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Wednesday In the Word

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Bible Study

Jonah 4:4-11

JONAH: # 10

Lessons on Obedience

(794-753 B.C.)

The Hero of the Shade Tree

October 20th, 2021 / 14th Cheshvan 5782

tribal territory of Zebulun

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Mount Meron

Village on a hill in Galilee

Capernaum

Safed

Sea of Galilee

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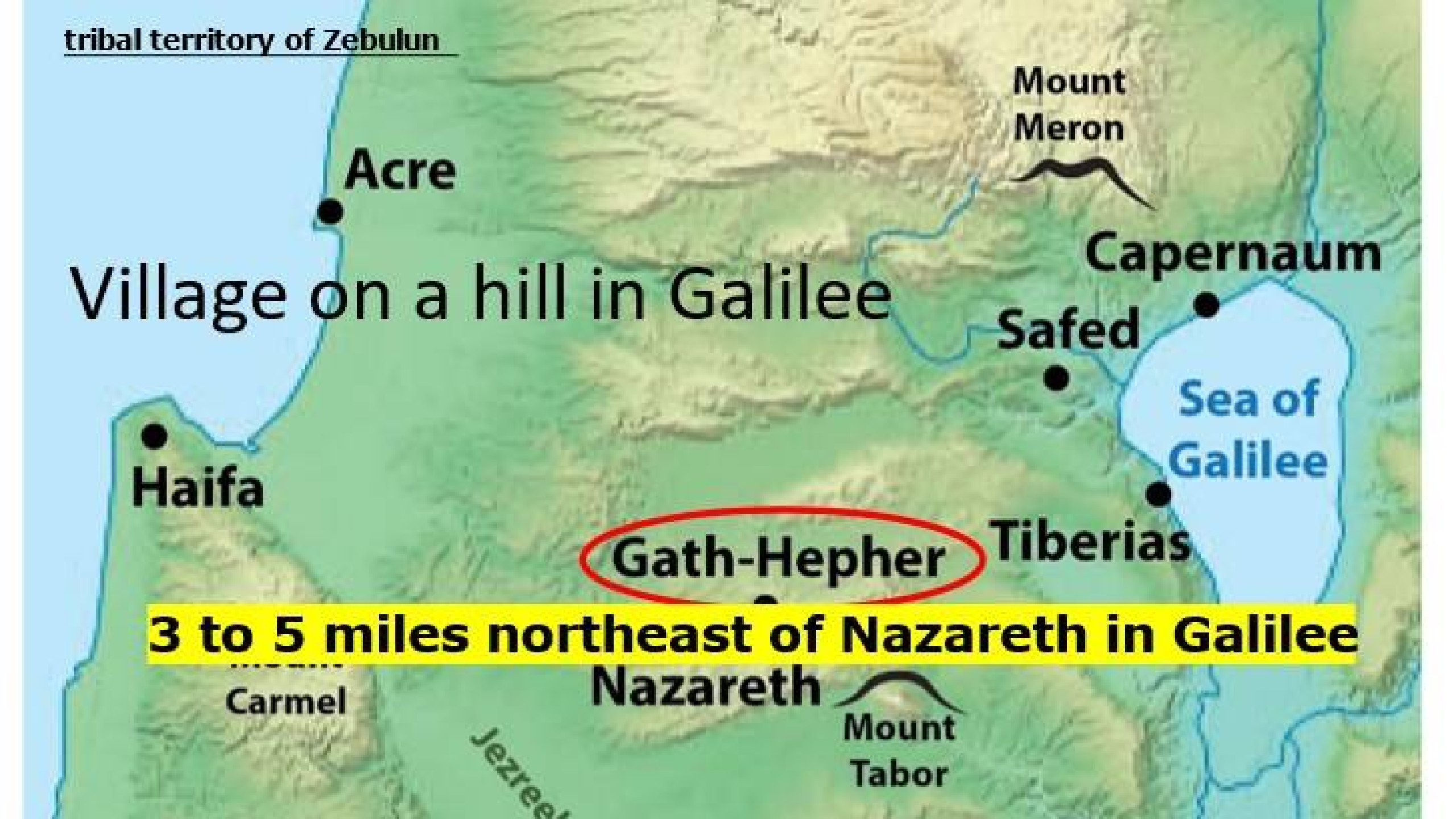
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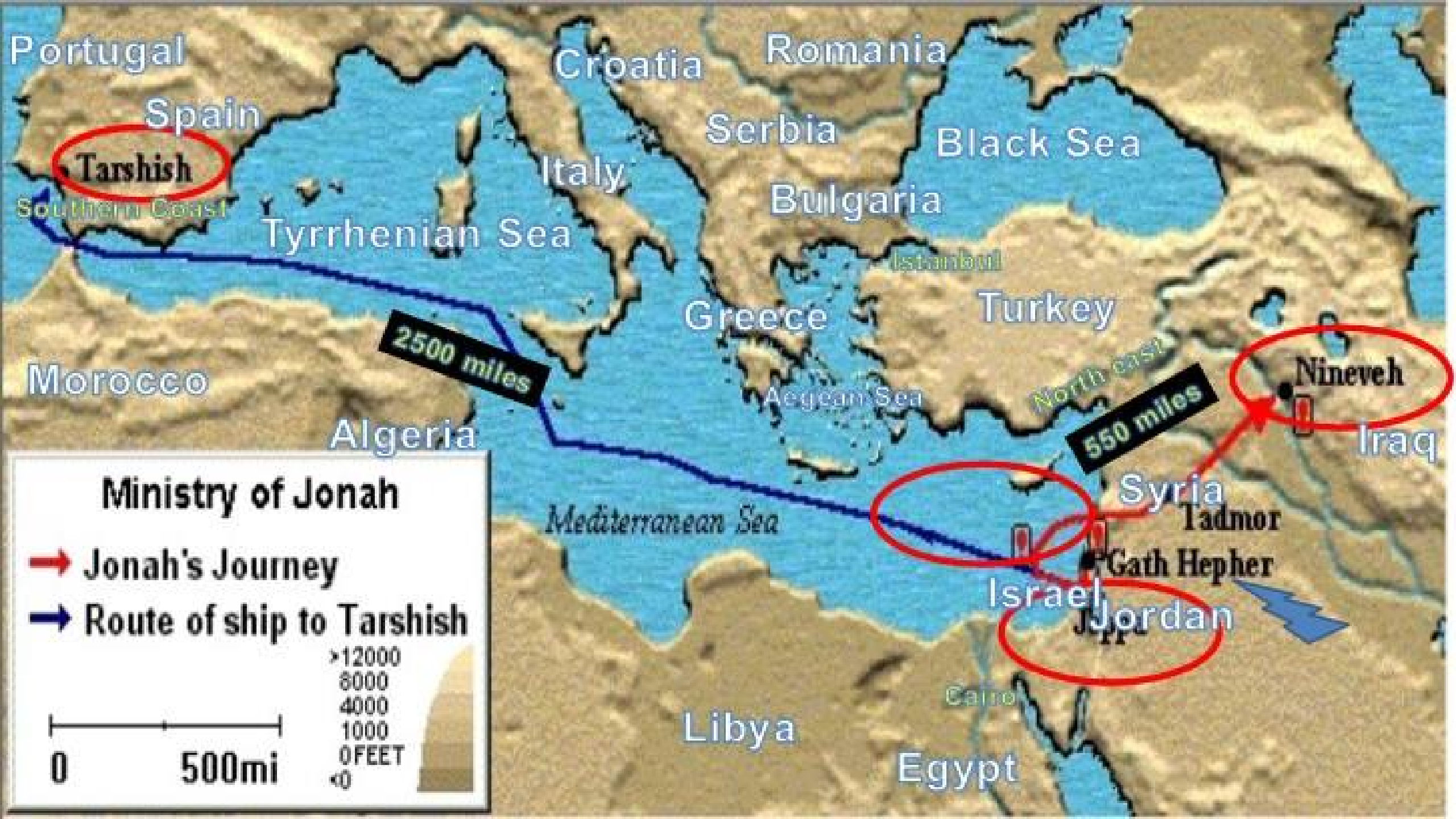
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Tarshish

