

The Book of Jonah

Jonah 1:1-3

Main Point:

The book of Jonah is about the Lord's sovereign grace to His people and in saving the nations through Christ; therefore, study it to grow in knowledge, faithfulness, and thanksgiving.

1. The book of Jonah is the story of the prophet Jonah.
2. The book of Jonah will remind you that God is sovereign over everything.
3. The book of Jonah will deepen your understanding and appreciation of God's grace.
4. The book of Jonah will motivate you to share the gospel with all kinds of people.
5. The book of Jonah will confront you with your sins.
6. The book of Jonah will show you the glory of Christ in salvation.

Cross-References and Quotations

2 Kings 14:23-27 ²³ In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, became king in Samaria, *and reigned* forty-one years. ²⁴ And he did evil in the sight of the LORD; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. ²⁵ He restored the territory of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD God of Israel, which He had spoken through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet who was from Gath Hopher. ²⁶ For the LORD saw *that* the affliction of Israel was very bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel. ²⁷ And the LORD did not say 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. (NKJV)

Rodger Crooks "All the prophets had a message from God to communicate. Most of them conveyed it by what they said, but Jonah does so mainly in a non-verbal way, through what happened to him."

Richard Phillips "It is one thing to know the doctrine of salvation by grace, and quite another to know the grace of the doctrine of salvation."

Sinclair Ferguson "He also learned that the pulse-beat of God's heart has an evangelistic rhythm. He loves men and women and he will pursue them with his love in order to bring them to repentance and faith."

Genesis 12:3 ³ I will bless those who bless you, And I will curse him who curses you; And in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed." (NKJV)

Matthew 28:18-20 ¹⁸ And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. ¹⁹ "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ "teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, *even* to the end of the age." Amen. (NKJV)

Richard Phillips "He resented the idea of Israel's God sending Israel's grace to non-Israelites - especially to the hated Ninevites."

Romans 3:24 ²⁴ being justified freely by His grace through the redemption that is in Christ Jesus, (NKJV)

Matthew 12:38-41 ³⁸ Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." ³⁹ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. ⁴¹ "The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here. (NKJV)