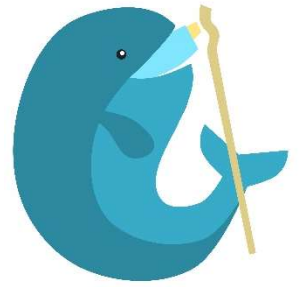


WEEK 4: Prophet Jonah



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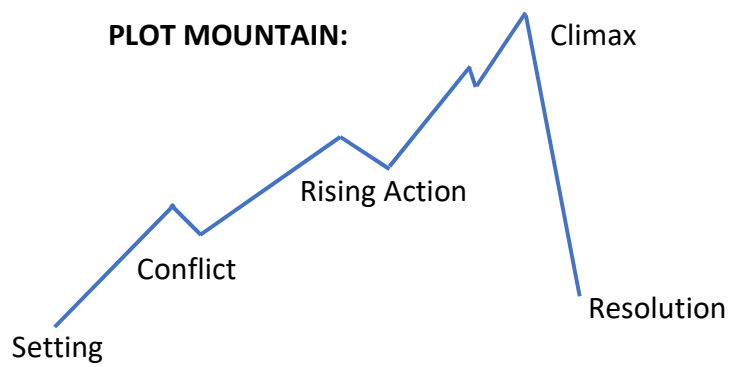
[CONSIDER]

The Fish?

- Q: Is the fish a whale? **PROBABLY**
Q: Is the fish literal? **YES**
Q: Is the fish the story? **NOT MAJORLY**

The Obedience?

- "You can't run from God."
"If God calls you to go, you go."
Q: Is the story about obedience?



The Rhetorical Questions?

- Q: "Do you do well to be angry?" (4:4)
Q: "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" (4:9)
Q: "Should not I pity [care about / have compassion on] Nineveh, that great city...?" (4:11)

The Audience?

- "PHASE 1": Before the exile of Israel to Assyria in 722 B.C.
(What's the capital city of Assyria?) **NINEVEH**
Q: Who is listening to the book of Jonah?
Q: What is the book saying to them?

KEY THEMES & VERSES:

- Anger and Compassion (especially the LORD's)
- 4:11

Jonah 1-2

Jonah 3-4

Jonah 1		Jonah 3
<p>¹ Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,</p> <p>² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”</p> <p>³ But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. ...</p> <p>⁴ But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea..., so that the ship threatened to break up.</p> <p>⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. ...</p> <p>⁶ So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.” ...</p> <p>¹⁵ So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.</p>	<p><i>Lord’s call</i></p> <p><i>Lord’s message</i></p> <p><i>Jonah’s response</i></p> <p><i>Lord’s warning</i></p> <p><i>Gentiles’ response</i></p> <p><i>Gentile Leader’s response</i></p> <p><i>Lord’s relent</i></p>	<p>¹ Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,</p> <p>² “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.”</p> <p>³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. ...</p> <p>⁴ And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”</p> <p>⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth....</p> <p>⁶ The word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne... to call out mightily to God.</p> <p>⁹ Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”</p> <p>¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster...</p>
Jonah 2		Jonah 4
<p>¹ Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish...</p> <p>¹⁰ And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.</p>	<p><i>Jonah’s prayer</i></p> <p><i>Lord’s mercy</i></p>	<p>¹ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. And he prayed to the LORD ...</p> <p>¹¹ “Should not I [the LORD] pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?”</p>