

## Bible Study – Outline

### Jonah

The Reluctant Prophet

Time Period                      During the reign of Jeroboam II (II Kings 14:25)  
780-760 BC

Audience                        All the people of Israel and Ninevah – Assyria’s chief city  
Assyria was Israel’s great enemy

#### Major Theme(s)

- God will accept the repentance of gentiles
- God’s love for all peoples
- We are to go to God when we need help

#### Key People

Amittai - meaning True or faithful

Jonah

Ships crew and captain

#### Jonah

<b>GOD COMMISSIONS JONAH TO GO TO NINEVAH</b>	<b>1 - 2</b>
Jonah’s disobedience and God’s discipline of Jonah by using a great fish	1
Jonah’s prayer and deliverance	2
<b>GOD RECOMMISSIONS JONAH</b>	<b>3-4</b>
Jonah is obedient to god’s renewed command	3:1-4
Ninevah repents and judgment is stayed	3:5-10
Jonah sulks, prays to die and is rebuked by God	4

## Key Scriptures

- Jonah 1:1-3 "...but Jonah ran away from the Lord..."
- Jonah 2:2 "In my distress I called to the Lord, and He answered me."
- Jonah 2:6 "But you, Lord my God, brought my life up from the pit."
- Jonah 2:8 \* "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them."
- Jonah 3:4 "Forty more days and Ninevah will be overthrown"
- Jonah 3:5 "The Ninevites believed God."
- Jonah 4:11 \* "And should I not have concern for the great city of Ninevah, 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?"

\* refer to note in Life Application Bible

## Discussion Questions

1. What is the only prophecy in the book of Jonah? What was the reaction to the prophecy by the Ninevites?
2. Why did Jonah not want to go to Ninevah?
3. What are some of the worthless idols of today? Chap. 2:8
4. What was Jonah's true desire for Ninevah? Chap. 3:10, 4:1
5. Would you consider Jonah as being merciful?
6. What was the lesson learned by Jonah that is also applicable for us today?

## Resources Used

[www.biblestudytools.com](http://www.biblestudytools.com)

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