

Jonah 4

I. **Jonah Flees. (1:1-17)**

II. **Jonah Prays. (2:1-10)**

III. **Jonah Preaches. (3:1-10)**

IV. **Jonah Learns. (4:1-11)**

A. **Jonah's Complaint. (4:1-3)**

1 But it greatly displeased (**Qal IPF + w.c. RA'A**) Jonah and he became angry (**Qal IPF + w.c. CHARAH**).

2 He prayed (**Hith IPF + w.c. PALAL**) to the LORD and said, "Please LORD, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity.

3 "Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life."

Summary:

1. **Jonah is more than a little _____ at the Lord and comes at him with a brazen audacity.**

2. **He knew of God's grace and compassion, but did not want to see it extended to the _____.**

3. **He told the Lord that the reason he fled to Nineveh was so that He would not _____ them.**

4. **Jonah is not an Abraham who dared to _____ for Sodom and Gomorrah.**

5. **Jonah, the prophet, was rather a spiteful, vindictive man, who displayed no _____ for his enemies.**

6. **He is so upset he would rather _____ than continue to live.**

IV. **Jonah Learns. (4:1-11)**

A. **Jonah's Complaint. (4:1-3)**

B. **God's Lesson On Grace. (4:4-11)**

4 The LORD said, "Do you have good reason to be angry (**CHARAH**)?"

5 Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of it. There he made a shelter (**sUCCOH**) for himself and sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city.

6 So the LORD God appointed a plant (**QIYAYON**) and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was extremely happy about the plant.

7 But God appointed a worm (**TOLAH**) when dawn came the next day and it attacked the plant and it withered.

8 When the sun came up God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, "Death is better to me than life."

9 Then God said to Jonah, "Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "I have good reason to be angry, even to death."

- 10 Then the LORD said, "You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work and
which you did not cause to grow, which came up overnight and perished overnight.
11 "Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than
120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as
well as many animals?"

Summary:

1. The Lord calmly questions Jonah's _____.
2. Jonah's "Tabernacle" was not _____ to shield him from the sun.
3. In the middle of Jonah's anger, God provided some relief from the scorching sun, a _____, the second "appointment."
4. He didn't ask for it, so the plant was a sign of God's _____.
5. Jonah was happy about the shade but there is no record of him giving the _____ to God.
6. He was still sitting there in his anger, waiting and watching for something to _____.
7. In the manner Jonah was mad at God, in the same manner he was _____ about the plant.
8. Then God made the third "appointment," a worm to kill the plant, thus putting him through the test again, only _____.
9. The fourth "appointment" was a scorching east _____ that was so bad Jonah wanted to die, again.
 - A. East winds usually are seen scorching the land. Gen 41
 - B. They are seen bringing a plague of locusts. Exo 10
 - C. They were used to part the Red Sea. Exo 14
 - D. Metaphorically, it is seen as a sign of arrogance. Job 15:2
 - E. It is controlled by the Lord. Job 38:24
 - F. Many times it is a sign of judgment. Psa 48:7; Jer 18:17; Eze 17:10; 19:12; 27:26; Hos 13:15
 - G. Pursuing the "east wind" is a sign of foolishness. Hos 12:1
10. Jonah could have just _____ God's decision and moved.
11. Jonah is so _____ that he thinks he is right.
12. God leaves Jonah with a comment and a question.
 - A. He calls Jonah to consider His _____.
 - B. He calls him to consider his _____.
 - C. He calls him to consider _____ that the Assyrians are humans too, and not very _____.
 - D. God asks Jonah why He should _____ have compassion on them?
13. Less than 100 years after this event, the Lord will kill _____ Assyrians in one night. Isa 37:36-38; 2 Kgs 19:35-37
14. Believers from this area of the world will one day be blessed with a portion in the Millennial Kingdom, and a _____ will run from Egypt to Assyria and they will all worship together. Isa 19:23