



“Jonah: A Whale Of A Tale”
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I. Before the book of Jonah is the tiny book of Obadiah.

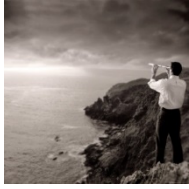
A. Some background to Obadiah

B. What’s Obadiah’s message to Edom?

C. The fact that God dispatches Obadiah to go to Edom reminds us of a great truth, reinforced by Amos and Jonah.

II. Jonah – When did he prophesy? To *whom* did he prophesy?

A Quiet Time In Jonah 1



Step One: Observation ~ *What do I see?*

Observations: A word, a phrase, an action, something repeated, who/what/when/where/why – all may lead to worthwhile insights

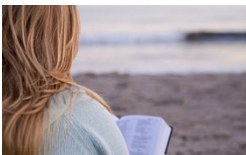
What do I observe in Jonah 1?



Step Two: Interpretation ~ *What does it mean?*

Ask questions – *What was the author saying to his original readers? Is there anything difficult to understand? What would I like to know more about? Can the passage be interpreted in different ways?*

What questions does Jonah 1 bring to mind?



Step Three: Application ~ *What should I do about it?*

A. What truths does this passage teach me about God?

B. What truths does this passage teach me about me (or more generally about human nature)?

C. *Lord, here's what I think you're saying to me right now:*

III. A flyover of the rest of Jonah

A. What is chapter 2 about?

B. What happens in chapter 3?

C. Chapter 4

1, How did Jonah respond to what God did in Nineveh?

2, Why did he respond this way?

3. What did God do next with Jonah? And what was the underlying message behind it for him (and us)?

***What am I hearing God speak to my heart today from
Obadiah and Jonah?***