

# July 7/Day 188

## Jonah 1

### Verses 1-3

- Jonah was the prophet who spoke to Jeroboam in the passage we saw yesterday.
- Where did the LORD tell Jonah to go? What was he supposed to do there?
- King Sennacherib was responsible for moving the capitol of the Assyrian Empire to Ninevah which is located on the Tigris River near modern-day Mosul in Iraq. They worshiped the goddess Ishtar. Do some research and see if you can find out why God calls Ninevah a great city.
- Where did Jonah go instead? Try to notice throughout this Scripture why he did this.
- If you were to look on a map, you wouldn't just find that Jonah disobeyed God, though he did, you would find that he went in the polar opposite direction.
- What are the last six words in this passage?
- Is this possible?

### Verses 4-6

- Who hurled a great wind? What did it cause?
- What did the sailors do first when they became afraid?
- Did you know whomever/whatever we run to in our time of fear or need is our G(g)od?
- What did they do to lighten their load?
- Where was Jonah? Does this remind you of a Jesus story?
- What did the captain tell Jonah to do?

### Verses 7-9

- What did the men find out by casting lots?
- What strong word did they use to describe their circumstances?
- If these men were doing Bible study like us, how would their questions have helped them?
- How did Jonah respond?

### Verses 10-14

- What did the sailors know about Jonah? How did they know?
- What did Jonah suggest they do with him?
- Did they want to do this?
- Do you remember the first thing they did when they got scared was to pray to their gods, to whom are they praying now?

### Verse 15-16

- Can God use even our disobedience for His glory?

Verse 17

- I know we have always heard it was a whale, but what does the Bible say swallowed Jonah?
- How long was he there?
- Both Matthew and Luke speak of the “sign of Jonah”. Observe what Jesus said in Luke 11:29-30, “As the crowds were increasing, He began to say, “This generation is a wicked generation; it seeks for a sign, and *yet* no sign will be given to it but the sign of Jonah. For just as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.”

## Jonah 2

- Observe Jonah’s poetic prayer. Notice the details.

Verse 1

- Where was Jonah when he prayed?

Verses 2-3

- Who cast him into the deep, the sailors?
- Who has authority over the breakers and the billows?

Verses 4-5

- Have you ever had seaweed wrapped around you?

Verse 6

- Do mountains have roots? Does this figurative language help us understand the depth of Jonah’s captivity?

Verses 7-9

- Who provides salvation?
- Did Jonah have any other hope?
- Was there anything he could do to save himself?
- “A Cruce Salus” in the Latin means “Salvation comes from the cross.”

Verse 10

- How did the fish expel Jonah?
- When did it do this?

## Jonah 3

### Verses 1-3

- What did God say to Jonah the second time he spoke?
- Did Jonah obey this time?
- How large was Ninevah?
- What was Jonah's message? Where did he get this message? Is there any other message a prophet should give?

### Verses 5-9

- What did the people of Ninevah do when they heard the LORD's message through His prophet, Jonah?
- Interestingly, the timing of Jonah's visit was the year King Shalmaneser III would die and one of his sons would succeed him while the other son led a revolt.
- What was the king proclaiming the people should do by not eating? What do we call this?
- What did the king say this, along with repentance from their ways, may cause God to do?
- Does God ever change His mind? Read on.

### Verse 10

- According to these Scriptures in Jonah, who brings calamity?
- Did God change His mind when the people repented?
- We will see this again later.
- What is the application for us?

## Jonah 4

### Verses 1-4

- Now we will begin to see why Jonah disobeyed God in the beginning. What does verse one say about how Jonah felt when the people repented and God did not destroy them?
- What did Jonah say he knew about God? Five things, number them off. If you are keeping a Systematic Theology, make sure to add these qualities.

### Verses 5-8

- Where did Jonah go to pout?

### Verses 9-11

- Think about the conversation Jonah has with God. He is irreverent and selfish. Yet God used him.
- What is the application for us regarding spreading His message to a lost world?

See you tomorrow.