Nineveh

Ministry of Jonah

- Jonah's Journey
- Route of ship to Tarshish

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WHO'S YOUR HERO?

2 Kings 14:23-25

23 In the fourth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Nebat king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and two years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the Lord : he departed not from all the sin of the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

25 He restored the coast of Israel to the old border of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the Lord which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah, the prophet, which was of Gathhepher. **KJV**

A NATIONAL HERO

The Hero of the Shade Tree

1. The Hero's Response. 4:1 -3

A. The Hero's Rage. V.1

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Jonah 4:1

1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. KJV

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Jonah



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1. The Hero's Response. 4:1 -3

A. The Hero's Rage. **V.1**

B. The Hero's Resentment. **V.2**

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Jonah 4:2

² And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore, I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

KJV

² So he prayed, "LORD, didn't I say before I left home that this is just what you would do? That's why I did my best to run away to Spain! I knew that you are a loving and merciful God, always patient, always kind, and always ready to change your mind and not punish.

(TEV)

Jonah



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1. The Hero's Response. 4:1 -3

A. The Hero's Rage. **V.1**

B. The Hero's Resentment. **V.2**

C. The Hero's Request. **V.3**

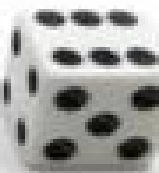
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Jonah 4:3

³ Therefore now,
O LORD, take, I
beseech thee,
my life from me;
for *it is* better for
me to die than to
live. **KJV**

³ Now then,
LORD, let me die.
I am better off
dead than alive."
(TEV)

Jonah



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2. The Hero's Reaction. 4:4-5

A. The Hero's Resolve. v.4-5

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Jonah 4:4

⁴ Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry? **KJV**

⁴ The LORD answered, "What right do you have to be angry?" **(TEV)**

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God's Object Lesson was:

The Plant Reveals The Hero's Divided Heart.

