

“The Seven C’s of Jonah Chapter 1”

Jonah 1:1-17

Intro: Just as the Seven Seas flow together to sustain the world, the following “Seven C’s” go together to nourish our souls in the Word.

I. Content

- a. God tells Jonah to go to Nineveh; Jonah goes the other direction; chaos ensues

II. Context

- a. Who was Jonah (2 Kings 14:25)? Where was Nineveh (2 Kings 19:36)? And when is a “*dog*” actually a fish?

III. Commands

- a. “Go to Nineveh and preach”; “Call on your god!”

IV. Corollary

- a. Jesus asleep in a boat during a storm (Matthew 8:24)

V. Comfort

- a. The LORD provided

VI. Curiosities

- a. Casting lots? Did Jonah want to die? Who actually prayed to the LORD?

VII. Christ

- a. Jesus referred to Jonah as “the sign” of His own death and temporal burial

Close: Is your will aligned with the LORD’S?

If I settle on the far side of the sea, even there your hand will guide me, your right hand will hold me fast. (Psalm 139:9b, NIV)