

Jonah

A fourteen-day reading plan

BETHESDA CHRISTIAN MINISTRIES · ONE SHORT PASSAGE AND ONE QUESTION A DAY

Two weeks through Jonah and its echoes. Each day is a short reading — most take under four minutes — and one question worth writing an answer to rather than thinking about. Days six, seven, eleven, thirteen, and fourteen step outside Jonah to the passages that explain it.

Read the passage before the question. Keep a pen nearby. If a day undoes you, stay there an extra day; the plan is a path, not a schedule.

☐ DAY 01 · JONAH 1:1–3

The call and the flight

What is the assignment you are currently walking away from, and what is your Tarshish?

☐ DAY 02 · JONAH 1:4–10

The storm and the sleeper

Jonah went below deck and slept. Where do you go when you do not want to face God?

☐ DAY 03 · JONAH 1:11–16

The pagans who prayed

The sailors behave better than the prophet. Where have you seen outsiders act more like God than insiders?

☐ DAY 04 · JONAH 1:17 – 2:6

Into the deep

Name a place you assumed God would not follow you into.

☐ DAY 05 · JONAH 2:7–10

I remembered the LORD

Jonah is honest before he is healed. What have you not said to God yet?

☐ DAY 06 • PSALM 139:1–12

Nowhere out of range

Read it slowly. Which line is hardest for you to believe today?

☐ DAY 07 • PSALM 88

The psalm that ends in darkness

God preserved a prayer wth no happy ending. What does that tell you about what He can hear?

☐ DAY 08 • JONAH 3:1–5

The word came a second time

Where do you need the second time? What would you do differently wth it?

☐ DAY 09 • JONAH 3:6–10

An empire in sackcloth

Who would have to repent for you to struggle to believe it was real?

☐ DAY 10 • JONAH 4:1–5

The complaint

Jonah quotes the creed as a grievance. Is there a promise of God you have resented?

☐ DAY 11 • EXODUS 34:5–9

The creed itself

Read what Jonah was quoting. Sit wth the fact that this is the thing he ran from.

☐ DAY 12 • JONAH 4:6–11

The plant, the worm, the question

Answer God's closing question out loud, in your own words.

☐ DAY 13 • LUKE 15:25–32

The elder brother

Which son are you this year? Be specific about why.

☐ DAY 14 • MATTHEW 12:38–41

The sign of Jonah

Something greater than Jonah is here. What changes on Monday because of that?

AFTER THE FOURTEENTH DAY

Go back and read the whole book of Jonah in one sitting. It takes about eight minutes. You will hear it differently than you did on day one — and when you reach the last verse, notice that God’s question is still sitting there unanswered, waiting for you.

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