

Notes for Jonah 1

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

10 Miracles in Book of Jonah

- 1) v 1:4 "The Lord hurled a great wind on the sea"
- 2) v 1:7 "the lot fell on Jonah"
- 3) v 1:15 "the sea stopped its raging"
- 4) v 1:17 "the Lord appointed a great fish"
- 5) v 2:1 "Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish"
- 6) v 2:10 "the Lord commanded the fish ... it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land"
- 7) v 3:10 "God saw their deeds ... they turned from their wicked way"
- 8) v 4:6 "the Lord God appointed a plant"
- 9) v 4:7 "God appointed a worm"
- 10) v 4:8 "God appointed a scorching east wind"

Jonah (*Yo-nuh*) – name means dove.

He was a prophet in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of Jeroboam II (793–753 BC). He was a Galilean from Gath Hephher in Zebulun a few miles N. of Nazareth.

Jesus tells us Jonah and the events were real in both Matthew 12:39-41 and Luke 11:29-32

Matthew 12:29 "An evil and adulterous generation seeks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah." (ESV)

Hebrews 12:6 - "*For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.*" (ESV)

Galatians 3:28 - *There is neither Jew nor Gentile, there is neither slave nor free, there is neither male nor female; for you are all one in Christ Jesus* (NIV)

Zarephath (*Zsow-fat*) - town where Elijah raised boy from the dead in 1 Kings 17. Hebrew tradition says boy is Jonah.

Ninevah (*Nin-uh-vuh*) was the capital of the Assyrian empire located on the Tigris River about 600 miles NE of Israel, so nearly from Grangeville to Denver. It was founded by Nimrod, the grandson of Noah (see Genesis 10:6-12)

Joppa (*Yah-Po*) - a port city known today as Jaffa (*Yah-fo*)

Acts 9:36–43 - Peter receives word from God to go preach the Gospel to Cornelius.

Tarshish (*Tar-sheesh*) has been associated with Sicily and England, but the best evidence puts it 2500 miles west of Joppa on the Atlantic coast of Spain, near the city of Cadiz.

Dag (*dawg*) – Hebrew for fish (i.e., Genesis 9:2)

Tannin (*Tan-EEN*) – Hebrew for whale (i.e., Genesis 1:21)

Obeying God's Will brings blessings to us and to others through us. We will obtain our best Christian life if we do. If we are a Believer the idea of disobeying our Heavenly Father should offend us greatly.

Disobeying Him usually leads to trouble, even if only in the future. God can punish us for disobedience, though often we are punished by events God was trying to prevent. Rather than being directly punished by a proverbial bolt of lightning, disobedience can lead us down a path where at some point we wind up in bad circumstances and suffer for our poor decision.