

Jonah 1:1-6

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**WHICH WAY WILL  
YOU RUN?**

**JONAH**



**“Men have been looking so hard  
at the great fish  
That they have failed to see the  
great God.”**

**Leslie C. Allen, The Books of Joel, Obadiah, Jonah, and Micah, The  
New International Commentary on the Old Testament (Grand  
Rapids, MI: Wm. B. Eerdmans Publishing Co., 1976), 192.**

JONAH

**The spotlight must be removed from  
Jonah and placed where it rightly  
belongs: on God Himself.**

*Bibliotheca Sacra* 108, no. 431 (1951): 374.

JONAH



# Story of Jonah

**NOT the story of Jonah and the Whale**

**But the story of Jonah's God**

JONAH

## Jonah 1:1-6 (ESV)

### *Jonah Flees the Presence of the Lord*

**<sup>1</sup> Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,**

**<sup>2</sup> “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.” <sup>3</sup> But Jonah**



## **Jonah 1:1-6 (ESV)**

**rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.**

## Jonah 1:1-6 (ESV)

**4 But the Lord hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. <sup>5</sup> Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the**



## **Jonah 1:1-6 (ESV)**

**cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. <sup>6</sup> So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you**



## **Jonah 1:1-6 (ESV)**

**sleeper? Arise, call out to your god!  
Perhaps the god will give a thought to  
us, that we may not perish.”**

# 1 Samuel 3:1-11 (ESV)

## *The Lord Calls Samuel*

**<sup>1</sup> Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the Lord in the presence of Eli. And the word of the Lord was rare in those days; there was no frequent vision....**

**<sup>3</sup> The lamp of God had not yet gone out,**



## **1 Samuel 3:1-11 (ESV)**

**and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the Lord, where the ark of God was.**

**<sup>4</sup> Then the Lord called Samuel, and he said, “Here I am!” <sup>5</sup> and ran to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”  
But he said, “I did not call; lie down**

## **1 Samuel 3:1-11 (ESV)**

**again.” So he went and lay down.**

**<sup>6</sup> And the Lord called again, “Samuel!” and Samuel arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.”**

**But he said, “I did not call, my son; lie down again.” <sup>7</sup> Now Samuel did not yet know the Lord, and the word of the**



## **1 Samuel 3:1-11 (ESV)**

**Lord had not yet been revealed to him.**

**<sup>8</sup> And the Lord called Samuel again the third time. And he arose and went to Eli and said, “Here I am, for you called me.” Then Eli perceived that the Lord was calling the boy. <sup>9</sup> Therefore Eli said to Samuel, “Go, lie down, and if he calls**

## 1 Samuel 3:1-11 (ESV)

you, you shall say, ‘Speak, Lord, for your servant hears.’” So Samuel went and lay down in his place.

<sup>10</sup> And the Lord came and stood, calling as at other times, “Samuel! Samuel!” And Samuel said, “Speak, for your servant hears.” <sup>11</sup> Then the Lord said to



## 1 Samuel 3:1-11 (ESV)

**Samuel, *“Behold, I am about to do a thing in Israel at which the two ears of everyone who hears it will tingle.”***

## Isaiah 6:8 (ESV)

### *Isaiah's Commission*

<sup>8</sup> And I heard the voice of the Lord saying, *“Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?”*

Then I said, *“Here I am! Send me.”*



# Israel's History

**Creation, Fall, Flood**  
**The Call of Abram**  
**Adventures leading to**  
**slavery in Egypt**  
**Exodus, Wandering,**  
**Conquest of Canaan**  
**(Holy Land)**  
**Dark days of the Judges**  
**High points of Davidic**  
**Dynasty**

**Sin and rejection of God**  
**Kingdom Splits**  
**Invasion and**  
**Deportations (Assyrians**  
**& Babylonians)**  
**1st and 2nd Return and**  
**rebuilding of the wall**  
**(Persian Empire)**  
**400 years of silence**  
**Jesus Christ**

# Creation

1. 6000 – Flood
2. 2000 - Abraham
3. 1446 - Exodus
4. 1000 - King David
5. 931 – State of Israel splits in two.



# Creation

- 6. JONAH - c. 759 A.D. - the North**
- 7. 722 - Northern Kingdom (Israel) Falls - Assyrians**
- 8. 586 - Southern Kingdom (Judah) Falls - Babylonians**
- 9. 516 - Temple rebuilt**
- 10. c. B.C. 6-4 Jesus is born**

# Shalmaneser III, 859-824 B.C

**“A pyramid of heads I reared in front of his city. Their youths and their maidens I burnt up in the flames”**

**Luckenbill, *Ancient Records of Assyria and Babylonia*, 1:148**



# The Assyrian King as:

1. Heroic hunter
2. Outstanding warrior
3. Divine head of state

# **Sennacherib's Sacking of Lachish**

- **2 Kings 19:8**
- **Prism at the Oriental Institute, Univ. of Chicago and the Taylor Prism at the British Museum.**



# **Sennacherib's Sacking of Lachish**

- **“As to Hezekiah the Jew, he did not submit to my yoke. I laid siege to 46 of his strong cities, walled forts and to the countless small villages in their vicinity, and conquered them .... Himself I made a prisoner in Jerusalem, his royal residence, like a bird in a cage.”**

## Isaiah 42:8 (ESV)

### *Isaiah's Commission*

**<sup>8</sup> I am the LORD; that is my name; my glory I give to no other, nor my praise to carved idols...”**



## **2 Peter 3:9 (ESV)**

**<sup>9</sup> ... is patient toward you, not wishing that any should perish, but that all should reach repentance.**

## Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)

**<sup>35</sup> On that day, when evening had come, [Jesus] said to them, “Let us go across to the other side.” <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were**



## Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)

breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, “*Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?*”

<sup>39</sup> And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, “Peace! Be still!”

## **Mark 4:35-41 (ESV)**

**And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, “Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?” <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, “Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?”**



# Psalm 139:1-6 (ESV)

*To the choirmaster. A Psalm of David.*

**<sup>1</sup> O Lord, you have searched me  
and known me!**

**<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and  
when I rise up; you discern my  
thoughts from afar.**

## Psalm 139:1-6 (ESV)

- 3 You search out my path and are acquainted with all my ways.**
- 4 Even before a word is on my tongue, behold, O Lord, you know it altogether.**



## **Psalm 139:1-6 (ESV)**

**5 You hem me in behind and before,  
and lay your hand upon me.**

**6 Such knowledge is too wonderful  
for me; it is high; I cannot attain it.**

## **Jonah 1:3 (ESV)**

**Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He ... found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go ... away from the presence of the Lord.**



**Psalm 139:7-12, 23-24 (ESV)**

**7 Where shall I go from your Spirit? Or where shall I flee from your presence?**

**8 If I ascend to heaven, you are there! If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**

**9 If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,**

## Psalm 139:7-12, 23-24 (ESV)

<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
and your right hand shall hold me.

<sup>11</sup> If I say, “Surely the darkness shall  
cover me, and the light about me be  
night,” <sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark  
to you; the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.



# Psalm 139:7-12, 23-24 (ESV)

**23 Search me, O God, and know my heart! Try me and know my thoughts!**

**24 And see if there be any grievous way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting**

## Exodus 34:2-9 (ESV)

**6** .... *“The Lord, the Lord, a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness....*



## Zephaniah 3:17 (ESV)

**<sup>17</sup> The LORD your God is in your midst,  
a mighty one who will save;  
he will rejoice over you with gladness;  
he will quiet you by his love;  
he will exult over you with loud singing.**