

Jonah יוֹנָה

Means: Dove or Pigeon

Key Facts

Location: Gath-hepher Occupation: Prophet
Relationships: Father - Amittai

Key Lessons

- God loves us but He also loves those we disagree with, resent, or dislike.
- We cannot run away from God's presence no matter where we go.
- Disobedience will only prolong and bring upon unpleasant circumstances.
- God is patient with His servants and with sinners.

Key Verses

The word of the Lord came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah ran away from the Lord and headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed for Tarshish to flee from the Lord.
- *Jonah 1:1-3*

Strengths

- Jonah was called to be a prophet
- Jonah was honest with the sailors about who he was and what he did
- Jonah was used to bring repentance to a huge city.

Weaknesses

- Jonah thought he could avoid God's call by running away
- Jonah was disobedient to his calling. And belligerently became obedient.
- Jonah did not rejoice over a city repenting and turning to God. Instead he chose to sulk and pity himself

