

Outline of Jonah

Key verse: 4:11

Theme: God's compassion for sinners

I. Jonah Was Chastened for Fleeing God's Command (ch. 1)

A. Jonah fled God's command to preach to Nineveh (1:2-3)

1. God commanded Jonah to preach against Nineveh's sin (2)
2. Jonah fled to go to Tarshish instead (3)

B. God sent a great storm to intercept Jonah (1:4-9)

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2. The mariners attempted to save the ship (5-6)
3. Jonah was identified by lot as the cause of the storm (7-9)

C. Jonah was thrown into the sea to save the ship (1:10-16)

1. Jonah told the mariners to throw him into the sea (10-12)
2. The mariners tried to save the ship without sacrificing Jonah (13-14)
3. The mariners threw Jonah into the sea (15-16)

D. Jonah was swallowed by a fish prepared by God (1:17)

II. Jonah Prayed to God From the Belly of the Fish (ch. 2)

A. Jonah lamented his fate (2:1-6)

B. Jonah promised to fulfill his vow to God (2:7-9)

C. God commanded the fish to vomit Jonah on dry ground (2:10)

III. Jonah Preached Judgment Against Nineveh (ch. 3)

A. God again commanded Jonah to preach against Nineveh (3:1-2)

B. Jonah preached against Nineveh (3:3-4)

C. The Ninevites repented (3:5-9)

D. God relented of the judgment against Nineveh (3:10)

IV. Jonah Resented God's Mercy on Nineveh (ch 4)

A. Jonah requested to die in protest to God's mercy (4:1-4)

B. Jonah rested under God's prepared plant (4:5-6)

C. God's prepared plant withered and died (4:7)

D. Jonah requested to die in protest for the withered plant (4:8)

E. God rebuked Jonah for his misplaced compassion (4:9-11)

Four Prepared Things in Jonah:

(1) A prepared fish (1:17)

(2) A prepared plant (4:6)

(3) A prepared worm (4:7)

(4) A prepared east wind (4:8)