

JONAH – CHAPTER 1

1. Command given to Jonah to preach at Nineveh ([Jonah 1:1, 2](#)).
2. Jonah's disobedience to that command ([Jonah 1:3](#)).
3. Pursuit and arrest of him for that disobedience by a storm, in which he was asleep ([Jonah 1:4-6](#)).
4. Discovery of him, his disobedience; it's found to be the cause of the storm ([Jonah 1:7](#)).
5. He was cast into the sea for the stilling of the storm ([Jonah 1:11-16](#)).
6. Miraculous preservation of his life ([Jonah 1:17](#)).

Verse 1:

The name *Jonah* signifies a dove – a proper name for all of God's prophets (harmless as doves, mourn as doves for the sins and calamities of the land).

Jonah's father's name was *Amittai*, which means "*my truth*".

"The word of the Lord came" Jonah has been acquainted with the substance of God's Word, knowing that God's Word is real, and man's words are but wind.

Verse 2: "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city"

1. Nineveh, at this time, was the metropolis of the Assyrian monarch, an eminent city, as described in [Gen. 10:11](#) – A great city, that great city, 48 miles in compass (some say more).
2. Nineveh was great for the number of people, and especially children ([Jonah 4:11](#)). There were 120,000 children – little ones who did not know the left hand from the right hand.
3. Nineveh was great in wealth.
4. Great in power and dominion – it was the city that for some time ruled over the kings of the earth.
5. Great city, great men, and most of all, a great God.
6. The city was great, but without the knowledge and true worship of the true God.
7. A great city sitting in darkness and in the valley of the shadow of death.
8. Great, **BUT OH SO WICKED!** "*Wickedness has come up before Me.*" The words "*come up*" in verse 2 are described as "coming up to the highest pitch, or the measure of it is full to the brim."

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9. The people were *bold* in their sinning. An open affront to God, as in [Gen. 18:20, 21](#). “*The sin of Sodom has come up to my face*” says the Lord.
10. Jonah must cry out – “*Cry aloud, warn of destruction*”, not whisper his message in the corners, but publish it in the city’s streets. When sin comes to the face of God, then the cry of warning must be on the lips of the prophet.

Wednesday, we will continue our study in Verse 3: *JONAH’S DISHONOUR TO GOD*