

Jonah 1-4 - A Reluctant Prophet

First read **Jonah 1:1-4:11** in your Bible, and then answer these questions. The book of Jonah is not like the other prophets' books. The others mostly tell what the prophet *said*. Jonah, however, is mostly about what the prophet *did*.

1. Twice the word of Yahweh came to Jonah. In each case, how did the prophet react?
 - A. **Jonah 1:1-3** _____

 - B. **Jonah 3:1-4** _____

2. Twice Yahweh used something "miraculous" to save Jonah. In each case, what happened?
 - C. **Jonah 1:15-17, 2:10** _____

 - D. **Jonah 4:6-8** _____

3. Twice Yahweh used Jonah to save some people. In each case, what happened?
 - E. **Jonah 1:11-15** _____

 - F. **Jonah 3:5-10** _____

4. Select a key verse in each of the two scenes. Color these two verses in your Bible and list their references here:

6. Jonah's prayer while in the fish, **Jonah 2:2-9**, looks like a psalm of thanksgiving. What in your opinion is most remarkable about these verses?



7. Notice that the story is open-ended, that is, it does not have a solid conclusion. It ends with a question, **Jonah 4:10-11**. How do you think we are supposed to answer the Lord's question?

8. And what is the lesson for our lives we are to take from this story?