

JONAH



The book of Jonah

Takes place around 750 BC

Jonah was a prophet in Israel



The book of Jonah

Allegory?

Farce?

History?



2 Kings 14:25b ESV

...according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel,
which he **spoke by his servant Jonah** the son of
Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath-hepher.



Luke 11:29-30 ESV

When the crowds were increasing, he began to say, “This generation is an evil generation. It seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah. ³⁰ **For as Jonah became a sign to the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be to this generation.**”



Luke 11:32 ESV

“The men of Nineveh will rise up at the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for **they repented at the preaching of Jonah**, and behold, something greater than Jonah is here.”



The book of Jonah

Prophetic history, told to teach a lesson through irony and humor.



The book of Jonah

Literary masterpiece

Only 48 verses



Major Themes in Jonah

God's sovereignty

God's compassion



**God is sovereign over all,
and His compassion extends to all.**



The background of the image is a close-up, high-contrast photograph of dark water. The surface is covered in numerous small, intricate ripples and waves, creating a complex, textured pattern of light and shadow. The overall color palette is dark, ranging from deep blues and greys to lighter, almost white highlights where the ripples catch the light.

Running from God

JONAH 1:1-17

Elijah

1 Kings 17:8-10a ESV

Then the word of the LORD came to him, ⁹ “**Arise, go to Zarephath**, which belongs to Sidon, and dwell there. Behold, I have commanded a widow there to feed you.”
¹⁰ **So he arose and went to Zarephath...**



Jeremiah

Jeremiah 18:1-3 ESV

The word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: ² “**Arise, and go down to the potter’s house**, and there I will let you hear my words.” ³ **So I went down to the potter’s house**, and there he was working at his wheel.



Ezekiel

Ezekiel 3:22-23 ESV

And the hand of the LORD was upon me there. And he said to me, “**Arise, go out into the valley**, and there I will speak with you.” ²³ **So I arose and went out into the valley**, and behold, the glory of the LORD stood there, like the glory that I had seen by the Chebar canal, and I fell on my face.



Jonah

Jonah 1:1-2a ESV

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² “**Arise, go to Nineveh . . .**



Jonah

Jonah 1:1-3a ESV

Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ² “**Arise, go to Nineveh**, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” ³ But **Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish** from the presence of the LORD.



Jonah's Descent

Jonah 1:3

He went **down** to Joppa
He went **down** into the ship

Jonah 1:5

He went **down** into the inner part
He went **down** and went to sleep



Jonah 1:6 ESV

So the captain came and said to him, “**What do you mean, you sleeper?** Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”



Jonah 1:8 ESV

Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?”



Jonah 1:9 ESV

And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD,
the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.”



Jonah 1:9-10 ESV

And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰ Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.



The Sailors

Hurled cargo into the sea

Rowed hard to dry land

Prayed to the LORD

Worshiped and offered sacrifices



JONAH



Jonah 1:17 ESV

And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.



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**What do I need to do in response to the
sovereignty and compassion of God?**

