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2 Kings 14:23

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He restored the territory of Israel
from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah,
according to the word of the LORD God of Israel,
which He had spoken through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai,
the prophet who *was* from Gath Hepher.

2 Kings 14:23-25

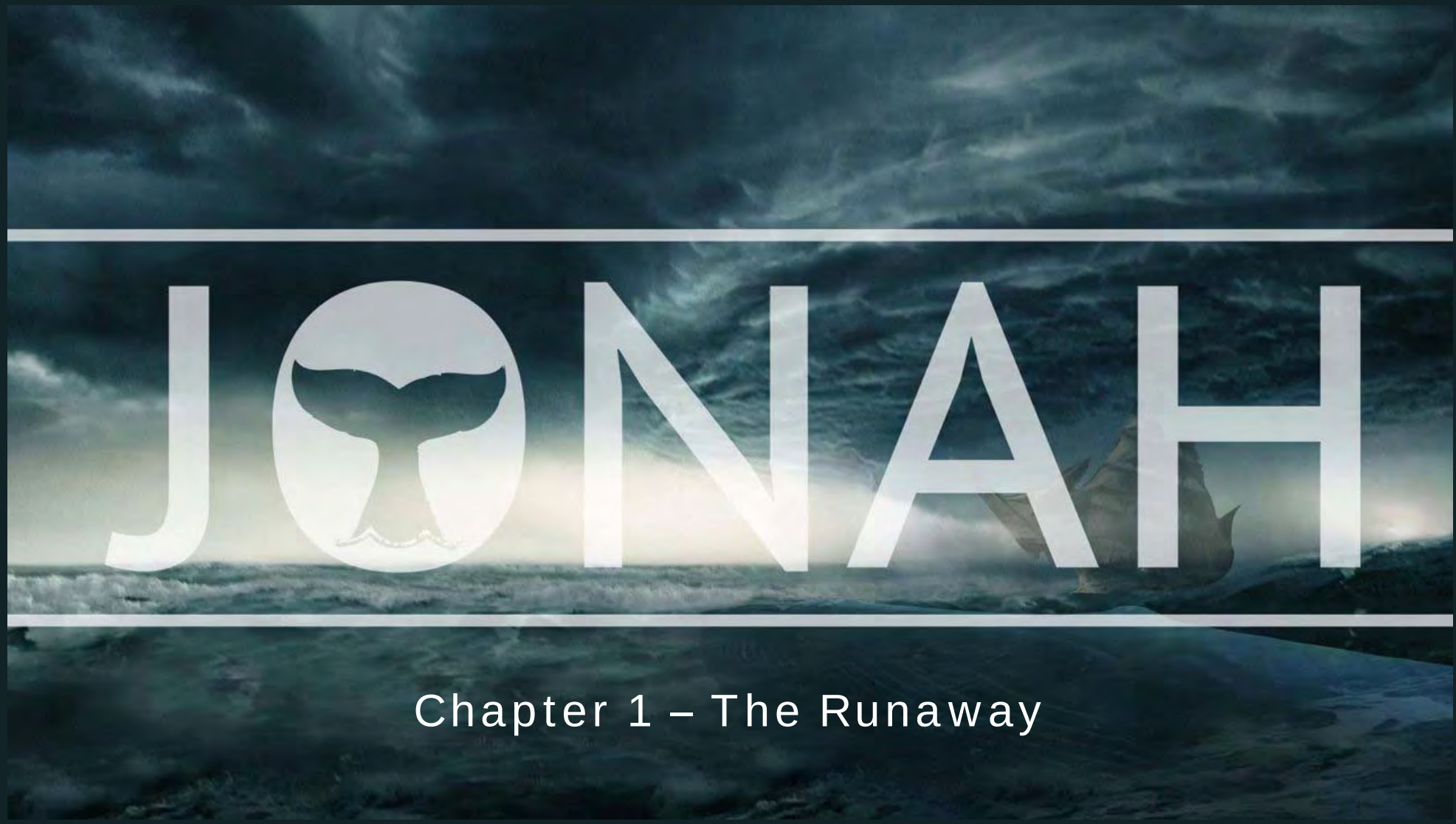
When Did Jonah Live?

