Old Testament
Character Studies V
Building the Temple –
The Book of Jonah
Eight Lessons

Bible Study Course

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a workman that needeth not to be ashamed,”

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LESSON 1: BUILDING THE TEMPLE

1. Ezra 1:1-2 - Who did the Lord charge “to build him an house”? ________________________________
2. Ezra 1:5a - Which tribes went up with the priests and Levites to build the house of the Lord? ____________________________
3. Ezra 1:5b - Where did Cyrus instruct “all them whose spirit God had raised” to build? ____________________________
4. Ezra 1:11 - Who brought up “vessels of gold and of silver” from Babylon? ____________________________
5. Ezra 2:64 - “The whole ________________________ together was forty and two thousand three hundred and threescore,”
8. Ezra 3:11a - What did they do “together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD”? ____________________________
9. Ezra 3:11b - What did the priests and Levites have when the foundation of the temple was laid? ____________________________
10. Ezra 3:12-13 - What were many of the “ancient men” doing while many others “shouted aloud for joy”? ____________________________
11. Ezra 4:1-3 - Did Zerubbabel allow the adversaries of Judah and Benjamin to work with them? ____________________________
12. Ezra 4:11-16 - What king did these adversaries write to concerning the building in Jerusalem? ____________________________
13. Ezra 4:17-24 - What happened because of this accusatory letter (until the second year of King Darius)? ____________________________
14. Ezra 5:1 - What two prophets prophesied unto the Jews in the name of the God of Israel? ____________________________
15. Ezra 5:2 - What then did Zerubbabel and Jeshua begin to do? ____________________________
16. Ezra 5:3 - What governor came to question the work on the house of the Lord? ____________________________
17. Ezra 5:6-17 - What was sent to King Darius by Tatnai and Shetharboznai and his companions? ____________________________
18. Ezra 6:7a - What did King Darius command the men that sent the letter to do? ____________________________
19. Ezra 6:11 - What did King Darius say would happen to the man that would alter the decree? ____________________________
20. Ezra 6:14-15 - In what year of the reign of Darius was the house of the Lord finished? ____________________________
21. Ezra 6:19-20 - On what day did the “children of the captivity” keep the passover? ____________________________
22. Ezra 6:21-22 - How long did these children keep the feast of unleavened bread? ____________________________

Memory Verse: Ezra 7:23a - “Whatsoever is commanded by the God of heaven, let it be diligently done for the house of the God of heaven.”

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LESSON 2: NEHEMIAH ~ BUILDING IN JERUSALEM

1. Nehemiah 1:1-3 - Where was the wall that was “broken down” and the gates “burned with fire”? ___________________

2. Nehemiah 1:4 - What did Nehemiah do when he heard this report? ___________________


4. Nehemiah 1:11b - What was Nehemiah’s duty for the king? ___________________

5. Nehemiah 2:5b - What did Nehemiah request of King Artaxerxes after praying? ___________________

6. Nehemiah 2:8a - Why did Nehemiah request a letter to Asaph, the keeper of the forest? ___________________

7. Nehemiah 2:8b - “And the king ___________________ me, according to the good ______________ of my God upon me.”

8. Nehemiah 2:9 - Who did the king send with Nehemiah? ___________________

9. Nehemiah 2:10 - Name two men who were grieved that a man came “to seek the welfare of the children of Israel”? ___________________

10. Nehemiah 2:19-20 - How did Nehemiah answer these scorners? ___________________

11. Nehemiah 3:1 - Who built and sanctified the sheepgate? ___________________

12. Nehemiah 3:2 - Were men of Jericho used to help build? ___________________

13. Nehemiah 3:6 - Name some of the repairs on the old gate. ___________________

14. Nehemiah 3:7-31 - Name four other areas that were repaired. ___________________

15. Nehemiah 4:3 - What did the mocking Tobiah say could “break down their stone wall”? ___________________

16. Nehemiah 4:6 - What did the people have a mind to do? ___________________

17. Nehemiah 4:7-8 - Did the Arabians also conspire to fight against the Jews? ___________________

18. Nehemiah 4:9 - What did Nehemiah do after praying? ___________________

19. Nehemiah 4:15-16 - What did one-half of the Jews hold while the other half worked? ___________________

20. Nehemiah 5:6-7 - What people were charging interest to the Jewish brethren? ___________________


22. Nehemiah 6:15-16 - What did Nehemiah’s enemies perceive when the walls were finished? ___________________

23. Nehemiah 8:1-5 - Who opened the book of the law after the genealogies were registered? ___________________

24. Nehemiah 8:5b-6 - What did all the people do when Ezra opened the book of the law? ___________________

25. Nehemiah 8:8 - How was the book of the law read? ___________________

Memory Verse: Nehemiah 4:6 ~ “So built we the wall; and all the wall was joined together unto the half thereof: for the people had a mind to work.”

