



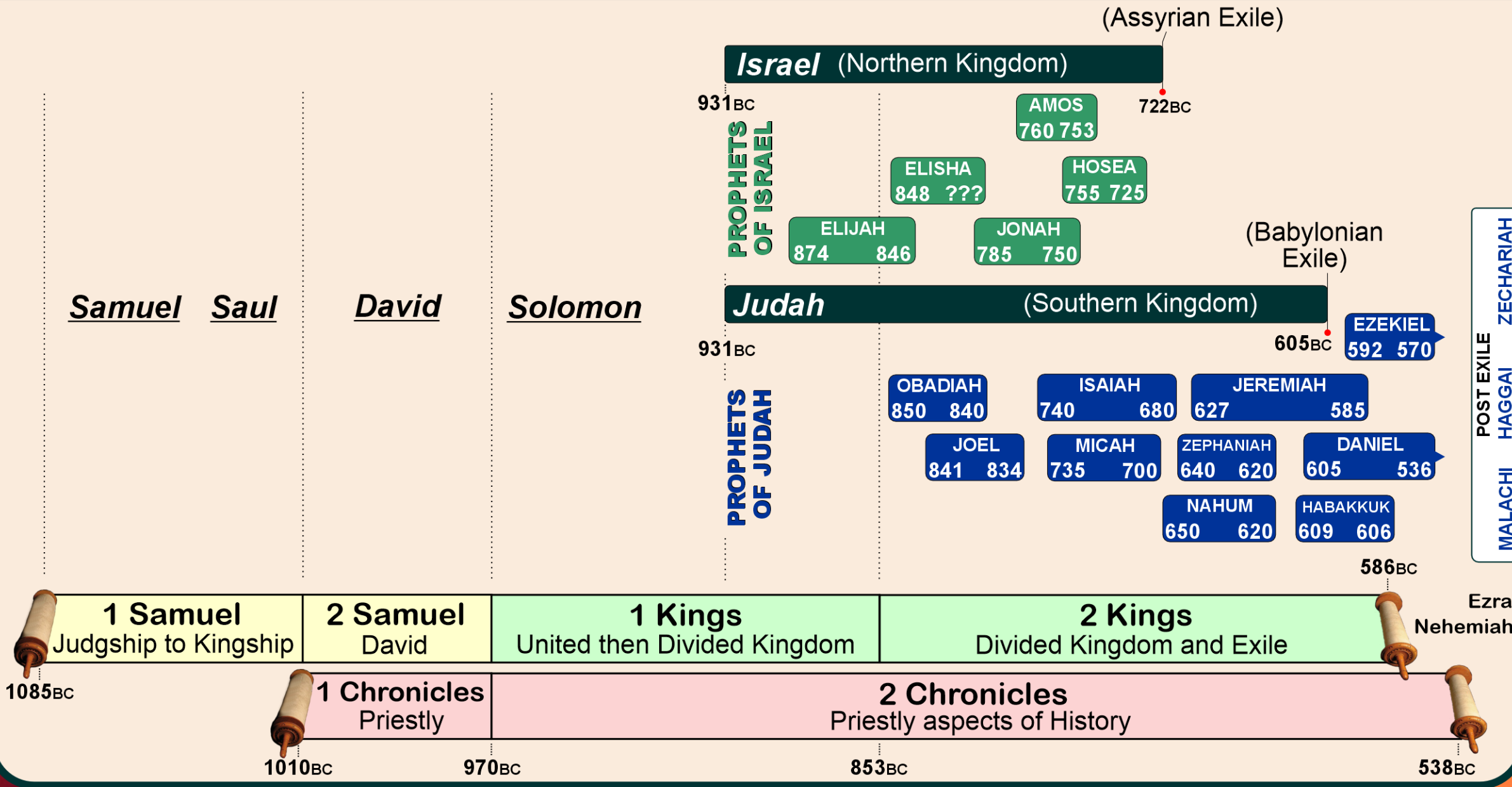
Prodigal

Jonah

Prophet

JONAH 2

HISTORICAL BOOKS RELATIONSHIP



JONAH 1

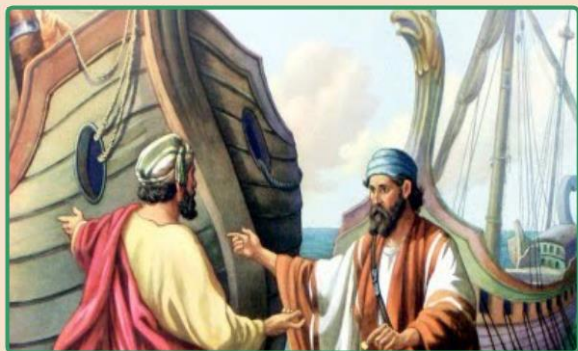
GO

RUNNING FROM GOD

- FLEES -

GOD COMMISSIONS

Jonah in the SHIP
Protesting



DISOBEDIENCE OF THE PROPHET

“Arise, go to Nineveh” (1:2)

JONAH 2

NO

RUNNING TO GOD

- PRAYS -

GOD HEARS

Jonah in the FISH
Praying



DELIVERANCE OF THE PROPHET

“Arise, go to Nineveh” (3:2)

JONAH 3

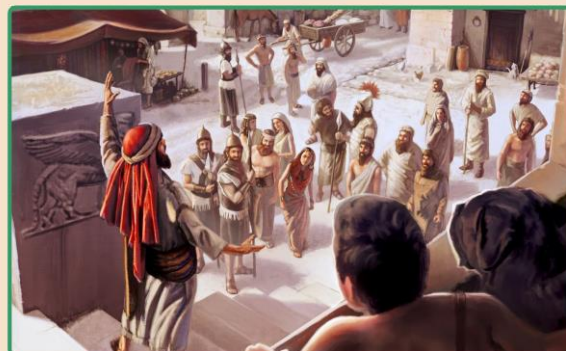
WOE

RUNNING WITH GOD

- PREACHES -

GOD SPARES

Jonah in the CITY
Preaching



DECLARATION THROUGH THE PROPHET

JONAH 4

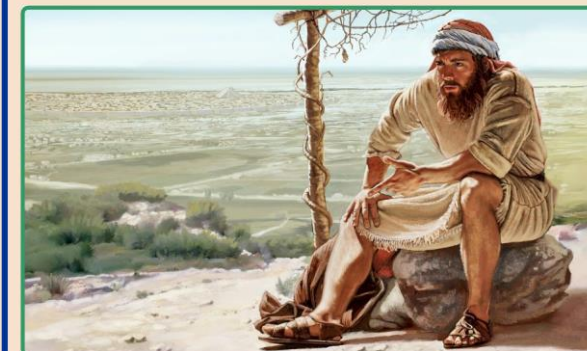
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RUNNING AGAINST GOD

- COMPLAINS -

GOD REPROVES

Jonah in the SUBURBS
Pouting



DISPLEASURE OF THE PROPHET

**Now the LORD had prepared
a great fish to swallow
Jonah. And Jonah was in
the belly of the fish three
days and three nights.**



JONAH 1:17





“Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.” (Jh.1:17)

- Some think Jonah did nothing for three days and three nights in the belly of the fish.**
- It was only after that period was over that he prayed the prayer.**
- Some have wondered if Jonah spent the time sulking, and finally decided he had to repent fully and seek God.**



³⁸Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." ³⁹But 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. ⁴⁰For 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.

MATTHEW 12:38-40



JONAH PRAISES GOD FOR DELIVERANCE

(Jonah 2:1-2)

**Then Jonah prayed
to the LORD his
God from the fish's
belly.**



JONAH 2:1



“Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly.” (Jh.2:1)


- It is not difficult for God to have prepared a great fish, even if that particular fish was a special creation for that moment (Mt.19:26, ‘with God all things are possible’).**
- What kind of fish was this? One could say it was a “lifeboat fish”, or maybe a “Jonah fish”.**
- Jesus affirmed the story of Jonah as true (Mt.12:40).**
- The fact that Jesus said it was a “sign” made it unique. We do not need other stories of people surviving inside a fish or whale for confirmation.**




**And he said: "I cried out to
the LORD because of my
affliction, And He answered
me. "Out of the belly of
Sheol I cried, And You heard
my voice.**

