

THE PROPHET JONAH / *Jonah 1*

Served as a prophet to Israel and Assyria from 793–753 B.C.

Climate of the times Nineveh was the most important city in Assyria and would soon become the capital of the huge Assyrian Empire. But Nineveh was also a very wicked city.

Main message. Jonah, who hated the powerful and wicked Assyrians, was called by God to warn the Assyrians that they would receive judgment if they did not repent.

Importance of message Jonah didn't want to go to Nineveh, so he tried to run from God. But God has ways of teaching us to obey and follow him. When Jonah preached, the city repented and God withheld his judgment. Even the most wicked will be saved if they truly repent of their sins and turn to God.

Contemporary prophets Joel (835–796? B.C.), Amos (760–750 B.C.)