

Time for an Attitude Adjustment

The Book of Jonah

Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1–3

God Calls Jonah

Jonah 1:1–3

Historical Circumstances

2 Kings 11:25

[Jeroboam II] restored the border of Israel from Lebohamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet, who was from Gath-hepher.

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Jonah 1:1–3

Historical Circumstances

Jonah's Commission

Jonah's Response

Historical Circumstances

- Nineveh was the capital of Assyria
- Prior to the time of Jonah
 - Assyria was hated by other nations because of their excessive cruelty
 - Impaled enemy soldiers
 - Skinned alive enemy soldiers
- At the time of Jonah
 - Assyria was experiencing military and diplomatic losses
 - Famine and popular uprisings
 - An earthquake and eclipse were experienced

Jonah's Commission

- Go and preach against Nineveh
- Because of its wickedness

Jonah's Response (next slide)

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Jonah's Response

- Heads for Tarshish—a faraway place to the west, possibly the area of modern Spain
- Flees from God

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Jonah 1:1–3

How Have I Responded?

What Does My Response Reveal about Me?

God Saves Jonah

Jonah 1:4–3:1

Step One: A Storm

Step Two: Jonah Acknowledges Truth about Himself

Step Three: Jonah Accepts that He Deserves Punishment

Step Four: God Gives Jonah Time to Think

Step Five: Jonah Acknowledges God's Rights

Step Six: God Gives Jonah a Second Chance

God Saves Jonah

Jonah 1:4–3:1

Have I Acknowledged the Truth about Myself?

Have I Acknowledged God's Rights?

God Spares Nineveh

Jonah 3:2–10

God's Message to the Ninevites: Judgment is Coming!

Surprising Responses of the Ninevites

- Repentance
- Trust in God's Mercy

God Spares Nineveh

Jonah 3:2–10

Do I Warn People of God's Judgment?

Do I Believe People May Respond?

God Adjusts Jonah's Attitude

Jonah 4:1–11

Jonah is Angry with God

God Provides Jonah with an Object Lesson

Jonah Persists in His Anger

God Has the Final Word

An Unresolved Ending

God Adjusts Jonah's Attitude

Jonah 4:1–11

How Do I Feel About God's Mercy to Others?

Do I Need an Attitude Adjustment?

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