

Jonah - A Prophet With Attitude

| Background | Running from God's Will - 1 | Submitting to God's Will - 2 |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Question of authorship - 3rd person account - Jonah - Gath-hepher - Galilee - During the time of Jeroboam II - time of peace - God was going to bring destruction on Israel through Assyria - 722 BC - Nineveh was the capital - 2 plagues and a total solar eclipse - people were scared - Known for its cruelty - founded by Nimrod (Gen 10:6-12) - Largest city of the ancient world - Jonah's purpose was to go to preach to a Gentile nation - God had a heart for all people not just the Jews - Nimrod = Nunu = Akkadian for fish - Worshiped the fish goddess Nanshe - the daughter of Ea the goddess of fresh water - Worshiped Dagon | <p>Commission (1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jonah = "dove" - Amittai = "truthful, loyal" - Jonah going to the Gentiles could bring jealousy and anger to Israel - Located on the banks of the Tigris River - Walls around the city were 8 miles and its circumference was 60 miles (19 miles across) <p>Flight (3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - refused to obey God and ran from His presence - Tarshish was know for its wealth, southern tip of Spain - Jonah did not want to obey God - he tried to escape <p>Pursuit (4-16)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - storm was hurled at the sea by God's hands (4) - Drew lots - God caused the lot to fall on Jonah (7) - They threw Jonah over - The sea stopped raging (15) - Sailors offered sacrifices and made vows to God <p>Preservation (17)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lord appointed a great fish - Great fish swallowed Jonah | <p>Jonah's helplessness (1-3)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - calls in his distress - Acknowledges that God cast him here <p>Jonah's Prayer (4-7)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - recognized his sin - temporary condition - He was physically and spiritually at his end <p>Repentance (8-9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - they forsook the faithfulness to idols - Sacrifice and pay their vows - Salvation belongs to the Lord <p>Deliverance of Jonah (10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God commanded the fish to vomit Jonah up - Most likely near Joppa |

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| Fulfilling God's Will - 3 | Questioning God's Will - 4 |
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| <p>Commission Renewed (1-2)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - God is patient and gracious - Preach the words that God will give him <p>Obedience (3-4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - this time he did according to the word of the Lord - Exceedingly great city - 3 day's walk - Jonah walked the city and preached - 40 days the city will be overthrown <p>City Repents (5-9)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - the people listened - Pagan sailors and a pagan city repents - responding to a very reluctant prophet - Animals in the Persian culture were used as part of their mourning ceremonies <p>Lord Relents (10)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>God saw that they turned</u> from their evil ways | <p>Jonah's Anger (1-5)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Jonah was angry that God had compassion on these people - They were just Gentiles who don't deserve God's compassion - He understood that God was slow to anger, abundant in loving kindness, and relenting of calamity (II Pe 3:9) - Death is better than life - DO you have a right to be angry? <p>Jonah Rebuked (6-11)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - <u>God appointed a plant</u> - give him shade - Jonah was happy - he was comfortable - <u>God appointed a worm</u> - to eat the plant - <u>God brought a scorching wind</u> and the plant died - I'd rather die than live - Do you have reason to be angry? - You have compassion on a plant but not on hundreds of thousands of people whom I created |