During the days

of Elijah and Elisha

1 Kings 17 to 2 Kings 13

God's Men of Miracles



Chapter 1 – The Runaway

The Calling VS 1-2

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

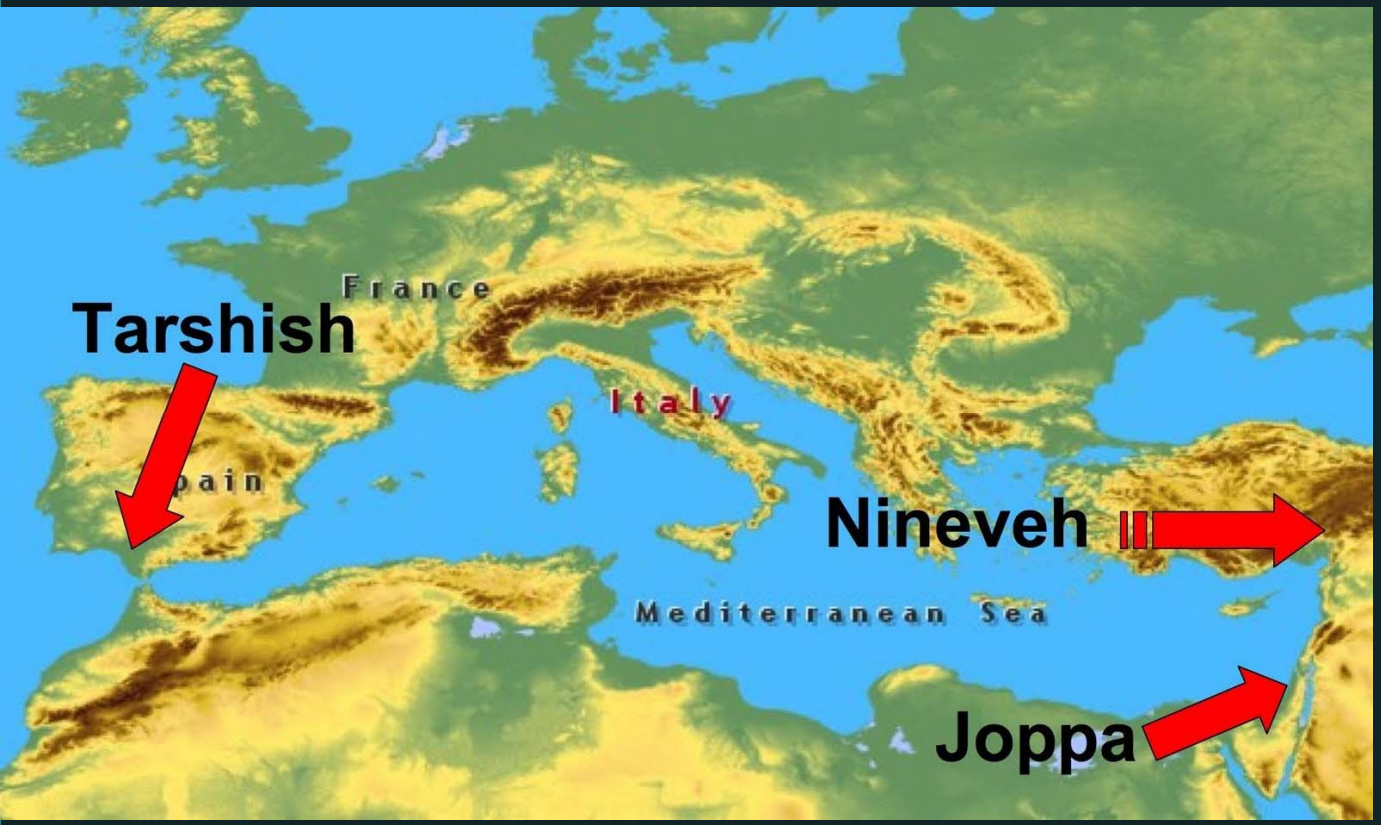
"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me."

The Calling VS 1-2

In Jonah's day
Nineveh,
was a great city
of Assyria,
but not yet
the capitol.

