

Jonah 2

1. God's Call to Jonah
- 2. God Hears Jonah**
3. God's Mercy to Ninevah
4. God Reproves Jonah

2:1 Then Jonah prayed to The LORD

1:3 Jonah fled from The LORD

1:17 Don't wonder what is happening inside the fish, focus on what is happening inside Jonah.

(In June 2021, 56-year-old lobster diver Michael Packard was swallowed by a humpback whale off Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and survived)

V2-3 2-In my distress- Grace allows us to be in distress.

It is here that we cry out, "Help me"
God hears our cries for help.

3-The waves and breakers swept over me (Do you ever feel like this)

V3b-4 Jonah quotes The Bible

Psalm 18:4-6 The cords of death entangled me; the torrent of destruction overwhelmed me. The cords of the grave coiled around me; the snares of death confronted me. In my distress, I called to the LORD; I cried to my God for help. From His temple, He heard my voice; my cry came before Him, into His ears.

1:2 Jonah told to “Arise”

1:3 Jonah went *down* to Joppa

1:3 Jonah went *down* to the ship

1:5 Jonah went *down* to the hold

1:15 Jonah went *down* into the sea

2:1 *Down* into Sheol

2:3 *Down* into the currents, the waves

2:6 *Down* to the bottom of the sea

Psalm 31:22 In my alarm I said, “I am cut off from your sight!” Yet You heard my cry for mercy when I called to You for help

Psalm 69:1-2 Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck.

² I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold. I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me.

V6-7 In your darkest and deepest time of trouble, turn to The LORD.

And do not forget Him after rescue.

V6- You brought me up from the pit. Dead and in the grave, but The LORD brought Jonah up.

V7- The LORD hears our prayers and supplications from His holy temple

V8- 2 Kings 17:15 They rejected his decrees and the covenant he had made with their ancestors and the statutes he had warned them to keep. They followed worthless idols, and themselves became worthless. They imitated the nations around them, although the LORD had ordered them, “Do not do as they do.”

Romans 1:20-22 For since the creation of the world God's invisible qualities—His eternal power and divine nature—have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made, so that people are without excuse.

²¹ For although they knew God, they neither glorified him as God nor gave thanks to Him,

But their thinking became futile, and their foolish hearts were darkened.

²² Although they claimed to be wise, they became fools.

The story of mankind is a story of human pride in the face of Almighty God. Our only hope in life is in trusting in Jesus and in yielding our will to Him.

V9- Before Jonah saw that he was safe,
he believed he was safe

(Believe it, THEN you will see it.)

Psalm 62:1-2 Truly my soul finds rest in
God; my salvation comes from Him.

² Truly He is my rock and my salvation;
He is my fortress, I will never be shaken.

V10- A great God ordered a fish to obey and the fish obeyed.

Jonah lived, and hundreds of thousands of Assyrian people met the Lord because a fish obeyed.

Kurdistan Jews can trace their history back to 8th century BC: The time of Jonah (300,000 are Christian)