JONAH 2:2






“And he said: “I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me. “Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.” (Jh.2:2)




- Though Jonah was a rebellious prophet, God was not finished with him yet. So the LORD preserved his life.**
- God could have rescued Jonah in any number of ways.**
- He chose this specific way because of the effect it would have on Jonah’s heart. It humbled him.**
- Jonah pictured his predicament inside the fish as though he had been buried alive.**






“And he said: “I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me. “Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.” (Jh.2:2)




- Jonah is in the belly of the fish but he knows God heard his voice.**
- By faith, Jonah knows that he will be delivered.**
- Jonah knew God heard him before the answer came.**
- This shows that Jonah had faith that God can deliver even before the answer comes.**



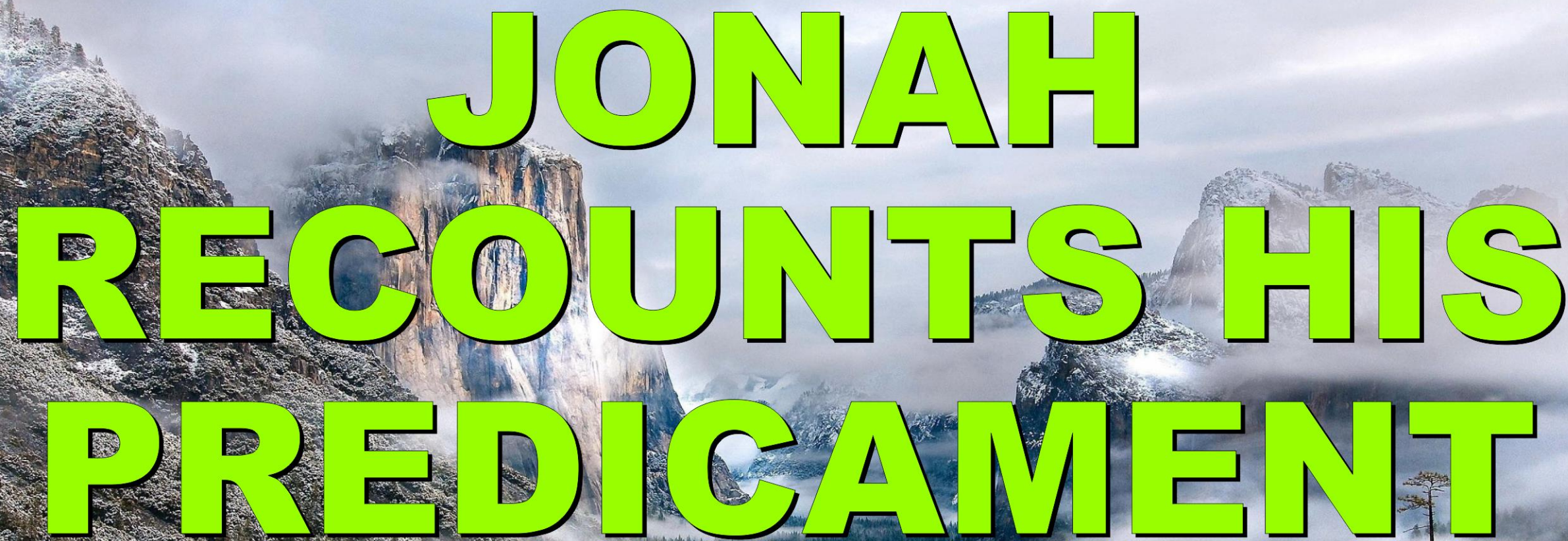


“And he said: “I cried out to the LORD because of my affliction, And He answered me. “Out of the belly of Sheol I cried, And You heard my voice.” (Jh.2:2)



- **“Out of the belly of Sheol” does not necessarily indicate that Jonah actually died.**
- **The language appears to be exaggerated or hyperbolic.**
- **Later, Jonah expressed praise for his deliverance “from the pit,” speaking of his escape from otherwise certain death.**
- **“Sheol” (NKJV) is translated 31 times as “hell”, 30 times as “grave” and 3 times as “pit” in the KJV. It is the only word for “hell” in the Old Testament.**





