

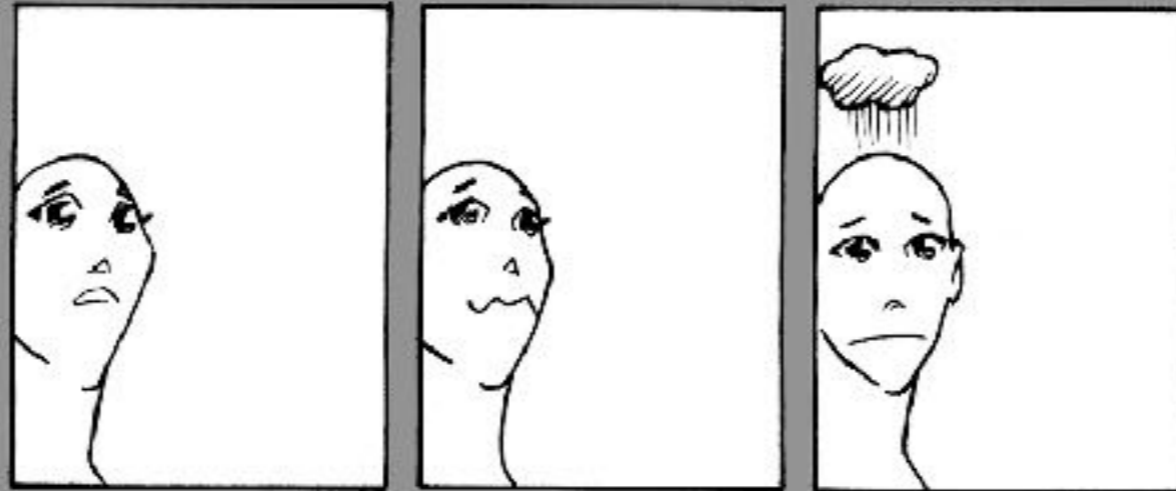
Salvation
Belongs to
Jehovah



Jonah

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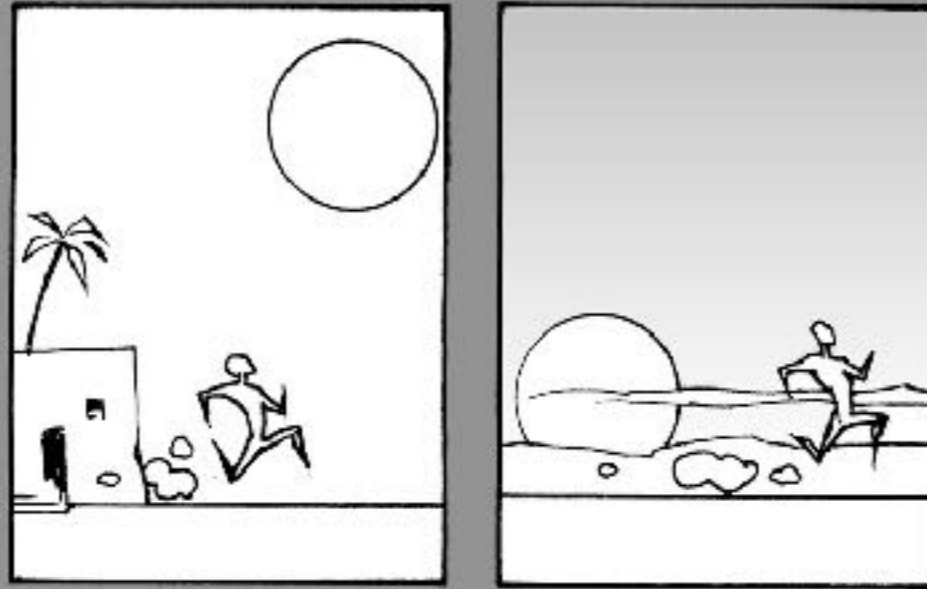
Jonah 1:2



