

## 51. Jonah for Deliverance from the Whale

### Jonah 1:1-7, 12, 17; 2:1-10 KJV

The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: "Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me." But Jonah ran away from the LORD ... headed for Tarshish. He went down to Joppa, ... found a ship bound for that port. After paying the fare, he went aboard and sailed ... to flee from the LORD.

... the LORD sent a great wind on the sea, and such a violent storm arose that the ship threatened to break up. All the sailors were afraid and each cried out to his own god. And they threw the cargo into the sea to lighten the ship.

But Jonah had gone below deck, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. The captain went to him and said, "How can you sleep? Get up and call on your god! Maybe he will take notice of us, and we will not perish."

Then the sailors said to each other, "Come, let us cast lots to find out who is responsible for this calamity." They cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. ...

"Pick me up and throw me into the sea," he replied, "and it will become calm. I know that it is my fault that this great storm has come upon you."

But the LORD provided a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was inside the fish three days and three nights.

Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.

For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me.

Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

... LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.



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ABOARD	FAINTED	PORT
AMITTAI	HEADED	SAILED
BELLY	JONAH	SEAS
BILLOWS	JOPPA	STORM
BOUND	LAY	SWALLOW
CALAMITY	LIGHTEN	TARSHISH
CAPTAIN	LYING	THREW
CARGO	MERCY	VANITIES
DECK	NINEVEH	VIOLENT
DEEP	PAYING	VOMITED