

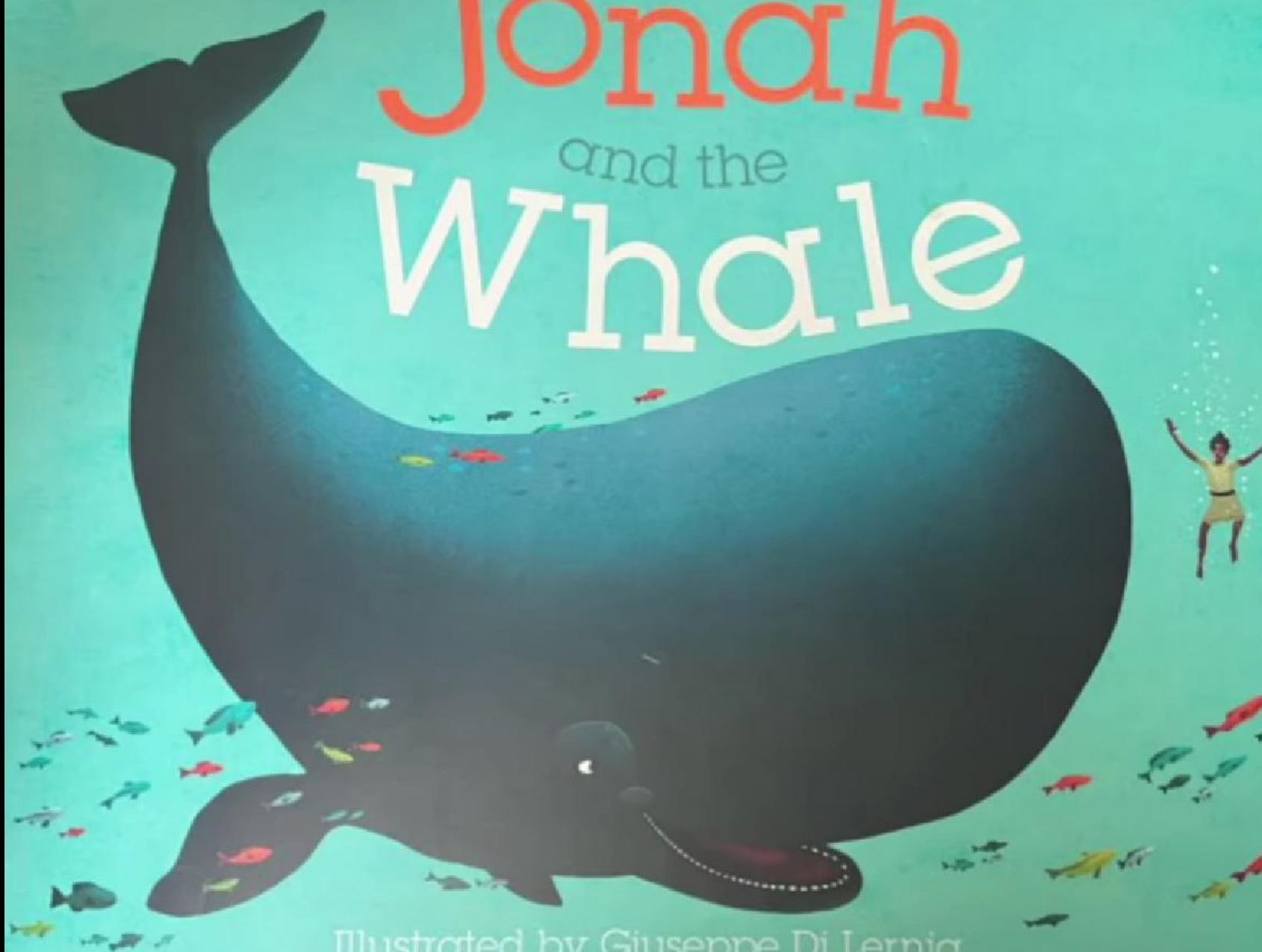
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“God’s Offensive Mercy”

Jonah 1.1-3



Jonah and the Whale

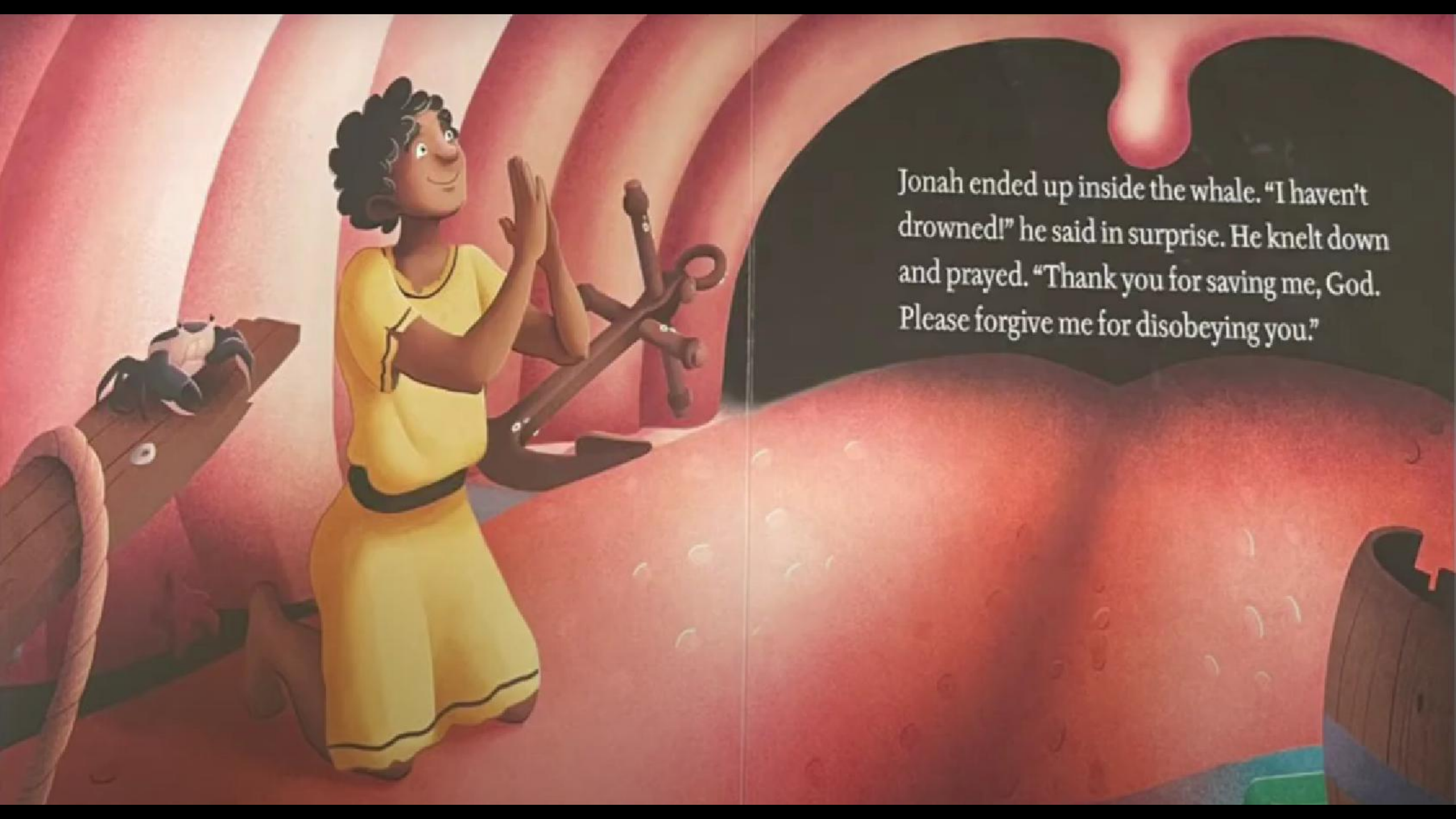


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In a faraway city called Nineveh, the king and his people were doing bad things. God was not happy.

