



Jonah

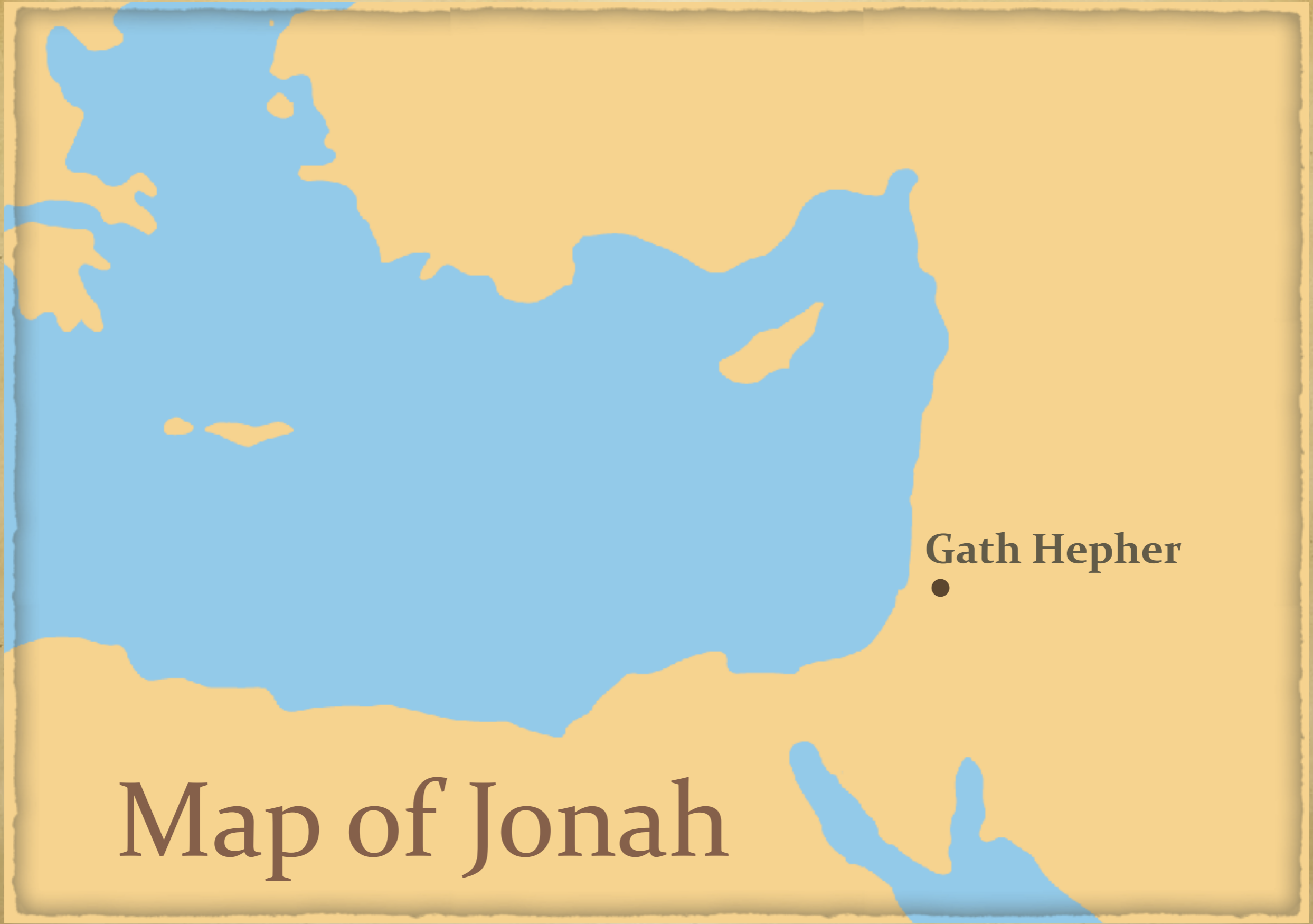
A story of salvation

Introduction to Jonah

- Ch 1: Children's bible story of Jonah and the whale
- Ch 2: Jonah's song of Thanksgiving
- Ch 3: Nineveh turns from their wickedness
- Ch 4: Jonah sulks because his prophecy doesn't happen:
 - *"I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity."* - 4:2

Jonah

- **Jonah was a historical figure, and lived in the times of Jereboam II (about 750 BC)**
- **2 Kings 14:25**
“[Jereboam] was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, 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.”



Gath Hepher

Map of Jonah

“The word of the LORD came to Jonah ...”

