

JONAH

Intro: Jonah portrays the justice and mercy of God toward anyone who confesses their sin. We learn that God is deeply concerned about the salvation of sinful men. Above all, God desires to deal with all men in mercy and kindness. He commissions one of His prophets to take His message of mercy and forgiveness to the people of Nineveh, but Jonah rebels.

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The story of Jonah unfolds in Seven Episodes. The first three episodes are paralleled by the second three. The seventh and final episode is unparalleled, and thus presents the climax to the story, ending with God's penetrating question to Jonah, "*Should I not pity [the people] of Nineveh?*"

First Episode: Jonah's Commissioning And Flight (1:1-3)

Second Episode: Jonah and the Pagan Sailors (1:4-16)

Third Episode: Jonah's Grateful Prayer (1:17-2:10)

Conclusion:

Seven Episodes in Jonah

7 Jonah's lesson about compassion (4:5-11) God: "Should I not pity the Ninevites?"	
3 Jonah's grateful prayer (1:17–2:10) <i>How does Jonah respond to God's grace toward him?</i>	6 Jonah's angry prayer (4:1-4) <i>How does Jonah respond to God's grace toward others?</i>
2 Jonah and the pagan sailors (1:4-16) <i>How responsive are the pagan sailors?</i>	5 Jonah & the pagan Ninevites (3:3b-10) <i>How responsive are the pagan Ninevites?</i>
1 Jonah's commissioning and flight (1:1-3) <i>What will happen to Jonah?</i>	4 Jonah's recommissioning & compliance (3:1-3a) <i>What will happen to the Ninevites?</i>

Outline

- A Jonah's Commissioning and Flight (1:1-3)
 - B Jonah and the Pagan Sailors (1:4-16)
 - C Jonah's Grateful Prayer (1:17–2:10)
- A' Jonah's Recommissioning and Compliance (3:1-3a)
 - B' Jonah and the Pagan Ninevites (3:3b-10)
 - C' Jonah's Angry Prayer (4:1-4)
- D Jonah's Lesson About Compassion (4:5-11)
 - God: "Should I Not Pity the Ninevites?"**