God told a man named Jonah to travel to Nineveh. "Give the people there a message," God said. "Tell them that they must learn to be good or I will destroy their city."





Jonah ended up inside the whale. "I haven't drowned!" he said in surprise. He knelt down and prayed. "Thank you for saving me, God. Please forgive me for disobeying you."

*Hurray! The people of Nineveh
did listen to Jonah. They asked
forgiveness from God and
promised to lead better lives.*



They began to share...



care for each other...



and help one another.

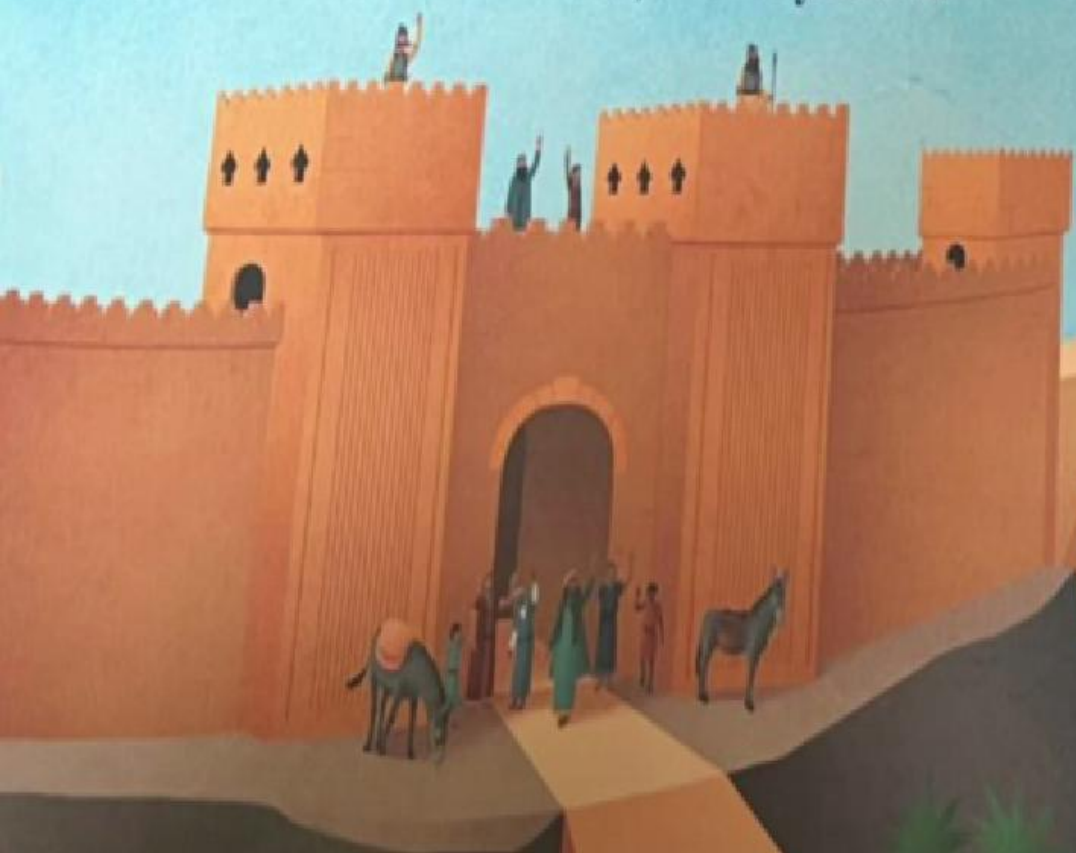
*Even the king shared his riches and worked
hard to make the people of Nineveh happy.
God was delighted and forgave them all.*



"Why did you forgive the people of Nineveh instead of punishing them?" Jonah asked God.

"They've learned to be good now," answered God.
"They needed another chance, just like you did."

Now Jonah understood the meaning of forgiveness.



