



Jonah

Background

- According to the Lecture, how is Jonah different from a typical prophetic book? What does this tell us about the character and message of this book? How does this help us to understand this book better?
- What does the Lecture mean by Jonah being the “anti-prophet”? How does this help us understand the message of this book?
- What does the Lecture suggest about the author of this book?

Outline

- How is the book of Jonah organized? How does this help us understand the message of Jonah?
- What are the four main sections of Jonah? What does each section generally cover? Where does each take place? What does this all tell us about the overall content of this book? How does this help us to read, understand, and apply Jonah?

Content

- What are the key verses of Jonah? What does each highlight? What does each tell us about the overall content and message of Jonah? What does each tell us about how God deals with His people?
- According to the key verses, why did Jonah flee and resist God’s commission? What does this tell us about God’s character and the point of this book? How should we respond?
- How did God respond to Jonah’s selfishness and hypocrisy about the plant? What does this tell us about God’s character and the point of this book? How should we respond?

Themes

- Explain each of the theological themes in your own words. What does each tell us about the content, message and significance of Jonah? How should each idea be applied in current life?
- Describe the concept of “anti-contrast faithfulness” in your own words. How does this term contribute to our understanding of the message of Jonah? How does this book us this to communicate its message? What difference does this make?
- What are examples of “contrast-faithfulness” in this book? How do they help highlight the main message of this book? What should we learn from this? How should we respond?
- How does the second theme of this book highlight a theme throughout the entire Old Testament? How does this challenge God’s people today? What difference does this make?

Review

- Review the four main sections of Jonah and work toward committing them to memory.
- Review the key themes of Jonah and work toward committing them to memory.