighted to see this great revival, but he was not.

- A. Jonah's _____ (4:1-3)
- B. God's _____ (4:4, 5)
- C. God's _____ Object Lessons (4:6-8)
- D. God's _____ (4:9-11)

APPLICATION

1. _____
Jonah does make a compelling though indirect case for Israel's calling to be a light to the nations (see Exodus 19:3-6).
2. _____
A prophetic picture of the future death, burial, & resurrection of Christ.
3. _____
Jonah's unsuccessful resistance to God's call to preach in Nineveh.
4. _____
A defense of God's sovereignty over & compassion for all nations, even Nineveh.
5. _____ fact:
The book of Jonah has been one of (if not the) most maligned & criticized books of the entire Old Testament. _____ - _____ is the root cause of much of this criticism.