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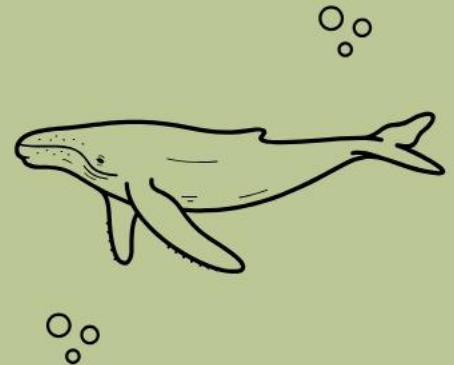
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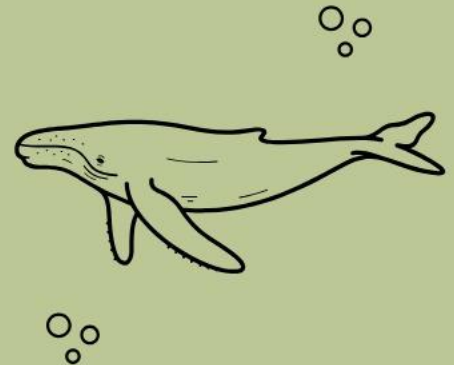
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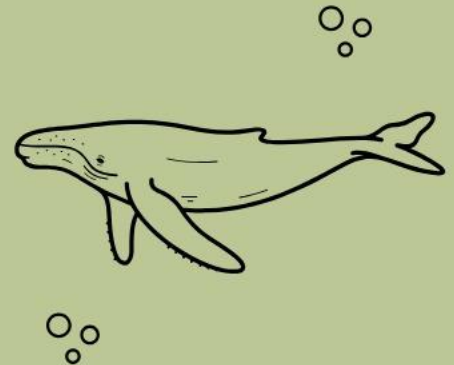
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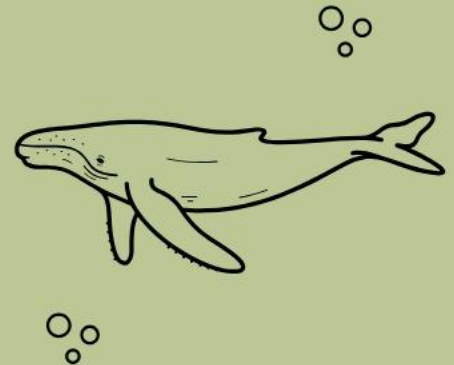
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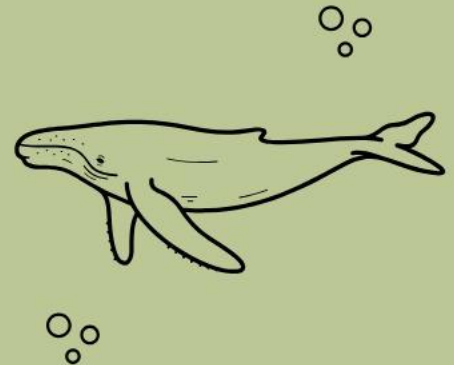
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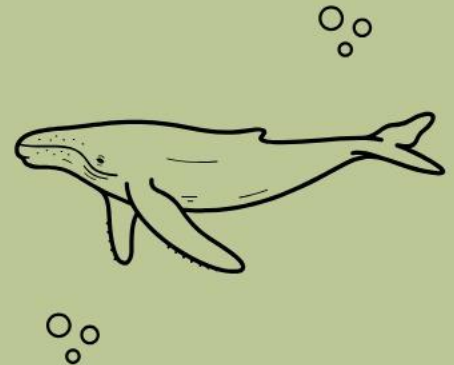
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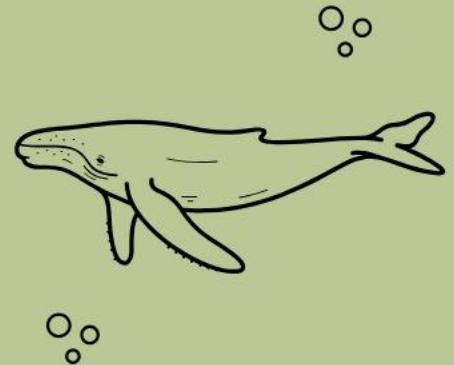
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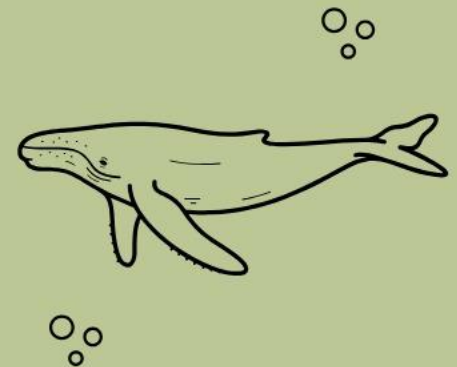
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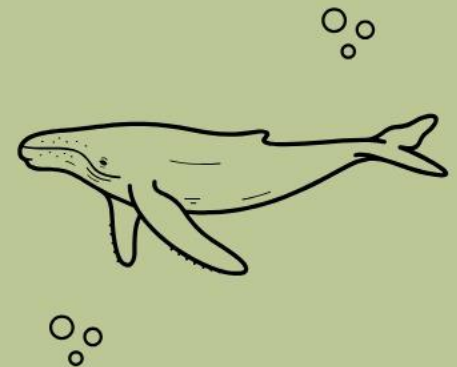
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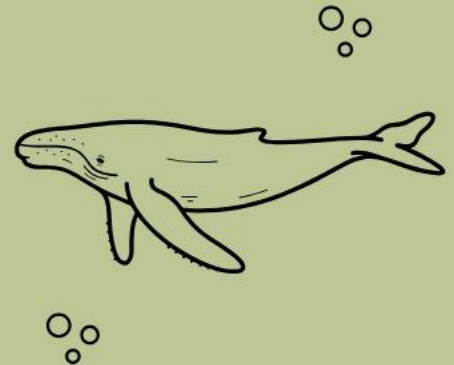
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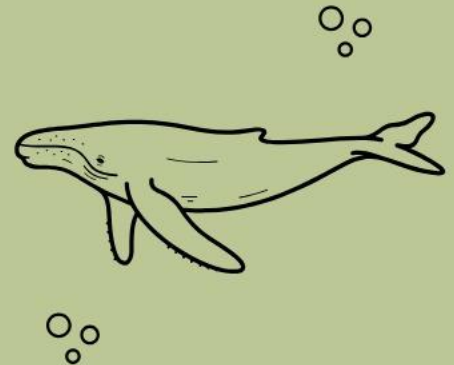
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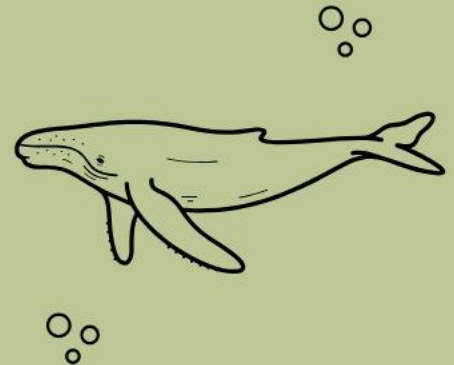
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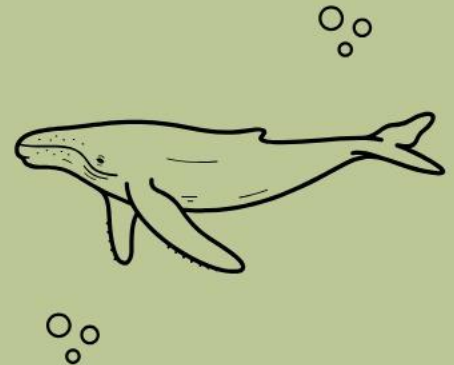
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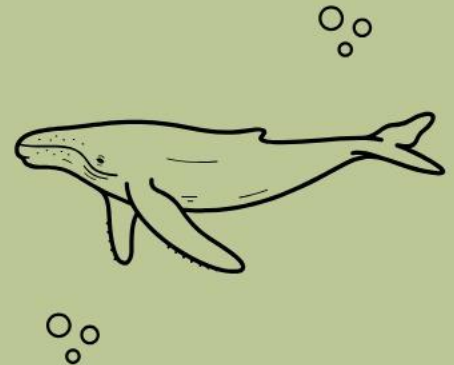
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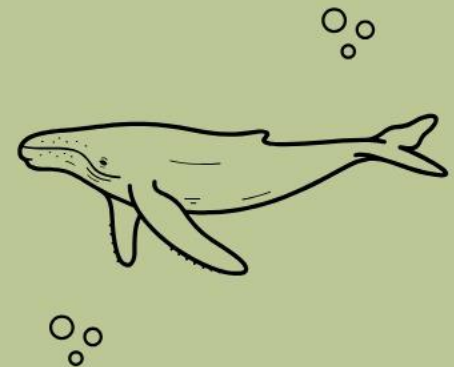
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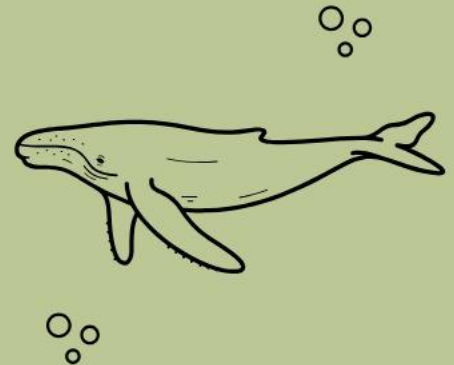
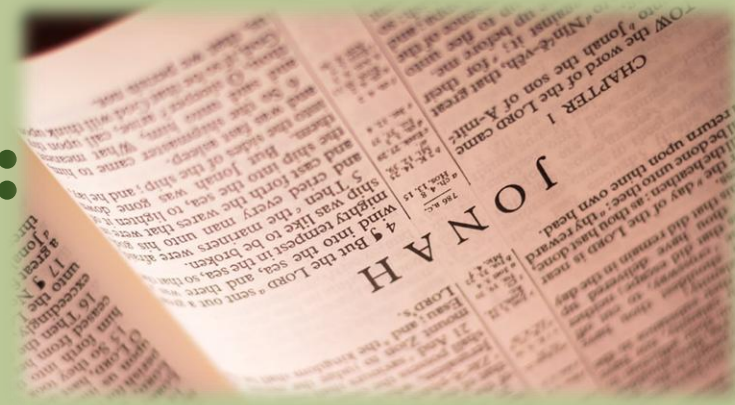
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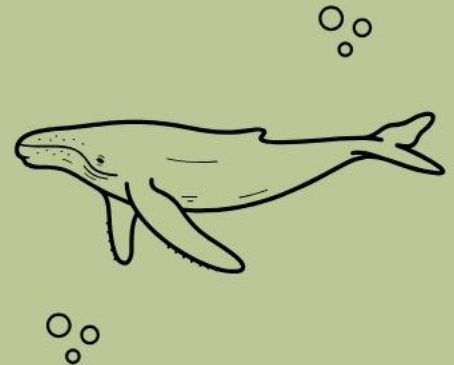
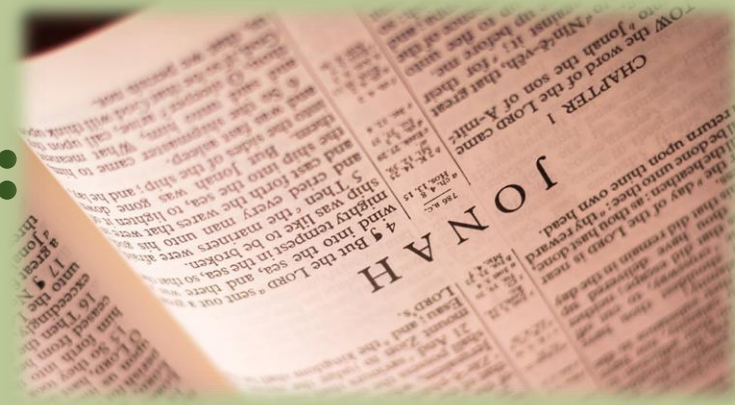
