

# The Minor Prophets

## Jonah – From Rebellion to Repentance

Please pray and ask the Lord for understanding of His Word before you begin.

### Read Jonah Chapters 3 & 4

#### Chapter 3 – God of the Second Chance

1. In the first two verses of chapter 3 the Lord tells Jonah again to go preach in Nineveh.
  - a. How many people in the Bible can you think of that were given second chances?
  - b. How many times has God has given you a second chance?
  - c. Does the world (society) give second chances?
  
2. Jonah's message was brief and to the point: "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" (v. 4).
  - a. Why did the people repent?
  - b. Read 1 John 5:9-13. What are we being asked to do?
  
3. Read verses 6-9.
  - a. What do you learn about this king from this passage?
  
4. Read verse 10 along with Jeremiah 18:7-10.
  - a. What is this passage saying?
  - b. Who changed?

## Chapter 4 – Jonah’s anger and God’s kindness

5. Read verses 1-4 along with Luke 15:25-32.

a. Why was Jonah angry?

b. Why did God ask him if his anger was right?

6. Look at verse 5 and explain what is happening here. (Genesis 19:27,28 might help)

7. Read verses 6-8 and explain what is happening. (Revelation 3:19 will help)

8. Read verses 9-11 along with Jonah 2:9 and Acts 10:34,35 and tell what the lesson is that God wanted Jonah (and us) to know.

9. Jonah shows us a lot of emotions and wrong thinking in his little book. Do you relate to any of his behavior? If so, what should you do about it?

“The Lord is gracious and full of compassion, slow to anger and great in mercy.  
The Lord is good to all, and His tender mercies are over all His works.”

Psalm 145:8,9