***“Studying the Gentile Prophets”—Jonah 2***

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**NINEVEH FELL IN 612 B.C. TO THE BABYLONIANS**

**Reference Matthew 12:39-41, “But 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. 41The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah *is* here.”**

**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.”**

1. **Is it possible for a great fish to swallow a man?** There is a story of a whaler named James Bartley, who in 1891 reportedly fell into the sea while harpooning a large sperm whale; when the whale was killed and dissected, he was found in the whale’s stomach, unconscious but alive.
   1. **Confirm this story in Matthew 12:40.** It may be questioned if the story of James Bartley is true or not, but certainly the story of Jonah is true because *Jesus* said it was true. In [Matthew 12:40](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Matthew+12:40&t1=en_nas) we read that Jesus said *Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish*.
2. **Why did God rescue Jonah? He chose this specific way because of the effect it would have on Jonah’s heart.** Jonah shows us that God has a way of bringing us to the place where we want what He wants.
   1. **Discuss the sovereignty of God in this incident.**

**2:1-2, “Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish’s belly. 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.”**

1. **Where is Jonah when he prayed? Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the fish’s belly. What is also interesting is how Jonah chapter 1 represents the old testament law (go to Nineveh and preach against it, 1:2) Chapter 2 represents the death and resurrection of Christ, and chapter 3 represents the New Testament grace (go and proclaim to it the message, 3:2).** Of course Jesus was much more willing to go than Jonah!
2. **Where is Sheol? Jonah’s prayer in chapter 2 indicates he was praying from the Sheol. The Hebrew word is “Sheol” which means “the abode of the dead.”** He was in the belly of Sheol. Sheol is the place of the dead, where men go to await the resurrection and judgment. So if we are to take his statement literally, Jonah said that he died. It’s the place where the spirits of people who died went to await the resurrection. In his prayer he told of how he drowned and sank to the roots of the mountains, in other words the bottom of the sea. In verse 7 Jonah says he prayed as his life was ebbing away. Then the Lord brought his life up from the pit, which is another word for Sheol. We believe Jonah experienced physical death and his spirit was out of his body and in Sheol for some of the time his body was in the whale, before the Lord reunited his spirit with his body, and had the whale spit him out. This was a type resurrection, an out of body experience followed by resuscitation. The Bible says “*The earth with its bars closed behind me forever*.”
   1. **What is the “grave?” Kever**
      1. **See Isaiah 14:19, “**But you are cast out of your grave Like an abominable branch, *Like* the garment of those who are slain, Thrust through with a sword, Who go down to the stones of the pit, Like a corpse trodden underfoot.” **The grave is not synonymous with Sheol. KEBUR, KEVER, TO BURY. This is a specific cite and can be plural. You can purchase and sell a grave (Genesis 23:4-20). You can own a grave as personal property. Physical bodies are unconscious in the grave (Luke 16:19-22, “**There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=luke+16%3A19-22&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-25642a)] from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried.”**—ABRAHAM’S BOSOM).**
   2. **Discuss the five words for “hell” in the Bible, these are not for the grave (Kever), which is the word for the “destination of the physical body”—Sheol, Hades, Gehenna, Abousso, and Tartarus, “destination of the soul.”**
      1. **Sheol (Hebrew)—occurs in O.T. 65 times—this is a temporary abode for the departed souls/spirits. THIS IS THE ABODE OF THE DEAD, BOTH GOOD AND BAD. Under the earth, underworld, where one is conscious. This is the place of disembodied spirits.** 
         1. **First occurrence in Genesis 37:35, “**And all his sons and all his daughters arose to comfort him; but he refused to be comforted, and he said, “For I shall go down into the grave to my son in mourning.” Thus his father wept for him.” **Elaborate.**
         2. **Psalm 63:9, “**But those *who* seek my life, to destroy *it,*  
            Shall go into the lower parts of the earth,” **Isaiah 14:9, “**Hell from beneath is excited about you, To meet *you* at your coming; It stirs up the dead for you, All the chief ones of the earth; It has raised up from their thrones All the kings of the nations,” **44:23a, “**Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done *it!* Shout, you lower parts of the earth,” **Ezekiel 26:20, “**Then I will bring you down with those who descend into the Pit, to the people of old, and I will make you dwell in the lowest part of the earth, in places desolate from antiquity, with those who go down to the Pit, so that you may never be inhabited; and I shall establish glory in the land of the living,” **31:14b, “**For they have all been delivered to death,  