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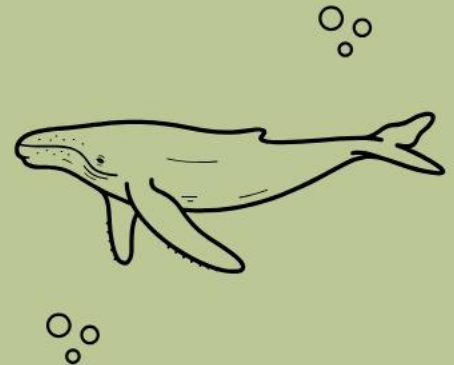
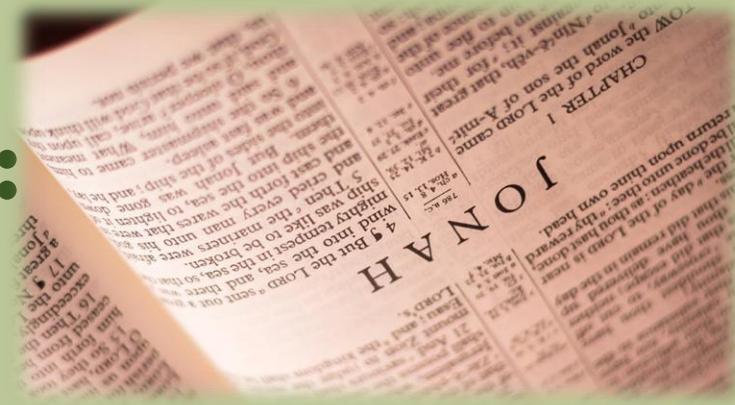
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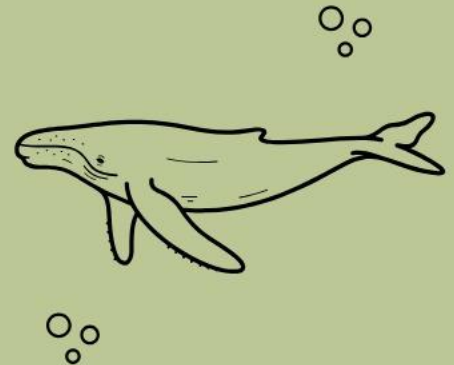
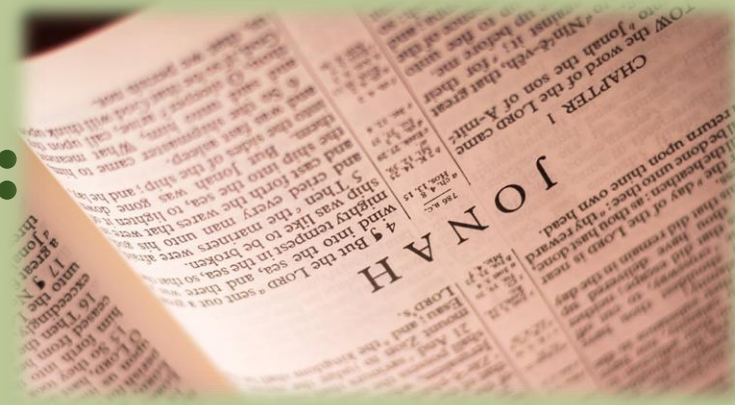
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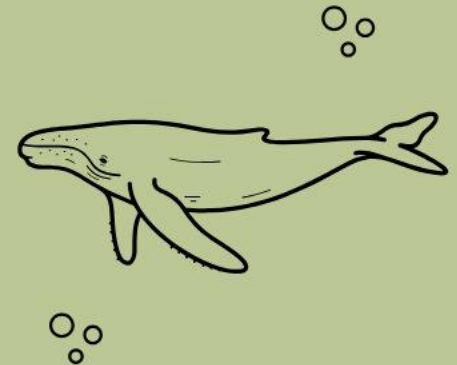
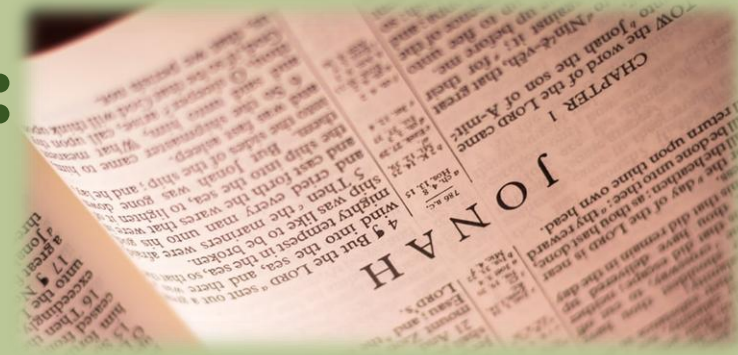
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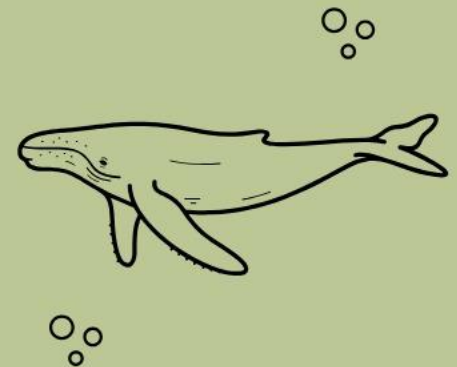
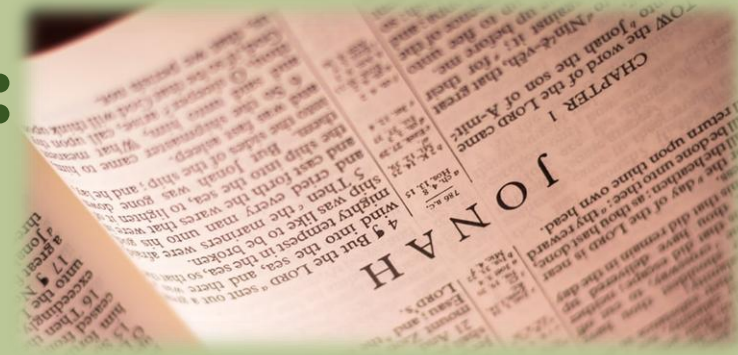
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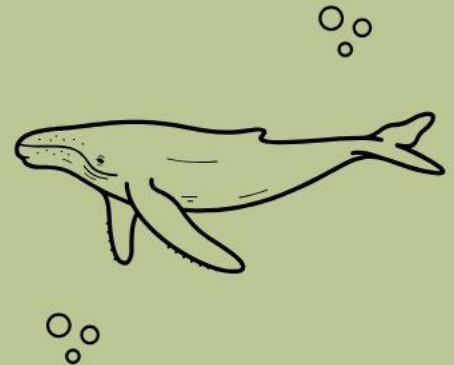
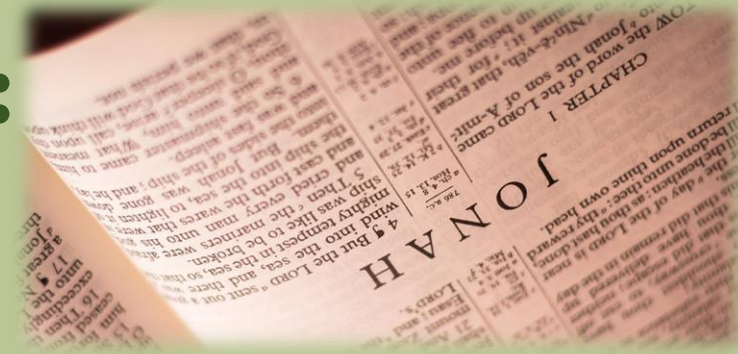
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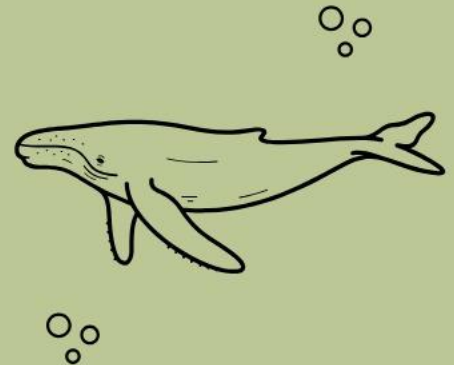
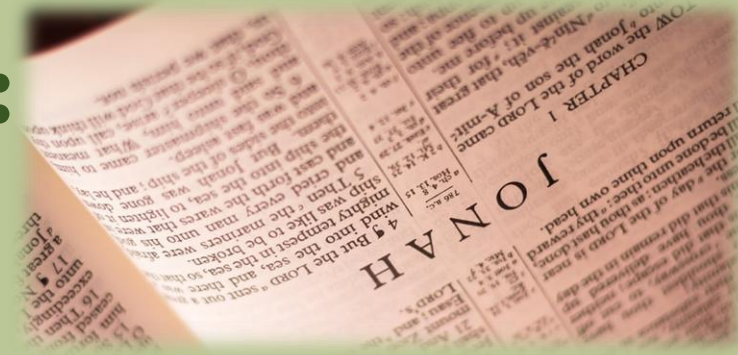
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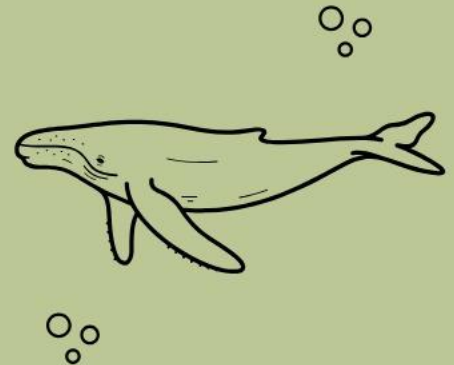
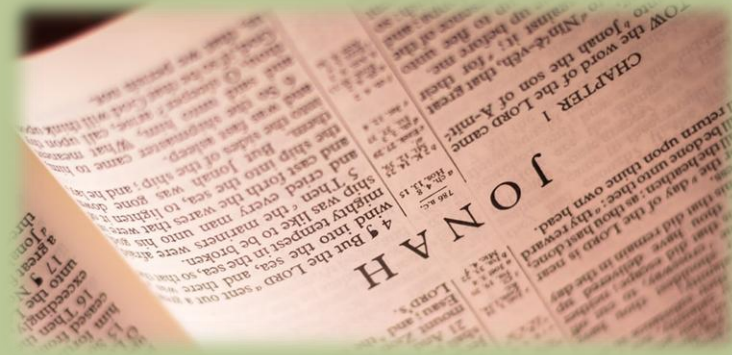
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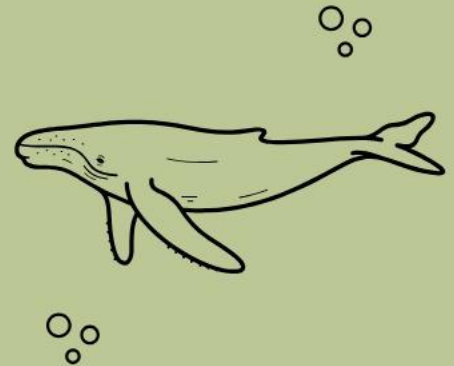
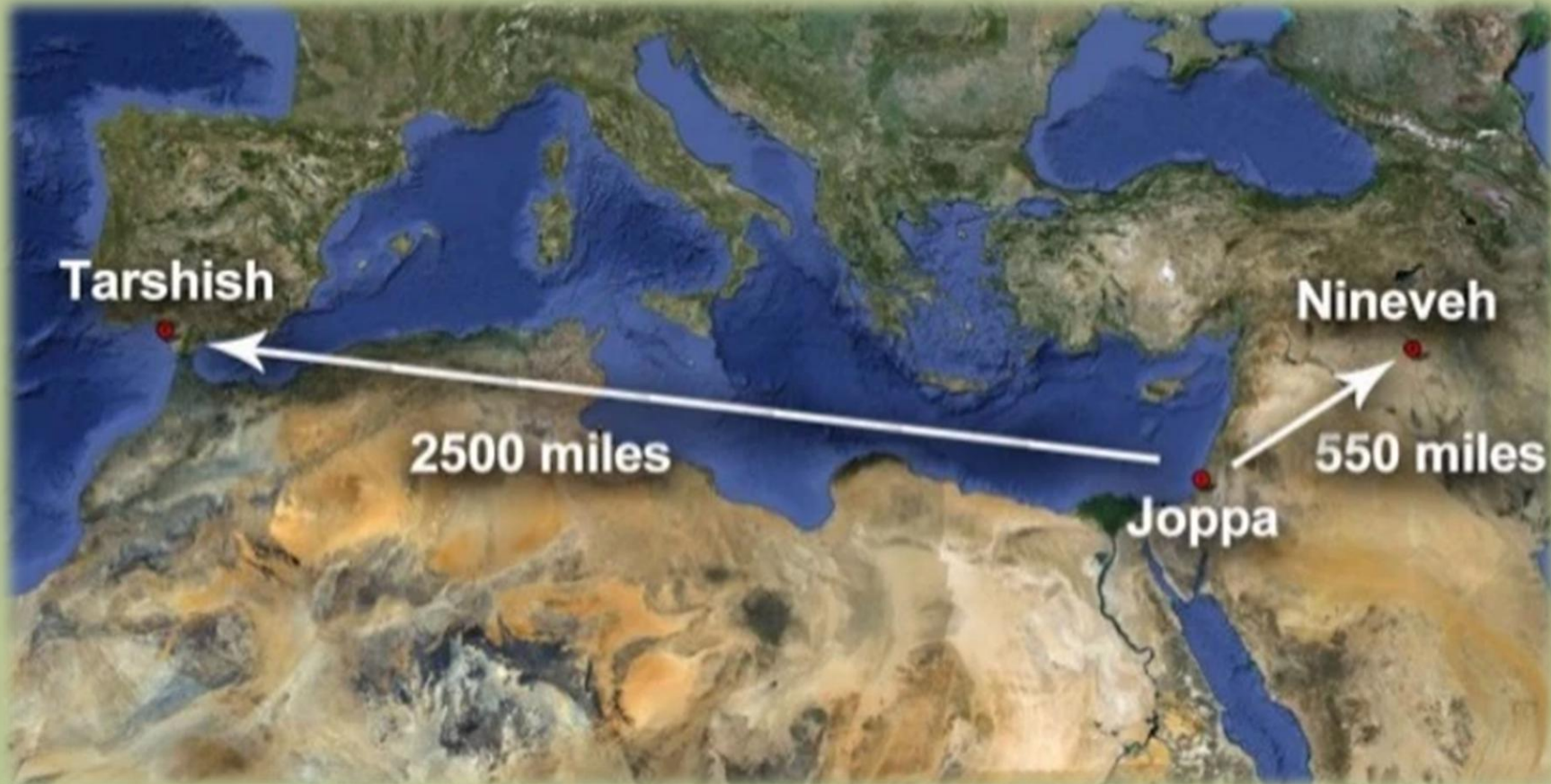
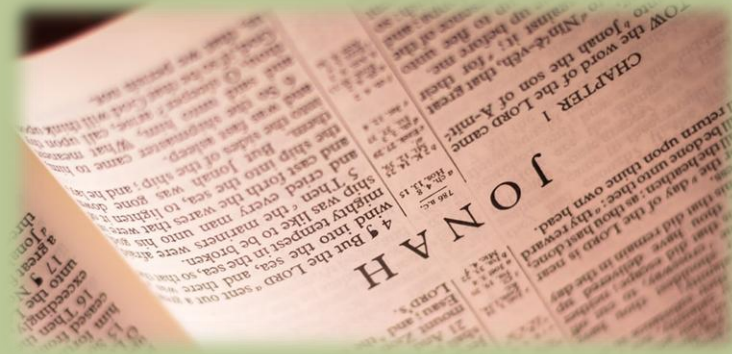
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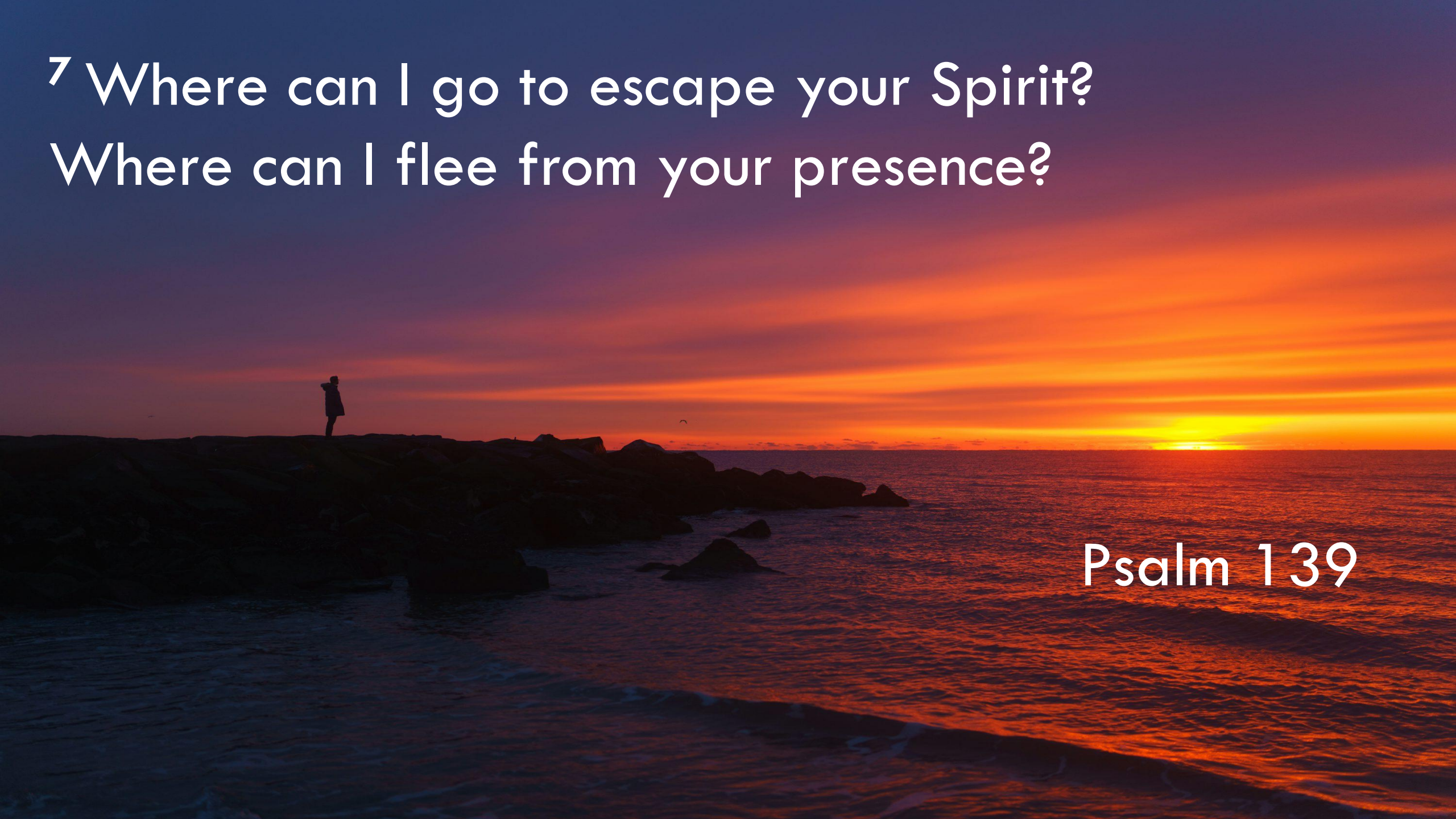
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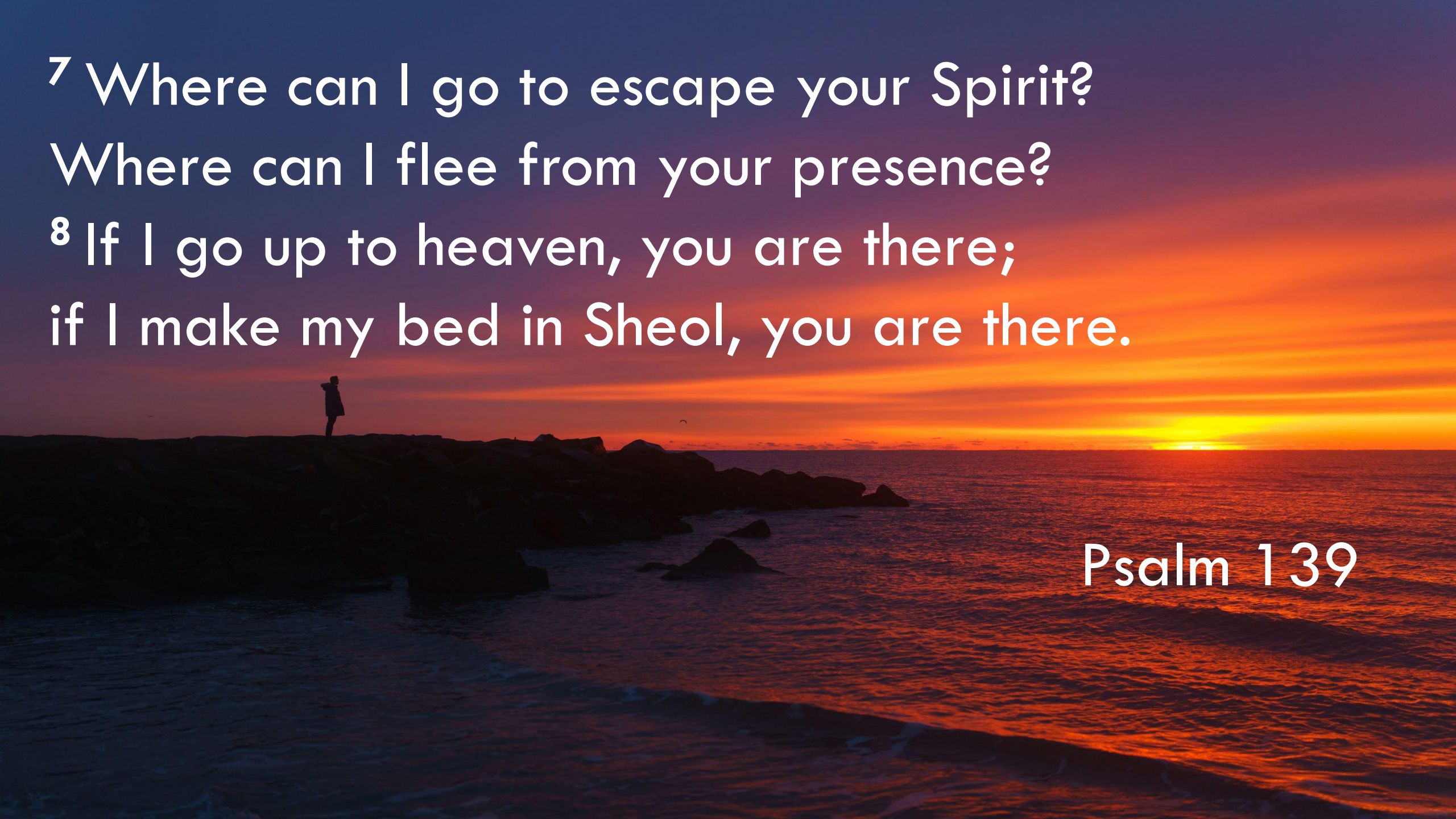
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A sunset over the ocean with a person standing on a rocky shore in the foreground. The sky is a mix of deep blue, purple, and orange, with the sun low on the horizon. The water is dark with some white foam from waves. The rocks are dark and silhouetted against the bright sky.

