

The Book of Jonah

A study using 18 questions per chapter
The purpose of this study is to find out
What the Bible says.



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INSTRUCTIONS

or suggestions as to how to conduct this study.

I can only suggest how this study was originally conducted and it was very successful. First of all, we tried to arrange a very informal atmosphere with the folks sitting in a loose circle. We would begin the session by having tea, or cokes and an informal time of fellowship. Then we would have a prayer time with everyone suggesting names of those for whom we should pray. It was also mentioned each session that we expected that each individual have at least one person for whom they would agree to pray for in regards to that person's salvation.

To actually begin the study the entire chapter would be read aloud with each one willing to read, taking the number of verses and dividing it by the number of people present and each one reading a portion.

Then the first one on the left (a habit of mine) would begin by reading the first question and giving their answer. The verse where their answer was found must also be given. Then the leader asks if everybody agrees. Let discussion carry on as necessary but not too long. Then go to the next question and the next person until all of the fifteen questions are answered.

For the discussion questions (numbers 16-17-18) each person present should give their answer once again going from the first one on the left and so on. Answer one question at a time, with each person present giving their reasons for their answer to each question. Discussion can be long or short depending on how the group feels. Do not carry the class session on too long.

Encourage each one to prepare his answers BEFORE the session begins if at all possible only because they will get more out of the discussion if they have thought about it.

INTRODUCTION

Jonah was a prophet whom God called to preach in the foreign city of Nineveh. Jonah tried to run away from God and was swallowed by a great fish.

When the fish returned him to land, Jonah went to Nineveh and warned the people about god's judgment. Jonah learned, to his dismay, that God would forgive even a heathen city if the people were sorry for their sins.

THE BOOK OF JONAH - Chapter 1
SHORT ANSWERS

1. Why did God tell Jonah to go to Nineveh? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. Where was Jonah when the great storm hit? _____ . Verse _____
3. How did they know Jonah was the cause for the storm? _____ . Verse _____
4. What did the sailors do that calmed the storm? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What happened to Jonah? _____ . Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ It is possible to run away from God.
7. _____ Jonah knew that God had made the sea and the land.
8. _____ The sailors were eager to throw Jonah into the sea.
9. _____ The sailors worshiped God when the storm ceased.
10. _____ A whale swallowed Jonah.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Did the Lord send Jonah to a city in Israel?
12. _____ Did the sailors throw the cargo overboard?
13. _____ Was Jonah aware that he was the cause of the storm?
14. _____ Did the sailors think Jonah was guilty?
15. _____ Was it possible for Jonah to be swallowed by a fish?

THINK FOR YOURSELF

16. What is the main theme of this chapter and why do you think so? (Can you do one word?)
17. What is the key verse and why do you think so?
18. What did you learn?

QUESTIONS FOR FURTHER STUDY: (The following questions could be used in place of or in addition to the ones in the lessons for those who are more advanced in Bible knowledge.)

1. What does this chapter teach about Jesus?
2. What does this chapter teach about God?
3. What does this chapter teach about the Holy Spirit?
4. Does this chapter contain promises to be received, commands to be obeyed or warnings to be heeded?

THE BOOK OF JONAH - Chapter 2
SHORT ANSWERS

1. What did Jonah do from inside the fish? _____. Verse _____
2. What did Jonah think about his chances of survival? _____. Verse _____
3. What was wrapped around Jonah's head? _____. Verse _____
4. What did Jonah say would happen to those who worshiped idols? _____. Verse _____
5. What happened to Jonah after he prayed? _____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ _____ Jonah sank out of sight into the sea.
7. _____ _____ Jonah was convinced he would live.
8. _____ _____ Jonah did not repent for what he had done.
9. _____ _____ Jonah was not sure God could hear his prayer.
10. _____ _____ Jonah could sing.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ _____ Is it possible to live inside a fish?
12. _____ _____ Did Jonah think he was as good as dead?
13. _____ _____ Did Jonah acknowledge that it was God who allowed him to live?
14. _____ _____ Was Jonah thankful to God?
15. _____ _____ Did Jonah think that luck played a part in his being alive?

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THE BOOK OF JONAH - Chapter 3
SHORT ANSWERS

1. After being vomited onto dry land, what happened? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. When Jonah started preaching, what happened? _____ . Verse _____
3. What did the king do when he heard the message? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. How did the people react to the king's proclamation? _____
_____. Verse _____
5. What did God do when he saw their actions? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ God told Jonah what to preach.
7. _____ God had a time when he would destroy Nineveh.
8. _____ Not everybody believed Jonah.
9. _____ The way people dressed indicated their repentance.
10. _____ God can punish but he can also show compassion.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Was Nineveh a large city?
12. _____ Did the king also hear Jonah's message?
13. _____ Is it normal for a king to sit in the dust?
14. _____ Were the king's nobles in agreement with the king?
15. _____ Can God change his mind?

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THE BOOK OF JONAH - Chapter 4
SHORT ANSWERS

1. How did Jonah react to their repentance? _____
_____. Verse _____
2. What did God provide to give shade to Jonah? _____
_____. Verse _____
3. How did Jonah react when the vine withered? _____
_____. Verse _____
4. What did Jonah want to do when God did not destroy Nineveh? _____ . Verse _____
5. What was God's attitude toward the great city of Nineveh? _____
_____. Verse _____

TRUE OR FALSE

(Put a "T" or an "F" in one blank and the verse in the other)

6. _____ Was Jonah pleased that God spared the city?
7. _____ Jonah asked God to take his life.
8. _____ Jonah planted a vine for shade.
9. _____ Jonah cared more for a vine than for a city.
10. _____ Nineveh was a city with a half million people.

YES OR NO

(Put a "Y" or a "N" in one blank and the verse in the other)

11. _____ Will God punish a sinful city?
12. _____ Is God gracious and compassionate?
13. _____ Did Jonah have a right to be angry?
14. _____ Does God even use worms to do his will?
15. _____ Were the people on Nineveh very bright?

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