

Teen Messengers

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JONAH

Can anyone name 5 other Minor Prophets? (Hosea, Joel, Amos, Obadiah, Jonah, Micah, Nahum, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah, Malachi)

Who was Jonah?

Jonah was an Old Testament prophet that ministered to the ten northern tribes of Israel around 760BC.

CHAPTER ONE

Go To Nineveh, to that great city and cry out against it for their wickedness! They were ***evil***.

1) Jonah's disobedience

Jonah 1:1 – God gives Jonah marching orders.

Jonah 1:3 – Jonah goes AWOL (absent without leave)

2) The Storm

Jonah 1:4 – God sends a tempest

Jonah 1:5-9 – The mariners confront Jonah

3) Overboard

Jonah 1:10-16 – The sailors did not want to throw Jonah overboard but did so at Jonah's insistence in order to save themselves.

4) God provides a great fish

Jonah 1:17 – Now the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah

CHAPTER TWO

1) Jonah's Grateful Prayer

Jonah 2:1 – Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish.

Jonah 2:10 – The Lord spoke to the fish and the fish vomited out Jonah onto dry land.

CHAPTER THREE

1) Jonah's re-commission & obedience

Jonah 3:1 – Now the Word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time.

Jonah 3:2 – Arise and go to Nineveh, that great city and preach to it the message I give you.

Jonah 3:3 – Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the Word of the Lord. Nineveh was HUGE (3 days journey across) & a "Great City"

2) Nineveh's repentance

Jonah 3:4 – 40 day warning

Jonah 3:5 – The people believed & mourned, even though no repentance option was stated

Jonah 3:10 – God saw their repentance and was compassionate towards them.

CHAPTER FOUR

1) Jonah's Angry Prayer

Jonah 4:1 Jonah was angry

Jonah 4:2 Jonah prayed that he may be struck down. He did all this work for nothing!

Jonah 4:6 God shows compassion for Jonah, providing a shade plant, then destroys it by providing a worm (vs. 7)

Jonah 4:8 God provides a scorching wind to stir Jonah, Jonah complains on behalf of the plant

Jonah 4:9-11 God shows Jonah how silly it is to feel compassion for a plant but not 120,000 Ninevites & their cattle

MATTHEW 12:38-41

³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered him, saying, "Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you."

³⁹ But he answered them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah.

⁴⁰ For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

⁴¹ The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.

God is sovereign (he controls what happens) in Jonah, so he is with Jesus

He sent the whale, plant, worm and wind to Jonah

-> Why? To save Nineveh.

He sent the betrayal, accusations, and punishment on Jesus

-> Why? To save us!