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Jonah 1:1-3

**Gath Hopher**

**Gath Hepher**



**Ninevah**

500 miles

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500 miles

**Gath Hepher**

**Tarshish**

2,400 miles





"Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, 'Arise, **GO** to Ninevah, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.' So Jonah arose and **WENT** to Ninevah..."

Jonah 3:1-3



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“Arise, go to Ninevah, that great city,  
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has come up before me.” But Jonah  
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 on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD. 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. Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god.**



**And they hurled the 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. So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god!**

Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.” And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation?”

**And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!”**



**For the men knew that he was fleeing  
from the presence of the LORD,  
because he had told them. Then they  
said to him, “What shall we do to you,  
that the sea may quiet down for us?”**

**For the sea grew more and more  
tempestuous. He said to them, “Pick  
me up and hurl me into the sea; then  
the sea will quiet down for you,**

for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them.

Therefore, they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood,

**for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You.” So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.**

**Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.**



**And the LORD appointed a great fish  
to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was  
in the belly of the fish three days and  
three nights.**



**FISH or WHALE**

**The book of Jonah was written,  
under the inspiration of the Holy  
Spirit, to tell us about  
GOD.**



The book of Jonah **CONTRASTS**  
the going, loving, seeking,  
evangelistic, missionary  
**heart of God**  
with the staying,  
self-centered, self-serving,  
unevangelistic, anti-missionary  
**heart of man.**

Jonah is a **true** story.

**Noah and the ark**

**Jonah and the whale**

# **Christ's Second Coming**

## **(Noah and the ark)**

**"As were the days of Noah, so will be the coming of the Son of Man. For as in those days before the flood, they were eating and drinking, marrying and giving in marriage, until the day Noah entered the ark, and they were unaware until the flood came and swept them away, so will be the coming of the Son of Man."**

**Matthew 24:37-39**



# **Christ's Bodily Resurrection**

## **(Jonah and the whale)**

**"What miraculous sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?"**

**John 2:18**



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**John 2:18**

**"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up."**

**John 2:19**

**"A wicked and adulterous generation asks for a miraculous sign. But none will be given it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth."**

**Matthew 12:39,40**

**"The men of Ninevah will stand up  
at the judgement with this  
generation and condemn it; for  
they repented at the preaching of  
Jonah, and now one greater than  
Jonah is here."**

**Matthew 12:41**

If you believe in  
**Jonah's God,**  
you won't have any  
trouble believing in  
**Jonah's fish!**



The book of Jonah is  
about **God**.

*Bible trivia question:*

**What is the last word in the  
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*Answer:*

**Cattle**



"And should I not pity Ninevah, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much **cattle**?"

Jonah 4:11

**Why do we have a negative  
impression in our minds when  
we think about Jonah?**

**"...I knew that You are a gracious  
God, and merciful, slow to anger and  
abounding in steadfast love, and  
relenting from disaster."**

**Jonah 3:2**

**What did Jonah do wrong?**

When God said “Go!”

Jonah said “No!”



**Omission**  
is just as great a sin as  
**commission.**

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**Numbers 32:23**

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