

# A WHALE OF A STORY

## (Jonah)

- Introduction:
1. The Old Testament and all the stories therein contained, were *written* for people living today.
  2. (Romans 15:4; I Corinthians 10:11).
  3. Let's examine a few lessons from this Old Testament prophet.

### I. An Outline Of The Book Of Jonah

- A. Running Away From God - "*I Won't Go*" (Jonah 1)
- B. Running Back To God - "*I Will Go*" (Jonah 2)
- C. Running With God - "*I'm Here*" (Jonah 3)
- D. Running Ahead Of God - "*I Shouldn't Have Come*" (Jonah 4)

### II. Practical Lessons Learned From The Book Of Jonah

- A. Don't run from difficult duty (1:1-3).
- B. God can bring good from bad (1:16).
- C. God hears the prayers of the penitent (2:2).
- D. Preaching God's message is effective (3:2,5).
- E. Sometimes preaching needs to be negative (3:4).
- F. Don't allow your attitude to ruin your work (4:1).