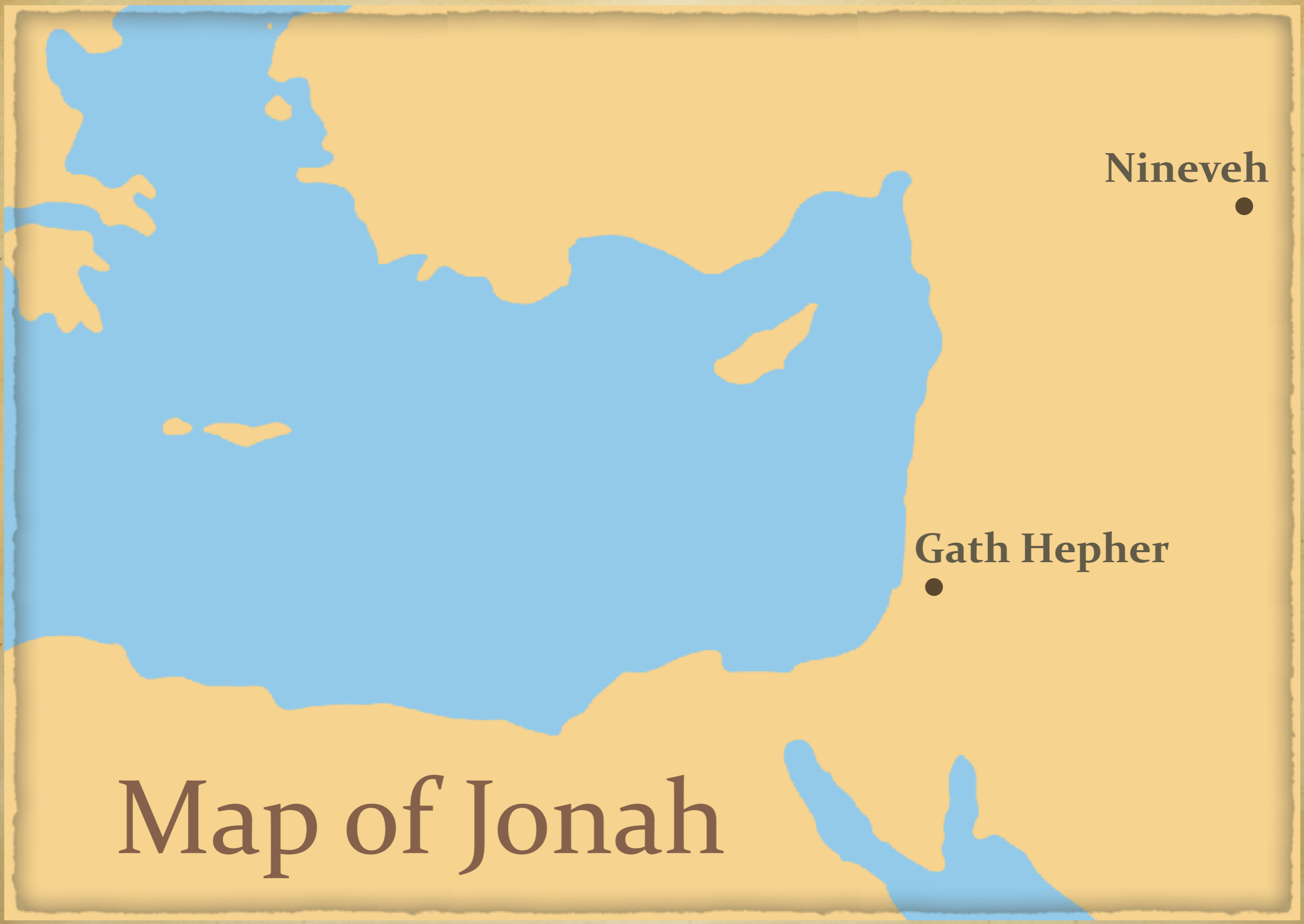
Jonah 1:1

The word of the LORD

- The Word of the LORD is Jesus (the Lord who saves)
- Jonah => “dove”
- Genesis 8:11
“The dove came to him toward evening, and behold, in her beak was a freshly picked olive leaf. So Noah knew that the water was abated from the earth.”

**“Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and
cry against it, for their wickedness has
come up before Me.”**

Jonah 1:2



Nineveh



Gath Hepher



Map of Jonah

Nineveh

- **One of the largest cities in the world**
- **120,000 inhabitants**
- **Capital city of the Assyrian empire**

The wickedness of Nineveh

“Assyria swept through the Middle-East. They laid cities to waste, tortured the survivors, and spread terror everywhere they went. This was the first nation to torment its enemies with psychological warfare.”

**“But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish
from the presence of the LORD.”**

Jonah 1:3

Tarshish

➤ **2 Kings 10:22**

“For [Solomon] had at sea the ships of Tarshish with the ships of Hiram; once every three years the ships of Tarshish came bringing gold and silver, ivory and apes and peacocks.”

➤ **Associated with trade, expensive metals, and exotic animals**

**“So he went down to Joppa, found a ship
which was going to Tarshish, paid the
fare and went down into it to go with
them to Tarshish from the presence of
the LORD.”**

Jonah 1:3



Cornwall?

Cadiz?

Tarsus?

Nineveh

Gath Hepher

Joppa

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What did Jesus say about Jonah?

- **Matt 12:39-40**
- **Matt 16:4**
- **Luke 11:29-42**

Matt 16:1-4

➤ **1** The Pharisees and Sadducees came up, and testing Jesus, they asked Him to show them a sign from heaven. **2** But He replied to them, ... **4** "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign; and a sign will not be given it, except **the sign of Jonah.**"

Luke 11:29-32

- **29** As the crowds were increasing, He began to say, “This generation is a wicked generation; it seeks for a sign, and [yet] no sign will be given to it but **the sign of Jonah.** **30** For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation. ... **32** The men of Nineveh will stand up with this generation at the judgment and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah;

Matt 12:38-40

➤ **38** Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to Him, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." **39** 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; **40** 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 sign of Jonah

- **Proof that salvation comes from God**
- **Points the way for salvation**
- **The sign itself was a story of salvation**

A story of salvation

- My friend starting getting seizures
- Diagnosed with a brain tumour
- Decided to pray specifically for him
- Prayed and fasted for 3 days and 3 nights
- Sent him an email



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➤ “I heard that you’ve got an operation tomorrow, and I know you’re not religious, but I wanted to let you know that I am praying, and fasting(!) for you that it will all go smoothly; that the tumour will shrink in size; and that whatever is causing the seizures in your head will disappear.”

Romans 10:9

- **“If you confess with your mouth the Lord Jesus and believe in your heart that God has raised Him from the dead, you will be saved.”**

The Turning, Cornwall

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6mp5HZVz5RM>

The Turning Training

- 7.30pm to 9.30pm at Emmanuel Baptist Church
- 19th October
- 26th October
- 2nd November
- 9th November

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