

Jonah 1

1. God's Call to Jonah
2. God Hears Jonah
3. God's Mercy to Ninevah
4. God Reproves Jonah

God's Command to His servant

Arise (אֲרִיז) 6x's in Jonah

Nineveh, that great (גְּדוֹלָה) city (13x's)

Nineveh's great wickedness rose up to God, so God sent a servant to warn them and show them mercy.

2 Kings 14:25 He was the one who restored the boundaries of Israel from Lebo Hamath to the Dead Sea, in accordance with the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, spoken through his servant Jonah son of Amittai, the prophet from Gath Hopher. (2 Kings 4:18-37-Elijah)

Go/Preach

Nineveh's sin rose up to God. God's response was to raise up His word of repentance through His servant.

Genesis 22:17-18 I will surely bless you & make your descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky & as the sand on the seashore. Your descendants will take possession of your enemy's cities. And through your seed all nations will be blessed, because you have obeyed Me.

Matthew 28:19-20 Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.

V3- Jonah arose, but to disobedience

Tarshish- Spain (500 east to Nineveh,
but Jonah went 2500 miles west)

Jonah went “down” to Joppa

Jonah “Paid the fare”

Jonah went “down” into the ship

To flee from The LORD

A “great” wind became a “great” storm

There are physical laws established by God. There are also spiritual laws established by God.

If we try to break either, disaster will ALWAYS follow.

God also sends “great” mercy.

V4- the ship began to break up

There are costs to us, and to those around us, when we disobey God.

V5- The sailors became afraid, and each man cried out to his god.

They threw their cargo overboard
(more costs to others)

Jonah went “down” and laid “down”

V6- The chief sailor tells Jonah “Arise”
Call on your God and perhaps He will
have mercy on us.

V7- The storm was so great, the
sailors knew God was involved.

Jonah was sleeping while men were
perishing. Crying out to God is our
only hope.

Mark 4:38 Jesus was in the stern,
sleeping on a cushion. The disciples
woke him and said to him, “Teacher,
don’t you care if we drown?”

Crying out to The LORD when in
trouble is always the right thing to do.

Jonah had nothing to say,

Jesus calmed the storm.

Matthew 12:41 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 someone greater than Jonah is here.

Desperate plea of the world is for followers of The LORD to have Christ “consider” them and let them live.

V8- Jonah's interrogation

Who, what, where, ???

V9- Hebrew (name given to foreigners)

I fear The LORD, (1st time YHWH is mentioned) creator of heaven, the sea, and the dry land.

V10- Extreme fear.

“How could you do this?”

V11-13 These heathen sailors were more concerned with Jonah's temporal physical safety than Jonah was about the eternal spiritual safety of Ninevah.

V14- Now the sailors called on the name of The LORD for forgiveness.

V15- when they listened to Jonah, things got better for them.

V16- The sailors feared The LORD
The fear of The LORD is the beginning
of wisdom.

They offered sacrifices and made
vows to The LORD. Likely became
followers of YHWH.

V17- The LORD had mercy and
prepared a “great” fish to save Jonah.

Matthew 12:39-40 He answered, “A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a sign! But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ 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.