

Questions On Jonah Chapter 1

1. What more can we learn about Jonah from 2 Kings 14:25?
 - a. To show the timing connection between Jonah and Hosea, Amos and other prophets of Israel, who was king at this time? (see 2 Kings 14:23)

2. According to Matthew 12:39-40, what use did Jesus make of Jonah's example?
 - a. What does Jesus' reference to Jonah tell us about him and his "great fish" story?

3. To what "great city" did God tell Jonah to go and what was he to do there?
 - a. How did the people of this city react to Jonah's preaching? (Matthew 12:41; Jonah 3:3-10)

 - b. What other minor prophet prophesied about Nineveh?

4. How did Jonah respond to God's call?
 - a. According to Psalm 139:7, from what can one not flee?

5. What happened during Jonah's sailing trip?

- a. How did the sailors try to remedy the problem using common sailing tactics? (v. 5)
 - b. What did they initially want Jonah to do for them?
 - c. What did they learn about Jonah through their interrogation of him? (10)
6. What did Jonah tell the sailors to do in order to stop the storm?
 - a. How did the sailors initially react to this information?
 - b. When they did eventually cast Jonah into the sea, what happened?
 - c. What did the sailors then do with regard to God?
7. What happened to Jonah?
8. How do we know that Jonah's fish story is not a mere allegory? (think again about Matthew 12:39-40 and Matthew 16:4)