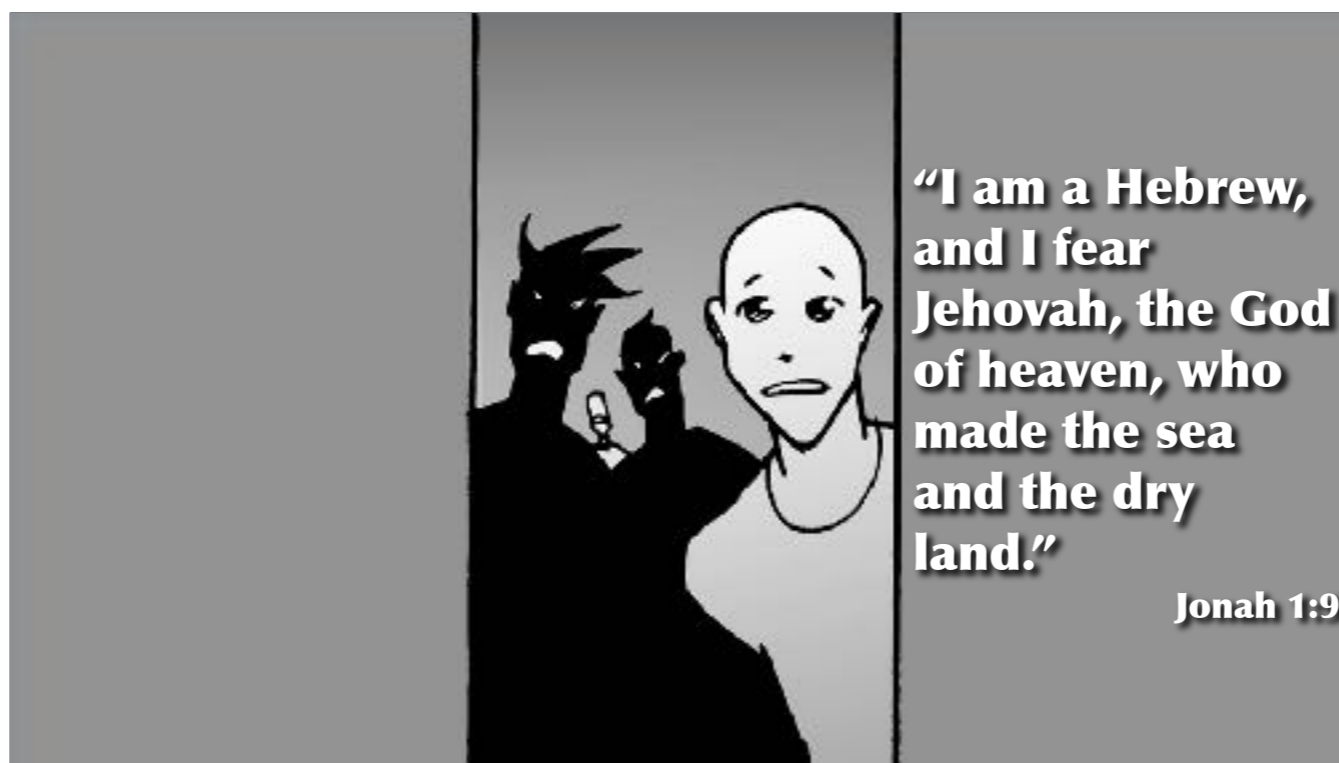
- Jonah 1:2 (ESV) “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”
- Don’t know exactly how Jonah felt about this command, but it’s obvious he didn’t want to go.

Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of Jehovah ... away from the presence of Jehovah.

Jonah 1:3



- Jonah 1:3 (ESV) But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the Lord. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the Lord.
- Jonah 4:2 (ESV) And he prayed to the Lord and said, "O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why **I made haste to flee to Tarshish**; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.



- Jonah 1:9 (ESV) And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

**For the men
knew that he was
fleeing from the
presence of
Jehovah, because
he had told
them.
Jonah 1:10**



- Jonah 1:10 (ESV)
- 10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the Lord, because he had told them.



- Jonah 1:15 (ESV) So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging.



