

Jonah



Study Outline

Main Point: Though the book of Jonah is full of practical lessons and interesting insights into the sovereign nature of God and the free will of humanity, this little book finds its place in the Bible because of its prophetic undertones. Even though the book of Jonah doesn't include any of his actual prophecies, in a greater sense the presented record of a specific experience in Jonah's life is extremely prophetic. In the story of Jonah we see a practical example of how far Israel had fallen from their divine purpose. We get a glimpse into God's overarching plan for humanity. And we see a picture of Israel's coming judgment.

Historical & Scriptural Placement: (793 B.C.) - 2 Kings 14:25
Jonah ministered in the Northern Kingdom during the reign of Jeroboam II. Israel was enjoying peace, but the Assyrian threat of invasion was growing.

PRACTICAL OUTLINE OF THE BOOK OF JONAH

CHAPTER 1: DISOBEDIENCE & JUDGMENT OF JONAH

vs. 1-2

GOD CALLS JONAH TO PREACH TO NINEVEH

vs. 3

JONAH REFUSES GOD'S CALL & HEADS TO TARSHISH

vs. 4-17

GOD PREPARES A GREAT STORM & A GREAT FISH

CHAPTER 2: JONAH'S REPENTANCE & DELIVERANCE

vs. 1-9

JONAH REPENTS BEFORE GOD

vs. 10

JONAH DELIVERED TO DRY LAND

CHAPTER 3: JONAH DECLARES GOD'S JUDGMENT

vs. 1-2

GOD CALLS JONAH TO PREACH TO NINEVEH

vs. 3-4

JONAH OBEYS GOD AND PREACHES TO NINEVITES

vs. 5-9

NINEVITES REPENT OF THEIR SIN

vs. 10

GOD RELENTS FROM JUDGING NINEVEH

CHAPTER 4: JONAH SULKS AND GOD TEACHES

vs. 1-4

JONAH'S DISAPPOINTED & DESIRES DEATH

vs. 5-11

GOD REBUKES JONAH AND HIS ATTITUDE TOWARDS NINEVEH

PROPHETIC PICTURE CONCERNING ISRAEL PRESENTED IN THE EXPERIENCE OF JONAH

- BOTH CALLED TO BE A WITNESS TO THE GENTILE WORLD
- BOTH CARRIED A SELF-RIGHTEOUS HATRED TOWARDS THE GENTILES
- BOTH REFUSED TO OBEY GOD'S CALL TO REACH THE GENTILE WORLD
- BOTH WANTED TO SEE GOD JUDGE THE GENTILES, NOT FORGIVE THEM
- JUDGMENT: JONAH THROWN INTO THE SEA / ISRAEL TAKEN INTO EXILE
- PRESERVATION: JONAH SAVED BY FISH / ASSIMILATED NOT SWALLOWED
- RESTORATION: BACK ON DRY LAND / RESTORED TO LAND OF PROMISE
- IN THE END: PREACHED TO NINEVEH / EVANGELIST IN THE TRIBULATION

