

Jonah, a Study in Contrasts

Several commentators have observed the contrasts within the Book of Jonah.

- A prophet of God, running from God.
- He runs from God's presence, but begs not to be cast away from His presence.
- A fish obeys God, Jonah does not.
- The fish devours, yet preserves his life.
- He is alive, yet drowned.
- He wanted to die, but begged to live.
- He preached repentance, but did not want them to.
- The heathen repent, but Israel doesn't.
- He hoped for destruction, but got repentance.
- He grieved over a gourd, but not an entire city.