



THE BIBLE IN VERSE

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JONAH

CHAPTERS 1 TO 4

Chapter 1

Nineveh's wicked, so Jonah must preach,
Wishes to flee from the Lord's mighty reach;
Promptly receives the reward for his wish,
Three days vacation inside a great fish.

Chapter 2

Jonah is penitent down in the fish,
Sees how completely absurd was his wish;
Promises now to obey God's command,
Promptly is vomited out on the land.

Chapter 3

Jonah now preaches and Nineveh hears,
Going in sackcloth because of her fears,
Fasting and praying that God might be stirred.
They are rewarded; His wrath is deferred.

Chapter 4

Jonah is grieved when the Lord freely spares,
Watches the city to see how it fares.
God sends a gourd, then destroys with a worm.
Jonah is angry, refusing to learn.