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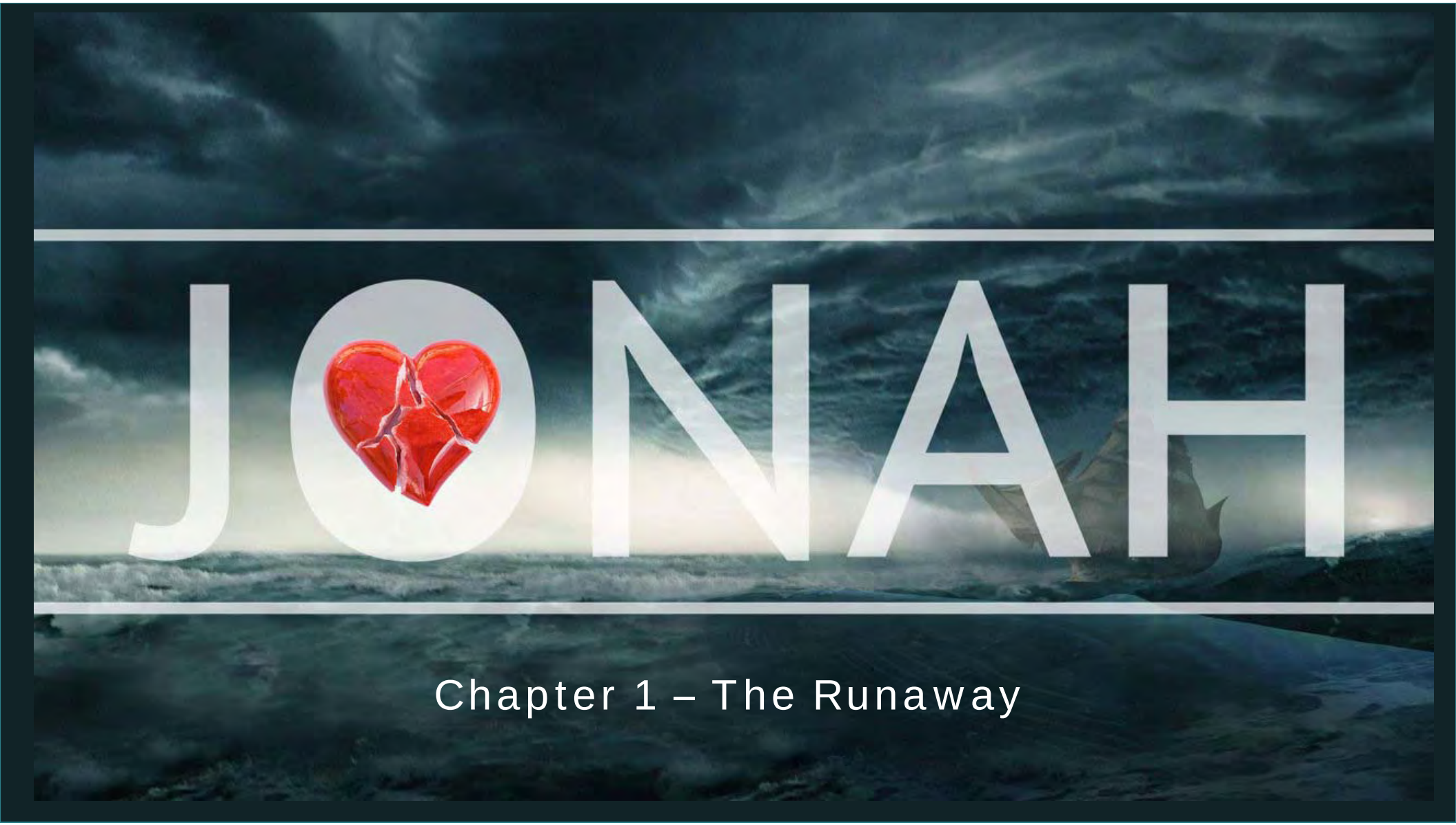
Problems of the Heart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Chapter 1 – The Runaway

The Rebellion vs 3

From the presence of the LORD

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The Consequence of Rebellion

Operate according to those without God in their lives.

Chapter 1 – The Runaway because of Rebellion

The Patience of God

Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah.
And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. 1:17

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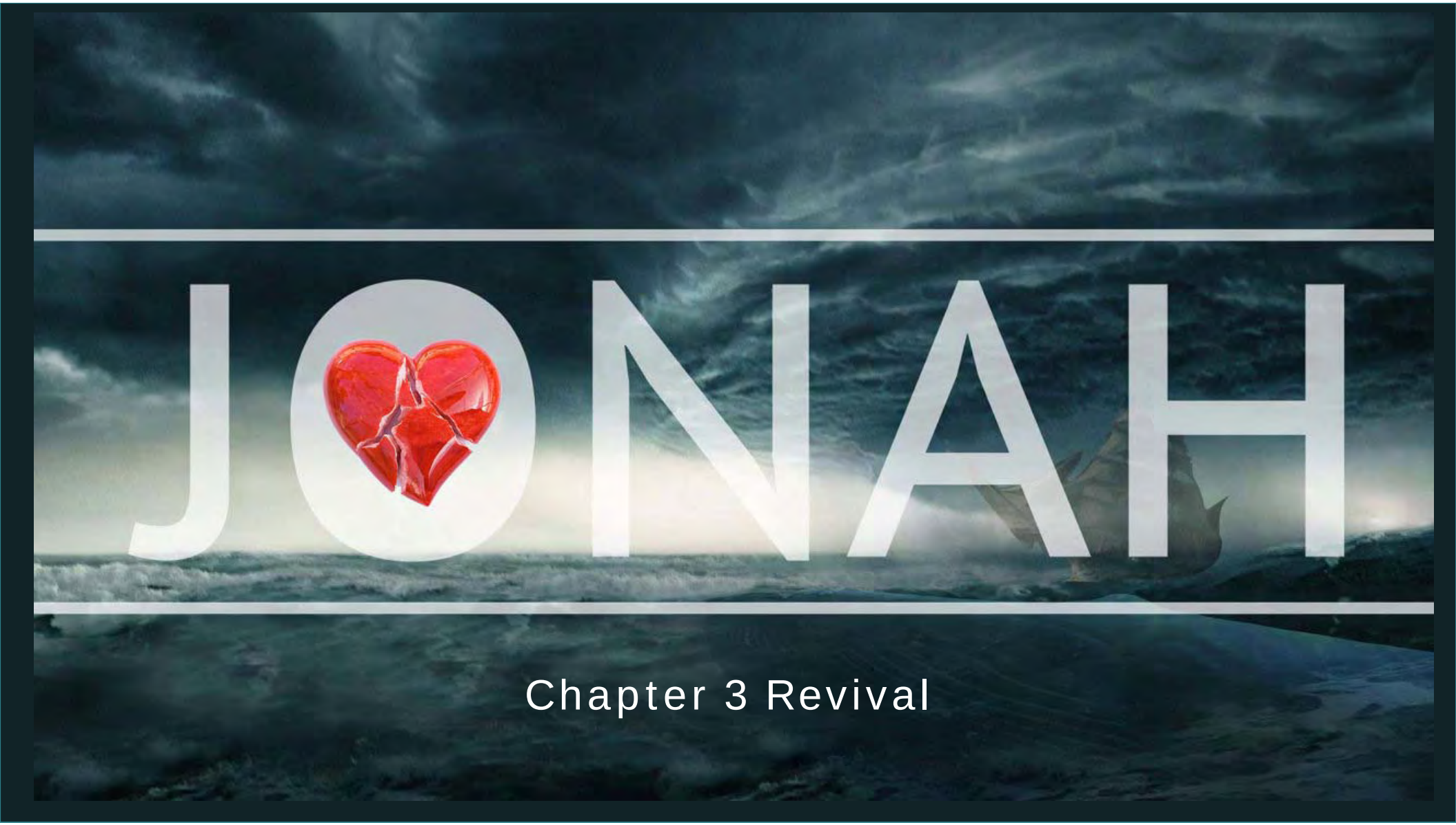
Chapter 2 – Repentance – The Way Back
The Pardon of God

Lessons for Rebels - There is a way back

1. Return to God through confession
2. Learn from the discipline
3. Trust God’s promise of mercy
4. Yield fully to God

So the LORD spoke to the fish,
and it vomited Jonah
onto dry land.
Jonah 2:10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Chapter 3 Revival

The Second Chance (3:1-4)

God offers a second commission

Roy Riegels

New Years Day 1929

Georgia Tech vs. University of California in Rose Bowl

Recovered a fumble, in confusion ran to wrong goal

One of his teammates Benny Lom downed him 65 yards later

On the 3 yard line a blocked kick scored a safety for Tech.

