

The Minor Prophets

Jonah & Habakkuk

Lectures

A: Habakkuk
B: Jonah

02.25 - Saturday

Morning

9.00-9.30 Bible Reading
Jonah & Habakkuk
9.30-10.20 Prayer
V. Nol-Mantia / Jessica Chang
10.30-10.40 Hymn Singing
Olivia Hung
10.40-11.50 Lecture A
H.H. Ko / John Liang
12.00-12.20 Lunch

Afternoon

1.20-1.30 Hymn Singing
Caroline Suen
1.30-2.20 Testimony
H.H. Ko / Grace Liang
2.40-3.20 Lecture B
V. Nol-Mantia / Jessica Young
3.40-4.30 Lecture A
H.H. Ko / David Jeng
4.40-5.30 Prayer
V. Nol-Mantia / Jessica Chang
5.50-6.50 Dinner

Evening

6.50-7.00 Hymn Singing
Ann Yang
7.00-7.50 Lecture A
H.H. Ko / Jennifer Jeng
8.00-8.50 Lecture B
V. Nol-Mantia / Daniel Jeng

Saturday Duties

Morning
Pianist Grace Liang
Lunch Grace Winnie Chang
Afternoon
Pianist Yuechiao Liang
Timekeeper Jeremy Wu
Dinner Grace Mikioi Wichman
Evening
Pianist Ruth Liou
Timekeeper Tiffany Liang

02.26 - Sunday

Morning

9.00-9.50 Prayer
V. Nol-Mantia / Jessica Chang
9.50-10.00 Hymn Singing
Lillian Chu
10.00-10.50 Lecture A
H.H. Ko / Jennifer Jeng
11.00-11.50 Lecture B
V. Nol-Mantia / Jessica Young
12.00-1.00 Picture + Lunch

Afternoon

1.00-1.10 Hymn Singing
Bingfa Sun
1.10-2.00 Lecture B
V. Nol-Mantia / Daniel Jeng
2.10-3.00 Discussion A
H.H. Ko / Grace Liang
3.10-4.00 Discussion B
V. Nol-Mantia / John Liang
4.10-5.00 Prayer
H.H. Ko / Jeremy Wu
5.10 Cleaning + Dinner

Sunday Duties

Morning
Pianist Yuechiao Liang
Timekeeper Yachi Liang
Lunch Grace Serena Tseng
Afternoon
Pianist Ruth Liou
Timekeeper Nhatha Nol-Mantia
Dinner Grace Hain-Lee Hsueh

Introduction:

Some have considered the book of Jonah as a myth due to its story of a prophet being swallowed by a great fish and surviving. Jesus' use of Jonah's experience at Matthew 12:39-41 stamps a factual approach to the book. Jonah was a prophet of Israel during the days of Jeroboam II (II Kings 14:23-25).

Jonah:

Jonah was God's prophet. The Lord had given His prophet a command to speak to the people of Nineveh; however, Jonah disobeyed (Jonah 1:1ff). Jonah tells God that he did not want to preach to Nineveh because he knew that God is "*merciful, slow to anger, and abundant in loving kindness*" (Jonah 4:2). Jonah clearly had feelings of animosity toward the Assyrians. Jonah's anger against the Assyrians likely stemmed from their Gentile pagan practices, control over Israel. The prophet wanted no part of Nineveh's repentance and God's favor bestowed upon them. Jonah's disobedience brought immediate trouble to not only himself but others. The prophet experienced troubles at sea and troubles on land. The book ends with Jonah still angry that God would save thousands of people from destruction.

The Mariners

The Gentile heathen mariners of Jonah 1 were men who shared only in flesh and blood with Jonah (Heb. 2:14). A peculiar difference between the mariners and Jonah was their value of life. While the seas churned by God's wrath for Jonah's sake they feared for their life yet Jonah slept (Jonah 1:5-6). When Jonah told the mariners that God was responsible for the agitated sea the men grew further fearful. Jonah instructs the men to throw him into the sea that they may be saved; however, the mariners' value of human life would not allow them to do so. The mariners display great qualities of character. They valued human life (1:5-6), were compassionate (1:13), and came to believe in the power of God (Jonah 1:14). Jonah proves to be just the opposite in character even though he is a prophet of God.

The People of Nineveh

The people of Nineveh were "*evil and violent*" (Jonah 3:8). When Jonah preached to the great city the people repented of their evil and violent ways. They displayed the character traits of the mariners in that they valued their lives (3:9), feared Jehovah God (3:9), and developed faith through Jonah's preaching (3:5). God saw the "*works*" of Nineveh's repentance as they humbly mourned in shame for their sin and thereby the Lord determined not to destroy them (3:10).

Chapter 1

I. Jonah Rejects God's Instructions (1:1-3)

II. Jehovah Captures Jonah with a Great Fish (1:4-17)

III. Jonah is Cast Off the Ship and Swallowed by a Great Fish Due to His Disobedience to God (1:11-17)

Chapter 2

I. Jonah Comes to Himself and Prays Unto God (2:1ff)

Chapter 3

II. Nineveh's Response to Jonah's Preaching (3:ff)

Chapter 4

I. Jonah's Anger and Will to Die (4ff)