

{32} Jonah

{{32} Jonah} Chapter 1

- (1) Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah {dove} the son of Amittai, saying,
- (2) *Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; because their wickedness has come up before Me.*
- (3) But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid its fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (4) But the LORD {Jehovah} sent out a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken.
- (5) Then the mariners were afraid, and every man cried to his god, and cast forth the cargo that *was* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it*. But Jonah had gone down into the inside of the ship; and he lay down, and was fast asleep.
- (6) So the captain of the ship came to him, and said to him, What do you mean, O sleeper? arise, call upon your God, perhaps God will think of us, that we not perish.
- (7) And everyone said to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *has* come upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.
- (8) Then they said to him, Tell us, we ask you, for whose cause this evil *has come* upon us; What *is* your occupation? and where have you come from? what *is* your country? and of what people *are* you?
- (9) And he said to them, I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of heaven, Who has made the sea and the dry *land*.
- (10) Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, Why have you done this? Because the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}, because he had told them.
- (11) Then they said to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm for us? because the sea was becoming more and more stormy.
- (12) And he said to them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; then the sea will be calm for you: because I know that for my sake this great storm *is* upon you.
- (13) Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not: because the sea grew more and more stormy against them.
- (14) Therefore they cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, We beg You, O LORD {Jehovah}, we beg You, do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not lay upon us innocent blood: because You, O LORD {Jehovah}, have done as it pleased You.
- (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 {Jehovah} exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD {Jehovah}, and made vows.
- (17) Now the LORD {Jehovah} had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

{{32} Jonah} Chapter 2

- (1) Then Jonah prayed to the LORD {Jehovah} his God out of the fish's belly,
- (2) And said, I cried because of my affliction to the LORD {Jehovah}, and He heard me; out of the belly of hell I cried, *and* You heard my voice.
- (3) Because You had cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods encompassed me: all Your breakers and Your waves passed over me.
- (4) Then I said, I am cast out of Your sight; yet I will look again towards Your holy temple.

- (5) The waters encompassed me, *even* to the soul: the depth closed all around me, the weeds were wrapped around my head.
- (6) I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* around me forever: yet You have brought up my life from corruption, O LORD {Jehovah} my God.
- (7) When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD {Jehovah}: and my prayer came in to You, into Your holy temple.
- (8) Those who observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.
- (9) But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* which I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the LORD {Jehovah}.
- (10) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

{{32} Jonah} Chapter 3

- (1) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jonah the second time, saying,
- (2) [Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the preaching that I tell you.](#)
- (3) So Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city of three days' journey {about 55 to 60 miles; 88 to 96 km. around}.
- (4) And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey {to about the center of the city}, and he cried, and said, Yet in forty days, and Nineveh will 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) Because word came to the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid aside his robe, and covered *himself* 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 anything: let them not feed, nor drink water:
- (8) But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God: yes, let everyone turn 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 not perish?
- (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 to them; and He did not do *it*.

{{32} Jonah} Chapter 4

- (1) But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.
- (2) And he prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, I ask You, O LORD {Jehovah}, *was* this not what I said, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before to Tarshish: because I knew that You *are* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and You repent of the evil.
- (3) Therefore now, O LORD {Jehovah}, I beg You, take my life from me; because *it is* better for me to die than to live.
- (4) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said, [Do you have reason to be angry?](#)
- (5) So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made for himself a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, until he might see what would become of the city.
- (6) And the LORD {Jehovah} God prepared a gourd, and caused *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the gourd.
- (7) But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it struck the gourd so

that it withered.

(8) And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a strong east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, so 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, **Do you have reason to be angry for the gourd?** And he said, I have reason to be angry, *even* to death.

(10) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said, **You had pity on the gourd, for which you had not labored, neither caused it to grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:**

(11) **And should I not spare Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than a hundred-twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and *also* much cattle?**