

# Jonah 2

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## **Jonah's Prayer from the Fish**

- <sup>1</sup> Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,
- <sup>2</sup> 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.
- <sup>3</sup> 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.
- <sup>4</sup> Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple.
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- <sup>5</sup> The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.
- <sup>6</sup> 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.
- <sup>7</sup> When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.
- <sup>8</sup> They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.
- <sup>9</sup> But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.
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- <sup>10</sup> And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.

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## HEBREW & GREEK WORD STUDIES

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### 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.

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### Mercy — רַחֲמִים (Rachamim)

Compassion, mercy

The Hebrew **rachamim** (רַחֲמִים) derives from 'womb' (rechem), suggesting tender, maternal compassion. God's mercies are 'new every morning' (Lamentations 3:23), showing His compassionate nature.

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### Holy — קָדוֹשׁ (Qadosh)

Holy, set apart

The Hebrew **qadosh** (קָדוֹשׁ) means holy or set apart—separated from common use for God's purposes. God is 'the Holy One of Israel,' utterly distinct from creation in moral perfection.

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### 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).

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### 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.

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## CROSS REFERENCES

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**Jonah 2:1**    **Parallel theme:** Job 13:15; Psalms 50:15; 91:15. **Prayer:** Isaiah 26:16; James 5:13

**Jonah 2:2**    **References Lord:** 1 Samuel 30:6; Psalms 34:6; 120:1. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 22:24; 86:13; 116:3; Isaiah 14:9; Matthew 12:40; Luke 22:44; Hebrews 5:7

**Jonah 2:3**    **Parallel theme:** Psalms 42:7; Lamentations 3:54

**Jonah 2:4**    **Parallel theme:** 2 Chronicles 6:38; Psalms 31:22; Isaiah 38:17; Jeremiah 7:15; Daniel 6:10. **Holy:** Psalms 5:7

**Jonah 2:5** **Parallel theme:** Psalms 40:2; Lamentations 3:54

**Jonah 2:6** **References Lord:** Psalms 30:3. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 16:10; Isaiah 38:17

**Jonah 2:7** **Temple:** Psalms 18:6. **Holy:** 2 Chronicles 30:27; Psalms 11:4; 65:4. **References Lord:** 1 Samuel 30:6; Psalms 20:7; 27:13. **Parallel theme:** Psalms 143:5

**Jonah 2:8** **Parallel theme:** 1 Samuel 12:21; 2 Kings 17:15; Psalms 31:6; Jeremiah 2:13; 10:8; 16:19

**Jonah 2:9**

**Salvation:** Psalms 3:8; 50:23; 68:20; Isaiah 45:17; Revelation 7:10. **Parallel theme:** Job 22:27; Psalms 50:14. **Sacrifice:** Romans 12:1; Hebrews 13:15. **References Lord:** Hosea 14:2

**Jonah 2:10** **Parallel theme:** Genesis 1:3; 1:7; 1:9; 1:11; 1:14; Psalms 33:9; 105:31; 105:34; Isaiah 50:2. **References Lord:** Jonah 1:17

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