

JONAH AND THE WHALE

story

1. The Lord called Jonah To go & warn Nineveh of God's coming judgment

He did not go. He wanted Nineveh destroyed. Because of disobedience He fled to Joppa

2) He booked passage on a ship to Tarshish (Spain)

1) The Lord stirred a great, violent storm

2) The seasoned sailors became very frightened

Sought their false gods

Threw the cargo overboard

1) He fell a sleep

2) He was awoken by the captain: For not praying in such an hour of danger & distress

1) The sailors cast lots to see who had aroused the wrath of the gods

2) The lot fell on Jonah

3) The sailors' eyes immediately focused on Jonah:

They quickly asked him questions

What had he done to bring this storm on them?

Who was he?

4) The prophet replied

He was a Hebrew

He worshipped the Lord of all, Creator of both sea & land

5) The sailors became terrified

Because Jonah was running away from the Lord

Because Jonah's God controlled the sea: It was getting far worse—rougher & rougher

1) The sailors asked Jonah for a solution j Jonah told them to through them over board

2) Jonah finally accepted the gravity of his sin

He was willing to die to save the sailors

3) The sailors did their best to save Jonah's life: Tried hard to reach land but could not

4) The sailors realized the situation was hopeless: Prayed for the Lord (the God of Jonah) to forgive them for taking Jonah's life

They threw Jonah overboard & the raging sea calmed immediately

They were amazed at the sudden change: Offered thanks to the Lord through a sacrifice & vowed to serve Him

1. The Lord saved Jonah

- a. He led a huge fish to swim by the ship & swallow Jonah^{DS1}
- b. He kept Jonah there for 3 days & 3 nights, Mt. 12:39-40

2. The Lord heard Jonah's prayer & cry of repentance

After 3 days and nights he was spud up on dry land

1. The prophet's second chance & his obedience, 1:1-2

He went to Nineveh

2. The Ninevites' conversion

- a. Jonah's message of judgment: Nineveh would be destroyed in 40 days
 - 1) The people believed God & repented:
 - 2) The king repented:
 - 3) The king issued a special decree calling on the entire nation to fast & repent
That no person or animal eat or drink anything
That both people & animals wear sackcloth

1) God saw their repentance

2) He had compassion: —held back His judgment & did not destroy them

1. The displeasure & anger of Jonah: Over Nineveh's being spared, 3:10

Is this an allegory or true story, really was a man swallowed by a fish

The whale say matt 12:40

Is there a whale big enough to swallow a man , there is and it has, and they lived

What was the miracle here. That God kept jonah alive for three days in the whale ,or is there another

Was jonah dead or alive in the whale

Matthew 12:38-40 (KJV)

³⁸ Then certain of the scribes and of the Pharisees answered, saying, Master, we would see a sign from thee.

³⁹ But he answered and said unto them, An evil and adulterous generation seeketh after a sign; and there shall no sign be given to it, but the sign of the prophet Jonas:

⁴⁰ For as Jonas was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

The question is what is the sign?

Note the words "as" and "so" in His statement; it seems likely that Jonah actually died in the belly of the great fish that swallowed him, and subsequently he was resurrected. Jonah 2:2 says he was in "the belly of hell

The Bible doesn't say that Jonah was alive inside the fish," second chapter of Jonah **Jonah 2:1-2 (KJV)**

¹ Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

² And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, *and* thou heardest my voice.

"To begin with, this man Jonah makes it very clear that the belly of the fish was his grave. A grave is a place for the dead

The important thing to note here is the Jonah cried unto the Lord out of the fish's belly, out of the belly of hell, out of the belly of sheol, out of the belly of the grave -- and that is the place for the dead. Jonah felt like he was there to die and that he was in his grave. You must remember that he did not write this account while he was inside the fish but afterward.

It is also not a question of whether a man can live in a fish. Men have been swallowed by a fish or by a whale and have lived to tell the story. There have been recorded some remarkable stories. So that leads me to say that, if you believe Jonah was alive inside the fish, that is not too great a miracle because other men have had the same experience.

It mean that he died? Then that means that God raised him from the dead!" "That's a greater miracle than Jonah's being kept alive in the fish for three days."

Jesus , his body was dead when they took him off the cross and when he was in the tomb, as jonas was so he was

For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me [Jonah 2:3].

We cannot treat this lightly. If Jonah lived in the fish, he also lived like a fish, because he was swamped by water. He says, "The floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me." In other words, Jonah is saying, "Jonah was fighting the water, the wet darkness." I personally feel that the Devil gets us to argue about that, while we miss the great truth of the resurrection.

Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple [Jonah 2:4].

"Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight" -- Jonah is speaking of death. "Yet I will look again toward thy holy temple." Jonah believed that he would be raised from the dead like we all do. The Israelites knew that Solomon's temple was the place to worship the living and true God. Jonah says, "I'm going to look again toward thy holy temple. God will raise me up again."

Does this sound to you like a man who is alive? --

The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head [Jonah 2:5].

"The waters compassed me about, even to the soul." He's saying, "I got drenched. The depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head." Jonah says, "I was down there, and I got these things all wrapped around my head." Do you think this man is describing a very pleasant weekend inside a fish? I don't think so.

I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God [Jonah 2:6].

"I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever." This is the way that death was spoken of. "The earth with her bars was about me for ever" -- Jonah is speaking here of the bars of death,

"Yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God." "Corruption" is death. The apostle Peter so used this word on the Day of Pentecost when he said that the Lord Jesus did not see corruption. The miracle about the Lord Jesus is that when He died He did not see corruption -- His body did not corrupt. That is the difference between Jonah's experience and our Lord's experience. Jonah did see corruption. His body apparently began to decay in those three days and three nights. "Yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption." This is a

definite statement by Jonah that he died. The miracle here is resurrection, and that is a much greater miracle than for a man to live for three days inside a fish.

I think it is very important that we have a book in the Old Testament which teaches the resurrection of Jesus Christ. the death of Christ and the resurrection of Christ. They are both taught in the Old Testament, and this book illustrates His resurrection.

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple [Jonah 2:7].

when jonah was swallowed by the fish, he was frightened. He began immediately to call out to God to deliver him as he found himself going down the throat of that fish.

"My soul fainted within me." It must have been at least minutes before Jonah lapsed into unconsciousness, but before he did, he said, "I remembered the LORD." This is when he prayed his prayer. Don't try to tell me that he prayed his prayer on the third day, after he'd spent three days in their under conviction and soul-searching! Jonah has said that his soul got wet, and now he says that his soul fainted with him -- that means he lost consciousness inside the fish.

"And my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple." Before he lapsed into unconsciousness and before death came to him, this man had already prayed his prayer.

Jonah Arrives On The Dry Land (2:10)

And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land [Jonah 2:10].

It just goes to show that you can't keep a good man down! Jonah is a different man now. He's made some vows to God, and one of them is that he is going to Nineveh.