

# 生命的重塑 – 擴張生命的境界 (約拿)

## Reshape of Life – Extend Life Territories (Jonah)

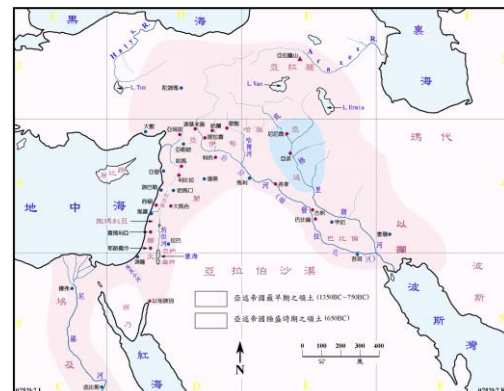
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約拿 – 很特別的先知 **JONAH** - Extraordinary prophet

主前第八世紀的先知，<sup>1</sup>在耶羅波安二世在位時發預言（793-653 B.C.）

✚ 特別的任務 - 北國以色列的先知，奉差遣往亞述的尼尼微城（約拿書 1:2）

Extraordinary mission - Israel prophet sent to Assyria capital city, Nineveh (Jon 1:2)



✚ 特別的先知 – 逃避召命，違背神的吩咐，不想往尼尼微，反轉往他施去（約拿書 1:3）

Extraordinary prophet – refuse obeying God, went to Tarshish<sup>2</sup>, instead of Nineveh (Jon 1:3)

✚ 特別的旅程 – 魚腹裡三日三夜（約拿書 1:17）

Extraordinary journey - Jonah was in the belly of a great fish three days and nights. (Jon 1:17)



「耶和華安排一條大魚吞了約拿，他在魚腹中三日三夜。」（約拿書 1:17）

<sup>1</sup> Jonah : Amittai (亞米太的兒子) was a prophet of Israel from Gath Hopher(迦特希弗)

<sup>2</sup> South of Spain

*“But the LORD provided a large fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.” (Jonah 1:17, NRSV)*

✚ 特別的結局 – 一句警告，尼尼微城合城的人都悔改

Extraordinary outcome – a single warning resulted in the mass repentance

「約拿進城走了一日，宣告說：『再等四十日，尼尼微必傾覆了！』」（約拿書 3:4）

*“Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.”” (Jonah 3:4, NIV)*

由於太特別，所以有些人懷疑約拿書的歷史性

Some queries the historical authenticity of the book

耶穌有引用約拿往尼尼微宣講的事，也有引用約拿在魚腹的事。

But the miraculous ministry Jonah and the repentance of Nineveh people were mentioned by Jesus!

「約拿三日三夜在大魚肚腹中，人子也要這樣三日三夜在地裏頭。當審判的時候，尼尼微人要起來定這世代的罪，因為尼尼微人聽了約拿所傳的就悔改。看哪，在這裏有一人比約拿更大！」（馬太福音 12:40-41）

*“For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will stand up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it; for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and now something greater than Jonah is here.” (Matthew 12:40–41, NIV)*

# 擴張生命的境界！EXTEND YOUR LIFE TERRITORIES!

## 1. 拓闊你的視野 Broaden Your Perspectives

*“Go at once to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before me.” (Jonah 1:2–3, NRSV)*

「『你起來往尼尼微大城去，向其中的居民呼喊，因為他們的惡達到我面前。』約拿卻起來，逃往他施去躲避耶和華；下到約帕，遇見一隻船，要往他施去。他就給了船價，上了船，要與船上的人同往他施去躲避耶和華。」 (約拿書 1:2-3)

⇒ 嘗試以神的角度看事物 **Try to see from God’s perspective**

## 2. 擴張你的疆界 Extend your Territories

*“Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you.”” (Jonah 3:1–2, NASB95)*

「耶和華的話二次臨到約拿說：『你起來！往尼尼微大城去，向其中的居民宣告我所吩咐你的話。』」 (約拿書 3:1-2)