Half time coach Nibbs Price had to decide what to do.

Same team that played the first half will start the second.

Roy did not go out of the locker room.

"Coach, I cannot do it to save my life. I've ruined you, the university, and myself. I couldn't face the crowd in the stadium to save my life"

Coach Price placed his hand on Roy's shoulder and said, "Roy get up and go back, the game is only half over."

The Georgia Tech men will tell you that they never saw anyone play the game of football the way Roy did the second half.

What a coach!

The Second Chance (3:1-4)

God offers a second commission – What a God!

If you are a child of God and have failed

God can still use you.

Abraham failed – God used him
Jacob failed – God used him
Peter failed – God used him

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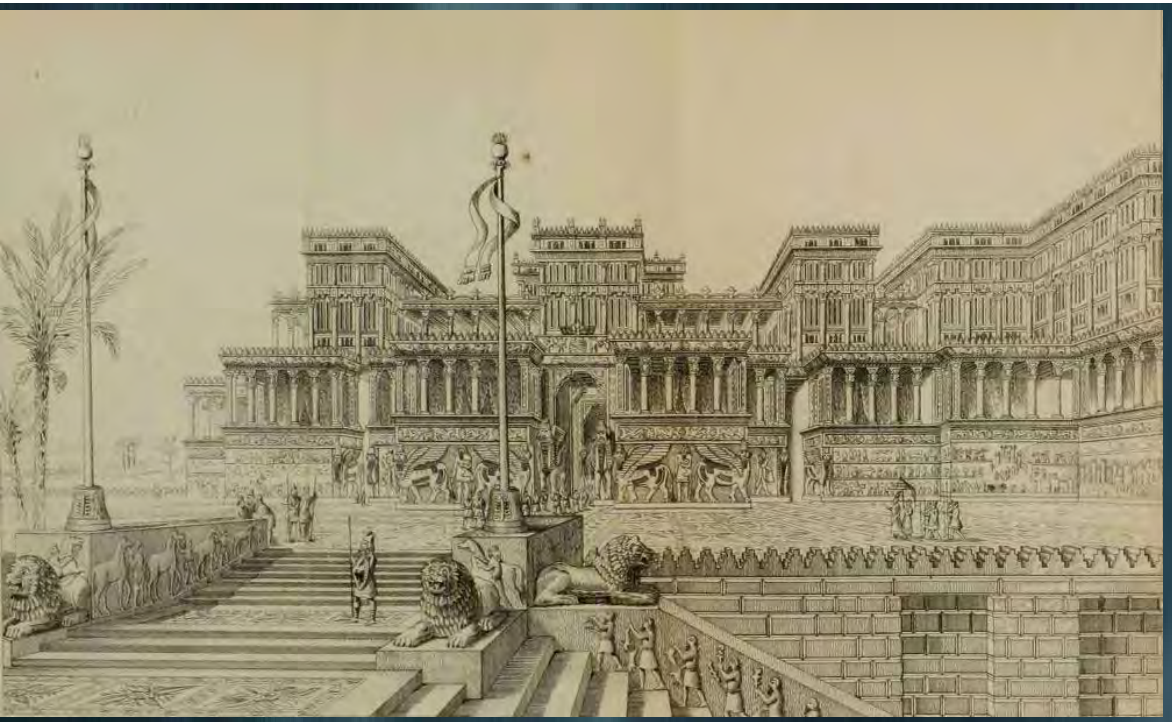
God offers a second commission – What a God!

