

Jonah

03124 יונה Yonah yo-naw' AV-Jonah 19; 19

Jonah= "dove"

1) son of Amittai and a native of Gath-hepher; 5th of the minor prophets who prophesied during the reign of Jeroboam II and whom God sent also to prophecy to Nineveh

2King 14: 23 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash king of Judah Jeroboam the son of Joash king of Israel began to reign in Samaria, and reigned forty and one years.

24 And he did that which was evil in the sight of the LORD: he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who made Israel to sin.

25 He restored the coast of Israel from the entering of Hamath unto the sea of the plain, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which he spake by the hand of his servant Jonah <03124>, the son of Amittai, the prophet, which was of Gathhepher.

26 For the LORD saw the affliction of Israel, that it was very bitter: for there was not any shut up, nor any left, nor any helper for Israel.

27 And the LORD said not that he would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven: but he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash.

Kings of Israel and Judah

Saul	1050-1010 BC
David	1010-970
Solomon	970-930

Judah (and Benjamin)				Israel (Ten Northern Tribes)			
King	Reign	Character	Prophets	King	Reign	Character	Prophets
1. Rehoboam	931-913 17 years	Bad	Shemaiah	1. Jeroboam I	931-910 22 years	Bad	Abijah
2. Abijah	913-911 3 years	Bad		2. Nadab	910-909 2 years	Bad	
3. Asa	911-870 41 years	Good		3. Baasha	909-886 24 years	Bad	
4. Jehoshaphat	870-848* 25 years	Good		4. Elah	886-885 2 years	Bad	
5. Jehoram	848-841* 8 years	Bad		5. Zimri	885 7 days	Bad	
6. Ahaziah	841 1 years	Bad		6. Omri	885-874* 12 years	Bad	Elijah Micaiah
7. Athaliah	841-835 6 years	Bad		7. Ahab	874-853 22 years	Bad	
8. Joash	835-796 40 years	Good	Joel	8. Ahaziah	853-852 2 years	Bad	
9. Amaziah	796-767 29 years	Good		9. Joram	852-841 12 years	Bad	Elisha
10. Uzziah (Azariah)	767-740* 27 years	Good		10. Jehu	841-814 28 years	Bad	
11. Jotham	740-732* 8 years	Good		11. Jehoahaz	814-798 17 years	Bad	
12. Ahaz	732-716 16 years	Bad	Isaiah Micah	12. Jehoash	798-782 16 years	Bad	Jonah Amos Hosea
13. Hezekiah	716-687 29 years	Good		13. Jeroboam II	782-753* 30 years	Bad	
14. Manasseh	687-642* 45 years	Bad		14. Zechariah	753-752 1 mo	Bad	
15. Amon	642-640 2 years	Bad		15. Shallum	752 1 mo	Bad	
16. Josiah	640-608 32 years	Good	Nahum Habakkuk Zephaniah	16. Menahem	752-742 10 years	Bad	
17. Jehoahaz	608 3 mo	Bad		17. Pekahiah	742-740 2 years	Bad	
18. Jehoiakim	608-597 11 years	Bad		18. Pekah	740-732* 10 years	Bad	
19. Jehoiachin	597 3 mos	Bad	Daniel Ezekiel Jeremiah	19. Hoshea	732-712 20 years	Bad	
20. Zedekiah	597-586 11 years	Bad			712 BC Fall of Samaria to Assyria		

Destruction of Jerusalem, 9th Av, 586 BC. Babylonian Captivity

The Last Five Kings of Judah

2. Jehoahaz (Shallum) Reigned 3 months (609 BC) Taken prisoner to Egypt by Pharaoh Neco	1. Josiah Reigned 31 years (640-609 BC)	5. Zedekiah Reigned 11 years (597-586 BC) Taken prisoner to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar
	3. Jehoiakim (Eliakim) Reigned 11 years (609-598 BC) Died in Jerusalem	
	4. Jehoichin (Jeconiah, Coniah) Reigned 3 months (December 9, 598 - March 16, 597 BC) Taken prisoner to Babylon by Nebuchadnezzar (with Ezekiel)	

Jonah lived during the period of the Assyria Empire which posed a threat to Israel. The Assyrians eventually conquered Israel and removed them from the land.

God calls Jonah to go to Nineveh:

Jonah 1:1 Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

Jonah tries to get away from God:

Jonah 1:3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Jonah's reaction to the storm God sent:

Jonah 1:4 But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.

6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.

Jonah claims to fear God:

Jonah 1: 7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou?

9 And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.

10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Jonah tells them to cast him into the sea to calm the storm:

Jonah 1:11 Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.

12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.

14 Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee.

15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

16 Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

How does being swallowed by a fish change Jonah:

Jonah 1:17 Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

2:1 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

3 For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.

What happens when Jonah surrenders to the Lord's will:

Jonah 2:6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God.

7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

10 ¶ And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

How does Jonah respond to God's second calling?

Jonah 3:1 And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

How does Jonah react when God repents and spares the city?

Jonah 4:1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

2 And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

3 Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

4 Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?

What lesson does God try to teach Jonah through the gourd?

Jonah 4:5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.

7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.

10 Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?