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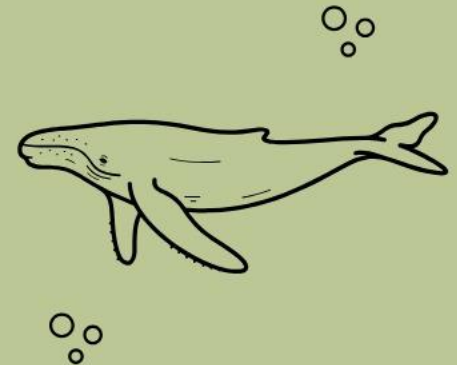
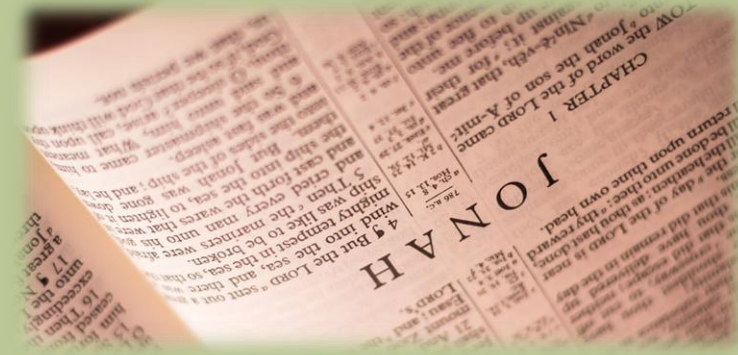
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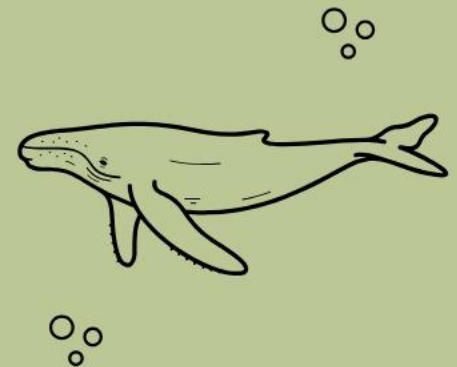
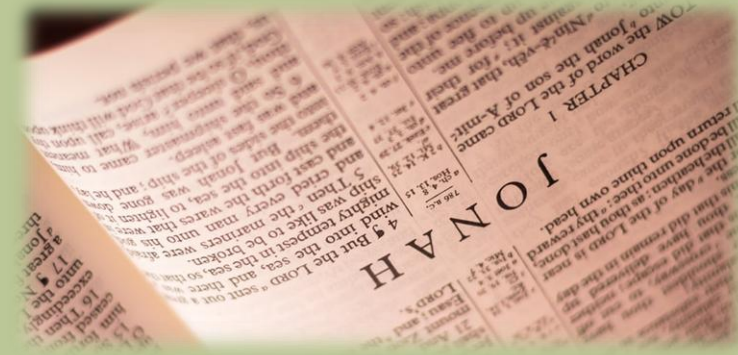
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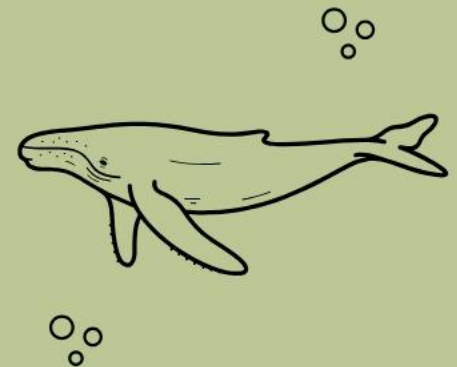
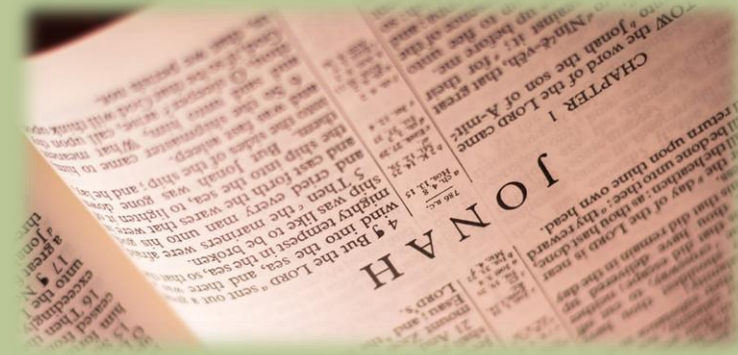
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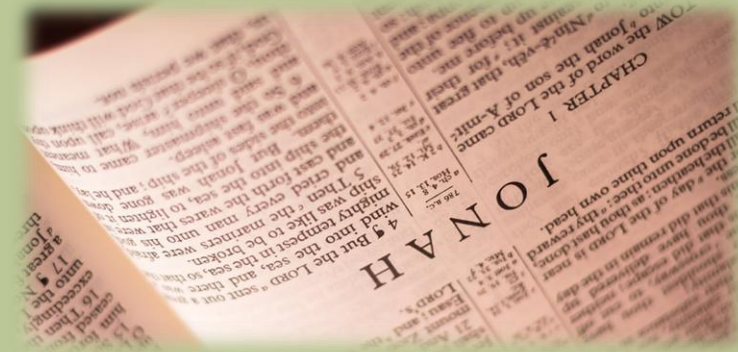
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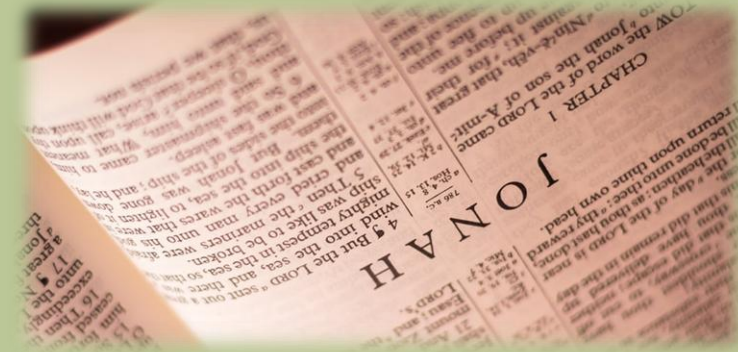