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LESSON 3: ESTHER

1. Esther 1:1-2 - Name the king who reigned from India to Ethiopia. ________________________________
2. Esther 1:9-12 - Name the queen that refused to show her beauty “at the king’s commandment”. ________________________________
3. Esther 1:17a - What concern did the king’s men have concerning the queen’s refusal? ________________________________
4. Esther 2:3-4 - Name the king’s chamberlain. ________________________________
5. Esther 2:5-7 - What was the Jewish man’s name that brought up the “fair and beautiful” Esther? ________________________________
6. Esther 2:8 - Where were the many maidens gathered together? ________________________________
7. Esther 2:17 - What did Esther obtain from the king? ________________________________
8. Esther 2:21-23 - Name the king’s two conspirators that were hanged as a result of Mordecai’s help. ________________________________
10. Esther 3:5-6 - Who did Haman seek to destroy as a result of his wrath? ________________________________
11. Esther 3:8-15 - Did Haman convince the king to destroy the Jews? ________________________________
12. Esther 4:1 - What did Mordecai do when he “perceived all that was done”? ________________________________
13. Esther 4:8 - What was shown to Esther? ________________________________
14. Esther 4:14b - “ . . . who knoweth whether thou art ____________ to the kingdom for such a ____________ as this?” ________________________________
15. Esther 4:15-17 - Who did Esther ask to fast for three days (in addition to herself and her maidens)? ________________________________
16. Esther 5:1-4 - To what did Esther invite the king and Haman? ________________________________
17. Esther 5:13-14 - Who suggested that Haman build a high gallows on which to hang Mordecai? ________________________________
18. Esther 6:1-11 - Why did Haman suggest such royal treatment “unto the man whom the king delighteth to honour”? ________________________________
19. Esther 6:13a - What did Haman tell his wife and friends? ________________________________
20. Esther 7:1-6 - How did Esther describe Haman to the king? ________________________________
21. Esther 7:7-10 - What did the king in his wrath do to Haman? ________________________________
22. Esther 8:2 - What did Esther set Mordecai over? ________________________________
23. Esther 8:16 - “The Jews had ________________, and ________________, and ________________, and honour.” ________________________________
24. Esther 9:28 - What days were to be remembered that they “should not fail from among the Jews”? ________________________________
25. Esther 10:1-3 - Whose greatness was declared in the “chronicles of the kings of Media and Persia”? ________________________________

Memory Verse: Esther 4:14b ~ “ . . . and who knoweth whether thou art come to the kingdom for such a time as this?”

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1. Job 1:1a - In what land did Job live?  

2. Job 1:1b - How is Job described?  

3. Job 1:2 - How many sons and daughters did Job have?  

4. Job 1:3 - Name the various quantities of Job’s livestock.  

5. Job 1:5 - What did Job offer according to the number of his children?  

6. Job 1:6-9 - Who came before the Lord with the sons of God?  

7. Job 1:10a - What did Satan say God had made about Job?  

8. Job 1:11 - What did Satan say Job would do if the Lord touched all that he had?  

9. Job 1:12 - What was the Lord’s reply to Satan?  

10. Job 1:13-15 - Who did the first messenger say took away the oxen and asses and had slain Job’s servants?  

11. Job 1:16 - What did the second messenger say came down and burned up the sheep and the servants?  

12. Job 1:17 - Who did the third messenger say carried away the camels and killed the servants?  

13. Job 1:18-19 - What did the last messenger say happened at Job’s eldest son’s home?  

14. Job 1:20 - Did Job worship the Lord after hearing this terrible news?  

15. Job 1:21 - What then did Job say concerning the name of the Lord?  

16. Job 1:22 - “In all this Job __________________ not, nor __________________ God foolishly.”  

17. Job 2:1-7 - Who afflicted Job with boils from head to foot?  

18. Job 2:9 - What did Job’s wife say to do?  

19. Job 2:11 - What three friends came to mourn with Job, and to comfort him?  

20. Job 16:2 - How did describe his three friends as comforters?  

21. Job 19:25 - In the midst of all the questions and answers regarding why Job was suffering, what did Job know?  

22. Job 38:4a - What did God ask Job?  

23. Job 42:10b - What happened to Job after he prayed for his miserable friends?  

24. Job 42:13 - “He had also __________________ sons and __________________ daughters.”  

25. Job 42:14-16 - How many years did Job live after this?  

**Memory Verse:** Job 19:25 ~ “For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth:”
LESSON 5: THREE ARE DELIVERED IN THE FIERY FURNACE

