

# The End of Rebellion – The Outcome of Rebellion

Now the LORD had appointed a huge fish to swallow Jonah... Jonah 1:17 (HCSB)

**Text:** Jonah 1:4-17

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**Supplemental Texts:** See below

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*Rebellion against God will always,*

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_ *life for everyone around you (4-15)*
  - a. *Because of Jonah's disobedience, the sailors were afraid for their lives. (vs. 5, 10)*
  - b. *Our rebellion against God will always worsen life for ourselves and those who are closest to us.*
  
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_ *you down (3-12)*
  - a. *Throughout this chapter and chapter 2, Jonah's disobedience was always leading him down. He went down to Joppa (1:3); he went down below the deck (1:5); He sank to the depths (2:6).*
  - b. *Psalm 32:1-5 describes the draining power of unconfessed sin. Psalm 32:3-4 (HCSB) When I kept silent, my bones became brittle from my groaning all day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy on me; my strength was drained as in the summer's heat. Selah*
  
- 3) \_\_\_\_\_ *His discipline (17)*
  - a. *The discipline of God is explained in Hebrews 12:4-11, and the Bible there explains four reasons why God disciplines his children:*
    - i. *He loves us*
    - ii. *We are His children*
    - iii. *He does it for our good*
    - iv. *He does it so we can share in His holiness.*
  - b. *God's discipline is gracious and loving, in Jonah's life and in ours.*

# Application Questions

These questions are provided for your further study and application of today's message.

- 1) How did Jonah respond to God? (1:3)
- 2) What was Jonah's condition as the storm raged? (1:5-6)
- 3) What did the sailors do? (1:7)
- 4) What made the men terrified? (1:10)
- 5) Why did Jonah tell the sailors to throw him into the sea? (1:12)
- 6) What happened following Jonah's penitent admission? (1:13-16)
- 7) What miraculous provision did God make for Jonah? (1:17)
- 8) When has God disciplined you in your life?
- 9) What is God convicting you of in your life that if not dealt with, will welcome God's discipline?

## Where is Jesus in Jonah 1?

Jesus is in every chapter of the Old Testament in some way. Here are some examples of how to see Jesus in this Chapter:

- 1) **2 Kings 14:25, Jonah 1:1** - Jonah occupies the office of Prophet, one who speaks to the people on God's behalf. Jesus is the ultimate fulfillment of the Old Testament offices of Prophet, Priest, and King. (John 8:26)
- 2) **Jonah 1:3-17** - In His mercy, God still pursues rebellious Jonah by sending the storm and the fish. Our merciful God pursues rebels like us through His son Jesus. (Romans 5:8)
- 3) Jesus, who is God, demonstrated in his earthly ministry power over the wind and waves and the appointing a fish. (**Jonah 1:4** - Mark 4:39-41; **Jonah 1:17** - Matthew 17:27)
- 4) **Jonah 1:3-17** - Jonah disobeyed God by running away. We all have done this. By contrast, there has been only one in all history who perfectly submitted to God in all things. (Philippians 2:8-11)
- 5) **Jonah 1:15** - The saving of the mariners through the sacrifice of Jonah prefigures the salvation of all nations through the death of Christ (1 John 2:2).
- 6) **Jonah 1:17** - Jonah is under the sea, symbolizing the realm of death. His state prefigures the death of Christ (Matthew 12:40).