

## WHEN JONAH SWALLOWED A WHALE—1

### *“Introducing the Whale Swallower”*

Jonah 1:1

Introduction: \_\_\_\_\_

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“Pop quiz” Fill in the following blanks with the first answer that “pops” into your mind:

\* Zaccheus-- \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Adam and-- \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Daniel and— \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Noah and-- \_\_\_\_\_.

\* Ahithophel-- \_\_\_\_\_?

\* Jonah and-- \_\_\_\_\_!

Looking at the book of Jonah, there are four basic approaches, three of which we do not accept:

1. **Some see the book as legendary \_\_\_\_\_.**
2. **Others see the book as a \_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **Still others see the book as an \_\_\_\_\_.**
4. **And still others see the book as a \_\_\_\_\_ account in the life of a prophet named Jonah who really lived.**

Three reasons:

A. First, according to the Bible, Jonah was a historical \_\_\_\_\_ (2 Kings 14:23-25).

B. Secondly, the account bears the \_\_\_\_\_ of history.

C. Thirdly, and most importantly, \_\_\_\_\_ said he lived in history (Matthew 12:38-40).

**I. FIRST, LET’S CONSIDER A \_\_\_\_\_ OF JONAH.**

**II. SECONDLY, LET’S NOTICE AN \_\_\_\_\_ OF JONAH (Jonah 1:1).**

### APPLICATION:

After introducing Jonah, note some key applications:

1. **Be \_\_\_\_\_, God has delivered His Word to us as well.**
2. **Be \_\_\_\_\_, God can use anyone and anything to accomplish His will.**
  - a. **First, God will always reveal His will to the \_\_\_\_\_ heart (Romans 12:1-2; Proverbs 3:5-6.**
  - b. **Secondly, the will of God is \_\_\_\_\_ in the Word of God.**
  - c. **Thirdly, ultimately it is not His will but \_\_\_\_\_!**
  - d. **Fourthly, the will of God is always an expression of His \_\_\_\_\_.**
  - e. **Fifthly, disobedience to the will of God is always \_\_\_\_\_.**
3. **Be \_\_\_\_\_, past disobedience does not guarantee future obedience.**