

Sunday, 5/24/2015, Session 2 Notes: "Ruin from Running" – Jonah 1:12-17

Note the [Map of Jonah's travels](#) showing God's intended route, then Jonah's intended route to Tarshish, and his *actual* route from what he thought would be his "escape ship", during the terrible storm, to the Syrian shores via a 3-day trip in isolated preservation, in the belly of a very large fish.

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[Jonah 1:12](#) – Jonah reads his own doom: *"Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea for I know that for my sake, this great storm is upon you."*

Jonah takes all the guilt upon himself. Not blaming others.

Jonah would not leap into the sea, but he put himself into the mariner's hands and assured them the sea would be calm. Jonah, in essence, judged himself to be cast overboard.

[Jonah 1:13](#) – The mariners did what they could to save themselves and Jonah.

"They rowed hard to bring the ship to land"... "If we have to dump him, let's get close to the land!"

"The sea became worse"; no matter how much they lightened the load, what made the ship heavy was a *backsliding prophet*. The wind of God's vengeance is strong; it is all in vain to try to row against it. The tides of God's judgment are rough. It is all in vain to try to plod through them.

[Jonah 1:14](#) – When they found it necessary to cast Jonah into the sea they first *PRAYED TO GOD*. They quit rowing and started praying.

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NOTE: *"They cried unto the Lord, and no more to the many gods, many lords, it was the true and living God."*

"They prayed to the God of Israel, being now convinced by the providences of God concerning Jonah and the information he had given them, that He is God alone."

These mariners saw Jonah as no ordinary person, but as a good man, a man of God and a worshipper of the Great Creator of heaven and earth.

These mariners trembled at the very thought of taking Jonah's life! They, thought, INNOCENT BLOOD IS PRECIOUS; SAINT'S BLOOD IS PRECIOUS, WHAT ABOUT A PROPHET'S BLOOD? They had a fear of incurring God's wrath – *"Touch not My anointed, and do my prophets no harm."* – [Psalm 105:15](#); [I Chronicles 16:22](#).

[Jonah 1:15](#) – Proceed with execution: *"They took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea."* – **WHAT RUIN WE RUN WHEN WE RUN FROM GOD!**

"And the sea ceased from its raging" – The Sovereign Power of God is manifested in the quickness of the calm.

[Jonah 1:16](#) – Confirmation for the Mariners: *"Then the men feared the Lord with a great fear and they offered a sacrifice to the Lord and made vows."*

[Jonah 1:17](#) – *"And the Lord appointed"* (arranged, provided, sent, prepared, made ready) *"a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights."*

1. God has command of all the creatures, and can make any one of them to serve his design of mercy.
2. This fish was prepared; lay ready under water close by the ship that he might keep Jonah from sinking to the bottom and to save him alive, though he deserved to die.
3. The fish swallowed him, not to devour him, but to protect him.
4. He was not consumed by the heat of the animal.
5. This is a monument of divine mercy.

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6. An encouragement for those who disobey.
7. A type of Christ who was buried and rose again according to the Scripture ([1 Cor. 15:4](#); [Matt. 12:40](#)). *“As Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale’s belly, so was the Son of man three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.”*
8. Jonah’s burial was a figure of Christ’s burial. God prepared Jonah’s grave, so he did Christ’s, when it was long ordained that he should make his grave with the rich ([Isa. 53:9](#)).

THE FISH WAS A MIRACLE FROM GOD! EVEN WHEN A DISOBEDIENT LIFE SHOWS – GOD DOES NOT SHUN, BUT PROTECTS. GOD SAID “GO” TO JONAH – JONAH SAID “NO” TO GOD, BUT THAT DID NOT END THE CONVERSATION – NOR THE RELATIONSHIP!