

# Correspondence Bible Study

## Lesson #29 – Jonah and Micah

### PRAYER:

Read Jonah, chapter 2 as your prayer also.

### Notes on Jonah:

(Jonah means “Dove”). Part of the story of Jonah is very well known. The part where he is swallowed by a large fish, and then three days later spit out, is the extent of most people’s knowledge. The real heart and message of Jonah is that the grace of God is extended to all nations. Jonah exemplifies the feelings of the Jewish people in that he has no desire to have those outside his fellowship, and especially his enemies, to come to know the true God and be saved.

Jonah most likely, lived and served around 800-750 B.C. Nineveh, one of the major cities of the Assyrian empire, had long been a great city where the enemies of Israel lived. If God could show mercy to them, He could to anyone. This beautifully written short story helps to remind God’s people that they are always blessed to be a blessing.

### Questions on Jonah:

1. Chapter 1 – Look on a map and see if you can tell what Jonah did when he was told to go to Nineveh. In which direction did he go?
2. Chapter 1:17 – Look in Matthew 12 and explain how Jesus compares Jonah to Himself?
3. Chapter 3 – What does this chapter tell us about how and where He works faith and repentance in people? (See also John 3:8)
4. Chapter 4 – Jonah’s reaction to the repentance of Nineveh seem strange to us. How did God’s use of the vine demonstrate His right to work the way He does?

Your questions on Jonah...

## Notes on Micah:

(Micah means “Who is like the Lord?”) He is a contemporary of Isaiah as seen 1:1. This would date his prophecies between 750-686 B.C. His message is much like Isaiah and Amos. The warnings are that judgment was coming upon them because of their sins against the Lord, their own people and their enemies. Micah’s prophecies are directed both at Judah and Israel. Many times, Judah is referred to by the name Jerusalem. Israel is called Samaria.

## Questions on Micah:

1. Chapters 2:6-11 and 3:5-7 – What were some of the characteristics of the false prophets?
2. Chapter 4:1-5 – (There is a parallel passage in Isaiah 2:1-4) The “last days” began with the First Coming of Christ and will be completed at His Second Coming. What are some of the good things we seen in these last days?
3. Chapter 5:1-5 – What is the great Christmas prophecy found here?
4. Chapter 7 – List the times Micah describes the mercy and compassion of God.

Your questions on Micah...