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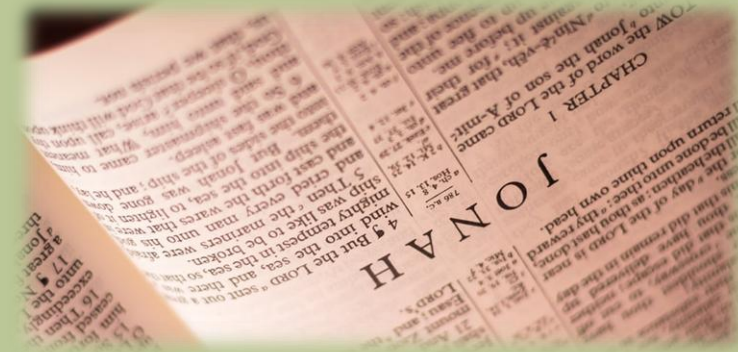
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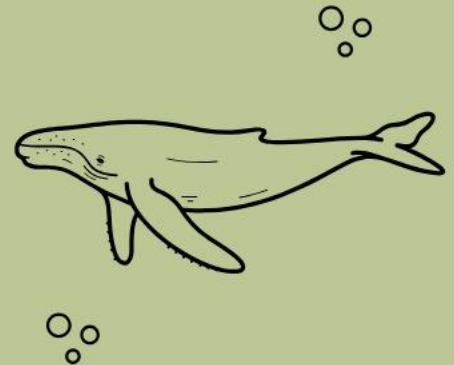
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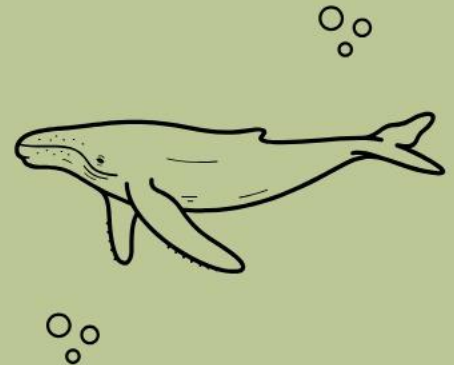