Same commission – Go to Nineveh



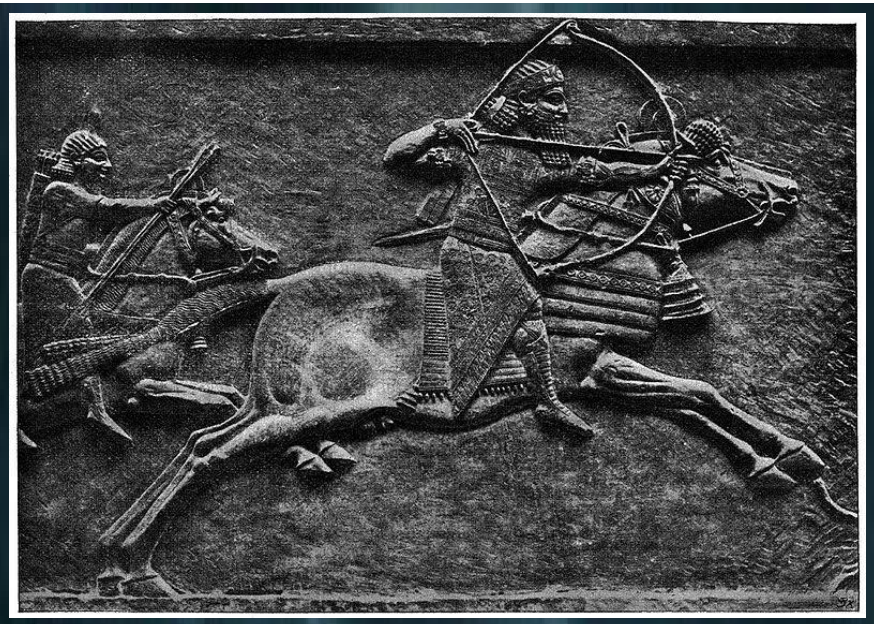
Nineveh
The Great City
(3:1-4)

Great in Age –
Founded by Nimrod Noah's Great Grandson
Genesis 10:11

Nineveh - The Great City

(3:1-4)

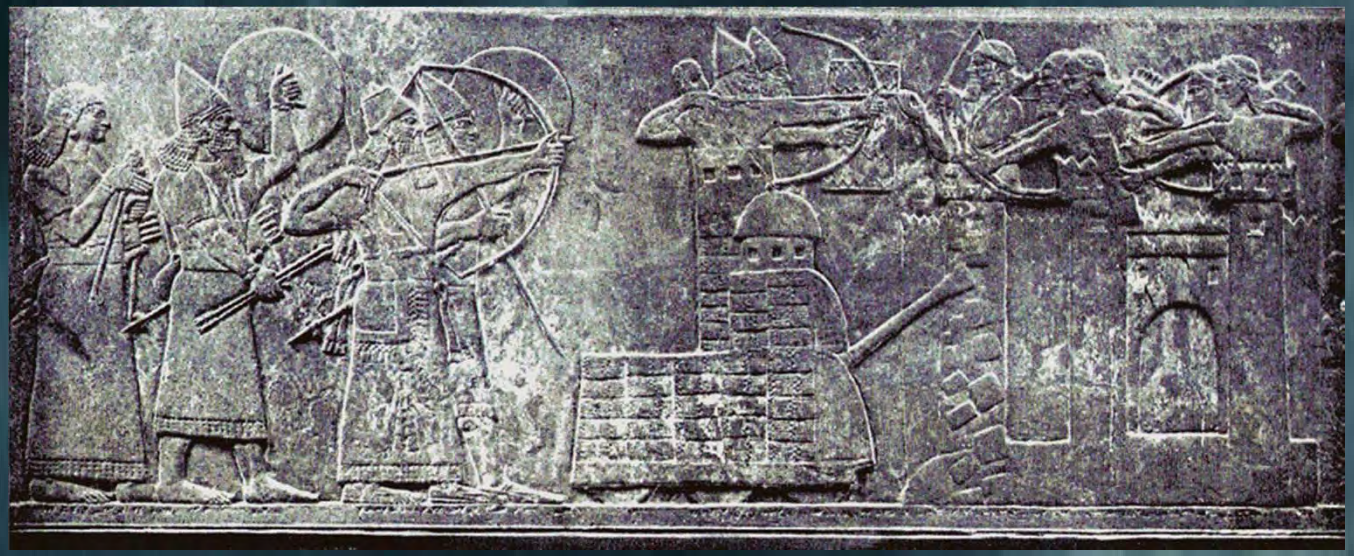
Great in Size – Main walled city and suburbs
Wall 100 feet high, 1500 Towers 200 feet high



