

JONAH

AT-A-GLANCE



O.T. BOOK #32



AUTHOR: THE PROPHET JONAH



WRITTEN: 780 BC

Prophecies Come True in this Time Period: 775 BC

Old Testament: 39 Books

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New Testament: 27 Books

CLAIMS TO FAME: **Jonah was swallowed by a giant fish after refusing to prophesy to the kingdom of Nineveh.**

FAMOUS STORIES INCLUDED:

- **Jonah is swallowed by the giant fish.**
- **Jonah prophesies to Nineveh and the nation repents.**

MOST FAMOUS VERSES:

And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land. **Jonah 2:10**

And should I not have concern for the great city of Nineveh, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot tell their right hand from their left—and also many animals?" **Jonah 4:11**

Important Points about the Book:

- Jonah is only four chapters long. However, it is quite famous. Jonah being swallowed by the great fish is a favorite youth ministry story.
- Jesus mentioned Jonah. He said Jonah's three days in the belly of the fish were like the three days he would be in the grave before the resurrection.
- Jonah rejects God's command for him to preach to Nineveh. Jonah, like many people of Israel, thought Nineveh was filthy and beneath him. When he tried to escape to Tarshish on ship, it met up with a great storm. Reluctantly, the men on the ship through Jonah overboard after he confessed that God's wrath was after him.
- The big fish swallowed him and threw him up on the shores of the Great Sea, probably somewhere west of Jerusalem.
- Jonah then traveled to Nineveh and delivered God's warning and judgment. He was surprised when the king repented and the nation followed along. God reasoned with him, saying that he cared about the people of Nineveh and even their livestock.
- The book contains not only one of the most famous Bible miracles but it also a great study on what can happen when we behave like snobs.