King had a
residence there.

The Rebellion vs 3



But Jonah arose
to flee from
the presence
of the LORD
to Tarshish

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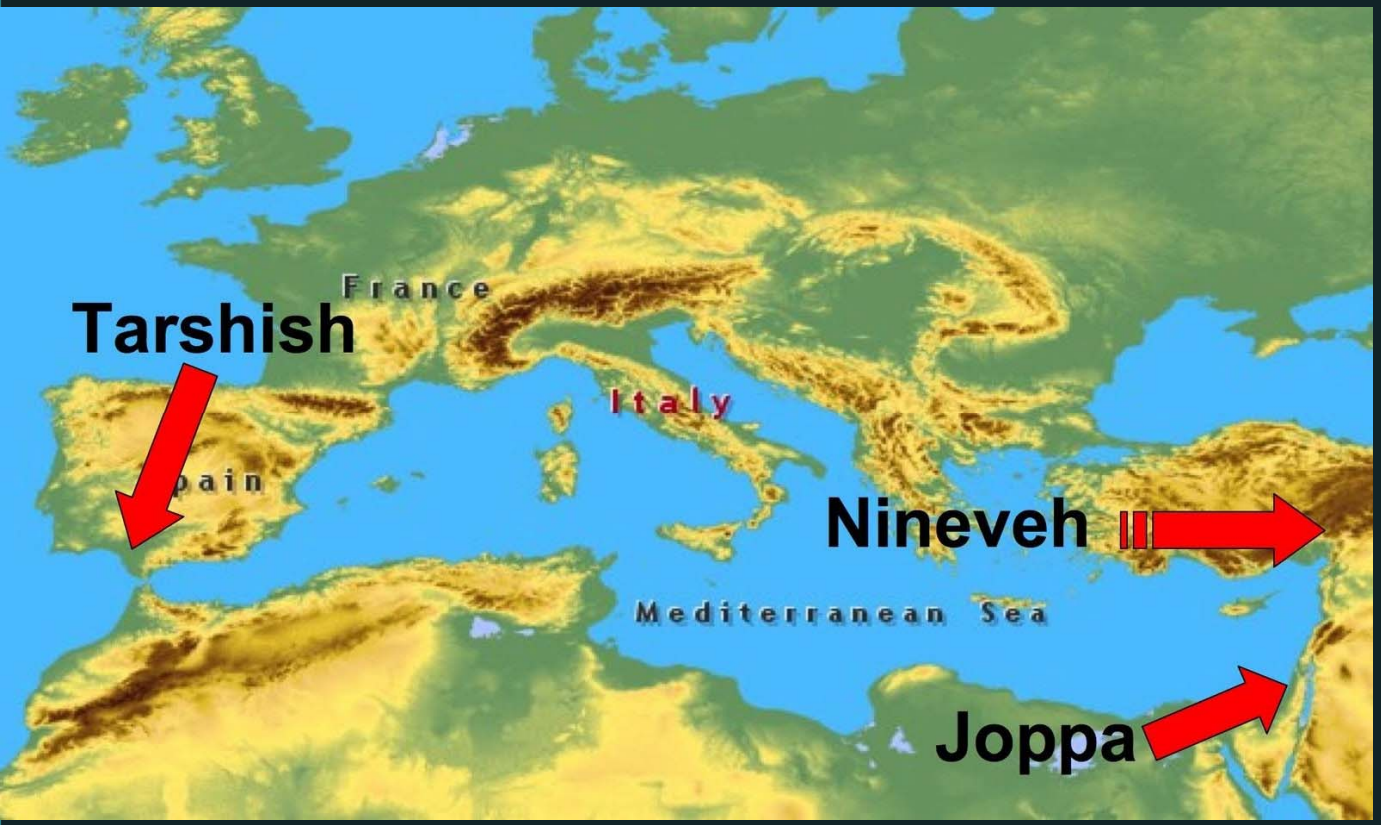

He went down to Joppa,
and found a ship
going to Tarshish;
so he paid the fare,
and went down into it,
to go with them to
Tarshish from the
presence of the LORD.