Nineveh - The Great City (3:1-4)

Great in Pagan Worship

Asher was their principal god



Asher provided them with victory

Nineveh - The Great City (3:1-4)

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12 Greater Deities

Nineveh - The Great City (3:1-4)

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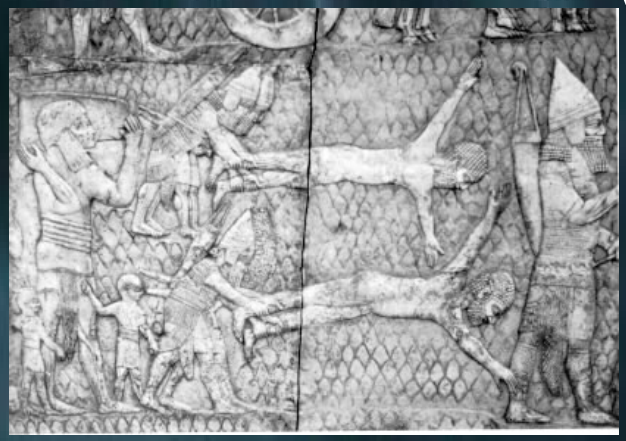
4,000 inferior deities presiding over all manifestations of nature and complications in human life.

Nineveh - The Great City (3:1-4)



Great in Cruelty in War

violence," "cruelty," "robbing," and "injustice."

No mercy

Ashur-Nasirpal II

The Second Chance (3:1-4)

God offers a second commission – What a God!

Same commission – Go to Nineveh

Preach the message I tell you

Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!

(3:4)

From History

Flood

Sodom and Gomorrah

Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!

(3:4)

In the mid 8th Century B.C.E. a weak king had allowed other countries to gain a geopolitical footing in the region and he could not stop them.

Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!

(3:4)

Two plagues, a severe flood and a famine, had ravaged Nineveh in 765 and 759 B.C.

Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!

(3:4)

A total eclipse of the sun on June 15, 763 was visible from Nineveh and may have had the people thinking of potential coming disaster.

The Great Repentance (3:5-9)

Believed God

Faith in God's Word

Proclaimed a fast

Repentance

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Put on sackcloth

Form of a slave – a slave to God not self sufficient

The Great Repentance (3:5-9)

King proclaims:

Fast for People and Animals

Crying out to God

Turn from evil and violence

Hopes in God’s Mercy

God’s Great Mercy (3:10)

