

A WHALE OR A TALE?
Jonah / 11-4-18 / PM

I. JONH'S LIFE

A. Jonah is the best known of the 12 Minor Prophets.

1. His name means "dove".
2. He is mentioned in 2 Kings 14:25.

B. He was a prophet.

1. His father was Amittai (Jonah 1:1)
2. He was from Gath Hepher--five miles from Nazareth. (2 Kings 14:25).
3. Jonah is more the story of a prophet than a prophesy.

C. The short four chapter book of Jonah falls into three sections.

1. Chapter one: Running away from God.
2. Chapter two: Running to God.
3. Chapter three: Running with God.
4. Chapter four: Running ahead of God.

II. JONAH'S LESSONS.

1. God wants everyone to be saved.
2. God uses people to carry our His plans.
3. God speaks to us today.
4. God uses events and experiences to speak to us. (Storm and Fish)—2:3.
5. We can't run from God and get away with it—Ps. 139:7-10.
6. God is always with us—2:6.
7. God hears our prayers—2:2.
8. God gives second chances—3:1.

9. God's perfect will (as opposed to His permissive will) never changes—1:3 and 3:3.
10. We don't always understand what God is doing—4:1-2.
11. We should be willing to give other people second chances.