            To the depths of the earth, Among the children of men who go down to the Pit,” **16, “**I made the nations shake at the sound of its fall, when I cast it down to hell together with those who descend into the Pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the depths of the earth,” **18, “**To which of the trees in Eden will you then be likened in glory and greatness? Yet you shall be brought down with the trees of Eden to the depths of the earth; you shall lie in the midst of the uncircumcised, with *those* slain by the sword. This *is* Pharaoh and all his multitude,’ says the Lord God,” **32:18, “**Son of man, wail over the multitude of Egypt, And cast them down to the depths of the earth, Her and the daughters of the famous nations,  
            With those who go down to the Pit,” and **24, “**There *is* Elam and all her multitude, All around her grave, All of them slain, fallen by the sword, Who have gone down uncircumcised to the lower parts of the earth, Who caused their terror in the land of the living;  
            Now they bear their shame with those who go down to the Pit.”
         3. **Review Job 38:17.** This is Old Testament language for Sheol, the place of the dead. Job.38:17: “*Have the gates of death been revealed to you? Or have you seen the doors of the shadow of death?”*
         4. **Refer to the “congregation of the dead,” Proverbs 21:16, “**A man who wanders from the way of understanding Will rest in the assembly of the dead.”
         5. **See also “the abode of the wicked dead,” Numbers 16:33, “**So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly,” **Job 24:19, “**As drought and heat consume the snow waters,  
            *So* the grave*consumes those who* have sinned,” **Psalm 9:17, “**The wicked shall be turned into hell, *And* all the nations that forget God,” **31:17, “**Do not let me be ashamed, O Lord, for I have called upon You; Let the wicked be ashamed; Let them be silent in the grave.”
         6. **Note: “the abode of the good,” Psalm 16:10, “**For You will not leave my soul in Sheol, Nor will You allow Your Holy One to see corruption,” **30:3, “**O Lord, You brought my soul up from the grave; You have kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit,” **49:15, “**But God will redeem my soul from the power of the grave, For He shall receive me,” **86:13, “**For great *is* Your mercy toward me, And You have delivered my soul from the depths of Sheol.”
         7. **Described as “deep,” in Job 11:8, “***They are* higher than heaven— what can you do? Deeper than Sheol— what can you know,”-- **“dark,” in Job 10:21-22, “**Before I go *to the place from which* I shall not return, To the land of darkness and the shadow of death, 22A land as dark as darkness *itself,* As the shadow of death, without any order, *Where* even the light *is* like darkness,”-- **“with bars,” Job 17:16, “***Will* they go down to the gates of Sheol?  
            Shall *we have* rest together in the dust?”
         8. **The dead “go down” to it in Numbers 16:30, 33, “**But if the Lord creates a new thing, and the earth opens its mouth and swallows them up with all that belongs to them, and they go down alive into the pit, then you will understand that these men have rejected the Lord…..So they and all those with them went down alive into the pit; the earth closed over them, and they perished from among the assembly,” **and Ezekiel 31:15-17, “**Thus says the Lord God: ‘In the day when it went down to hell, I caused mourning. I covered the deep because of it. I restrained its rivers, and the great waters were held back. I caused Lebanon to mourn for it, and all the trees of the field wilted because of it. 16I made the nations shake at the sound of its fall, when I cast it down to hell together with those who descend into the Pit; and all the trees of Eden, the choice and best of Lebanon, all that drink water, were comforted in the depths of the earth. 17They also went down to hell with it, with those slain by the sword; and *those who were* its *strong* arm dwelt in its shadows among the nations.”
      2. **Hades (Greek)—a place of the dead; became the name of the “god of the underworld.”** 
         1. **Refers to the abode of the “unsaved dead” before the Great White Throne Judgment. See Revelation 20:11-15, “**Then I saw a great white throne and Him who sat on it, from whose face the earth and the heaven fled away. And there was found no place for them. 12And I saw the dead, small and great, standing before God, and books were opened. And another book was opened, which is *the Book* of Life. And the dead were judged according to their works, by the things which were written in the books. 13The sea gave up the dead who were in it, and Death and Hades delivered up the dead who were in them. And they were judged, each one according to his works. 14Then Death and Hades were cast into the lake of fire. This is the second death. 15And anyone not found written in the Book of Life was cast into the lake of fire.”
            1. **This is a prison, use I Peter 3:19, “**by whom also He went and preached to the spirits in prison,” **“with bars and locks,” Matthew 16:18, “**And I also say to you that you are Peter, and on this rock I will build My church, and the gates of Hades shall not prevail against it,” **and Revelation 1:18, “**I *am* He who lives, and was dead, and behold, I am alive forevermore. Amen. And I have the keys of Hades and of Death.”
         2. **In Greek, Hades was partitioned in two.**
            1. **Elysium, for the “good”**

