# God's Heart of Mercy: A Study of the Book of Jonah

# **OBSERVATION QUESTIONS: JONAH 4**

*1	Begin	with	prayer –	asking	God to	lead	and	guide '	vou as	vou	study	/ His	Word

**WHO** are the main characters or groups of people found in Jonah chapter 4? Who are front and center? In the attached printout of chapter 1, underline each main character as well as the pronouns and synonyms that refer back to them. Color code.

**WHAT** do you learn about these main characters in chapter 4? WHAT did they do? WHAT did they say? Begin with the main characters and continue with the other characters in the chapter.

\*\*\*List the main characters below. (After the main characters, also take note of other characters in the chapter and list them.)

#### Jonah 4:1-4

	Who?	What?		
Example (4:1)	Jonah	Displeased and angry		

<sup>\*</sup>Read Jonah chapter 4 (A printout of this chapter is attached.)



Who?	What?

**WHERE:** Are there any geographical references? If you come to a geographical location, mark it (maybe double underline) and color code. *Example: own country (4:2)* 

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<b>WHEN:</b> Are there any references to time? Days, months, years, or words like <i>before</i> , <i>after</i> , <i>then</i> , and <i>until</i> . Mark the references to time with a simple clock drawing. Draw a circle with two hands. <i>Example:</i> " <i>while I was in my own country"</i> (4:2)
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<b>KEY WORDS AND PHRASES:</b> This is usually made up of repeated words or phrases. When you find a key word or phrase, mark them distinctly by color and symbol. Examine the word's context to see what you can learn about it.
Example: "appointed" appears $3x - What$ is said about it? Context around it?
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ANY COMPARISONS AND CONTRASTS THAT YOU OBSERVE:
Example: "Jonahangry" & "God, slow to anger" (4:1 & 4:2)
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**CAUSE AND EFFECT RELATIONSHIPS:** Example: "...in order to forestall...I fled to Tarshish..." (4:2)) **SUMMARIZE THE PARAGRAPHS: (Short phrase or sentence.)** \*Jonah 4:1-4 \*Jonah 4:5-8 \*Jonah 4::9-11 OTHER OBSERVATIONS YOU HAVE MADE:

### Jonah 4

## Jonah's Displeasure Rebuked

4 But it greatly displeased Jonah and he became angry. 2 He prayed to the Lord and said, "Please Lord, was not this what I said while I was still in my own country? Therefore in order to forestall this I fled to Tarshish, for I knew that You are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, and one who relents concerning calamity. 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for death is better to me than life." 4 The Lord said, "Do you have good reason to be angry?"

5 Then Jonah went out from the city and sat east of [d]it. There he made a shelter for himself and sat under it in the shade until he could see what would happen in the city. 6 So the Lord God appointed a plant and it grew up over Jonah to be a shade over his head to deliver him from his discomfort. And Jonah was extremely happy about the plant. 7 But God appointed a worm when dawn came the next day and it attacked the plant and it withered. 8 When the sun came up God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on Jonah's head so that he became faint and begged with all his soul to die, saying, "Death is better to me than life."

9 Then God said to Jonah, "Do you have good reason to be angry about the plant?" And he said, "I have good reason to be angry, even to death." 10 Then the Lord said, "You had compassion on the plant for which you did not work and which you did not cause to grow, which came up overnight and perished overnight. 11 Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, the great city in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know the difference between their right and left hand, as well as many animals?"