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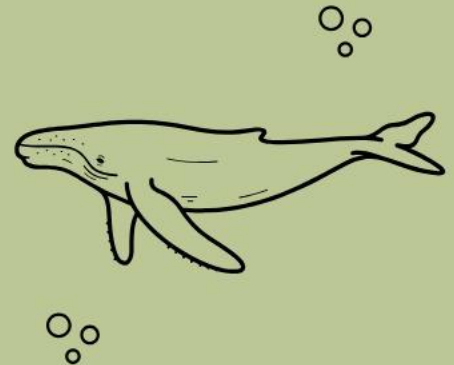
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- Jonah disobeys because he knew God would show Nineveh mercy, and that offended Jonah.





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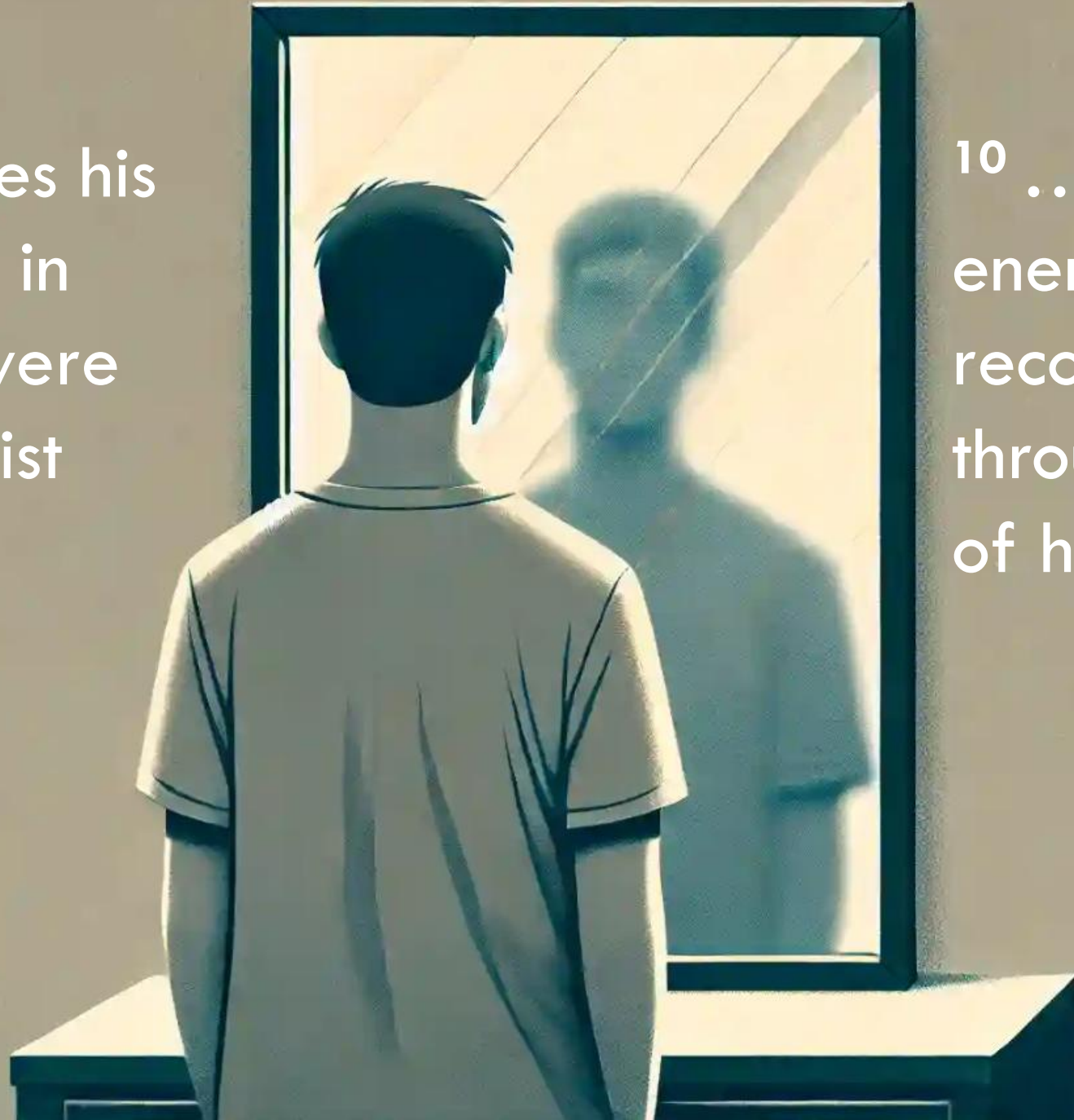
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Romans 5