**Review “Abraham’s Bosom” in Luke 16:19-31, “**9“There was a certain rich man who was clothed in purple and fine linen and fared sumptuously every day. 20But there was a certain beggar named Lazarus, full of sores, who was laid at his gate, 21desiring to be fed with the crumbs which fell[[d](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Luke+16&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-25642d)] from the rich man’s table. Moreover the dogs came and licked his sores. 22So it was that the beggar died, and was carried by the angels to Abraham’s bosom. The rich man also died and was buried. 23And 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.’ 25But 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. 26And 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, 28for I have five brothers, that he may testify to them, lest they also come to this place of torment.’ 29Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ 30And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”

**Refer also to Isaiah 38:10.** I said, "*In the prime of my life I shall go to the gates of Sheol; I am deprived of the remainder of my years."*

**Read Ephesians 4:8-10. ABRAHAM’S BOSOM WAS ABANDONED WHEN JESUS DIED, WENT INTO HADES TO SET THE CAPTIVES FREE.** “Therefore He says: “When He ascended on high, He led captivity captive, And gave gifts to men.”9(Now this, “He ascended”—what does it mean but that He also first[[b](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=ePHESIANS+4%3A8-10&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-29282b)] descended into the lower parts of the earth? 10He who descended is also the One who ascended far above all the heavens, that He might fill all things.)”

**Christ was the first fruits from the dead in I Corinthians 15:20, “**But now Christ is risen from the dead, *and* has become the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.”

**Refer to Psalm 9:13, “Have mercy on me, O Lord! Consider my trouble from those who hate me, You who lift me up from the gates of death,” …**also mentions the gates of death. Sheol is the place of departed spirits the only way to get there is to die. Jonah is crying from the righteous portion of Sheol which is Abraham’s bosom, (paradise) His soul went to Sheol while his body was swallowed in the fish preserved in its belly (abdomen). He recalls his last thoughts, *When My soul fainted within me*, which is a description of losing consciousness. He prayed before he died, then his body was scooped up and preserved in the whale for 3 days and nights.

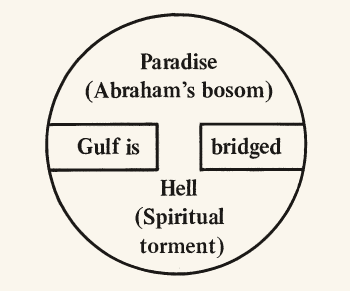
**Use Matthew 12:40-41.** This is why Jesus stated: “*For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth. The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah; and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.”*

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* + - 1. **For Christians, death is different. See 2 Corinthians 5:1-8, “**For we know that if our earthly house, *this* tent, is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. 2For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed with our habitation which is from heaven, 3if indeed, having been clothed, we shall not be found naked. 4For we who are in *this* tent groan, being burdened, not because we want to be unclothed, but further clothed, that mortality may be swallowed up by life. 5Now He who has prepared us for this very thing *is* God, who also has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.6So *we are* always confident, knowing that while we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord. 7For we walk by faith, not by sight. 8we are confident, yes, well pleased rather to be absent from the body and to be present with the Lord,” **and Philippians 1:21, “**For to me, to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain. 22But if *I* live on in the flesh, this *will mean* fruit from *my* labor; yet what I shall choose I cannot tell.”



