

## JONAH

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A verse can express a spiritual truth even if it is in a story which may not be historical.

Each time the subject of a verse changes from “Yahweh”  
to “God” and vice versa, there is a new line.

(Because of Microsoft software problems, verses can independently move from where they have been placed. A ` has been placed on each vacant line in order to try to stop the verses from moving so much from where they have been placed.)

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<p><b>1:1</b> Now the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,</p> <p>2 Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.</p> <p>3 But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the Lord.</p> <p>4 ¶ But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.</p> <p>5 Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep.</p> <p>6 So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not.</p> <p>7 And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause</p>	<p><b>1:1</b> This word of Yahweh came to Jonah the son of Amittai,</p> <p>2 “Arise, go to Nineveh (the capital of the Neo-Assyrian Empire), that great city, and cry out against it; for the wickedness of the inhabitants of Nineveh has come up before Me.”</p> <p>3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish (in what is now Spain) from the presence of Yahweh and went down to Joppa (a port city of Israel), and he found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare and went down into the ship to go to Tarshish from the presence of Yahweh.</p> <p>4 But Yahweh sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea so that the ship was about to be broken apart.</p> <p>5 Then the mariners were afraid, and they all cried out to their gods and cast forth the loose stuff that was in the ship into the sea to lighten the ship. But Jonah had gone down below the deck of the ship, and he lay down and fell fast asleep.</p> <p>6 So the shipmaster came and said to him, “What do you mean, O sleeper? Arise, call upon Yahweh. It may be that He will have mercy upon us so that we will not perish.”</p> <p>7 And all the mariners said to each other, “Come and let us cast lots so that we may know who has</p>

<p>this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.</p> <p>8 Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou?</p> <p>9 And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land.</p> <p>10 Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.</p> <p>11 ¶ Then said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.</p> <p>12 And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.</p> <p>13 Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.</p> <p>14 Wherefore they cried unto the Lord, and said, We beseech thee, O Lord, we beseech thee, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O Lord, hast done as it pleased thee.</p> <p>15 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.</p> <p>16 Then the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the Lord, and made vows.</p> <p>17 ¶ Now the Lord had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.</p>	<p>caused this evil to come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.</p> <p>8 Then they said to him, “Please tell us who has caused this evil to come upon us. What is your occupation? And where did you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?”</p> <p>9 And Jonah said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear Yahweh the Deity of the heavens which has made the sea and the dry land.”</p> <p>10 Then the sailors were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “Why have you done this?” For the sailors knew that Jonah fled from the presence of Yahweh because he had told them.</p> <p>11 Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you so that the sea may be calm for us?” For the sea was rising and was tempestuous.</p> <p>12 And he said to them, “Take me up and cast me forth into the sea so that the sea shall be calm to you, for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.”</p> <p>13 Nevertheless, the sailors rowed hard to bring the ship to the land, but they could not; for the sea was worsening and was tempestuous against them.</p> <p>14 Therefore, they cried out to Yahweh, saying, “We beg You, O Yahweh; we beg You; do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not lay upon us innocent blood; for you, O Yahweh, have done as it pleased you.”</p> <p>15 So they took up Jonah and cast him forth into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.</p> <p>16 Then the sailors were exceedingly fearful of Yahweh and offered a sacrifice to Yahweh and made vows.</p> <p>17 Now Yahweh had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.</p>
<p>2:1 When Jonah prayed unto the Lord his God out of the fish's belly,</p> <p>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.</p> <p>3 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.</p> <p>4 Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will</p>	<p>2:1 When Jonah prayed to Yahweh his Deity out of the fish's belly,</p> <p>2 and said, “I cried out because of my affliction to Yahweh, and He heard me; out of the belly of hell I cried out, and You heard my voice.</p> <p>3 “For You had cast me into the deep in the midst of the seas, and the floods of water encompassed me; all Your billows and Your waves passed over me.</p> <p>4 “Then I said, ‘I am cast out of Your sight, yet I will</p>

<p>look again toward thy holy temple.  5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.  6 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.  7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.  8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.  9 But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the Lord.  10 ¶ And the Lord spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.</p>	<p>look again toward Your holy temple.’  5 “The waters encompassed me, even to the soul; the depth closed around me; the weeds were wrapped around my head.  6 “I went down to the bottom of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me forever; yet You have brought up my life from corruption, O Yahweh my Deity.  7 “When my <i>soul</i> [sprit] fainted within me, I remembered Yahweh; and my prayer came 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 Yahweh.”  10 And Yahweh spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.</p>
<p>3:1 And the word of the Lord came unto Jonah the second time, saying,  2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city, and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.  3 So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.  4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall 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 For word came unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him 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 any thing: let them not eat, nor drink water.  8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is</p>	<p>3:1 And this word of Yahweh came to Jonah the second time,  2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the preaching that I bid you.”  3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of Yahweh. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, requiring three days' journey to walk through it.  4 And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried out, “Yahweh says, ‘In forty days Nineveh shall be overthrown unless its people repent.’”  5 So the people of Nineveh believed Yahweh and proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest of them even to the least of them.  6 For word came to the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he took off his robe and put on 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 people nor animals, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not eat, nor drink water.  8 “But let all people and animals be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to Yahweh; yes, let all of them turn from their evil way and from the violence that is in their hands.</p>

<p>in their hands.  9 Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?  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 unto them; and he did it not.</p>	<p>9 “Who can tell if Yahweh will turn and repent of His fierce anger so that we do not perish?”  10 And Yahweh saw their works, that they turned from their evil ways, and Yahweh repented of the evil that He had said that He would do to them; and He did not do it.</p>
<p>4:1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.  2 And he prayed unto the Lord, and said, I pray thee, O Lord, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.  3 Therefore now, O Lord, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.  4 ¶ Then said the Lord, Doest thou well to be angry?  5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.  6 And the Lord God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.  7 But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.  8 And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, 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, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.  10 Then said the Lord, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:  11 And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and</p>	<p>4:1 But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.  2 And he prayed to Yahweh, saying, “I pray You, Yahweh, was not this my thought when I was still in my country? Therefore, I fled to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious Deity and merciful, slow to anger and very kind, and that You have been known to repent of evil.  3 “Therefore, O Yahweh, take, I beg you, my life from me now; for it is better for me to die than to live.”  4 Then Yahweh said, “Do you well to be angry?”  5 Then Jonah went out of the city and sat on the east side of the city, and he made a booth there and sat under it in its shadow till he might see what would become of the city.  6 And Yahweh prepared a gourd and made it come up over Jonah so that it might shade his head to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceedingly glad for the gourd.  7 But Yahweh prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it attacked the gourd, causing it to wither.  8 And it came to pass when the sun rose, that Yahweh prepared a strong east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he fainted and wished to die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”  9 And God said to Jonah, “Do you well to be angry for the gourd?” And Jonah said, “I do well to be angry, even to death.”  10 Then God said, “You have pitied the gourd for which you did not labor, neither made it 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 one hundred twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand, and also much</p>

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