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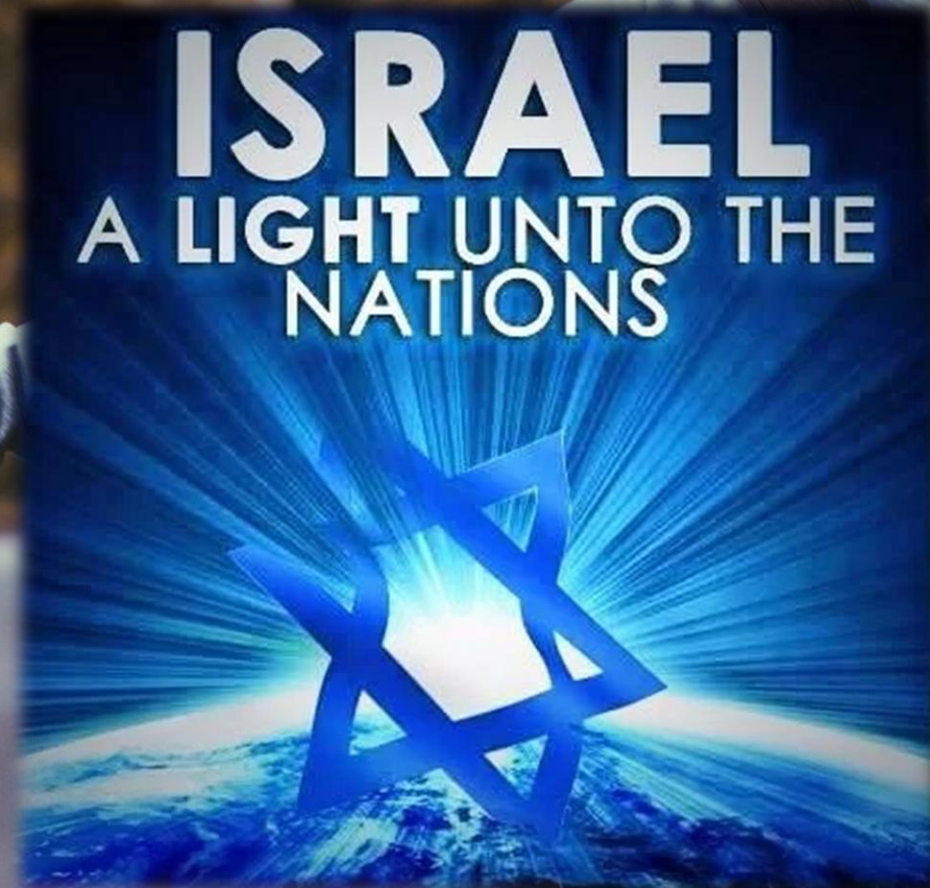


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(Israel) has become like
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Hosea 7.11



What hope for the rebellious runaway?

How will God be both
just and merciful?



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Acts 10: Peter & Cornelius



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Acts 10: Peter & Cornelius

³⁴ Peter began to speak: “Now I truly understand that God doesn’t show favoritism, ³⁵ but in every nation the person who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. ³⁶ He sent the message to the Israelites, proclaiming the good news of peace through Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all.



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