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Jonah 4:5

⁵ So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the **east side of the city**, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. **KJV**

⁵ Jonah went out east of the city and sat down. He made a **shelter** for himself and sat in its **shade**, waiting to see what would happen to Nineveh. **(TEV)**

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God's Lesson on Obedience

A. The Wait. v.5

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3. The Response From God. 4:6 -11

A. God Responds in Tenderness Toward
the Hero. v.6

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God's Lesson on Obedience

A. The Wait. v.5

B. The weed. V.6

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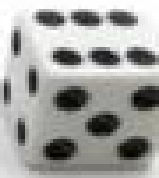
Jonah 4:6

⁶ And **the LORD God** prepared a gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd. **KJV**

⁶ Then **the LORD God** made a plant grow up over Jonah to give him some shade, so that he would be more comfortable. Jonah was extremely pleased with the plant.

(TEV)

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God's Lesson on Obedience

- A. The Wait. v.5
- B. The weed. V.6
- C. The Worm. V.7

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3. The Response From God. 4:6 -11

A. God Responds in Tenderness Toward
the Hero. **v.6**

B. God's Responds by teaching about
High-Priorities. **v.7-11**

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Jonah 4:7

⁷ But **God prepared a worm** when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered. **KJV**

⁷ But at dawn the next day, at God's command, a worm attacked the plant, and it died. **(TEV)**

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God's Lesson on Obedience

- A. The Wait. v.5
- B. The weed. V.6
- C. The Worm. V.7
- D. The Wind. v.8

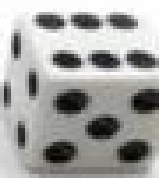
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Jonah 4:8

⁸ And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is better for me to die than to live.* **KJV**

⁸ After the sun had risen, God sent a hot east wind, and Jonah was about to faint from the heat of the sun beating down on his head. So he wished he were dead. **"I am better off dead than alive,"** he said. **(TEV)**

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God's Lesson on Obedience

- A. The Wait. v.5
- B. The weed. V.6
- C. The Worm. V.7
- D. The Wind. v.8
- E. The Word. V.9

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Jonah 4:9

⁹ And God said to Jonah, **Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd?** And he said, I do well to be angry, *even* unto death. **KJV**

⁹ But God said to him, "What right do you have to be angry about the plant?" Jonah replied, "I have every right to be angry — angry enough to die!"

(TEV)

Jonah



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God's Lesson on Obedience

WHY DID GOD ASK THIS QUESTION?

Two Observations;

1 Jonah cared more about his personal comfort than for the 120,000 people of Nineveh.

2 Jonah cared more about the plant / vine than for the 120,000 people of Nineveh. He had a divided heart

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Jonah 4:10

¹⁰ Then said the LORD,
Thou hast had pity on the
gourd, for the which thou
hast not laboured,
neither madest it grow;
which came up in a night,
and perished in a night:

KJV

¹⁰ The LORD said to him,
"This plant grew up in one
night and disappeared the
next; you didn't do
anything for it and you
didn't make it grow — yet
you feel sorry for it! (TEV)

Jonah

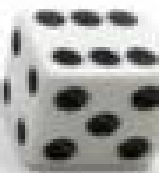


Jonah 4:11

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¹¹ How much more, then, should I have pity on Nineveh, that great city. After all, it has more than 120,000 innocent children in it, as well as many animals!" **(TEV)**

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God's Lesson on Obedience

God's Forgiveness Reveals His Loving Heart.

V.10-11

A. God corrects Jonah's lack of compassion.

B. God clarifies His love and compassion.

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Application for all you Hero's

1. God's **Judgment** comes with a **Contingency Plan**.
2. God is **Ready to show** everyone **the same Mercy** He has Shown you.

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Two Corresponding Truths for Hero's

1. God's **offers you** the same mercy He Offers Everyone Else.
2. God **Offers Everyone Else** the same Mercy He Offers You.

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Application for all you Hero's

1. God's **Judgment** comes with a **Contingency Plan**.
2. God is **Ready to show** everyone **the same Mercy** He has Shown you.
3. God **wants His people** to get their **Priorities Straight**.

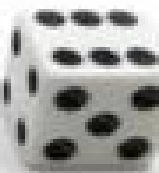
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Conclusion:

The book ends abruptly with a question.

Jonah's lack of Response indicates that he got the point.

The way we fully understand ourselves is to compare our self-interest with God's sacrificial love.

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How To Deal With Hero's Who Are Zero's?

CONCLUSION

- Do I treat others with the same Mercy I have Received?
- Is There an Area of Personal Comfort I can sacrifice in order to Help Hurting people?

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