1. Daniel 3:1 - Which king of Babylon made the image of gold?

2. Daniel 3:2-3 - Did the king gather together all that were in authority for the dedication of this image?

3. Daniel 3:4-5 - Who “cried aloud” to fall down and worship this idol when the music sounded?

4. Daniel 3:6 - What would happen to those who disobeyed this command?

5. Daniel 3:7 - What instruments were played when the people fell down and worshipped the golden image?

6. Daniel 3:8-11 - Who accused the Jews before the king?

7. Daniel 3:12 - What three Jews were accused of not worshipping the golden image?

8. Daniel 3:13a - Describe the king’s temperament when he heard these accusations.

9. Daniel 3:14 - What did the king ask these three Jews?

10. Daniel 3:15b - “... who is that __________ that shall ______________ ________ you out of my ________________?”

11. Daniel 3:16b - “... we are not _______________________ to answer thee in this ___________________.”

12. Daniel 3:17 - What did these three believe that God was able to do?

13. Daniel 3:18 - What were the three Hebrew children determined not to serve?

14. Daniel 3:19 - How much hotter did this furious king command the furnace to be heated?

15. Daniel 3:20 - What did the king then command his mighty men to do?

16. Daniel 3:21 - In what were these men bound?

17. Daniel 3:22 - Who died from the flames of the fire?

18. Daniel 3:23 - Where did the three Jews fall?

19. Daniel 3:24-25a - How many men did the astonished king see walking in the midst of the fire?

20. Daniel 3:25b - How did the king describe the fourth man in the fire?

21. Daniel 3:26 - How did the king describe Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego?

22. Daniel 3:27 - Did the fire have any power to harm these three believers or their clothing?

23. Daniel 3:28 - Who said that their God had “delivered his servants that trusted in him”?

24. Daniel 3:29 - What decree did the king make regarding those who spoke against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego’s God?

25. Daniel 3:30 - “Then the king ________________ Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, in the ________________ of ________________.”

Memory Verse: Daniel 3:17a ~ “If it be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace,”

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LESSON 6: DANIEL ~ THE WRITING ON THE WALL

1. Daniel 5:1 - What king “made a great feast to a thousand of his lords”?

2. Daniel 5:2-3 - Where did the golden and silver vessels used at the feast come from?

3. Daniel 5:4 - What was praised?

4. Daniel 5:5 - What did the king see on the wall that same hour?

5. Daniel 5:6 - How did the king react to this?

6. Daniel 5:7 - Who did the king ask to interpret the writing?

7. Daniel 5:8 - Were they able to interpret the writing on the wall?

8. Daniel 5:10-12 - How did the queen describe Daniel’s spirit?

9. Daniel 5:12b - Why did she desire Daniel to be called?

10. Daniel 5:13-16 - What did the king offer Daniel if he made the interpretation?

11. Daniel 5:17a - What did Daniel say concerning the gifts?

12. Daniel 5:17b - Did Daniel make known the interpretation?

13. Daniel 5:18 - What did Daniel say that God gave Nebuchadnezzar?

14. Daniel 5:19a - What did “all people, nations, and languages” do before Nebuchadnezzar?

15. Daniel 5:20 - Why was King Nebuchadnezzar deposed from his throne?

16. Daniel 5:21a - What then happened to him?

17. Daniel 5:21b - What did Nebuchadnezzar learn about God?

18. Daniel 5:22 - Did Belshazzar humble himself when he knew all this?

19. Daniel 5:23 - Who did Daniel say Belshazzar lifted himself against by using the vessels of the Lord?

20. Daniel 5:24-26 - What was the interpretation of “Mene”?

21. Daniel 5:27 - What was the interpretation of “Tekel”?

22. Daniel 5:28 - What was the interpretation of “Peres”?

23. Daniel 5:29b - To what position did the king promote Daniel?

24. Daniel 5:30 - What happened to Belshazzar that night?

25. Daniel 5:31 - How old was Darius at the time he took the kingdom?

Memory Verse: Daniel 5:22 ~ “And thou his son, O Belshazzar, hast not humbled thine heart, though thou knewest all this;”

