

**“AND AS FOR ME,...” Part 1: Intro**

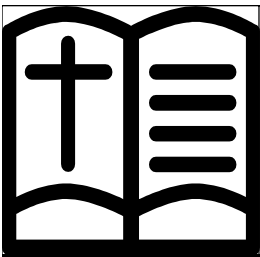
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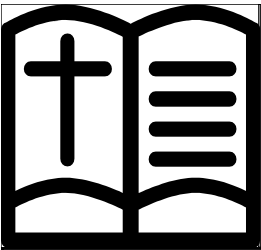
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- C. A message from God about control, power, sovereignty and the character/nature of God*
- D. An account of contrasts to gain perspectives*

**I. GREATNESS: WHO IS IN CONTROL?**

- A. 13 times “great” is used in this small book*
  - 1. A great city 1:2, 3:2,3 - Nineveh of Assyria  
BUT... ISA 10:5-19*
  - 2. A great wind and a mighty tempest 1:4 BUT...  
1:4 shows it was not “natural” but a wind was hurled from God to stir up the tempest*
  - 3. These “salties” had great fear 1:10*
  - 4. They developed great belief in the one true God 1:16*
  - 5. A great fish swallowed Jonah 1:17 BUT God had prepared it*
  - 6. A city-wide fast is proclaimed that included the greatest of them to the least of them 3:5,7 (5-9)  
What are they controlling?*
  - 7. Jonah is exceedingly displeased 4:1; gets angry*



8. *Jonah gets exceedingly glad about the shade from the plant 4:6 BUT God had appointed the plant for the shade and it is God that will appoint a worm to destroy the plant. He then appointed a scorching wind to make him miserable*
9. *God speaks of his compassion on the great city of Nineveh in which there were 120,000 who did not know the right hand from the left hand*
- B. *Regardless of the event, the obstacle or the benefit, God is in control. The response to it will always be what grants God’s mercy and grace. Humility plus faith*
- C. *We can know that God was developing the leadership in Assyria that would be necessary to carry out His will against His disobedient people*
- D. *We can also know that He was sending His prophet to the wicked Assyrians to grant them repentance and faith before He judges them*
- E. *Additionally we can see that His own people were unresponsive to His prophets. Jonah is a miniature picture of what Israel was doing*
- F. *God’s actions here are the living out of Exo 34:6-7*
1. Sovereign
  2. Compassionate
  3. Gracious
  4. Slow to anger (longsuffering)
  5. Abounding in covenant loyalty and truth
  6. Forgiving, impartially just, unrelenting



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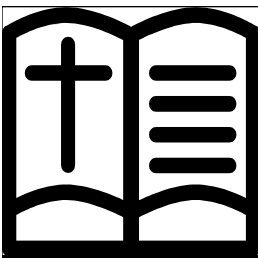
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