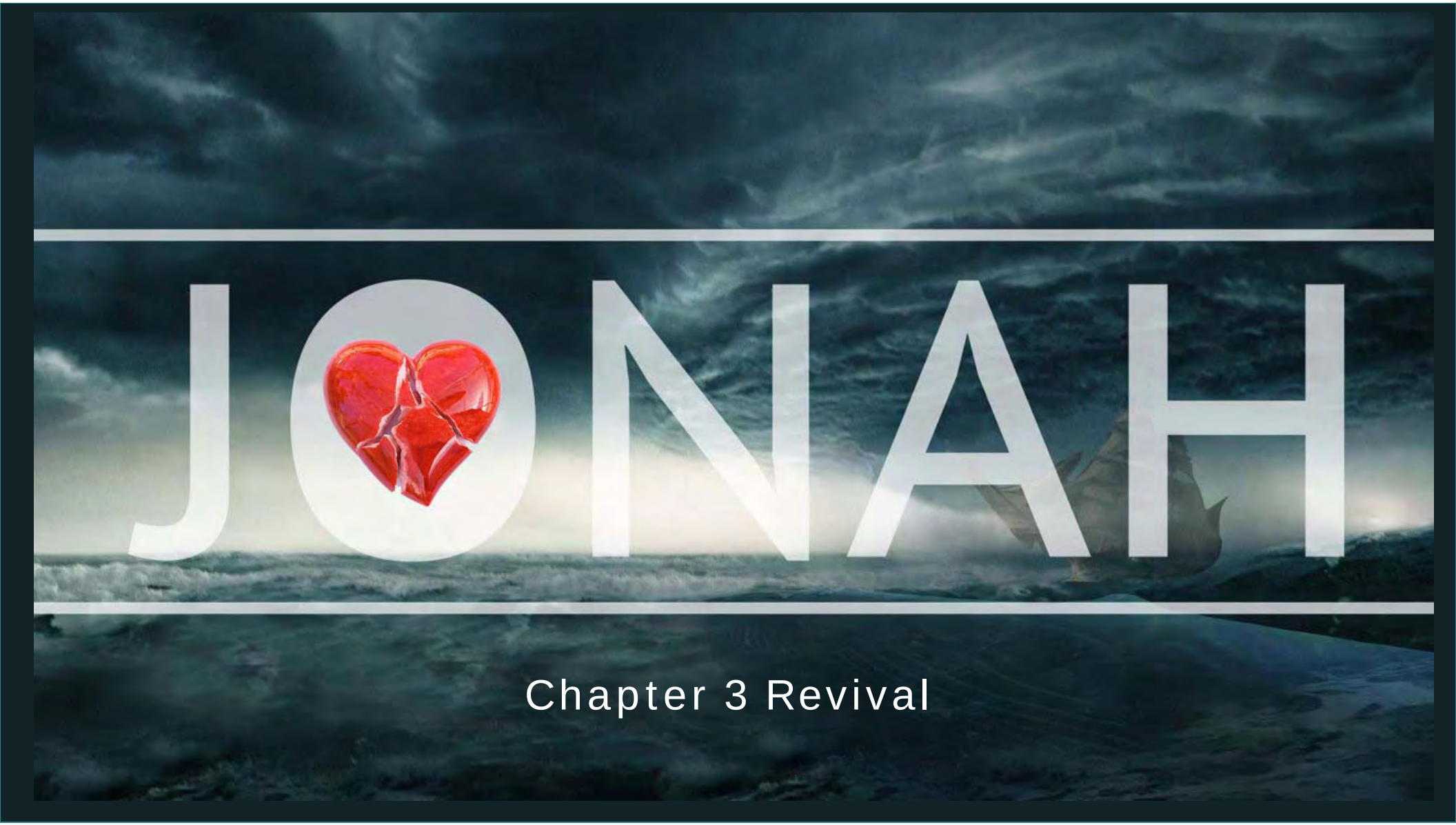
God Saw:

Faith accompanied by their works

Their turn from evil

God gave Mercy

Judgment did not come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Chapter 3 Revival

Lessons from Jonah 3

Judgment will come if people do not turn from violence, cruelty, robbing, and injustice.

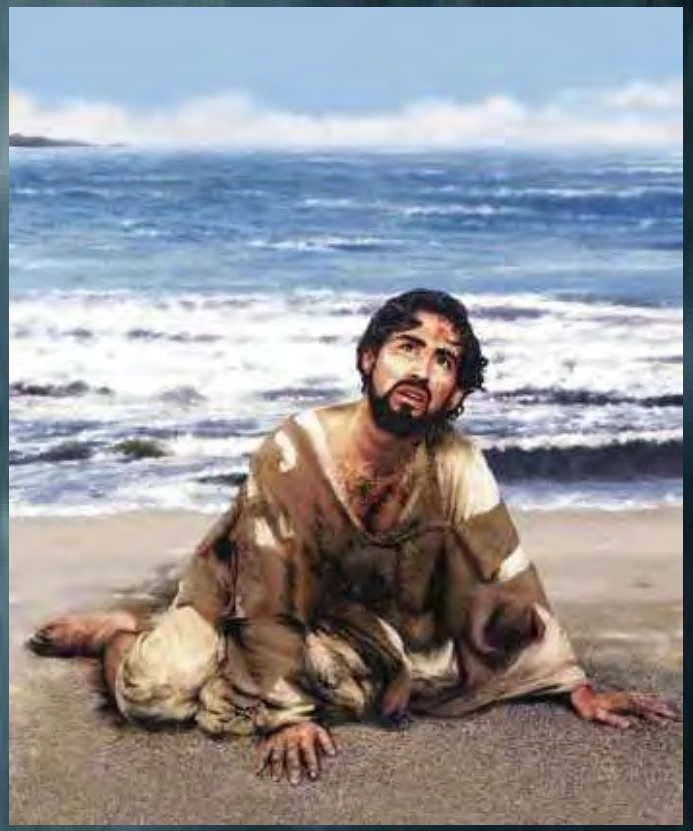
Revival is only good for a while. If people revert back judgment will come.