JONAH RECOUNTS HIS PREDICAMENT

(Jonah 2:3-7)

**For You cast me into the
deep, Into the heart of the
seas, And the floods
surrounded me; All Your
billows and Your waves
passed over me.**

JONAH 2:3





“For You cast me into the deep, Into the heart of the seas, And the floods surrounded me; All Your billows and Your waves passed over me.” (Jh.2:3)

- The book of Jonah shows us important principles about the sovereignty of God.**
- What happens when God wants a person to do something, but the person doesn't want to do it?**
- Jonah shows us that God has a way of bringing us to the place where we want what He wants.**
- Jonah realizes that it was not the sailors that cast him into the sea, it was God Himself.**



**Then I said, 'I have been
cast out of Your sight;
Yet I will look again
toward Your holy temple.'**



JONAH 2:4





“Then I said, ‘I have been cast out of Your sight; Yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.’” (Jh.2:4)





- **Jonah’s greatest pain was not the calamity, but his separation from God (“cast out of Your sight”).**
- **Jonah was determined while in the fish to turn his heart towards God and His Temple.**
- **Jonah was thankful that he had not drowned.**
- **Jonah ran from the Lord's presence. Now he realizes that the Lord has temporarily expelled him.**
- **Nothing is invisible to the eyes of God, so out of thy sight refers to Jonah's side of the matter.**



**The waters surrounded
me, even to my soul; The
deep closed around me;
Weeds were wrapped
around my head.**

JONAH 2:5





**“The waters surrounded me, even to my soul;
The deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped
around my head.” (Jh.2:5)**



- This describes Jonah's total person— both physically and spiritually as “my soul.”**
- The word for ‘soul’ generally means any living and breathing creature. Jonah means he felt that his entire being was overwhelmed by the water.**
- This water creature was is in its natural element, but it was not a suitable place for man.**
- When Jonah was cast overboard he likely felt these weeds about him as he sank. The impression was still with him for a time.**



**I went down to the moorings
of the mountains; The earth
with its bars closed behind
me forever; Yet You have
brought up my life from the
pit, O LORD, my God.**

JONAH 2:6





“I went down to the moorings of the mountains; The earth with its bars closed behind me forever; Yet You have brought up my life from the pit, O LORD, my God.” (Jh.2:6)

- Jonah can praise God for the answer to prayer before the answer came, because God gave him assurance.**
- The “moorings of the mountains” would be the base or bottom. Jonah felt as if he had sunk down to the bases or bottom of the sea.**
- Jonah is describing the way it seemed to him (“earth... bars...forever”) as he was shut off from the entire world.**
- The Lord brought Jonah out of the corruption (“pit”) that threatened his life.**



**When my soul fainted within
me, I remembered the LORD;
And my prayer went up to
You, Into Your holy temple.**

JONAH 2:7





“When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; And my prayer went up to You, Into Your holy temple.” (Jh.2:7)



- It seems as Jonah's life was slipping away, he remembered the Lord.**
- When life is going well, we tend to take God for granted; but when we lose hope, we cry out to him.**
- This kind of relationship with God can result only in an inconsistent, up-and-down spiritual life.**
- Look to God during both the good and bad times, and you will have a stronger spiritual life.**





JONAH DECLARES HIS COMMITMENT TO GOD

(Jonah 2:8-9)

**Those who regard
worthless idols
Forsake their own
Mercy.**



 **JONAH 2:8**

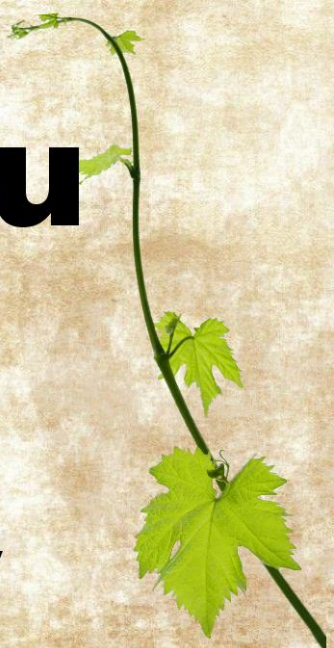


“Those who regard worthless idols Forsake their own Mercy.” (Jh.2:8)

