

## **Resource: Study Notes - Book Intros (Biblica)**

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### **JON**

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#### **What is the book of Jonah?**

- Jonah is a book of Israel's prophets. It shows how full of mercy God is. It does this through a story about the prophet Jonah and the Assyrians of Nineveh.
- The story about Jonah took place while the Assyrian government was strong and ruled over many nations.
- It isn't known when Jonah served as a prophet. It was before King Jeroboam the second stopped ruling the northern kingdom. He ruled from around the year 793 to around the year 753 BC.
- It isn't known who wrote this story down.

#### **Who was this book written for?**

- For the people of the northern kingdom of Israel.

#### **Why was Jonah written?**

- To give an example of outsiders showing respect for God.
- To give an example of people changing their ways after hearing a message of judgement.
- To show that God loves all people groups and all that he made.

#### **Main ideas**

- God is angry at the evil and sinful things all people do.
- God is full of love and mercy toward all people. This includes the people of Jacob's family line and all other people groups.
- God wants all people to turn away from evil and to follow his ways for living.

#### **Outline**

**Jonah disobeys God's instructions (1).**

**Jonah prays (2).**

**Jonah obeys God's instructions (3).**

**Jonah's anger (4).**