

“We Live in the Time of Jonah...But Nahum is Coming”  
A Chapter-by-Chapter Study of the books of Jonah and Nahum

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**Jonah the Dove**  
**Jonah Chapter 1 – Questions**

1. :1-3 Where did Jonah go in response to God’s command? Why would Jonah have wanted to go to Tarshish? Wasn’t this going in the wrong direction?
2. :4 What did God do? Why did He do this?
3. :5 Why are the sailors afraid? Why isn’t Jonah afraid?
4. :6 What did even the pagan Captain of the ship know that Jonah did not?
5. :7 What is “casting lots”, and why did they do it?
6. :8 Why did they suddenly want to know all about him?
7. :9 Jonah openly confesses whom he fears. If he fears God, then why has he done things which clearly rebel against this God he fears? How did Jonah get in such a deplorable state of mind?
8. :10-12 What did even the idol-worshipping sailors know that Jonah didn’t seem to know?
9. :13-16 Why didn’t the men want to throw Jonah overboard? What was their reaction when throwing Jonah overboard actually worked? Do you think these men came to faith in the One, True God through this incident?
10. :17 What do you think Jonah is thinking at this point? Do you think this would have brought him to his senses?

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**APPLICATION QUESTIONS:**

11. Have you ever been mad at God? What did you do?

12. What did you learn from chapter one?

13. List the number of times it is obvious God is in charge in this story:

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14. What does that tell you?

15. God used the prophets of Israel to warn Israel when she was doing things that made no sense. What are two reasons Israel would get into this condition?

- ✓ Hosea 4:6
- ✓ Isaiah 5:18

16. Are you acting like you have “no sense” in any area of your life right now? Why are you? What can you do about it? Are you endangering someone else’s life through your disobedience?

17. What if we are not sure whether or not we are acting with “no sense”? How can we be sure? (Psalm 139)