

# Jonah – 4 Chapters

## Title:

Jonah- after its main character.

## Author:

Technically anonymous. Written about Jonah in the third person, but by someone with first hand knowledge. Possibly written by Jonah, but not certainly. Jonah was a prophet to the Northern Kingdom in the 8<sup>th</sup> century B.C. (2 Kings 14:25).

## Occasion and Purpose:

The date and occasion of Jonah is not certain, and is debated. If it was written by Jonah, it was written to fairly prosperous times. The purpose of the book is fairly obvious- to challenge Israel to fulfill their missionary calling by contrasting a negative example with God's faithful compassion.

## Themes:

1. Anti-Contrast Faithfulness
2. Missions Heart

## Summary:

The story of the call of Jonah to preach to the pagan nation of Ninevah, his refusal and flight, and God's using a whale to persuade Jonah to carry out His command. Jonah was prejudiced against Ninevah and didn't want them to experience God's grace. God overcame Jonah's narrow-mindedness and showed that He cared for all nations and people.

## Organization:

At Sea	Jonah's call Jonah runs away The storm and Jonah's confession Jonah thrown into the sea and swallowed	Ch. 1
In the Fish	Jonah Prays Jonah thanks God for saving him Jonah is vomited out	Ch. 2
At Ninevah	Jonah preaches to Nineveh The Ninevites repent God has compassion and relents	Ch. 3
Under the Plant	Jonah is angry and complains God challenges Jonah Jonah complains about losing shelter God challenges Jonah	Ch. 4

## Key Verses:

4:2; 4:9-11