

Jonah Runs From God: Chapter One review

1-3: God sends Jonah to specific city

- Assyrians disobeyed God's moral law
- Jonah disobeyed His direct commands

4: Jonah – no statute of limitations,
no sneaking outside Lord's jurisdiction,
no hiding in ship. Gn.3

5: sleepers not prepared to meet God.
Ro.13:11

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6-7: **Jonah's light had gone out.** Mt.5:16.
Sailors outshine him.

9-10: **world recognizes a hypocrite.**

11-16: **sailors fear storm, then LORD, as
disciples (Mk.4)**

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Jonah 2

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1:17: God sends major fish to swallow minor prophet. 1 Pt.5:8

2:1: Now Jonah wants God near; prays.

2:2: Jonah could not run from God . . .
or go beyond His power to forgive.

- **Affliction / distress:**

- **Sheol** – as good as dead.

- **Forever** (6) – no way out.

- **Life ebbing away** (7).

- You heard my voice...inside fish.

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2:9: *'Where could I go but to the Lord?'*

- No man could help
- No power of his own
- No money could redeem him
- No love of family could rescue him
 - **Fish will digest him**
- **Salvation is of the LORD.**

Jonah 2

2:10: vomited Jonah onto dry land

- Vomit up, spit up, disgorge.
- Not first class...
- Vomit better than separation from LORD
- History says men were swallowed by great fish and survived.
- What if NO ONE was?

Jonah's
miraculous
survival



Jesus'
miraculous
resurrection

Jonah Runs With God

Jonah 3

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1: Word of the LORD... – we may shun it, but it remains. Jn.12:48.

- We cannot hide from God or from our duty to Him.

2: Almost identical to 1:1-2. [Ex.34:1]

- ‘Message that I tell you’ – Where God speaks, Jonah must speak
- Jonah is not a ‘law-breaker’

Jonah 3

3: So Jonah arose... He changed, not LORD

- Jonah changed, not the LORD.
- SAME God ... man ... mission ... words ... duty ... distance ... audience

4: forty days... [Feb.11 – Mar.23]

- '40' often used of period of trial –
Ex.24:18 (34:28); Nu.13:25; 1 K.19:8
- Jonah shouted...

Lessons

1. Choices matter, 2:2

- Turn from God – Turn from salvation

“Everything happens for a reason. Sometimes the reason is you’re stupid and make bad decisions.”

- We cannot ignore God.
- Prov.13:15

Lessons

1. Choices matter, 2:2
2. God's word controls / judges nations, 3:1-4
 - Gn.6; 19 . . . Assyria

Surrounded by inner wall 50' wide, 100' high.

Outer wall surrounded fields and smaller towns.

Perished in 612 B.C.

- What mean to me? 2 Co.5:10

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3. We determine God's sentence
 - **Jonah**: Nineveh repented, were saved
 - **Nahum**: Nineveh rebelled, were lost

Lessons

1. Choices matter, 2:2
2. God's word controls / judges nations, 3:1-4
3. We determine God's sentence
4. "Don't misinterpret God's patience for God's permission"
 - God's patience will come to an end.