

Jonah

¹ Now the word of the LORD^{strong="H3068"} came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,* ² Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. ³ But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD^{strong="H3068"}, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD^{strong="H3068"}.

⁴ ¶ But the LORD^{strong="H3068"} sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.†‡ ⁵ Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it* of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. ⁶ So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not. ⁷ And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *is* upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. ⁸ Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil *is* upon us; What *is* thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what *is* thy country? and of what people *art* thou? ⁹ And he said unto them, I *am* an Hebrew;

* 1.1 Jonah: Gr. Jonas † 1.4 sent out: Heb. cast forth ‡ 1.4 was like...: Heb. thought to be broken

and I fear the LORD|strong="H3068", the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry *land*.^{§ 10} Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD|strong="H3068", because he had told them.**

¹¹ ¶ Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.††‡‡ ¹² And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest *is* upon you. ¹³ Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.§§***

¹⁴ Wherefore they cried unto the LORD|strong="H3068", and said, We beseech thee, O LORD|strong="H3068", we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O LORD|strong="H3068", hast done as it pleased thee. ¹⁵ So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.††† ¹⁶ Then the men feared the LORD|strong="H3068" exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD|strong="H3068", and made vows.‡‡‡

¹⁷ ¶ Now the LORD|strong="H3068" had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.§§§

§ 1.9 the LORD: or, JEHOVAH ** 1.10 exceedingly...: Heb. with great fear †† 1.11 may...: Heb. may be silent from us ‡‡ 1.11 wrought...: or, grew more and more tempestuous: Heb. went §§ 1.13 rowed: Heb. digged *** 1.13 wrought...: or, grew more and more tempestuous: Heb. went ††† 1.15 ceased: Heb. stood ‡‡‡ 1.16 offered...: Heb. sacrifice unto the LORD, and vowed vows §§§ 1.17 belly: Heb. bowels

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¹ Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD|strong="H3068" his God out of the fish's belly, ² And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD|strong="H3068", and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice.*† ³ 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.‡ ⁴ Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. ⁵ The waters compassed me about, *even* to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. ⁶ 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|strong="H3068" my God.§** ⁷ When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD|strong="H3068": and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple. ⁸ They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. ⁹ But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* that I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD|strong="H3068".

¹⁰ ¶ And the LORD|strong="H3068" spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

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¹ And the word of the LORD|strong="H3068" came unto Jonah the second time, saying, ² Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee. ³ So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD|strong="H3068". Now Nineveh

* 2.2 by...: or, out of mine affliction † 2.2 hell: or, the grave ‡ 2.3 midst: Heb. heart § 2.6 bottoms: Heb. cuttings off ** 2.6 corruption: or, the pit

was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.* 4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 ¶ So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them. 6 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered *him* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. 7 And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:†‡ 8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands. 9 Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

10 ¶ And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did *it* not.

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1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry. 2 And he prayed unto the LORD|strong="H3068", and said, I pray thee, O LORD|strong="H3068", was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou *art* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil. 3 Therefore now, O LORD|strong="H3068", take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for *it is* better for me to die than to live.

* 3.3 exceeding: Heb. of God † 3.7 published: Heb. said ‡ 3.7 nobles: Heb. great men

4 ¶ Then said the LORD|strong="H3068", Doest thou well to be angry?*

5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city. 6 And the LORD|strong="H3068" God prepared a gourd, and made *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.†‡ 7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered. 8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is better for me to die than to live.*§ 9 And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, *even unto death.***†† 10 Then said the LORD|strong="H3068", Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:‡‡§§ 11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also* much cattle?

* 4.4 Doest...: or, Art thou greatly angry? † 4.6 gourd: or, palmcrist: Heb. Kikajon ‡ 4.6 was...: Heb. rejoiced with great joy § 4.8 vehement: or, silent ** 4.9 Doest...: or, Art thou greatly angry? †† 4.9 I do well...: or, I am greatly angry ‡‡ 4.10 had pity: or, spared §§ 4.10 came...: Heb. was the son of the night

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