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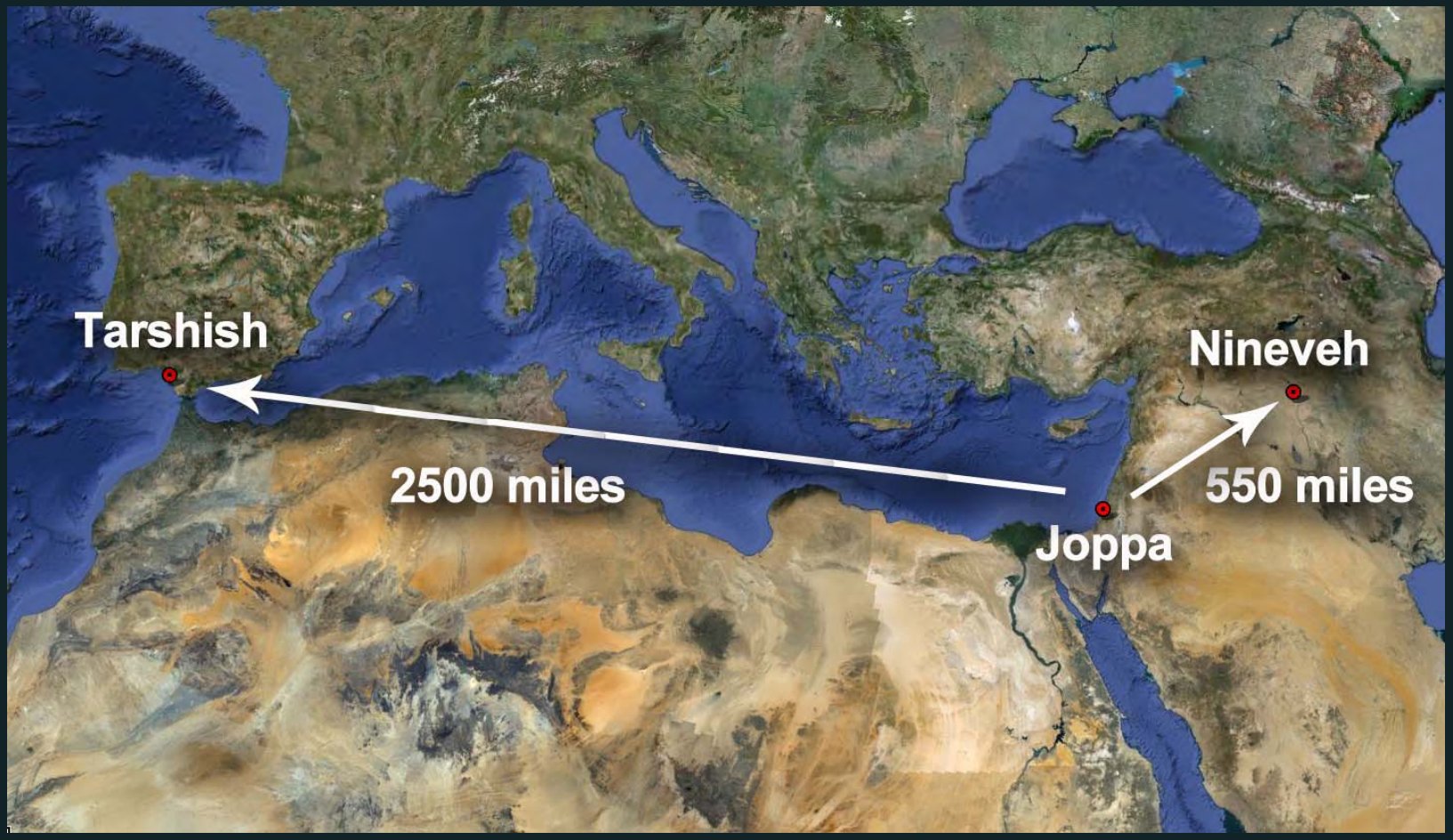


