Jonah Bible Quiz

15 questions. Choose the best answer for each question. The answer key is on the last pages.

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1. What command does God give Jonah in Jonah 1:2?

Ⓐ Flee to Tarshish
Ⓑ Build a great boat
Ⓒ Go to Nineveh and call out against it
Ⓓ Offer sacrifices in Jerusalem

2. How did the people of Nineveh respond to Jonah's preaching?

Ⓐ They ignored him completely
Ⓑ They laughed at his message
Ⓒ They tried to kill him
Ⓓ They believed God and proclaimed a fast

3. What did Jonah say about salvation in his prayer?

Ⓐ Salvation depends on good works
Ⓑ Salvation is of the Lord
Ⓒ Salvation is impossible
Ⓓ Salvation comes from human effort

4. What destroyed the plant that gave Jonah shade?

Ⓐ Strong wind
Ⓑ Lightning
Ⓒ Drought
Ⓓ A worm

5. Where did God first tell Jonah to go?

Ⓐ Nineveh
Ⓑ Egypt
Ⓒ Jerusalem
Ⓓ Babylon

6. How does Jonah initially respond to God's command in Jonah 1?

Ⓐ He tries to escape by fleeing to Tarshish
Ⓑ He immediately obeys
Ⓒ He protests and refuses to go
Ⓓ He prays for guidance

7. What did God provide to shade Jonah?

Ⓐ A plant (gourd)
Ⓑ A tree
Ⓒ A cloud
Ⓓ A tent

8. How long was Jonah in the belly of the great fish?

Ⓐ Seven days
Ⓑ One day
Ⓒ Forty days
Ⓓ Three days and three nights

9. In Jonah 4, what is Jonah's main complaint after Nineveh repents?

Ⓐ He is upset that the sun is too hot
Ⓑ He feels he was not properly rewarded
Ⓒ He is angry that he was swallowed by the fish
Ⓓ He is angry that God showed mercy to Nineveh

10. What was Jonah doing during the storm?

Ⓐ Trying to swim away
Ⓑ Sleeping in the lowest parts of the ship
Ⓒ Helping the sailors
Ⓓ Praying loudly on deck

11. What did the king of Nineveh do when he heard Jonah's message?

Ⓐ He arose from his throne, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes
Ⓑ He ignored the message
Ⓒ He ordered Jonah's execution
Ⓓ He demanded proof of God's power

12. How does God conclude His conversation with Jonah?

Ⓐ Nineveh deserved destruction
Ⓑ You are right to be angry
Ⓒ I will destroy them later
Ⓓ Should I not pity Nineveh, that great city with 120,000 people who cannot discern between right and left

13. What did the sailors do when the storm arose?

Ⓐ They turned back to shore
Ⓑ They ignored the storm
Ⓒ They immediately threw Jonah overboard
Ⓓ They cast lots to find out who was responsible

14. How does the book of Jonah connect to other biblical books, especially the prophets?

Ⓐ It contains the Ten Commandments

Ⓑ It exemplifies the prophetic call to repentance and God's mercy

Ⓒ It is a collection of psalms

Ⓓ It is a chronological history of Israel

15. Which geographical location is NOT directly mentioned in the book of Jonah?

Ⓐ Tarshish

Ⓑ Babylon

Ⓒ Nineveh

Ⓓ Joppa (Jaffa)

Answer key: Jonah Bible Quiz

Each answer has a short explanation and the Bible passage to read.

1. **C. Go to Nineveh and call out against it**

In Jonah 1:2, God commands Jonah to go to the great city of Nineveh to proclaim His message against its wickedness.

2. **D. They believed God and proclaimed a fast**

Jonah 3:5 records that the people of Nineveh believed God and proclaimed a fast from the greatest to the least.

3. **B. Salvation is of the Lord**

Jonah 2:9 concludes Jonah's prayer with this declaration that 'salvation is of the Lord.'

4. **D. A worm**

Jonah 4:7 records that God prepared a worm that attacked the plant so that it withered.

5. **A. Nineveh**

Jonah 1:2 records God's command for Jonah to go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry against it because of its wickedness.

6. **A. He tries to escape by fleeing to Tarshish**

Jonah attempts to flee from God's presence by sailing to Tarshish, as described in Jonah 1:3.

7. **A. A plant (gourd)**

Jonah 4:6 states that the Lord God prepared a plant to give Jonah shade and comfort.

8. **D. Three days and three nights**

Jonah 1:17 specifically states that Jonah was in the fish's belly for three days and three nights.

9. **D. He is angry that God showed mercy to Nineveh**

Jonah 4 reveals Jonah’s anger and displeasure that God’s mercy extended to the repentant city, highlighting themes of divine compassion.

10. **B. Sleeping in the lowest parts of the ship**

Jonah 1:5 reveals that while the sailors were crying to their gods and casting cargo overboard, Jonah was fast asleep below deck.

11. **A. He arose from his throne, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes**

Jonah 3:6 describes the king's dramatic response of repentance, removing his robe and sitting in ashes in sackcloth.

12. **D. Should I not pity Nineveh, that great city with 120,000 people who cannot discern between right and left**

Jonah 4:11 concludes with God's rhetorical question about having pity on the great city with over 120,000 people and much cattle.

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13. **D. They cast lots to find out who was responsible**

Jonah 1:7 describes how the sailors cast lots to determine who had caused the calamity, and the lot fell on Jonah.

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14. **B. It exemplifies the prophetic call to repentance and God's mercy**

Jonah embodies the prophetic message of calling nations to repentance and highlights God's mercy, themes common with other prophets like Hosea and Amos.

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15. **B. Babylon**

Babylon is not mentioned in Jonah; the key locations include Joppa, Tarshish, and Nineveh.

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