

book. And if a man was a great admirer of Jonah, ~~he wouldn't~~ you wouldn't expect him to write in this frank way about Jonah. It ~~is~~ was only the spirit of God that led in the writing of this book . It was only because the Israelites knew that this was a book that God had inspired , that God had given as part of His work, that such was preserved as part of the Minor Prophets and was kept. Now a book that just praises a man but a book that is true ~~xx~~ of the good and true of the evil. It ~~was~~ showed the man as he was, with the different phases of his character and Oh, what a sad chapter ~~their~~ this fourth one is, a chapter of failure, a man does a great work and he fails. I ~~don't~~ believe that Jonah was saved. I have ~~no~~ no doubt that he was the Lord's . I believe that ~~Jeh~~ Jonah did a great work and God used Him greatly , but he failed in _____ . He should have been out there organizing Bible classes among these people of Nineveh! He should have been establishing a Bible school there to take the results of the Bible , to develop it, to lead the people and to make the results of the Bible last. It's the same situation as with Elijah. Elijah made that wonderful stand for the Lord and then fled off in fear down to Mt. Sinai. Elijah ~~x~~ was always up on the top or down in the dumps , and Elijah's wonderful work, his great testimony would have just disappeared if God had not raised up Elisha to follow Elijah and to go about here and there keeping the people, leading them, directing them, conserving the results of Elijah's great ministry. Jonah had no Elisha and his work ~~didn't~~ disappeared, but here in verse two of chapter two we find the find the reason why Jonah fled to Tarshish . Jonah didn't flee to Tarshish because he was afraid . The way Jonah went into Nineveh there shows you there was no cowardice in Jonah. He didn't go there because he was afraid. He didn't go there because of any lack of belief in God. Jonah says here in ~~ea~~ chapter four, verse two. He says the Lord, "O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious