



West Suburban
COMMUNITY CHURCH

“The Book of Jonah”

Jonah 1:1-3 ♦ Pastor Jim Lennon
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Introduction –*In our introduction to the fascinating book of Jonah, we’ll orient ourselves to the book and the message it teaches.*

I. The Story of Jonah.

- A. Jonah was a real person.

- B. Jonah was born and grew up in a real place.
 - 1. He was born in Gath-Hepher.
 - 2. He was called to prophesy to the Northern kingdom in Israel under Jeroboam II.
 - 3. Other places in the book are real places.

- C. Jonah was a prophet of YHWH who wrote the true inspired words of God.

- D. Jesus referred to Jonah several times as a real person preaching to real people.

- E. The book of Jonah is full surprises.

II. The Message of Jonah.

- A. The story of Jonah is about the relationship between God and Jonah.
 - 1. Consider the subject of the book’s two equal halves.

 - 2. Within that consider the progression in the 6-part symmetry of the book

- B. The book is a contrast between Jonah’s heart and God’s heart. The contrast between human sin and rebellion and God’s mercy and grace.

- C. The message of Jonah teaches us two striking truths about God.
 - 1. God is

 - 2. God is

- D. Several centuries after Jonah

Conclusion.