

*Jonah called by Jehovah to prophesy to Nineveh; he takes a ship to Tarshish; God sends a great wind*

## CHAPTER 1

1 And the word of Jehovah was to Jonah,<sup>1</sup> the son of Amittai, saying, Note 2 Kng 14:25

2 Rise up; walk to Nineveh, the great city, and call out against it because their evil has come up before my face.

3 And Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the face of Jehovah, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish, and he gave its fare, and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the face of Jehovah.

4 And Jehovah threw out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty hurricane in the sea, and the ship was calculated as broken.

5 And the mariners were afraid, and every man screamed to his god, and threw out the wares that *were* in the ship into the sea to lighten *it* of them. And Jonah had gone down into the sides of the ship, and he lay down, and was in a deep sleep.

6 And the chief mariner came to him, and said to him, What *do you mean*, Oh sleeper? Rise up; call upon your God, if it is that God will think upon us, and we are not lost.

7 And they said, every man to his companion, Walk, and let us cause lots to fall, and we shall know by seeing for whose account this evil *is* upon us. And they

caused lots to fall, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

8 And they said to him, Cause it to stand out boldly to us, please, why that this evil *is* upon us? What is your occupation? And from where do you come? What is your land? And of what people *are* you?

9 And he said to them, *I am* a Hebrew; and I fear Jehovah, the God of the heavens, who has made the sea and the dry ground.

10 And being afraid, the mortal men were greatly afraid, and said to him, What *is* this you have done? Because the mortal men knew that he fled from the face of Jehovah, because he had caused it to stand out boldly to them.

11 And they said to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm to us? (Because the sea walked, and was tempestuous.)

12 And he said to them, Lift me up, and throw me out into the sea, and the sea shall be calm to you, because I know that for my sake this great hurricane *is* upon you.

13 And the men rowed hard to turn it back to the dry ground, and they were not able, because the sea walked, and was tempestuous against them.

14 And they called upon Jehovah, and said, Oh now, Jehovah, please, do not let us be lost for this man's soul, and do not give

<sup>1</sup> 1:1 Jonah, Favored of Jehovah, a dove.

**JONAH 2-3** *Jonah thrown into the sea, swallowed by a fish; Jonah's prayer in the fish; he goes to Nineveh*  
upon us innocent blood, because you, Oh Jehovah, have done as it pleased you.

15 And they lifted up Jonah, and threw him out into the sea, and the sea stood still from her boiling rage.

16 And fearing, the mortal men feared Jehovah exceedingly, and sacrificed a sacrifice to Jehovah, and promised promises.

17 And Jehovah had weighed out<sup>17</sup> a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

## CHAPTER 2

1 And Jonah judged in prayer to Jehovah, his God, out of the belly of the fish,

2 And said, I called out from my distress to Jehovah, and he answered me; I called for help out of the belly of the world of the dead; you attentively heard my voice.

3 And you had thrown me into the deep, in the heart of the seas, and the streams surrounded me; all your billows and your waves crossed over me.

4 And I said, I am driven out from before your eyes; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.

5 The waters surrounded me, even to the soul; the deep surrounded me; the reeds were wrapped around my head.

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<sup>17</sup> 1:17 **weighed out**, *manah*, to weigh out, therefore, to constitute the exact weight and measurement of this fish. It was a fish, *dag*.

6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me forever; and you have brought up my life from the pit of corruption, Oh Jehovah, my God.

7 When my soul languished within me I remembered Jehovah, and my prayer came in to you, into your holy temple.

8 They who hedge about ruinous vanities forsake their own mercy.

9 And I will sacrifice to you with the sound of extending my hands; I will make complete what I have promised. Salvation is of Jehovah.

10 And Jehovah said for the fish to, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

## CHAPTER 3

1 And the word of Jehovah was to Jonah the second time, saying,

2 Rise, walk to Nineveh, that great city, and call out to it the calling out that I speak to you.

3 And Jonah rose up, and walked to Nineveh, according to the word of Jehovah. And Nineveh was a great city of gods, a walk of three days.

4 And Jonah began to enter into the city one day's journey, and he called out, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

5 And the men of Nineveh believed God, and called out a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

*Nineveh repents in sackcloth and ashes; Jonah burns against God; the gourd* **JONAH 4**

6 And the word touched the king of Nineveh, and he rose from his throne, and he crossed over his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat down in ashes.

7 And he caused it to be screamed out, and said throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his great ones, saying, Do not let man or animal, herd or flock, taste a speck of anything; do not feed them, do not let *them* drink water;

8 And let man and animal be covered with sackcloth, and call out mightily to God; and let them turn every man back from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their palms.

9 Who can know if God will turn back, and comfort himself, and turn back from his burning nostrils, and we not be lost?

10 And God saw their works, that they turned back from their evil way, and God comforted himself over the evil that he spoke that he would do to them, and he did not do it.

#### CHAPTER 4

1 And it was exceedingly good for nothing to Jonah, and he burned.

2 And he judged in prayer to Jehovah, and said, Oh now, Jehovah, was not this my word when I was yet upon my soil? Therefore I fled going before *you* to Tarshish, because I knew that you *are* a gracious God, and compassionate, long waiting before your nostrils *burn*, and of

great mercy, and comfort yourself over the evil.

3 And now, Oh Jehovah, please take my soul from me, because it *is* better for me to die than to live.

4 And Jehovah said, Do you do well to burn?

5 And Jonah went out of the city, and sat down on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shade, until that he saw what would become of the city.

6 And Jehovah God weighed out a gourd, and caused it to come up over Jonah that it might be a shade over his head to snatch him out of his evil. And Jonah rejoicing, rejoiced exceedingly for the gourd.

7 And God weighed out a voracious maggot when the dawn rose the next day, and it struck the gourd, and it dried up.

8 And it was, when the sun rose, that God weighed out a sultry east wind, and the sun struck upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and requested in his soul to die, and said, *It is* better for me to die than to live.

9 And God said to Jonah, Do you do well to blaze up over the gourd? And he said, I do well to burn, even to death.

10 And Jehovah said, You covered for the gourd, there where you did not toil, and did not cause it to grow; it came to be an offspring of a night, and as an offspring of a night it was lost;

**JONAH 4***Jehovah God covers (the sin of) Nineveh*

11 And should I not cover Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than twelve myriads of humans who do not know their right hand from their left hand,