

Jonah the Prophet

Quote: "For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh shall rise in judgment with this generation, and shall condemn it: because they repented at the preaching of Jonas; and, behold, a greater than Jonas is here."

Matthew 12:40-41

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Jonah

Prepare an insert or margin notes to illustrate and summarise the book of Jonah. You should include a segment on the man and the sign of the man.

Useful references:

- CSSA Family Bible Studies - Yellow notes handed out at the beginning of the year (3¹/₂ pages on Jonah).
- The Goodness and Severity of God (Verse by Verse Exposition of the Book of the Prophet Jonah) by Bro HP Mansfield.
- Story of the Bible Vol 3 pp 397-407 (By Bro HP Mansfield).

The Following notes may assist with this:

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Chapter Breakdown

The Sign of the Prophet Jonah

Ch 1:1-16 Jonah's Commission, Evasion and Correction.

1:1-3 - Jonah attempts to Evade his Mission.

1:4-10 - Fear in the Storm-tossed Ship.

1:11-16 - Jonah's Sacrifice turns the Crew to God.

Ch 1:17-2:10 Jonah's Prayer and Deliverance.

1:17 - Jonah in the Fish.

2:1-9 - Jonah's Prayer.

2:10 - Jonah Delivered out of the Fish.

Ch 3:1-11 Proclamation to Nineveh, and Their Repentance.

3:1-4 - Jonah Pays His Vows.

3:5-9 - Repentance of the Ninevites.

3:10 - God Grants Respite.

Ch 4:1-11: Jonah's Displeasure and Education by Reproof.

4:1-3 - Jonah's Displeasure.

4:4-11 - Yahweh's Reproof.

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The Sign of the Prophet Jonah

The Sign of the Prophet Jonah (Matt 12:38-41) - The Work of Jonah prefigured the work of the Lord Jesus Christ. He sacrificed himself for his people, was subjected to a death and resurrection, and afterwards preached repentance to the Gentiles.

"For as Jonas was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation." (Luke 11:30) - Jonah preached that unless Nineveh repented, it would fall within 40 days. Christ did likewise to his generation (Matt 24:34-35) and within 40 prophetic days (on a day for a year principle) Jerusalem fell (AD 70). The sign should have taught the Lord's contemporaries that the time for reformation was limited, and that the time was ripe for preaching repentance to the Gentiles.