

# Jonah 1

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## **Jonah Flees from the Lord**

<sup>1</sup> Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

<sup>2</sup> Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me.

<sup>3</sup> 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.

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## **The Great Storm**

<sup>4</sup> 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.

<sup>5</sup> 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.

<sup>6</sup> 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.

<sup>7</sup> And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

<sup>8</sup> 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?

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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.

**15** So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

**16** Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.

**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.

## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

### Blood — דָּם (Dam)

Blood

The Hebrew **dam** (דָּם) means blood—representing life itself. 'The life of the flesh is in the blood' (Leviticus 17:11), and blood was required for atonement, foreshadowing Christ's sacrifice.

### Lord — יְהוָה / אֲדֹנָי (YHWH / Adonai)

The LORD / Lord

When 'LORD' appears in small capitals, it represents the Tetragrammaton **YHWH** (יְהוָה), God's personal covenant name meaning 'I AM.' When 'Lord' appears normally, it's **Adonai** (אֲדֹנָי), meaning 'my Lord,' emphasizing sovereignty.

### God — אֱלֹהִים (Elohim)

God (plural of majesty)

The Hebrew **Elohim** (אֱלֹהִים) is a plural form denoting majesty and fullness of deity. Though grammatically plural, it takes singular verbs when referring to the one true God, suggesting the Trinity's plurality within unity.

### Sacrifice — זֶבַח (Zevach)

Sacrifice, offering

The Hebrew **zevach** (זֶבַח) denotes a sacrifice or offering—an animal slaughtered for worship. Old Testament sacrifices foreshadowed Christ, 'the Lamb of God' (John 1:29).

### Heaven — שָׁמַיִם (Shamayim)

Heaven, sky

The Hebrew **shamayim** (שָׁמַיִם) means heaven or sky—God's dwelling place and the realm above earth. 'The heaven, even the heavens, are the LORD's' (Psalm 115:16), yet 'the heaven of heavens cannot contain Him' (1 Kings 8:27).

### Word — דָּבָר (Davar)

Word, thing, matter

The Hebrew **davar** (דָּבָר) means word, thing, or matter—God's creative and authoritative speech. 'By the word of the LORD were the heavens made' (Psalm 33:6).

## CROSS REFERENCES

**Jonah 1:1**    **Word:** 2 Kings 14:25. **Parallel theme:** Matthew 16:4; Luke 11:32

### Jonah 1:2

**Parallel theme:** Jonah 4:11; Genesis 10:11; 2 Kings 19:36; Isaiah 58:1; Nahum 1:1; Revelation 18:5. **Resurrection:** Jonah 3:2

**Jonah 1:3**    **References Lord:** Jonah 4:2; Genesis 4:16. **Parallel theme:** Joshua 19:46; 1 Kings 19:3; Isaiah 23:1; 23:6; 23:10; Acts 9:36; 9:43; 26:19

**Jonah 1:4** **Parallel theme:** Exodus 15:10; Psalms 135:7. **References Lord:** Exodus 10:19; 14:21; Numbers 11:31; Amos 4:13

**Jonah 1:5** **Parallel theme:** Judges 16:19; 1 Samuel 24:3; 1 Kings 18:26. **References God:** Isaiah 45:20; Jeremiah 2:28

**Jonah 1:6** **References God:** Jonah 3:9; 2 Samuel 12:22; Amos 5:15. **Parallel theme:** Acts 21:13. **Resurrection:** Ephesians 5:14

**Jonah 1:7** **Parallel theme:** Numbers 32:23; Joshua 7:10; Psalms 22:18; Proverbs 16:33; Matthew 27:35; Acts 13:19

**Jonah 1:8** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 47:3; 1 Samuel 14:43; 30:13. **Prayer:** Joshua 7:19; James 5:16

### **Jonah 1:9**

**Creation:** Nehemiah 9:6. **References God:** Ezra 1:2; Nehemiah 1:4; Psalms 136:26. **Parallel theme:** Genesis 14:13. **References Lord:** 2 Kings 17:25; 17:28

**Jonah 1:10** **References Lord:** Jonah 1:3. **Parallel theme:** Job 27:22

**Jonah 1:12** **Parallel theme:** Joshua 7:12; 2 Samuel 24:17; 1 Chronicles 21:17; Ecclesiastes 9:18; John 11:50; Acts 27:24

**Jonah 1:13** **Parallel theme:** Job 34:29; Proverbs 21:30

### **Jonah 1:14**

**Parallel theme:** Psalms 115:3; Matthew 11:26; Ephesians 1:11. **References Lord:** Jonah 1:16; Psalms 107:28; 135:6. **Blood:** Deuteronomy 21:8

**Jonah 1:15** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 89:9; 107:29; Luke 8:24

**Jonah 1:16** **Sacrifice:** Genesis 8:20; 2 Kings 5:17; Psalms 107:22. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 50:14; Ecclesiastes 5:4; Isaiah 26:9; Mark 4:31; Acts 5:11. **References Lord:** Jonah 1:10; Psalms 116:14

**Jonah 1:17** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 1:21; Matthew 12:40; 16:4; Luke 11:30. **References Lord:** Jonah 4:6; Habakkuk 3:2

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