

NIV MEMORY VERSE: Jonah 2:8

Those who cling to worthless idols
forfeit the grace that could be theirs.

THE DIVIDED KINGDOM 13-1

"THE PROPHET WHO COULDN'T HIDE FROM GOD"
Jonah 1:1-4:11

INTRODUCTION

The Northern Kingdom of Israel had been in rebellion against God for nearly two centuries under the rulership of evil kings. We will study the messages of the "minor" prophets Jonah, Amos and Hosea as they warn of judgment to come.

DAY 1 READ Jonah 1:1-4:11

1. What was meaningful to you in last week's lesson?
2. As you read the Scripture for today, which events could fit the following outline of the book of Jonah?
 - a. perishing
 - b. praying
 - c. preaching
 - d. pouting

DAY 2 REVIEW Jonah 1:1-17

3. God commissioned Jonah to do what?
4. a. How did Jonah's disobedience affect others?
 - b. Please share another brief example of how disobedience to God brought consequences to others. (You may use a Bible example or a personal example.)
5. List the ways the sailors tried to save themselves in the violent storm.
6. a. Jonah offered the solution in verse 12. How did the sailors respond?
 - b. What was their fearful prayer?

. . . their fearful response to God's power?

DAY 2 (Continued) REVIEW Jonah 1:1-17

6. c. How is fear a motivating force for the world to seek God?

. . . for you personally?

7. a. What deliverance did God provide for Jonah?

b. How would you finish this statement, "I believe this is a true story because

_____."

DAY 3 REVIEW Jonah 2:1-10

8. From inside the fish Jonah prayed from the Psalms. What do you think is the importance of Scriptural knowledge in times of trouble?

9. How did Jonah's prayer acknowledge the following:

a. God's faithfulness in verse 2?

b. God's divine care in verse 6?

c. Jonah's repentance in verse 9?

10. Jonah had a "narrow escape" from tragedy. Share such an experience in your life and what you learned from it.

DAY 4 REVIEW Jonah 3:1-10

11. When Jonah preached the city of Ninevah repented.

a. How did they show their repentance?

b. In verse 8 how did the king acknowledge their need for repentance?

DAY 4 (Continued) REVIEW Jonah 3:1-10

12. If a genuine turning to God were to occur in this country, what results would you expect to see?
13. How did God demonstrate His compassion?

DAY 5 REVIEW Jonah 4:1-11

14. a. Judgment was prophesied but nothing seemed to happen (verse 5). Do you think the people of Ninevah (or modern man) would see that as God's compassion or attribute it to the ravings of a false prophet?
 - b. Do you think we need to see God's judgment occasionally to believe the warnings in His Word? Why or why not?
15. What was God's object lesson of the vine?
16. Man's concern is selfish comfort. God's concern is a sinner's conversion. What can we do to show the world of God's concern for them?
17. **NEW TESTAMENT APPLICATION:** Ninevah was a city of Gentiles. What did Paul confirm in Romans 1:16?

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LECTURE NOTES:

PRAYER REQUESTS: