

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JONAH

CHAPTER 1:17-2:10

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

Jonah 1:17-2:10

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.*

CHAPTER 2:1-10

Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly. 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. 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. ⁴ Then I said, 'I have been cast out of Your sight; yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.' ⁵ The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; the deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head. 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. ⁷ "When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the LORD; and my prayer went up to You, into Your holy temple. ⁸ "Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy. ⁹ But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD." ¹⁰ So the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

**What Caused Jonah
To Experience a Change in Course?**

A CHANGE IN COURSE

1.) *Known Rebellion Against God*

vv. 17

IT WAS HIS “KNOWN REBELLION” AGAINST GOD

Jonah was under the conviction of the Holy Spirit
Which Brought about Repentance as Seen by His Confession

1a.) *Conviction brings a “Verdict” from God*

Verse 17

Now the LORD had prepared **a great fish**

1b.) *Righteousness brings “Judgment” upon Jonah*

Verse 17

a great fish **“to swallow”** Jonah.

His Known Rebellion Against God

1c.) *Justice brings a “Sentence” against sin*

Verse 17

And Jonah was in the belly **three days
and three nights.**

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2.) *Unable to Escape from God*

vv. 1-3

IT WAS HIS INABILITY TO ESCAPE FROM GOD

RUNNING FROM THE LOVE OF GOD

Unable to Escape from God

2a.) *Because there is the Pursuit of God*

Verse 1

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

**“We Need to be On Guard
Against The New Age Gospel.”**

It's Message Without a Call to Repent

Unable to Escape from God

2b.) *A Change of Heart*

Verse 2

"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

Psalm 51:17

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit, a broken and a contrite heart—
these, O God, You will not despise.

***"I cried out to the LORD because...
Unable to Escape from God***

2c.) A Change of Mind

Verse 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.***

**True Repentance and Salvation Must
Involve the (Heart and Mind)**

Luke 16:19-31

"There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. ²⁰ But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, ²¹ desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell from the rich man's table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham's bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ And being in torments in Hades, he lifted up his eyes and saw Abraham afar off, and Lazarus in his bosom. ²⁴ "Then he cried and said, 'Father Abraham, have mercy on me, and send Lazarus that he may dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue; for I am tormented in this flame.' ²⁵ But Abraham said, 'Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, and likewise Lazarus evil things; but now he is comforted and you are tormented. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you there is a great gulf fixed, so that those who want to pass from here to you cannot, nor can those from there pass to us.' ²⁷ "Then he said, 'I beg you therefore, father, that you would send him to my father's house, ²⁸ for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.' ²⁹ Abraham said to him, 'They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.' ³⁰ And he said, 'No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.' ³¹ But he said to him, 'If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.'"

“Heaven” is a Matter of the Heart and Mind

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A CHANGE IN COURSE

3.) *Helpless to Change*

vv. 4-7

IT WAS HIS SENSE OF HELPLESSNESS TO CHANGE THE SITUATION

Helpless to Change

3a.) *All we can do is look toward Him*

Verse 4-5

Then I said, 'I have been

cast out of Your sight; yet I will look again toward Your holy temple.'⁵ The waters surrounded me, even to my soul; the deep closed around me; Weeds were wrapped around my head.

He quotes the psalm 42

Psalm 42:7-11

Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and billows have gone over me.⁸ The LORD will command His lovingkindness in the daytime, and in the night His song shall be with me-- a prayer to the God of my life⁹ I will say to God my Rock, "Why have You forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?"¹⁰ As with a breaking of my bones, my enemies reproach me, while they say to me all day long, "Where is your God?"¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall yet praise Him, the help of my countenance and my God.

Look Toward Him!

Sometimes we have to get flat on our backs before we will look up

Psalm 5:1-3

Give ear to my words, O LORD, consider my meditation. ² Give heed to the voice of my cry, my King and my God, for to You I will pray. ³ My voice You shall hear in the morning, O LORD; in the morning I will direct it to You, and I will look up.

Helpless to Change

3b.) We can only cast ourselves upon Him

Verse 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.

There is no doubt that Jonah thought that his life was over

Typological Sense – a lost life redeemed!

Revelation 5:1-9

And I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a scroll written inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals. ² Then I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the scroll and to loose its seals?" ³ And no one in heaven or on the earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll, or to look at it. ⁴ So I wept much, because no one was found worthy to open and read the scroll, or to look at it. ⁵ But one of the elders said to me, "Do not weep. Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has prevailed to open the scroll and to loose its seven seals." ⁶ And I looked, and behold, in the midst of the throne and of the four living creatures, and in the midst of the elders, stood a Lamb as though it had been slain, having seven horns and

seven eyes, which are the seven Spirits of God sent out into all the earth. ⁷ Then He came and took the scroll out of the right hand of Him who sat on the throne ⁸ Now when He had taken the scroll, the four living creatures and the twenty-four elders fell down before the Lamb, each having a harp, and golden bowls full of incense, which are the prayers of the saints. ⁹ And they sang a new song, saying: "You are worthy to take the scroll, and to open its seals; for You were slain, and have redeemed us to God by Your blood out of every tribe and tongue and people and nation,

Helpless to Change

3c.) When we come to the end of ourselves

Verse 7

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

Coming to the end of ourselves...

**The love of "Self" message is salvations greatest enemy.
Because this worlds way of thinking is dedicated to "Self"**

Self cannot be saved – it must be done away

Mark 8:34-37

When He had called the people to Himself, with His disciples also, He said to them, "Whoever desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross, and follow Me. ³⁵ For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it. ³⁶ For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world, and loses his own soul? ³⁷ Or what will a man give in exchange for his soul?

What caused Jonah to experience a change in course?

A CHANGE IN COURSE

4.) *Realizing God is in Control*

vv. 8-10

IT WAS HIS REALIZATION THAT GOD WAS IN CONTROL

Realizing God is in Control

4a.) *The Lord is our Mercy*

Verse 8

*"Those who "regard" "worthless idols"
"forsake" their "own Mercy".*

Jonah Certainly Could Have said that
About the Sailors that he had been sailing with

Jonah Certainly Could Have said that
About the Ninevites and the Assyrian Empire

But now, Jonah Certainly Can Say that
About Himself

Jonah was being willfully ignorant

*"Those who "regard" "worthless idols"
"forsake" their "own Mercy".*

“If I look for deliverance from anything or anyone else other than God, then I have abandoned my only hope of rescue from this life’s troubles”

POSSESSIONS / PAST SITUATIONS / OUR B.C. LIFE / BETTER DAYS

Marriage Often Suffers this Attack

When a couple fail at working on a marriage, nothing will seem right.

Marriage was never intended to make you happy. It was intended to make you complete.

Genesis 2:18-24

And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone; I will make him a helper comparable to him." ¹⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God formed every beast of the field and every bird of the air, and brought them to Adam to see what he would call them. And whatever Adam called each living creature, that was its name ²⁰ So Adam gave names to all cattle, to the birds of the air, and to every beast of the field. But for Adam there was not found a helper comparable to him. ²¹ And the LORD God caused a deep sleep to fall on Adam, and he slept; and He took one of his ribs, and closed up the flesh in its place. ²² Then the rib which the LORD God had taken from man He made into a woman, and He brought her to the man. ²³ And Adam said: "This is now bone of my bones and flesh of my flesh; she shall be called Woman, because she was taken out of Man." ²⁴ Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh.

Marriage is to make us more like Jesus

Realizing God is in Control

4b.) The Lord is our Salvation

Verse 9

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

Notice This Everyone!

That the Jew is Saved Like the Gentile

Jonah 1:16

Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

Romans 3:30

since there is one God who will justify the circumcised by faith and the uncircumcised through faith.

Jonah, being a Jew, Fled from the Possibility

that God might Save the Gentiles, is now brought to the same level as they...

Jews and Gentiles

Must come to God the same way- through Jesus Christ, Israel's Messiah and the Savior of the world

"I Will Sacrifice"

To sacrifice is to...

Sacrifice HEB 2076 **zabach** (zaw-bakh');
To offer up that which is innocent because of my guilt. "Admission of Guilt"
"How do you plead" = GUILTY in the first degree!

"I Will Pay"

To Pay is to...

Pay HEB 7999 **shalam** (shaw-lam');
To make amends, make good, to do what was said, make restitution, to "will" to restore.

"What I Have Vowed"

What I Have Vowed is to...

Vowed HEB 3444 **yeshuw` ah** (yesh-oo'-aw);
something saved, one who has been delivered. Someone declared victoreouse. - -
By an act outside of themselves.

A Better Reading Is...
*I will now - "admit my guilt" to You with "loud shouts"
of "adoring worship";
I will "make good" on what I have "freely received".
Deliverance Is of the LORD."*

Our New Testament Counterpart to Jonah Experience of 2:9 is...

Revelation 2:2-5

"I know your works, your labor, your patience, and that you cannot bear those who are evil. And you have tested those who say they are apostles and are not, and have found them liars; ³ and you have persevered and have patience, and have labored for My name's sake and have not become weary. ⁴ Nevertheless I have this against you, that you have left your first love. ⁵ Remember therefore from where you have fallen; repent and do the first works..."

Realizing God is in Control

4c.) The Lord is our God

Verse 10

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

God was in Perfect Control

It's Twofold Here

#1

If you're the fish,
it means to disgorge or to heave. Regurgitate, to barf

#2

If you're Jonah,
it means to exit. to cast forth, to be deposited. To spew

Simply Meaning:
The Fish Desired to “Vomit”
And the Prophet Needed to be “Vomited”

It's a Win, Win Situation
So there you go...

God's Will be Done, By Hook or by Crook or Puck

It's an alternative mode of transportation
for when we do not obey the first time

*It Speaks of a
“A Second Chance”*

THE PERSONAL APPLICATION

There are Three Things That We Learn Here from This Lesson

#1

Is that God is in Control

He is ready, waiting and willing to lead you gently through life

#2

Is that Jonah was Delivered from Himself

That God desires that my hope and rest be in resurrection

#3

Is that God has His plan ready for my life to be lived out

The more I let God be God, the more meaningful my life becomes.

Will I let God be in Control of my life?
Has God Delivered me from Myself?
Is God's plan being lived out in my life?

WHAT MADE JONAH EXPERIENCE A CHANGE IN COURSE?

HIS HEART AND MIND WERE BROUGHT TO A PLACE OF BREAKING...