

Jonah for Community Presbyterian Church of Clarendon Hills

Lesson One

Who Am I?

“And the word of the Eternal came to Yonah ben Amittai.” (Jonah 1:1)

1. “There are three names by which a person is called. One which his father and mother call him, and one which people call him, and one which he earns for himself. The best of all is the one that he earns for himself.” (Tanhuma, Parshat Vayak’hel)

2. “Kain K’mo Shmo Hu, He is, just what his name says, his name means boor and he is a boor.” (I Samuel 25:25)

3. **8** Then he sent out a dove to see if the water had receded from the surface of the ground. **9** But the dove could find nowhere to perch because there was water over all the surface of the earth; so it returned to Noah in the ark. He reached out his hand and took the dove and brought it back to himself in the ark. **10** He waited seven more days and again sent out the dove from the ark. **11** When the dove returned to him in the evening, there in its beak was a freshly plucked olive leaf! Then Noah knew that the water had receded from the earth. (Genesis 8)

4. That The Eternal spoke through his servant Jonah ben Amitai from Gat-Hepher (II Kings 14:25)

5. **19** And he said to her, “Give me your son.” And he took him from her arms and carried him up into the upper chamber where he lodged, and laid him on his own bed. **20** And he cried to the Eternal, “O Eternal my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I sojourn, by killing her son?” **21** Then he stretched himself upon the child three times and cried to the Eternal, “O Eternal my God, let this child’s life come into him again.” **22** And the Eternal listened to the voice of Elijah. And the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. (I Kings 17)

6. **1.** The prophet Elisha summoned a man from the company of the prophets and said to him, “Tuck your cloak into your belt, take this flask of olive oil with you and go to Ramoth Gilead. **2** When you get there, look for Jehu son of Jehoshaphat, the son of Nimshi. Go to him, get him away from his companions and take him into an inner room. **3** Then take the flask and pour the oil on his head and declare, ‘This is what the Eternal says: I anoint you king over Israel.’ Then open the door and run; don’t delay!” (II Kings 9)

7. Rabbi Simeon said: There are three crowns. The crown of Torah, the crown of priesthood and the crown of kingship. But the crown of a good name excels them. (Pirke Avot 4:17)