

Wrong-Way Jonah (Jonah 1:1-16)

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INTRODUCTION

Author: Jonah of Gath Hepher of Israel (2 Kings 14:25)

Destination: Northern Kingdom, *Israel* (later called *Galilee*)

Date: Jonah prophesied during Jeroboam II's reign (793-753 BC)
He predicted Jeroboam II retaking lost lands (2 Kings 14:25)

That prophecy was fulfilled around 773 BC

The events of the book of Jonah occurred in 759 BC

Why was Jonah reluctant?

Did Jonah ever figure out his foolishness?

Jonah disobeyed God's order to prophesy anti Assyria (1:1-3) 2
The word of the Lord came to Jonah, a prophet (1:1)

Nineveh was the capital of Assyria, a fearsome power (1:2a)

Nineveh's wickedness had come before the Lord (1:2b)

Jonah fled to Tarshish (1:3)
He went down to Joppa

He went down into the ship
It had more than one deck

It had sails

It had oars

Phoenicians traded throughout the Mediterranean

The Lord sent a great storm: fearful sailors urged everyone 3 to pray to his gods for deliverance and then cast lots (1:4-7a)

The great storm from the Lord threatened the ship (1:4)

Fearful sailors prayed, dumped cargo & told all to pray (1:5)

Each prayed to his gods

They even dumped their cargo

The chief rope-puller told sleeping Jonah to pray (1:6)

In desperation they cast lots to find the culprit (1:7a)

After casting lots, they interrogated Jonah, who said he was a Hebrew worshipper of the true God who created all (1:7b-9)

God caused the lot to fall on Jonah (1:7b)

They interrogated Jonah (1:8)

Jonah confessed to worship God, the creator of all (1:9)

Sailors (shocked at Jonah's attempt to flee) asked how 4 to calm the sea; Jonah said to cast him overboard (1:10-12)

The sailors were shocked at Jonah's attempt to flee (1:10)

They asked how to calm the increasingly stormy sea (1:11)

Jonah said to cast him overboard (1:12)

They vainly tried to row to shore, then besought Jonah's Lord to hold them guiltless for He did as He wished (1:13-14)

They vainly tried to row ashore (1:13)

They besought Jonah's Lord (1:14)

The sea became calm when they cast Jonah overboard, so they sacrificed to Jonah's Lord (1:15-16)

The sea became calm as they cast him overboard (1:15)

They sacrificed (a thanks offering) to Jonah's Lord (1:16)

CONCLUSION