**“THE UNDERWORLD”**

**PLACE OF TORMENT……... (Impassable gulf)…………..ABRAHAM’S BOSOM**

**BOTTOMLESS PIT/TARTARUS**

**“HELL”**

**HADES GEHENNA**

**Temporary Forever**

**(Will not be cast into Gehenna—Rev. 20:14)**

**In the earth, Geocentric, Matthew 12:40 (Note: Not, “the outer dark-**

**Associated with the bottomless pit, the Abousso, Abyss ness,” Matthew 8:12; 22:13;**

**25:30.)**

* + 1. **Gehenna—permanent, forever, HELL, named after the Valley of Hinnom, south of Jerusalem, a trash dump, a place of “forever” burning. This is the ‘LAKE OF FIRE’ THAT IS THE ULTIMATE DESTINY OF THOSE UNSAVED SOULS WHO ARE TEMPORARILY IN Sheol/Hades awaiting the Great White Throne Judgment.** 
       1. **Jesus uses this term 11 times in Matthew 5:22, “**But I say to you that whoever is angry with his brother without a causeshall be in danger of the judgment. And whoever says to his brother, ‘Raca!’ shall be in danger of the council. But whoever says, ‘You fool!’ shall be in danger of hell fire,” **29, “**If your right eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell,” **30, “**And if your right hand causes you to sin, cut it off and cast *it* from you; for it is more profitable for you that one of your members perish, than for your whole body to be cast into hell”**; 10:28, “**And do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul. But rather fear Him who is able to destroy both soul and body in hell,” **18:9, “**And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out and cast *it* from you. It is better for you to enter into life with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire,” **23:15, “**Woe to you, scribes and Pharisees, hypocrites! For you travel land and sea to win one proselyte, and when he is won, you make him twice as much a son of hell as yourselves,” **33, “**Serpents, brood of vipers! How can you escape the condemnation of hell?” **Mark 9:43, “**If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter into life maimed, rather than having two hands, to go to hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched,” **45, “**And if your foot causes you to sin, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life lame, rather than having two feet, to be cast into hell, into the fire that shall never be quenched— “ **47, “**And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye, rather than having two eyes, to be cast into hell fire—“**and Luke 12:5, “**But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him!”
    2. **Tartarus—only used once in the New Testament in 2 Peter 2:4, “**For if God did not spare the angels who sinned, but cast *them* down to hell and delivered *them* into chains of darkness, to be reserved for judgment.” **It is the specific place of incarceration of the fallen angels who sinned in Genesis 6.**
    3. **Abousso—“Bottomless Pit”—this is what the Beast of Revelation comes out of (Revelation 11:7, “**When they finish their testimony, the beast that ascends out of the bottomless pit will make war against them, overcome them, and kill them, “**17:8, “**The beast that you saw was, and is not, and will ascend out of the bottomless pit and go to perdition. And those who dwell on the earth will marvel, whose names are not written in the Book of Life from the foundation of the world, when they see the beast that was, and is not, and yet is.” **This is also where Satan is bound for 1000 years (Revelation 20:1, 3, “**Then I saw an angel coming down from heaven, having the key to the bottomless pit and a great chain in his hand…and he cast him into the bottomless pit, and shut him up, and set a seal on him, so that he should deceive the nations no more till the thousand years were finished. But after these things he must be released for a little while.” **Demon locusts come out of this.**
    4. **Discuss the “Rich Man and Lazarus.” Read Luke 16:29-31, “**Abraham said to him, ‘They have Moses and the prophets; let them hear them.’ 30And he said, ‘No, father Abraham; but if one goes to them from the dead, they will repent.’ 31But he said to him, ‘If they do not hear Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded though one rise from the dead.’”
       1. **Review the story of Lazarus “back from the dead” in John 11:46-50, “**46But some of them went away to the Pharisees and told them the things Jesus did. 47Then the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered a council and said, “What shall we do? For this Man works many signs. 48If we let Him alone like this, everyone will believe in Him, and the Romans will come and take away both our place and nation.”49And one of them, Caiaphas, being high priest that year, said to them, “You know nothing at all, 50nor do you consider that it is expedient for us[[a](https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=John+11%3A46-50&version=NKJV#fen-NKJV-26574a)] that one man should die for the people, and not that the whole nation should perish.”
          1. **Note: why were the Chief Priests plotting to kill Lazarus? John 12:10, “**But the chief priests plotted to put Lazarus to death also

1. **Did Jonah die? See Psalm 69:1, “**Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to *my* neck,” **and Jeremiah 4:10, “**Then I said, “Ah, Lord God! Surely You have greatly deceived this people and Jerusalem, Saying, ‘You shall have peace,’ Whereas the sword reaches to the heart.”The waters surrounded him *even to his soul*. This is an expression implying death (Ps.69:1. Jer.4:10) the deep closed, weeds wrapped around my head. His body sank to the moorings of the Mountains, where they begin (under land level). Showing he sank to the bottom before he was swallowed by the fish- which implies He died.
2. **In this and the rest of the chapter, Jonah’s prayer incorporates many phrases and figures of speech from the Psalms. Discuss.** 
   1. ***In my distress I called upon the Lord, and cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple* (**[**Psalm 18:6**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Psalm+18:6&t1=en_nas)**)**
   2. ***Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; all Your waves and billows have gone over me* (**[**Psalm 42:7**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Psalm+42:7&t1=en_nas)**)**
   3. ***For I said in my haste, I am cut off from before Your eyes; nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications when I cried out to You* (**[**Psalm 31:22**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Psalm+31:22&t1=en_nas)**)**

