

Jonah Overview

Chapter 1

On the Boat – Jonah and Pagans

God calls Jonah, but Jonah runs away. Pay attention to Jonah's movement downward. Notice how Jonah responds to God's actions and how the pagan sailors respond to God's actions. Consider who is Jonah's main concern. What parts of nature does God use in this section?

Chapter 2

In the Fish – Jonah Talks to God

Jonah offers up prayers to God. Pay attention to how many times he refers to himself. Trace his movements down. How deep can he go? Is he thinking of those pagan sailors still? Does the fish's response give us God's response?

Chapter 3

In the City – Jonah and Pagans

Jonah obeys, but does he do it with a willingly with a cheerful heart? Pay attention to how the pagans in the city respond to God's word. What do they do? Who could answer their question?

Chapter 4

Outside the City – Jonah Talks to God

Pay attention to what detail we are giving now that was withheld from the beginning. How does that affect the beginning of the story? What parts of nature does God use? Notice what causes Jonah's mood to shift. Again, who was Jonah thinking about when his mood shifts? Ultimately why did Jonah want to withhold God's message? Who gets the last word and what is the main point of it?