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Jonah was a Hebrew prophet who disobeyed God and was punished for his act. He is the central character of the book of Jonah in the Hebrew Bible. Jonah was an ambitious and emotional man (4:1)[[1]](#endnote-1) who showed signs of both ordinary human and prophet. He had the capacity to communicate with God, and this is why during the difficult hours he was not afraid to pray to the God (2:1), and God responded to his prayers(2:10).

Johan was ordered by God to travel to Nineveh and to tell the people about the divine judgment (1:2). But he disobeyed God and ran towards Joppa (1:3). Jonah believed in God and called the God his creator (1:9), this is why after being punished by the God once, the reluctantly went to Nineveh to give the God’s message to the people (3:2). It shows that Jonah unwillingly journeyed to Nineveh because he was ordered by his creator. Jonah had a close link with the God because when he was in the boat during the storm, while the sailors were worried and throwing the cargo in the sea, Jonah was sleeping (1:6). Another incident which shows his trust in God is when Jona told the people on the ship to throw him in the sea (1:12). In addition to this when Jonah was eaten by a big fish, he was not afraid and only prayed to God (2:2).

Furthermore, Jonah was a foolish man because he became angry when God did not punish the people of Nineveh (4:1). But when God explained to him, that why God did not punish the people (4:11), Jonah understood the reason. Jonah was also self-centered because he ran from God’s command (1:3), he was angry when the people of the town were not punished (4:1) and when the plant died (4:9).

1. The Holy Bible, King James Version

**End Notes**

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