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Jonah 1:1-3

1. Now the word of Jehovah came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,
2. Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.
3. But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of Jehovah; and he went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of Jehovah.

*What are the central ideas in the book of Jonah?*

The central ideas in the book of Jonah are wickedness, disobedience, compassion, and repentance.

*In individual consciousness, what does Jonah represent?*

Jonah represents a phase of spiritual consciousness which sees the enormity of evil and the dire consequences of evil.

*In what did Jonah fall short?*

He allowed himself to be intimidated by the seeming mightiness of evil, and failed to appreciate the redeeming power of eternal Good.