



Syllabus

CHM 238: JONAH - THE RELUCTANT PROPHET

Genesis Bible Institute

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Jonah is one of the more memorable prophetic books since it describes the prophet's miraculous encounter with a large fish. But the book is much more than just an amazing story. In Jonah, we come across a prophet who resists God's command to deliver God's message to the people of Nineveh. We discover a man who is selfish, spiteful, and proud. In this course, you will examine the book of Jonah, his motives, and how to be a compassionate minister of God's message of hope.

LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon completion of this course, you will:

- Describe the historical issues related to this book, including date, authorship, audience and purpose;
- Identify the key themes of the book;
- Explain how and why compassion is at the heart of Christian Ministry;
- Demonstrate how Jonah has direct application to your life;
- Explain how the "Jonah Principle" is working in your life;
- Quote Matthew 28:19-20 from memory.

REQUIRED READING

- The book of Jonah from one of the following translations: ESV, NASB, NIV, NRSV, RSV.
- Keller, Tim. "Meet Jonah – the Prodigal Prophet" *Thegospelcoalition.org*. The Gospel Coalition. 4 October 2018. Web. 20 October 2018.
- Mathis, David. "The Jonah Principle" *DesiringGod.org*. Desiring God. 18 September 2007. Web. 20 October 2018.

ASSIGNMENTS AND GRADING

- *Study Guide Answers* (worth 20 points / 20% of grade)
After you read the Study Guide, the book of Jonah, and selected passages of Scripture, you will answer 40 questions related to the content. Most questions can be answered in one to two sentences. Each answer is worth 0.5 points.
- *Assignment 1: Short Essay Responses* (worth 25 points / 25% of grade)
In these five short essay responses, you will demonstrate how the message of Jonah applies to your life and ministry. Each response must be a minimum of 150 words.

- *Assignment 2: “The Jonah Principle” Response* (worth 10 points / 10% of grade)
You will respond to Mathis’ article, “The Jonah Principle” by explaining how the Jonah principle is working in your life. Your response must be a minimum of 250 words.
- *Assignment 3: Reflection Paper* (worth 20 points / 20% of grade)
You will write a reflection paper on Keller’s article, “Meet Jonah – the Prodigal Prophet.” You will be asked to address three specific issues. Your paper must be a minimum of 600 words.
- *Final Exam:* (worth 25 points / 25% of grade)
The final exam consists of true/false, matching, multiple choice questions and Scripture memory verses. The exam will help to measure your knowledge of course concepts.

Summary of Assignments and Grading		
Study Guide Answers	20 points	20%
Short Essay Responses	25 points	25%
“The Jonah Principle” Response	10 points	10%
Reflection Paper	20 points	20%
Final Exam	25 points	25%
Total	100 points	100%