

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO GOD? Jonah 1:1-3

I. **The Calling of God's Messenger (1).**

1 Kings 6:11: Then **the word of the LORD came to Solomon**, saying:

1 Kings 17:2: Then **the word of the LORD came to him** [Elijah], saying,

2 Kings 14:23-27: In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, became king in Samaria, *and reigned* forty-one years. And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. He restored the territory of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, **according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which He had spoken through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet who was from Gath Hopher.** For the LORD saw *that* the affliction of Israel *was* very bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel. And the LORD did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

II. **The Equipping of God's Messenger (2).**

Genesis 10:10-11: And the beginning of his kingdom was Babel, Erech, Accad, and Calneh, in the land of Shinar. From that land he **went to Assyria and built Nineveh**, Rehoboth Ir, Calah,

Nahum 3:1-4: Woe to the bloody city [of Nineveh]! *It is* all **full of lies and robbery**. Its victim never departs. The noise of a whip and the noise of rattling wheels, of galloping horses, of clattering chariots! Horsemen charge with bright **sword and glittering spear**. There is a **multitude of slain**, a great number of bodies, countless corpses—they stumble over the corpses—because of the multitude of **harlotries of the seductive harlot**, the mistress of **sorceries**, who sells nations through her **harlotries**, and families through her **sorceries**.

III. **The Rebellion of God's Messenger (3).**

Genesis 4:16: Then Cain **went out from the presence of the LORD** and dwelt in the land of Nod on the east of Eden.

Psalms 139:7-8: Where can I go from Your Spirit? **Or where can I flee from Your presence?** If I ascend into heaven, You *are* there; if I make my bed in hell, behold, You *are there*.