From the presence of the LORD

Psalm

139:7

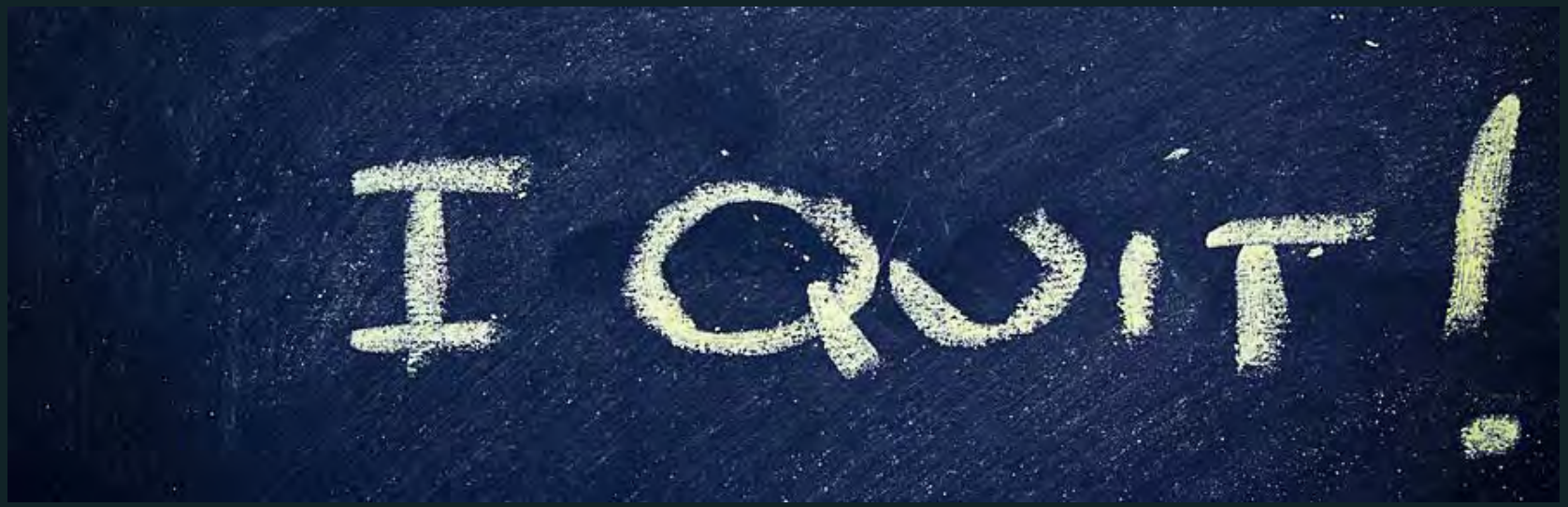
A Psalm of David

The Rebellion vs 3

What does that mean?

From the presence of the LORD

The Rebellion vs 3



From the presence of the LORD

The Consequence

The Consequence vs 4

Lost the ability to

hear God's voice,

so God speaks

through a Storm.

The Consequence vs 5

Lost spiritual energy.

No involved in life

goes below to sleep.

The Consequence vs 6

Lost his desire to pray.

The pagans were praying.

Chastised by captain to pray to his god.

The Consequence vs 7-10

Lost his testimony (influence).

God wanted His people to be

a kingdom of priests

to show the nations

the greatness and goodness

of the Lord God.

The Consequence vs 11-16

Almost lost his life.

Sailor's question – what to do?

Sailor's working to not do that.

Sailor's request to God.

Sailor's execution of judgment.

Sailor's worship of God.

Lessons from Jonah's Wrong Thoughts

Wrong Thoughts About the Will of God

Was Difficult … but

Was Dangerous … but

Was Undesirable … but

Wrong Thoughts About the Will of God

God wanted to use Jonah in the greatest revival of human history

Wrong Thoughts
About witnessing for God

Could be a witness sometimes

And could take time off

But only choice is what kind of witness

Wrong Thoughts
About his enemies – Assyrians

He wanted to see them perish

God is not willing that any should perish
But that all should come to repentance.

