

# Interesting Facts About Jonah

**MEANING:** "Dove"

**AUTHOR:** Uncertain

**TIME WRITTEN:** Uncertain

**POSITION IN THE BIBLE:**

- 32nd Book in the Bible
- 32nd Book in the Old Testament
- 10th of 17 books of Prophecy (Isaiah - Malachi)
- 5th of 12 minor prophets (Hosea - Malachi)
- 34 Books to follow it.



**CHAPTERS:** 4

**VERSES:** 481

**WORDS:** 1,321

## OBSERVATIONS ABOUT JONAH:

- Jonah was a prophet from the village of Gath Hepher, located some three miles north of Nazareth in lower Galilee.
- Today the village of Gath Hepher is known as Mash Had.
- The Pharisees were wrong in John 5:52, when they said "Search and look, for no prophet has risen out of Galilee.
- Jonah is the only prophet whom Jesus likened to Himself. Matthew 12:39-41
- Jonah's experience is a type of the death, burial, and resurrection of Christ.
- Unlike all other Old testament books, Jonah revolves exclusively around a Gentile nation.
- Nineveh was a world empire for about 300 years. (900-60 B.C.)
- From Jonah's home:
  - Assyria was northeast.
  - Joppa was southwest.
  - Tarshish (Spain) was west.

## JONAH

- Jonah is the only Old Testament prophet whose ministry is entirely on foreign soil.
- Jonah was a contemporary of Jeroboam II of Israel. (782-753 B.C.)
- The Book of Jonah has four chapters:
  - Chapter 1 - Jonah is running FROM God.
  - Chapter 2 - Jonah is running TO God.
  - Chapter 3 - Jonah is running WITH God.
  - Chapter 4 - Jonah is running AHEAD of God.
- Assyria's willingness to repent may have been helped by:
  - A plague in 765 B.C.
  - A solar eclipse two years later in 763 B.C.
  - Another plague four years later in 759 B.C.
- The repentance of Nineveh probably took place during the reign of Ashurdan III (773-755 B.C.).
- Upon Nineveh's repentance at the preaching of Jonah, the city was allowed to stand for another 150 years until the Babylonians rebelled against the Assyrians in 626 B.C. and overthrew the mighty city of Nineveh 16 years later in 612 B.C.

