

**Series "Route 66"**  
**"Jonah"**  
**Book 32**

This Minor Prophet is unique in a few ways:

1. The focus of this Minor Prophet is not the message but the messenger. Jonah 3:4
2. Jonah is the only Prophet sent to the Gentiles, and the only prophet that attempted to conceal his message.

The Author – Jonah 1:1

When Written – 760 B.C.

Where it was Written –

Purpose –

Theme – Jonah – "Salvation To The Gentiles"

Key Words – "a great fish" 4 times, "a great city" 9 times, "Jonah" 18 times, "God" is mentioned 38 times

Key Chapter – Jonah 3

Key Passage – Jonah 2:8-9

Jonah 4:2

Outline –

1. Jonah 1:1-17 God's Patience With Jonah:
2. Jonah 2:1-10 God's Mercy Toward Jonah:
3. Jonah 3:1-10 God's Power Through Jonah:
4. Jonah 4:1-11 God's Ministry to Jonah:

**1. Jonah 1:1-17 God's Patience With Jonah:**

Jonah 1:1-3 Jonah's Disobedience:

Jonah - "dove"

Amittai - "truthful, faithful"

Joppa to Nineveh 500 miles Northeast, Jonah opted to go Tarshish (Spain), which is 2000 miles West.

1. Jonah's wrong attitude toward God's will stemmed from a feeling that the Lord was asking him to do an impossible thing.
2. Jonah had a wrong attitude toward the will of God.
3. Jonah also had a wrong attitude toward The Word of God.
4. Jonah had a wrong attitude toward circumstances

Jonah 1:4-10 Jonah's Indifference:

Jonah 1:7-10 Jonah Lost His Testimony:

Jonah 1:11-17 Jonah's Impenitence:

## **2. Jonah 2:1-10 God's Mercy Toward Jonah:**

Jonah 2:1-2 God Hears His Prayer:

Psalms 3:8; 31:22; 42:7; 69:1

Jonah 2:3 He Disciplines Him:

Hebrews 12:5-11

Jonah 2:4-7 God Honors Jonah's Faith:

Jonah 2:8-9 He Yielded To God's Will:

Psalms 3:8; 37:39

Jonah 2:10 He Restores His Ministry:

## **3. Jonah 3:1-10 God's Power through Jonah:**

Jonah 3:1-2 The Gracious Lord:

We need to remember three things about second chances.

1. God's will is going to be accomplished.
2. Jonah's disobedience merited discipline, not rejection!
3. Jonah would have avoided the terror of being thrown into the sea and being swallowed by the great fish if only he had been willing to do God's will when he first learned it.

Jonah 3:3-4 The Obedient Servant:  
Luke 11:30

Jonah 3:5-9 The Repentant People:

Jonah 3:10 The Postponed Judgment:  
Matthew 12:38-41

#### **4. Jonah 4:1-11 God's Ministry to Jonah:**

Jonah 4:1-4 God Hears Him:

Jonah 4:5-8 God Comforts Him:  
James 1:8

Jonah 4:9-11 God Teaches Him:

#### **Application:**

1. Jonah learned that it is impossible to succeed in running from God.
2. There is no limit to what God can use to get one's attention.
3. Failure does not disqualify one from God's service.
4. Disobedience to God creates turmoil in the life of the believer. God doesn't ask us to agree with what He plans. All He asks is that we acknowledge that He knows best—and obey.
5. Patriotism should never stand between a believer and the plan of God.