**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. Then I said, I have been cast out of Your sight; yet I will look again toward Your holy temple. The waters surrounded me, *even* to my soul; the deep closed around me; weeds were wrapped around my head. 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. When my soul fainted within me, I remembered the Lord; and my prayer went *up* to You, into Your holy temple.”**

1. **Verses 2-9, allude to Jonah’s scholarly knowledge of the Psalms. Discuss.**
   1. **2:2, Psalm 120:1, “**In my distress I cried to the Lord, And He heard me,” **88:7, “**Your wrath lies heavy upon me, And You have afflicted *me* with all Your waves.”
   2. **2:3, Psalm 42:7, “**Deep calls unto deep at the noise of Your waterfalls; All Your waves and billows have gone over me.”
   3. **2:4, Psalm 31:22, “**For I said in my haste, “I am cut off from before Your eyes”;   
      Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications When I cried out to You.”
   4. **2:5, Psalm 69:1-2, “**Save me, O God! For the waters have come up to *my* neck.  
      2I sink in deep mire, Where *there is* no standing; I have come into deep waters,   
      Where the floods overflow me.”
   5. **2:7, Psalm 142:3, “**When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, Then You knew my path. In the way in which I walk They have secretly set a snare for me,”**18:6, “**In my distress I called upon the Lord, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came before Him, *even* to His ears.”
   6. **2:8, Psalm 31:6, “**I have hated those who regard useless idols; But I trust in the Lord.”
   7. **2:9, Psalm 116:17-18, “**I will offer to You the sacrifice of thanksgiving, And will call upon the name of the Lord. 18I will pay my vows to the Lord Now in the presence of all His people,” **3:8,** “Salvation *belongs* to the Lord. Your blessing *is* upon Your people.”
2. **Compare Jonah’s recognition of God’s hand in calamities with Job’s in Job1:21, “**Naked I came from my mother’s womb, And naked shall I return there. The Lord gave, and the Lord has taken away; Blessed be the name of the Lord.” **and 2:10, “**But he said to her, “You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?” In all this Job did not sin with his lips,” **and King David’s in 2 Samuel 16:5-11, “**Now when King David came to Bahurim, there was a man from the family of the house of Saul, whose name *was* Shimei the son of Gera, coming from there. He came out, cursing continuously as he came. 6And he threw stones at David and at all the servants of King David. And all the people and all the mighty men *were* on his right hand and on his left. 7Also Shimei said thus when he cursed: “Come out! Come out! You bloodthirsty man, you rogue! 8The Lord has brought upon you all the blood of the house of Saul, in whose place you have reigned; and the Lord has delivered the kingdom into the hand of Absalom your son. So now you *are caught* in your own evil, because you are a bloodthirsty man!” 9Then Abishai the son of Zeruiah said to the king, “Why should this dead dog curse my lord the king? Please, let me go over and take off his head!” 10But the king said, “What have I to do with you, you sons of Zeruiah? So let him curse, because the Lord has said to him, ‘Curse David.’ Who then shall say, ‘Why have you done so?’11And David said to Abishai and all his servants, “See how my son who came from my own body seeks my life. How much more now *may*
   1. **Reference also Psalm 3:8, “**Salvation *belongs* to the Lord. Your blessing *is* upon Your people. **30:2, “**O Lord my God, I cried out to You, And You healed me,”**31:6, “**I have hated those who regard useless idols; But I trust in the Lord,” **22, “**For I said in my haste, “I am cut off from before Your eyes”; Nevertheless You heard the voice of my supplications When I cried out to You,” **and 39:9, “**I was mute, I did not open my mouth, Because it was You who did *it.”*
3. **Talks about “Verse 5’s phrase, “even to my soul.” This has also been translated as “to take my life” (Jonah 2:5, ESV) and “to the point of death” (Jonah 2:5, NASB).**
4. **Relate the phrases used, “the deep, heart of the sea,” with Psalm 95:5, “**The sea *is* His, for He made it; And His hands formed the dry *land.”*
5. **Discover the use of “the earth” in verse 6 and its parallel with its use in similar contexts, where it refers to “the netherworld.”** Thus this phrase has also been translated, “The gates of the netherworld barred me in forever” (Jonah 2:6, NET).
   1. **Also parallel “moorings of the mountains” with Psalm 18:4-7 and 15, “**The pangs of death surrounded me, And the floods of The snares of death confronted me. 6In my distress I called upon the Lord, And cried out to my God; He heard my voice from His temple, And my cry came 7Then the earth shook and trembled; The foundations of the hills also quaked and were shaken, Because He was angry,” **15, “**Then the channels of the sea were seen, The foundations of the world were uncovered At Your rebuke, O Lord, At the blast of the breath of Your nostrils.”
   2. **Also see the “likeness” of Hezekiah’s prayer in Isaiah 38:17, “**Indeed *it was* for *my own* peace *That* I had great bitterness; But You have lovingly *delivered* my soul from the pit of corruption, For You have cast all my sins behind Your back,”  **with Jonah’s prayer.**
   3. **Does the “pit” imply death?** pit is another term that was frequently used to refer to death.
   4. **What does “bring up my life?”** The word for “brought” in this verse is actually in the future tense. Thus it is rightly translated, “You wilt bring up my life” (Jonah 2:6, CLV). Jonah seems to have believed that God would raise him to life from death.