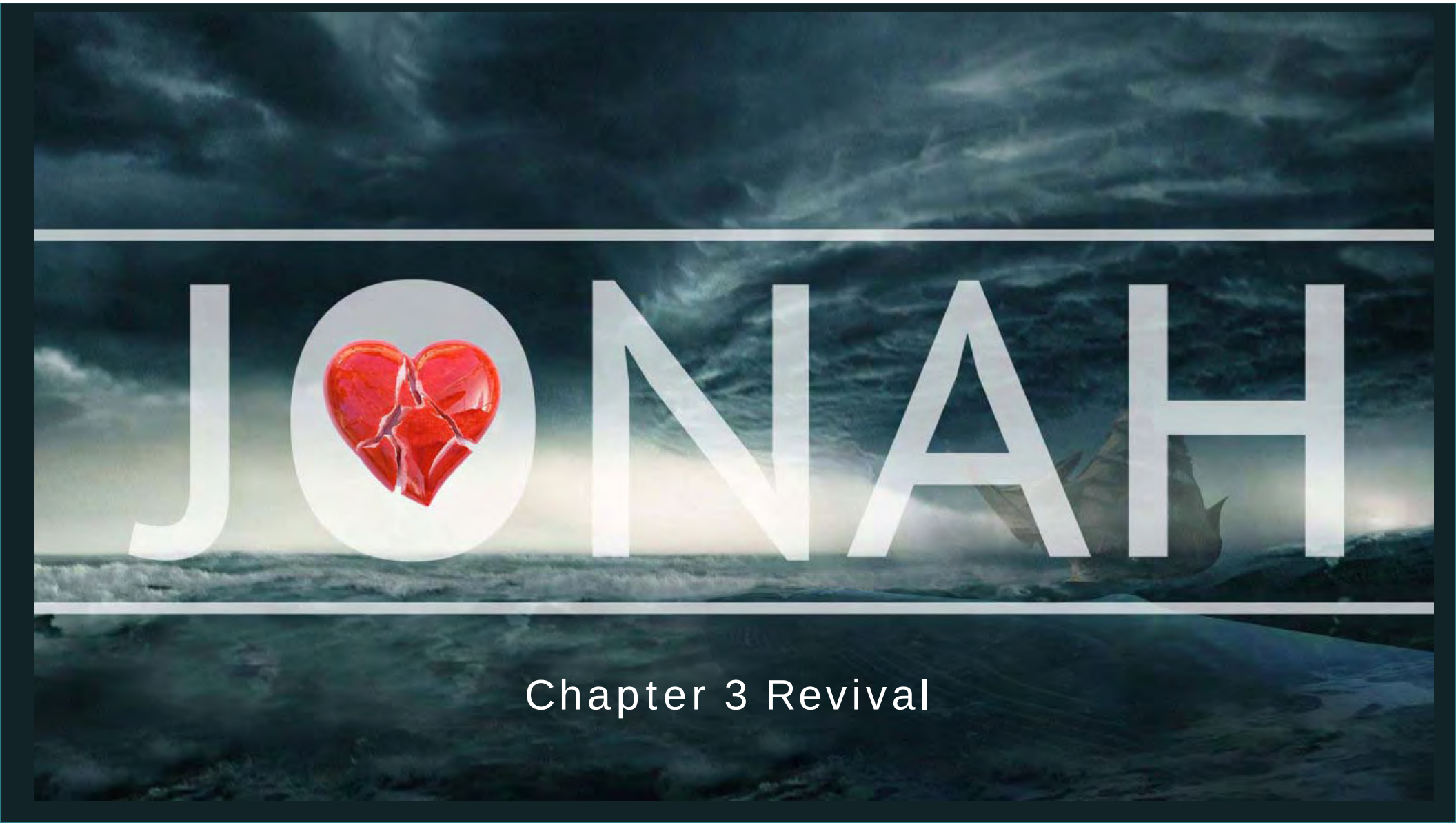
Nahum – 150 years later.