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LESSON 7: DANIEL IN THE LION’S DEN

1. Daniel 6:1 - How many princes did Darius set over the kingdom?
2. Daniel 6:2-3 - Why was Daniel preferred above the other two presidents and the princes?
3. Daniel 6:4a - What did the presidents and princes seek to do against Daniel?
4. Daniel 6:5 - “Then said these men, We shall not find any ________________ against this Daniel, except we find it against him concerning the _______________ of his God.”
5. Daniel 6:6 - Who did these conspirators assemble themselves together to see?
6. Daniel 6:7a - What did they consult together to establish?
7. Daniel 6:7b - What was the consequence for any man that broke this statute?
8. Daniel 6:8-9 - Did the conspirators convince the king to sign the decree?
9. Daniel 6:10 - How often did Daniel kneel in prayer each day after he knew the decree was made?
10. Daniel 6:11 - Did these men find Daniel praying “as he did aforetime”?
11. Daniel 6:12b - According to the law of what people was this decree made?
12. Daniel 6:13-14a - Who was very “displeased with himself” after hearing of Daniel’s circumstances?
13. Daniel 6:14b - What did the king set his heart to do after hearing of Daniel praying?
15. Daniel 6:17 - Where was the stone laid?
16. Daniel 6:18 - How did the king pass the night?
17. Daniel 6:19 - When did the king go to the den of lions?
18. Daniel 6:20 - What did the king cry out to Daniel?
19. Daniel 6:22a - What did Daniel testify that God had shut?
20. Daniel 6:22b - What was found before God in Daniel?
21. Daniel 6:23a - How did the king react to Daniel’s reply?
22. Daniel 6:23b - Why was there “no manner of hurt” found on Daniel?
23. Daniel 6:24 - What happened to the men (and their wives and children) that accused Daniel?
24. Daniel 6:26b - Did Darius decree that the kingdom of the God of Daniel “shall not be destroyed”?

Memory Verse: Daniel 6:10b ~ “. . . he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime.”

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**LESSON 8: THE BOOK OF JONAH ~ AN OVERVIEW**

1. Jonah 1:1 - Who was Jonah’s father? ____________________________

2. Jonah 1:2 - What city’s wickedness came up before the Lord? _______________

3. Jonah 1:3a - Where did Jonah desire to flee? ____________________________

4. Jonah 1:3b - From Whose presence was Jonah attempting to flee? ______________

5. Jonah 1:4 - What did the Lord send out in the location of Jonah’s ship? ______________

6. Jonah 1:5-6 - Who did the fearful sailors cry unto while Jonah slept? ______________

7. Jonah 1:7-8 - What did the sailors do to determine who was causing the evil? ______________


9. Jonah 1:10-15a - What did the fearful sailors finally do to Jonah? ______________

10. Jonah 1:15b - What then happened to the sea? ______________

11. Jonah 1:16 - What did the sailors do when the sea was calmed? ______________

12. Jonah 1:17a - What did the “great fish” the Lord had prepared do to Jonah? ______________

13. Jonah 1:17b - How long was Jonah in the fish’s belly? ______________


15. Jonah 2:8 - “They that observe lying ______________ forsake their own ______________.”

16. Jonah 2:9b - What “is of the Lord”? ______________

17. Jonah 3:4b - What warning did Jonah preach to the people of Nineveh? ______________

18. Jonah 3:5 - What did the believing people of Nineveh proclaim? ______________

19. Jonah 3:6-9 - Who decreed for all to fast, cry unto God in sackcloth, and turn “from his evil way”? ______________

20. Jonah 3:10 - Did this cause God to repent of the judgment He planned to bring upon Nineveh? ______________

21. Jonah 4:1-4 - How did Jonah react to God’s decision to spare Nineveh at this time? ______________

22. Jonah 4:5 - On what side of the city did Jonah make himself a booth? ______________


24. Jonah 4:7 - What did God prepare to cause the gourd to wither? ______________

25. Jonah 4:8-11 - Did God show Jonah that his pity was misplaced? ______________

**Memory Verse:** Jonah 2:8 ~ “They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.”

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