**2:8-9, “Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy. But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the Lord.”**

1. **Is there a repentant note to Jonah’s declaration? Jonah 2:9.** Salvation is of the Lord: 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’s* salvation is of the Lord. **At the end of** [**Jonah 2:9**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jonah+2:9&t1=en_nas) **it is clear that Jonah has repented, but we might wonder *when* did Jonah repent? There are indications of repentance when . . .** 
   1. **Refer also to Jonah 1:9, Jonah said he feared the Lord and was honest about his story (**[**Jonah 1:9**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jonah+1:9&t1=en_nas)**) and Jonah 1:12, Jonah allowed himself to be cast into the sea (**[**Jonah 1:12**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jonah+1:12&t1=en_nas)**).**
   2. **Did Jonah call out to God during the three days and three nights in the belly of the fish in** [**Jonah 2:2**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jonah+2:2&t1=en_nas)**,** [**2**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Jonah+2:2&t1=en_nas)**:4, and 2:7?**
      1. **An interesting note: WE BECOME LIKE THE GODS WE WORSHIP, Psalm 135:15-18, “**The idols of the nations *are* silver and gold,   
         The work of men’s hands. 16They have mouths, but they do not speak;   
         Eyes they have, but they do not see; 17They have ears, but they do not hear;   
         Nor is there *any* breath in their mouths. 18Those who make them are like them;   
         *So is* everyone who trusts in them.”
   3. **What was Jonah’s vow in verse 9?**
   4. **So, when did Jonah repent?** 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.

**2:10a, “So the Lord spoke to the fish…”**

1. **List God’s use of “downers” in relationship to God.**
   1. **“Down” to Joppa.**
   2. **“Down” in the ship.**
   3. **“Down” into the sides of the ship.**
   4. **“Down” into the fish’s gullet.**
   5. **“Down” to the bottoms of the mountains.**
   6. **“Down” to Sheol.**
2. **Is it unthinkable that God would speak to a fish? Give other examples.**
3. **Was Jonah’s repentance complete? Did he finally trust God?**
4. **Relate Matthew 12’s message with Jonah 2. Jesus said, *For 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 12:40**](http://www.studylight.org/desk/index.cgi?q1=Matthew+12:40&t1=en_nas)**). Jonah’s deliverance came after three days and nights had passed, providing a foreshadowing of Jesus resurrection.**

**2:10b, “And it vomited Jonah onto dry *land*.”**

1. **Why was Jonah reluctant?**
2. **Are there personal lessons to be learned from Jonah’s story?**
3. **Who is the “key” to this message?**
4. **What was the purpose of Jonah’s prayer?**
5. **Comment on this statement…..Jonah foreshadows Jesus in: he gave up his life for others; he appeared to experience the wrath of God; death did not hold him; after three days and nights of imprisonment, he was alive and free.**
6. **Since the Mediterranean Sea is 375 miles from Nineveh, where do you think the great fish vomited Jonah onto dryland?**
7. **What is Jonah 2’s message for today?**

***And, here are the promises:***

**Jonah 2:6-7, “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.”**

**Jonah 2:9, ““Those who regard worthless idols forsake their own Mercy. 9But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation *is* of the Lord.”**