約拿狹隘的民族主義 **Narrow and exclusive nationalism**

⇒ 神是萬國之主 **God is the God of all nations+**

### 3. 挑戰你的生命 Challenge your Life

*“But it greatly displeased Jonah and he became angry. He prayed to the LORD and said, “Please LORD, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity. “Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life.” The LORD said, “Do you have good reason to be angry?” Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of it. There he made a shelter for himself and sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city.” (Jonah 4:1–5, NASB95)*

「這事約拿大大不悅，且甚發怒，就禱告耶和華說：『耶和華啊，我在本國的時候豈不是這樣說嗎？我知道你是有恩典、有憐憫的神，不輕易發怒，有豐盛的慈愛，並且後悔不降所說的災，所以我急速逃往他施去。耶和華啊，現在求你取我的命吧！因為我死了比活著還好。』耶和華說：『你這樣發怒合乎理嗎？』於是約拿出城，坐在城的東邊，在那裏為自己搭了一座棚，坐在棚的蔭下，要看看那城究竟如何。」（約拿書 4:1-5）

*“So the LORD God appointed a plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was extremely happy about the plant. But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day and it attacked the plant and it withered. When the sun came up God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah’s head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, “Death is better to me than life.”” (Jonah 4:6–8, NASB95)*

「耶和華神安排一棵蓖麻，使其發生高過約拿，影兒遮蓋他的頭，救他脫離苦楚；約拿因這棵蓖麻大大喜樂。次日黎明，神卻安排一條蟲子咬這蓖麻，以致枯槁。

日頭出來的時候，神安排炎熱的東風，日頭曝曬約拿的頭，使他發昏，他就為自己求死，說：『我死了比活著還好！』」（約拿書 4:6-8）

*“But God said to Jonah, “Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?” “It is,” he said. “And I’m so angry I wish I were dead.””* (Jonah 4:9, NIV)

「神對約拿說：『你因這棵蓖麻發怒合乎理嗎？』他說：『我發怒以至於死，都合乎理！』」（約拿書 4:9）



*“But the LORD said, “You have been concerned about this plant, though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight. And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?””* (Jonah 4:10–11, NIV)

「耶和華說：『這蓖麻不是你栽種的，也不是你培養的；一夜發生，一夜乾死，你尚且愛惜；何況這尼尼微大城，其中不能分辨左手右手的有十二萬多人，並有許多牲畜，我豈能不愛惜呢？』」（約拿書 4:10-11）

## 公義與憐憫 Righteousness vs mercy

路德說：「那裡只有律法而沒有恩典，那裡就是地獄。」

⇒ 愛神所愛的人 **Love those God loves**

## CONCLUDING 結語

✚ 拓闊你的視野 **Broaden Your Perspectives**

✚ 擴張你的疆界 **Extend Your Territories**

✚ 挑戰你的生命 **Challenge Your Life**

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Responding Song: “Knowing You Jesus” 「認識你」  
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pTTISx6zXio>)

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約拿書 4：1-11

問題討論：

1. 尼尼微是古亞述的首都，古亞述國是以軍事暴力著稱。而約拿不照神的吩咐往尼尼微城去（東北方），反轉往西邊的他施去（西面，西班牙南面）？若你是約拿，你也會如此嗎？
2. 約拿在海中遇難，上帝安排一條大魚將他吞下三日三夜，他在魚肚中呼求主，後蒙主應允，奇蹟生還。若果你是約拿，你會有什麼反省？（拿 1：17-2：9）
3. 約拿對尼尼微城未有遭災難，他感到很不高興。原因何在？若果你是約拿，你也會有同樣感受嗎？
4. 上帝藉著約拿身後一棵蓖麻被蟲咬以致枯槁的事，讓約拿感受到甚麼？你對上帝的本性加多了什麼認識？你會如何改變你未來的生活和事奉？