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Jonah (Pg. 821)



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Matthew 12:39-41



He restored Israel's border from Lebo-hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word the LORD, the God of Israel, had spoken through his servant, the prophet Jonah son of Amittai from Gath-hepher.

2 Kings 14:25

1) Jonah's Journey

A. Down to Tarshish (1-2)





The word of the LORD came to Jonah son of Amittai: “Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it because their evil has come up before me.”

Jonah 1:1-2



Jonah got up to flee to Tarshish from the LORD's presence. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. He paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the LORD's presence.

Jonah 1:3



ATLANTIC OCEAN

SPAIN

Tarshish?

Black Sea

Mediterranean Sea

ASSYRIA

Nineveh

BABYLONIA

ISRAEL

Joppa

Jerusalem

Gath-hepher

Storm

Flight Route

Mission Route



But the LORD threw a great wind onto the sea, and such a great storm arose on the sea that the ship threatened to break apart. The sailors were afraid, and each cried out to his god. They threw the ship's cargo into the sea to lighten the load. Meanwhile, Jonah had gone down to the lowest part of the vessel and had stretched out and fallen into a deep sleep.

Jonah 1:4-5

The captain approached him and said, “What are you doing sound asleep? Get up! Call to your god. Maybe this god will consider us, and we won’t perish.”

“Come on!” the sailors said to each other. “Let’s cast lots. Then we’ll know who is to blame for this trouble we’re in.” So they cast lots, and the lot singled out Jonah. Then they said to him, “Tell us who is to blame for this trouble we’re in. What is your business, and where are you from? What is your country, and what people are you from?”

Jonah 1:6-8



**The lot is cast into the lap,
but its every decision is from the Lord.**

Proverbs 16:33



He answered them, “I’m a Hebrew. I worship the LORD, the God of the heavens, who made the sea and the dry land.”

Then the men were seized by a great fear and said to him, “What have you done?” The men knew he was fleeing from the LORD’s presence because he had told them. So they said to him, “What should we do to you so that the sea will calm down for us?” For the sea was getting worse and worse.

Jonah 1:9-11



He answered them, “Pick me up and throw me into the sea so that it will calm down for you, for I know that I’m to blame for this great storm that is against you.” Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they couldn’t because the sea was raging against them more and more.

Jonah 1:12-13



So they called out to the LORD, "Please, LORD, don't let us perish because of this man's life, and don't charge us with innocent blood! For you, LORD, have done just as you pleased." Then they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging. The men were seized by great fear of the Lord, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

Jonah 1:14-16



The **LORD** appointed a **great fish** to swallow
Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish
three days and three nights.

Jonah 1:17



Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish:

**I called to the LORD in my distress,
and he answered me.**

**I cried out for help from deep inside Sheol;
you heard my voice.**

Jonah 2:1-2



When you threw me into the depths,
into the heart of the seas,
the current overcame me.
All your breakers and your billows swept over me.
And I said, "I have been banished
from your sight,
yet I will look once more
toward your holy temple."

Jonah 2:3-4



**As my life was fading away,
I remembered the LORD,
and my prayer came to you,
to your holy temple.**

**Those who cherish worthless idols
abandon their faithful love,
but as for me, I will sacrifice to you
with a voice of thanksgiving.**

I will fulfill what I have vowed.

Salvation belongs to the LORD.

Jonah 2:7-9



Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

Jonah 2:10

1) Jonah's Journey

A. Down to Tarshish (1-2)

B. Up to Nineveh (3-4)





The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: “Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach the message that I tell you.” Jonah got up and went to Nineveh according to the LORD’s command.

Now Nineveh was an extremely great city, a three-day walk. Jonah set out on the first day of his walk in the city and proclaimed, “In forty days Nineveh will be demolished!”

Jonah 3:1-4



Then the people of Nineveh believed **God**. They proclaimed a **fast** and dressed in sackcloth— from the **greatest** of them to the **least**. When word reached the **king** of Nineveh, he got up from his throne, took off his royal robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

Jonah 3:5-6

Then he issued a decree in Nineveh:

By order of the king and his nobles: No person or animal, herd or flock, is to taste anything at all. They must not eat or drink water.

Furthermore, both people and animals must be covered with sackcloth, and everyone must call out earnestly to God. Each must turn from his evil ways and from his wrongdoing. Who knows? God may turn and relent; he may turn from his burning anger so that we will not perish.

Jonah 3:7-9



God saw their actions—that they had turned from their evil ways—so God relented from the disaster he had threatened them with. And he did not do it.

Jonah 3:10



Jonah was **greatly displeased** and became furious. He prayed to the Lord, “Please, Lord, isn’t this what I said while I was still in my own country? That’s why I fled toward Tarshish in the first place. I **knew** that you are a gracious and compassionate God, slow to anger, abounding in faithful love, and one who relents from sending disaster. And now, Lord, **take my life** from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

Jonah 4:1-3



The Lord asked, “Is it right for you to be angry?”
Jonah left the city and found a place east of it.
He made himself a shelter there and sat in its
shade to see what would happen to the city.

Jonah 4:4-5





Then the Lord God appointed a plant, and it grew over Jonah to provide shade for his head to rescue him from his trouble. Jonah was greatly pleased with the plant. When dawn came the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, and it withered.

Jonah 4:6-7



As the sun was rising, God appointed a scorching east wind. The sun beat down on Jonah's head so much that he almost fainted, and he wanted to die. He said, "It's better for me to die than to live."

Then God asked Jonah, "Is it right for you to be angry about the plant?"

"Yes, it's right!" he replied. "I'm angry enough to die!"

Jonah 4:8-9



And the Lord said, “You cared about the plant, which you did not labor over and did not grow. It appeared in a night and perished in a night. So may I not care about the great city of Nineveh, which has more than a hundred twenty thousand people who cannot distinguish between their right and their left, as well as many animals?”

Jonah 4:10-11

1) Jonah's Journey

2) Grace for Who?



“Forgiveness flounders because I exclude the enemy from the community of humans even as I exclude myself from the community of sinners.”

Miroslav Volf



“But no one can be in the presence of the God of the crucified Messiah for long without overcoming this double exclusion—without transposing the enemy from the sphere of monstrous inhumanity into the sphere of shared humanity and himself or herself from the sphere of proud innocence into the sphere of common sinfulness.”

Miroslav Volf





This saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance: “Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners”—and I am the worst of them. But I received mercy for this reason, so that in me, the worst of them, Christ Jesus might demonstrate his extraordinary patience as an example to those who would believe in him for eternal life.

1 Timothy 1:15-16

- 1) Jonah's Journey**
- 2) Grace for Who?**
- 3) When Religiosity is the Problem**





**“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites!
You clean the outside of the cup and dish, but
inside they are full of greed and self-indulgence.
Blind Pharisee! First clean the inside of the cup,
so that the outside of it may also become clean.**

Matthew 23:25-26



“Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! You are like whitewashed tombs, which appear beautiful on the outside, but inside are full of the bones of the dead and every kind of impurity. In the same way, on the outside you seem righteous to people, but inside you are full of hypocrisy and lawlessness.

Matthew 23:27-28



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