

Introduction

Jonah was a prophet to the Gentiles in Ninevah. Read on your own Amos 1:3-2:16; 9:7, 12 for examples of God's redemptive work on behalf of Israel in his context of his dealings with the nations

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Matthew 12:38-40 reads, "Then some of the scribes and Pharisees said to him, 'Teacher, we wish to see a sign from you.' But he answered them, 'An evil and adulterous generation asks for a sign, but no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. For just as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the sea monster, so for three days and three nights the Son of Man will be in the heart of the earth.'"

Summary of Content

For a comparison to Jonah's prayer in chapter 2, read on your own the [Song of Hannah](#) in 1 Samuel 2:1-10

Chapter One

For evidence that God's Word is substantive, read on your own Genesis 1:1-2:3.

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Genesis 10:11-12 reads, "From that land (Nimrod) went into Assyria and built Nineveh, Rehoboth-ir, Calah, and Resen between Nineveh and Calah; that is the great city."

Nahum 2:9 reads, "There is no end of treasure! An abundance of every precious thing!"

Genesis 18:20-21 reads, "Then the Lord said, 'How great is the outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah and how very grave their sin! I must go down and see whether they have done altogether according to the outcry that has come to me, and if not, I will know.'"

Psalms 139:7-9 reads, "Where can I go from your spirit? Or where can I flee from your presence? If I ascend to heaven, you are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, you are there. If I take the wings of the morning and settle at the farthest limits of the sea..."

[Isaiah 50:5](#) reads, "The Lord God has opened my ear, and I was not rebellious; I did not turn backward"

[Psalm 135:7](#) reads, "(God) makes the clouds rise at the end of the earth; he makes lightnings for the rain and brings out the wind from his storehouses"

Proverbs 30:4 asks, "Who has gathered the wind in the hollow of the hand? Who has wrapped up the waters in a garment? Who has established all the ends of the earth?"

Acts 27:18-19, 38 reads, "We were being pounded by the storm so violently that on the next day they began to throw the cargo overboard, and on the third day with their own hands they threw the ship's tackle overboard... After they had satisfied their hunger, they lightened the ship by throwing the wheat into the sea."

In Mark 8:36 Jesus asks, "For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life?"

Matthew 5:44 reads, "I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you..."

Acts 28:4 reads, "When the local people saw the creature hanging from his hand, they said to one another, 'This man must be a murderer; though he has escaped from the sea, Justice has not allowed him to live.'"

1 Timothy 6:10 reads, "For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil, and in their eagerness to be rich some have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many pains."

1 Peter 3:15 (NLT) reads. "...if someone asks about your hope as a believer, always be ready to explain it."

1 Corinthians 1:18 reads, "For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God."

Chapter Two

Psalms 66:12 reads, "We went through fire and through water; yet you have brought us out to a spacious place."

1 Timothy 2:8 (CEV) reads, "I want everyone everywhere to lift innocent hands toward heaven and pray."

1 Corinthians 6:19 reads, "You surely know that your body is a temple where the Holy Spirit lives."

Jeremiah 3:22 reads, "Return, O faithless children, I will heal your faithlessness."

Psalms 42:7 reads, "Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your torrents; all your waves and your billows have gone over me."

Romans 3:23 reads, "...all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God".

Hebrews 11:1 reads, "faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen."

In Luke 22:32 Jesus tells Peter, "I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail, and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers"

As King David was surrounded by enemies and sure he would die, his confession of faith was "I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord" (Psalm 27:13).

Psalms 119:175 reads, "Let me live that I may praise you, and let your ordinances help me."

Isaiah 38:22 reads, "Hezekiah also had said, 'What is the sign that I shall go up to the house of the Lord?'"

Chapter Three

Read on your own [Luke 10:25-37](#) – "The Parable of the Good Samaritan"

Matthew 5:43-45 reads, "You have heard that it was said, 'You shall love your neighbor and hate your enemy.' But I say to you: Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you, so that you may be children of your Father in heaven."

Luke 9:23 Jesus says, "Then he said to them all, 'If any wish to come after me, let them deny themselves and take up their cross daily and follow me.'"

In Matthew 23:37 Jesus laments over Jerusalem and says, "Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it!"

[Luke 17:4](#) reads, "And if the same person sins against you seven times a day and turns back to you seven times and says, 'I repent,' you must forgive."

Jeremiah 31:34 reads, "I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more."

Jeremiah 31:33 reads, "I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people."

Read Matthew 18:15-17 on your own

Read on your own 2 Samuel chapters 11 and 12

Psalms 51:10 reads, "Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me"

In [Matt. 11:21, 23](#) Jesus says, "Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes... And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? No, you will be brought down to Hades. For if the deeds of power done in you had been done in Sodom, it would have remained until this day."

In Jeremiah 15:3-4 God tells the prophet to say to the people of Judah, "And I will appoint over them four kinds of destroyers, says the Lord: the sword to kill, the dogs to drag away, and the birds of the air and the wild animals of the earth to devour and destroy. I will make them a horror to all the kingdoms of the earth because of what King Manasseh son of Hezekiah of Judah did in Jerusalem."

Jeremiah 15:19 reads, "Therefore thus says the Lord: If you turn back, I will take you back, and you shall stand before me. If you utter what is precious and not what is worthless, you shall serve as my mouth. It is they who will turn to you, not you who will turn to them."

[1 Thessalonians 5:2](#) reads, "For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night."

Read on your own in Genesis 32:22-32 the story of Jacob wrestling with God.

Read on your own the books called 1st Kings and 2nd Kings in what we call the Old Testament for insight into which kings were true to Yahweh/God and which did evil in Yahweh/God's sight.

Isaiah 49:6 reads, "I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."