2 Peter 3:9

Wrong Actions – Running Away

Brings about a Downward Slide

Down to Joppa

Down into the Ship

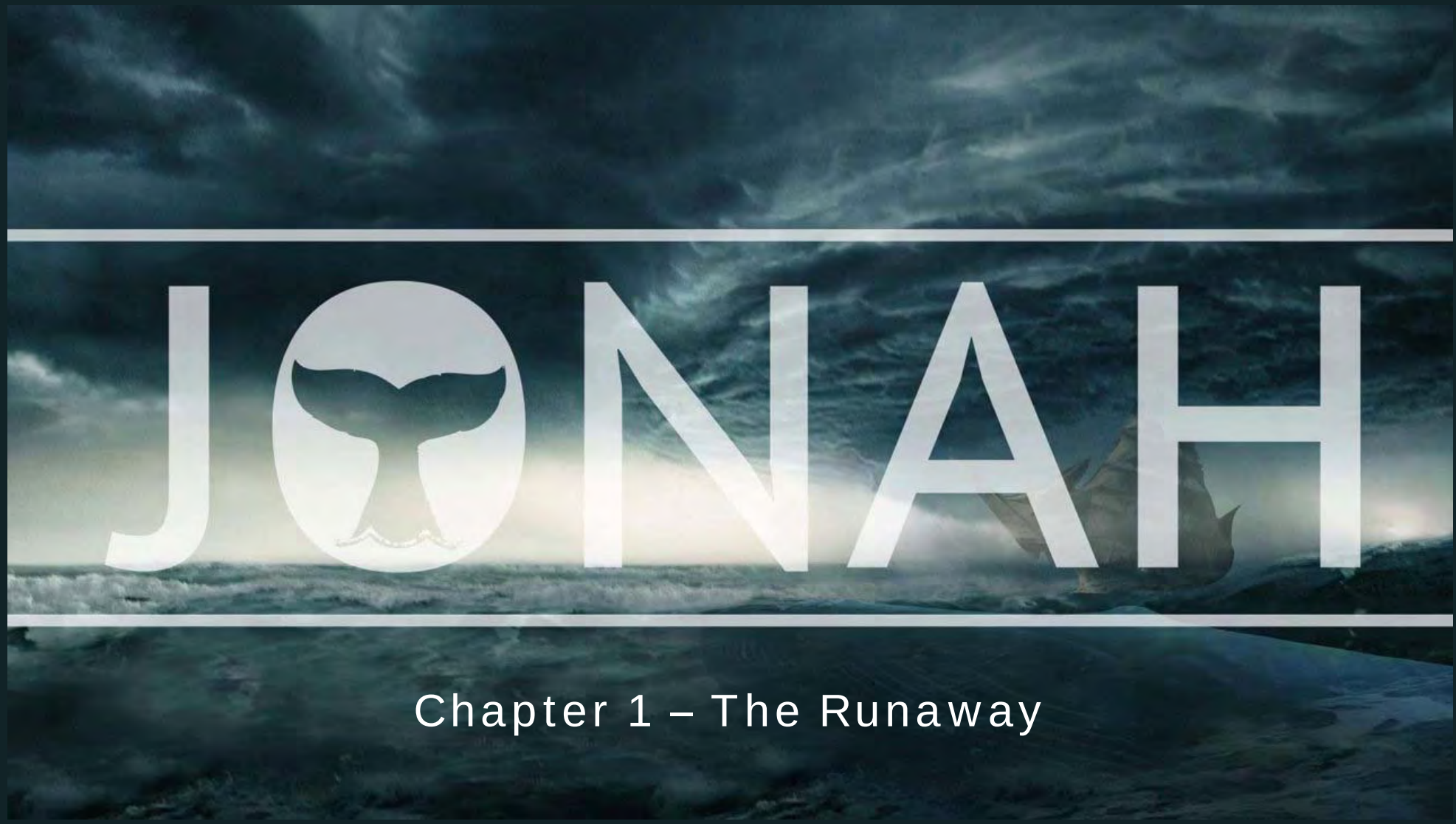
Down into the Sea

Some Lessons From Ch. 1

Your Call

Your Witness

Your Enemies



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The Patience of God

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Next Week the Story Continues

When Did Jonah Live?

Elijah raised the son of Zarephath's widow

1 Kings 17:17-24

Elisha raised the son of the Shunammite woman

2 Kings 4:35