**Old Testament Foundations**

**Jonah**

**Jonah the Man**

Mentioned in 2 Kings \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 His name means – \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – it fits him because he fled, or flew, the other direction

He is the only prophet the Bible says that was sent directly to the Gentiles, his physical presence.

Nineveh – the capitol of Assyria - They were cruel, brutal, violent, ruled by tyranny, words that describes the Assyrians. They were known for their violent killing by impaling a person and leaving them there to die which became the roots of crucifixion. They often dismembered their enemies mercilessly.

**Crossroads**

Galilee was called “Galilee of the nations,” it was the crossroads of the world. People came up from Africa and crossed over and headed toward Arabia and people from Europe came over and came down and headed Southwest to India and China.

This is interesting because they went through a place called \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, of course as you know it will be called Armageddon

**Jonah, the Book**

Fact or fiction - Reasons it is considered factual

1. It follows the same style of all Old Testament historical writing

2. It mentions people and places who existed and are mentioned in other places

3. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ believed in Jonah and the great fish and spoke about it.

2 reasons people struggle with the story of Jonah:

1. Is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ impossible (although some say it is not)

2. It is psychologically improbable that one man would preach \_\_\_\_\_\_ days and an entire city would repent

**Jesus and Jonah**

Jonah is the only OT Prophet that Jesus compares himself to

Lu:11:30: For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

M't:12:40: For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

**Miracles in Jonah**

There are \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ miracles in the Book of Jonah, generally most only know of the one miracle. Some say the greatest miracle was when God spoke to a worm and it obeyed, you can train a whale, trying training a worm

**Division of the Book**

Chapter 1 The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prophet

Jon:1:3: But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went **down** to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and **went down** into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Tarshish is Spain, 2,000 miles west, while Nineveh was 500 miles Northeast

Chapter 2 The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prophet

His prayer comes out of the Psalms

Chapter 3 The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prophet

Nineveh responds better to a disobedient prophet than Israel does to an obedient prophet

What made it probable for repentance?

1. They were religious, they believed in many gods

2. They were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. The revival started at the bottom among the ordinary people and went to the top, the king

4. The sign of Jonah, bleached, smelly, obvious he had been through an ordeal

5. When the Holy Spirit works, things happen

Chapter 4 The \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Prophet

Why did he run away?

1. He was afraid of the Assyrians, afraid he would get \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, not afraid to die in the sea, had the sailors throw him overboard

2. Anti-Gentilism, the opposite of anti-Semitism, but he fled toward Gentiles in \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

3. Assyrians, the wicked people on earth, no way -selective evangelism

4. Israel’s number one threat was the Assyrians and did eventually come and overtake them

5. Jonah was a \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ – by going to them he felt he was betraying his nation.