

Notes for Jonah 2

Hebrew & Greek pronunciation spelled phonetically

Jonah (*Yo-nuh*) - a prophet in the northern kingdom of Israel during the reign of Jeroboam II (793–753 BC). He was a Galilean from Gath Hephher in Zebulun a few miles N. of Nazareth.

Jonah means “dove” in Hebrew. Symbol of peace.

10 Miracles in Book of Jonah

- 1) v 1:4 "The Lord hurled a great wind on the sea"
- 2) v 1:7 "the lot fell on Jonah"
- 3) v 1:15 "the sea stopped its raging"
- 4) v 1:17 "the Lord appointed a great fish"
- 5) v 2:1 "Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish"
- 6) v 2:10 "the Lord commanded the fish ... it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land"
- 7) v 3:10 "God saw their deeds ... they turned from their wicked way"
- 8) v 4:6 "the Lord God appointed a plant"
- 9) v 4:7 "God appointed a worm"
- 10) v 4:8 "God appointed a scorching east wind"

Joppa (*Yah-Po*) - a port city known today as Jaffa (*Yah-fo*)

Nineva (*Nin-uh-vuh*) was the capital of the Assyrian empire located on the Tigris River about 600 miles NE of Israel, so nearly from Grangeville to Denver. It was founded by Nimrod, the grandson of Noah (see Genesis 10:6-12)

Tarshish (*Tar-sheesh*) has been associated with Sicily and England, but the best evidence puts it 2500 miles west of Joppa on the Atlantic coast of Spain, near the city of Cadiz.

Dag (*dawg*) – Hebrew for fish (i.e., Genesis 9:2)

Tannin (*Tan-EEN*) – Hebrew for whale (i.e., Genesis 1:21)

Shē'ōl (*shay-Ol*) – in Greek, Hades (Hay-deez). Hell. Called in Job “the farthest place from God”. It is where Lazarus was when in “Abraham’s Bosom”. Also called “the pit,” “underworld” and “the abode of the dead”.

Psalm 139:8 - *If I ascend into heaven, You are there;
If I make my bed in hell, behold, You are there.* (ESV)

Isaiah 38:10 - *I said, In the middle of my days I must depart; I am consigned to the gates of Sheol for the rest of my years.* (ESV)

Hebrews 4:16 - *Let us therefore come boldly to the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need.* (ESV)

In his prayer, Jonah quoted from Psalms 18; 30; 31; 42; 69; 120; 130; and 142.

The most significant statement in the Book of Jonah is in 2:9 — “Salvation is of the LORD.”

1 Thessalonians 5:17 - *pray without ceasing*

As Believers we Want to Pray Always...Even When We Mess up

Obedying God’s Will brings blessings to us and to others through us. We will obtain our best Christian life if we do. As a Believer the idea of disobeying our Heavenly Father should offend us, but we often do so anyway. Because we are of the flesh and sinful. We are human.

We tend to think that God only hears the prayers of “good” Believers and ignores the prayers of those in rebellion or weakness.

Us being in rebellion, us being faithless, does not mean God automatically give up on us. If we do intentionally disobey Him, we often times stray from under His wings. This leaves us vulnerable to attacks of the enemy because we lose divine protection.

Our Heavenly Father is loving, forgiving, patient and merciful. He does hear our prayers.

When we ask Him, even in times of weakness, God hears us and, according to His Will, answers our prayers.