

Through the Bible Course

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Jonah

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Key Word: God

Key Verse: 2:9

Name of book from the author

Time: 2 Kings 14:23-25 – during reign of Jeroboam II, about 825 BC

Something of Jonah

1. Christ recognized as real character – Matthew 12:39-41
2. Son of Amittai – Jonah 1:1
3. From town of Gath-hepher – 2 Kings 14:25
4. He was called to prophecy to Gentile city of Nineveh – Jonah 1:2

The book of Jonah is in fact a revelation of God. This must be kept in mind.

I. God is Everywhere

1. Jews had conception He was confined to Palestine.
2. Book shows He was everywhere.
 - a. Palestine
 - b. High seas
 - c. In wilderness
 - d. In Gentile city of Nineveh

II. God of Whole Creation

1. Wind – 1:4 and 4:8
2. Sea – 1:4
3. Great fish – 2:10
4. Vegetation – 4:6
5. Creeping things – 4:7

III. Mighty God – Prepared Four Things

1. Great fish – 1:17
2. Gourd – 4:6
3. Worm – 4:7
4. East wind – 4:8

IV. God of all Peoples

1. Jews thought He was their God only.

2. Sent Jonah to Nineveh to preach to them (1:2)

V. God of Love

1. Loved people of Nineveh – a very wicked city
2. Loves people of all races now

VI. God of Mercy

1. Would forgive even Nineveh if they repented – 3:8, 9

Conclusion:

The lesson for us today is that which Jonah had to learn, that is the lesson of obedience.

1. Cannot run away from God
2. Costs not to obey God
3. Obedience is not according to our pleasure or desire