

The Prodigal Prophet

Introduction: When you say “Jonah”...

1. It’s read on Yom Kippur
2. The one prophet sent *to* the Gentile
3. The only prophet that is a complete narrative
4. It is typical of Israel and history
 - A man called of God to represent Him to the world
 - Disobedient
 - But evil is providentially used
 - Salvation of *sailors* who see atonement set forth
 - Rebuked or replaced by the Gentile as they submit
 - Disappears in the seas...gone...dead...
 - Repents...
 - Reappears...alive from the dead
 - Assumes his divine purpose...obeying
 - Life comes to Babel
5. Jesus spoke of Jonah in typical terms
6. Scorned: most miraculous prophet
7. An historic figure: from Zebulun...a Galilean (2 Kings 14:25)
8. During Jeroboam II

Sound familiar?

	Ahab and Jezebel
raised up	Elijah
anointed	Elisha
then	Jehu
then	Hazael of Syria
	Jehoash
	Jeroboam II
then...	Assyria

Jonah 1

v 1-2. Ninevah...the capital of the rising Assyrian Empire
 “great city” 60 mile diameter

What direction is Ninevah? Northeast

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| v 3. | “Joppa”-South | “Tarshish”-West | |
| | He fled from his office. Why? Jonah 4:2 | | |
| v 4. | “Down”- God stopped him | | |
| v 5. | “Slept”- He doesn’t care | | *But the Gentile is terrified
ignorant
And in darkness |
| v 6. | The pagan rebukes his carelessness
“Carest thou not...?” | • The first of 4 rebukes
• and 4 questions... | |
| v 7. | Instinct told them... “ <i>sin</i> must be dealt with”
certainly Jonah is safe... but “no” | | |
| v 8. | “Confess!” Who are you? Why are you here? “Confess!” | | |
| v 9. | “I have the answers” | | |
| v 10. | For a 2 nd time...rebuked by the pagan | | “How could you...” |
| v 11. | What must we do to be saved? | | |
| v 12. | Atonement | | |
| v 13. | The sailor’s lives are a rebuke of Jonah... a 3 rd time | | |
| v 14. | For a 4 th time... they excel Jonah...
“Father forgive us”
As “This is your divine Plan”...
They convert | | |
| | | • They turn from their gods | |
| | | • To the true God | |
| | | • And reform: “vows” | |