Lessons from Jonah 3

The Lord is a God of Mercy

He gives people here another opportunity to turn around.

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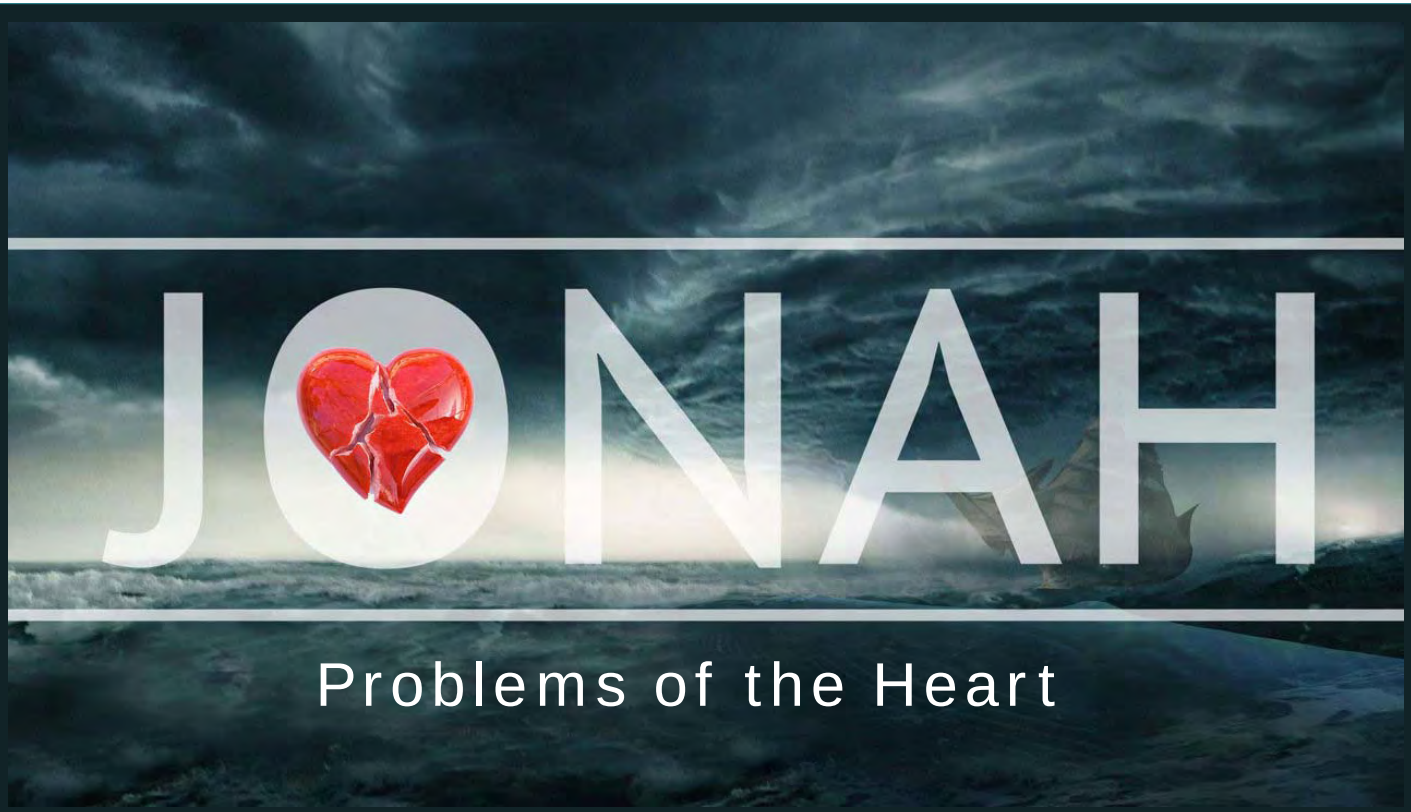

1st Problem & God's Answer

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