

Matthew 12:38-42 **Sign of Jonah – This Generation and the Judgment**

No sign but sign of Jonah

38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." 39 But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. 40 For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Comparisons in the Day of Judgment for this Evil Generation

41 The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

42 The queen of the South will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and indeed a greater than Solomon is here. NKJV

Facts Revealed:

No sign but sign of Jonah [Matthew 12:38-40, 16:1-4, Mark 8:11-12, Luke 11:29-32]

- ✚ Some of the Scribes and Pharisees asked for a sign. [Matthew 12:38, Mark 8:11, Luke 11:16]
 - ✧ It is simply amazing that anyone could ask for a sign after all the miracles Jesus has performed to this point in His ministry.
 - ✧ His authoritative teachings, cleansing the lepers, the many healings, calming the sea, casting out of the many demons, forgiving sins and healing the paralytic to demonstrate He has the power and authority to forgive sins, raising the daughter of the Ruler of the Synagogue from the dead.
 - ✧ What greater signs do they need? The signs He has already shown are sufficient to prove that Jesus is Jehovah of the Old Testament, and the Messiah Who was and is to come.
- ✚ The answer Jesus gave indicates that He also felt that there had already been enough evidence to clearly identify Who He really is, for anyone who will weigh the evidence honestly.
 - ✧ Their request for a sign indicates that this is an evil and adulterous generation. [Matthew 12:39, Luke 11:29]
 - ✧ No greater sign will be given than the Sign of Jonah, the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. [Matthew 12:39, 16:4, Luke 11:29]

Comparisons in the Day of Judgment for this Evil Generation [Matthew 12:41-42, Luke 11:29-32]

- ✚ The people of this generation were first hand eye witnesses of the message of the Kingdom of Heaven, who witnessed all the signs and miracles, Jesus did in their presence.
 - ✧ With all these advantages, they did not repent and turn to God with their whole heart, but instead, they challenged the Lord and asked for additional signs.
 - ✧ On the Day of Judgment, this generation will be compared with the **men of Nineveh** who repented at the preaching of Jonah. [Matthew 12:41, Luke 11:32]
 - ✧ Jesus is much greater than Jonah, but this generation does not repent, even though the message John and Jesus both preached was, "Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand." [Matthew 3:1-2, 4:17, Mark 1:14]
 - ✧ On the Day of Judgment, the **Queen of Sheba** will be compared to this generation, because she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon, but though Jesus is much greater than Solomon, yet this generation of eyewitnesses has trouble accepting Him and His message. [Matthew 12:42, Luke 11:31]

✠ On the Day of Judgment, we will all give account for how receptive we were to the Gospel of the Kingdom and the evidence provided to confirm the message. [[Matthew 10:5-15](#), [Mark 6:7-11](#), [Luke 10:1-12](#)]