

The Bible - Week 17 (May 2nd)

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Jonah

Author: A northern kingdom prophet named Jonah

Date: We believe this was around the time of Amon and Hosea so likely the 770-715 BCE time frame.

Audience: Northern Kingdom people

Reason: That God's salvation might come to the gentiles too.

Theme: Running from God and revival

Key Verse:

Jonah 3:10 CEB

¹⁰ God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn't do it.

Sections: Running (Ch 1) Returning to God (Ch 2)

Preaching in Nineveh (Ch 3) Complaining to God (Ch 4)

Key Words: Turn, Compassion, Nineveh

Basic Intro: Nineveh was the capital of Assyria and one of the most pagan cities on earth at the time. Jonah was super patriotic and God's request for him to bring the people of Nineveh salvation was hard to do. This book tells us about doing the right thing when it is the hard thing.

Questions for Discussion:

• **Have you ran from God? How did that work out for**

you?

- **Why did you run? Pride, anger, fear or some unwillingness to be obedient?**
 - **What changed Jonah's mind?**
 - **What made Jonah mad after preaching in the city?**
- Was Jonah justified?**
- **BONUS - There are 10 miracles in Jonah, can you find them all?**