

### *Author:*

Jonah

Though the author does not state himself directly from the text, the book is most likely to be Jonah's own testimony of God's work in his life.

### *Audience:*

Jonah prophesied in the Northern Kingdom (Israel) from 782-753 BC. The particular prophecies in the book of Jonah are to Assyrians in the city of Nineveh.

### *Aim:*

The book of Jonah examines the difference between the attitudes and actions of God and His prophet. A marked contrast is evident between: Jonah's hatred and God's compassion for Nineveh, as well as Jonah's unfaithfulness and God's faithfulness.

Any reader of this short book should learn about God's goodness, sovereignty, and patience. A careful reader will also find her heart challenged by how she views others in light of God's call to be salt and light.

### *Attributes of God:*

God has great compassion for those who are yet to come to faith. (Jonah 1:2, 3:10, 4:2-3, 4:11)

God shows great mercy toward the repentant. (Jonah 3:5-10)

God is patient with His unfaithful servants. (Jonah 1:17, 2:10, 3:1)

God rules over nature and uses it to accomplish His will in our lives. (Jonah 1:4, 1:7, 1:15-17, 2:10, 4:6-8)