- Jonah realizes that resisting God, running from Him, is like being an idolater.**
- Those who worship worthless idols (false gods) forfeit God's grace and abandon any hope for mercy from the Lord.**
- Any object of our devotion that replaces God is a lying vanity.**
- Whoever depends on such helpless objects are working against their own best interests.**





**But I will sacrifice to You
With the voice of
thanksgiving; I will pay
what I have vowed.
Salvation is of the LORD.**



JONAH 2:9





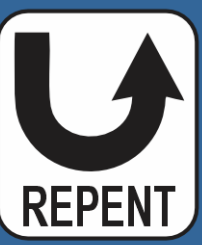
“But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.” (Jh.2:9)

- Jonah realizes that he must stop resisting God and he should keep his vows to God.**
- This is more than a statement of fact; it is Jonah’s triumphant declaration.**
- God has saved and will save, and Jonah means it personally.**
- Jonah repents from running away from God.**







WHEN DID JONAH REPENT?



- ↳ **Jonah said he feared the LORD and was honest about his story (1:9)**
- ↳ **Jonah allowed himself to be cast into the sea (1:12)**
- ↳ **Jonah called out to God while in the fish (2:2,4,7)**
- ↳ **Jonah renewed his commitment to his vow (2:9)**

- **The answer is found in seeing repentance as more than a one-time event.**
- **Though it begins at one time, it must continue and mature. It is an event but it is also a process.**






“But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.” (Jh.2:9)

○ The God of Israel is the only Savior (Is.43:11; Ho.13:4; Jd.1:25).

 **“I, even I, am the LORD, And besides Me there is no savior” (Is.43:11)**

 **“Yet I am the LORD your God Ever since the land of Egypt, And you shall know no God but Me; For there is no savior besides Me” (Ho.13:4)**

 **“To God our Savior, Who alone is wise, Be glory and majesty, Dominion and power, Both now and forever. Amen” (Jd.1:25)**

○ Jonah is certain that if he is ever enabled to resume a life of service for the Lord it will have to be through the help of God, for “Salvation is of the Lord.”





DIVINE CHASTENING – He.12:5-11



⁵And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons: “My son, Do not despise the chastening of the Lord, nor be discouraged when you are rebuked by Him;

⁶For whom the Lord loves He chastens, and scourges every son whom He receives.”

CHASTENING CHILDREN



- **The word “chastening” comes from a Greek *paideia*, and has to do with children.**
- **It means to train and educate your children.**
- **It could be translated “discipline.”**
- **It speaks of whatever adults use toward their children to correct their mistakes, to curb their passions that they might mature in the most positive way.**



PUNISHMENT VS DISCIPLINE



- **The difference between punishment and discipline lies in the purpose of the pain.**

IN PUNISHMENT

- **God is the Judge**
- **The goal is condemnation**

IN DISCIPLINE

- **God is the Father**
- **The goal is holiness**

- **When a Christian suffers for sin, God is not condemning, but correcting.**
- **When we discipline our child, we are not booting him out of the family.**

**So the LORD spoke to
the fish, and it vomited
Jonah onto dry land.**



JONAH 2:10



“So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.” (Jh.2:10)

- Just as much as the fish was under the command of God when it swallowed Jonah, it was under His command when it let him go.**
- If God can speak to a fish, He can speak to us. Then again, fish probably don't resist the will of God like we do.**
- Jonah wasn't just sorry for what he did, he was now trusting God again.**





“So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.” (Jh.2:10)

- Jonah’s deliverance came after three days and nights had passed, providing a foreshadowing of Jesus’ resurrection.**
- When you know God wants you to do something, don't run. God may not stop you as he did Jonah.**
- Most likely, Jonah was vomited upon the shore of Israel, possibly near Joppa.**



JONAH TRAVEL



- **Jonah was told to go from Gath-Hepher (1) to Nineveh (2)**
- **Instead Jonah went to Joppa (3) to go to Tarshish (4)**
- **Jonah did not likely go too far on the trip to Tarshish, so he was forced to take the original trip Gath-Hepher (1) to Nineveh (2)**



JONAH 2