- Jonah 1:17 (ESV) 17 And the Lord appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

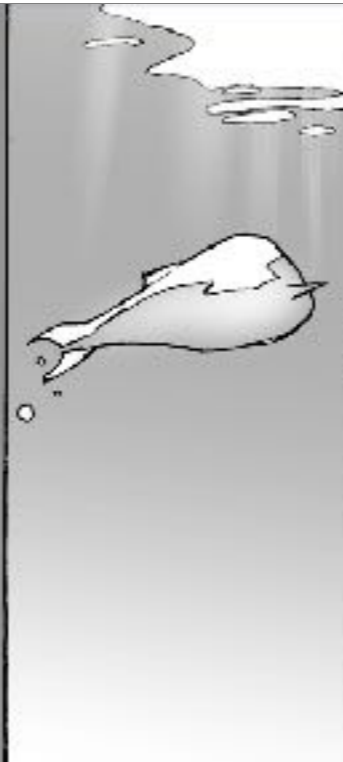
**Then Jonah
prayed to Jehovah
his God from the
bell of the fish.**

Jonah 2:1



- Jonah 2:1 (ESV) Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish,

**I called out to
Jehovah, out of
my **distress**, and
He answered me;**

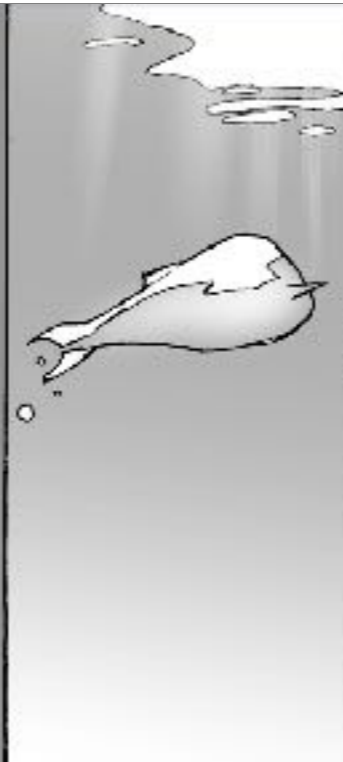


**out of the belly of
Sheol I cried, and
you heard my
voice.**

Jonah 2:2

- 2 “I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,
- and he answered me;
- out of the belly of Sheol I cried,
- and you heard my voice.

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Jonah 2:2

- 2 “I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,
- and he answered me;
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- and you heard my voice.



- Jonah 2:4 (ESV) 4 Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'
- Jonah 2:7 (ESV) 7 When my life was fainting away, I remembered the Lord, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.

**Yet You brought
up my life from
the pit, O Jehovah
my God.**

Jonah 2:6

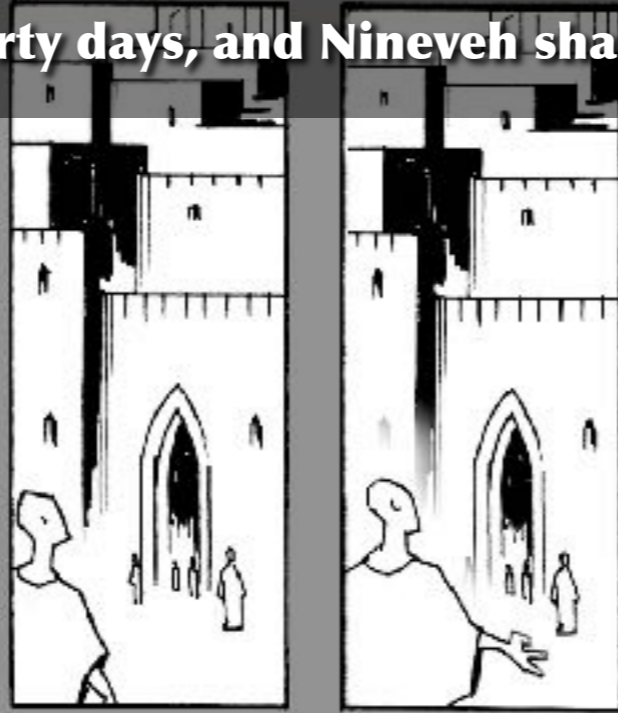


- Jonah 2:6 (ESV)
- 6 at the roots of the mountains.
- I went down to the land
- whose bars closed upon me forever;
- yet you brought up my life from the pit,
- O Lord my God.



- Jonah 2:9 (ESV) 9 But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the Lord!”
- He said this while he was still inside the fish!

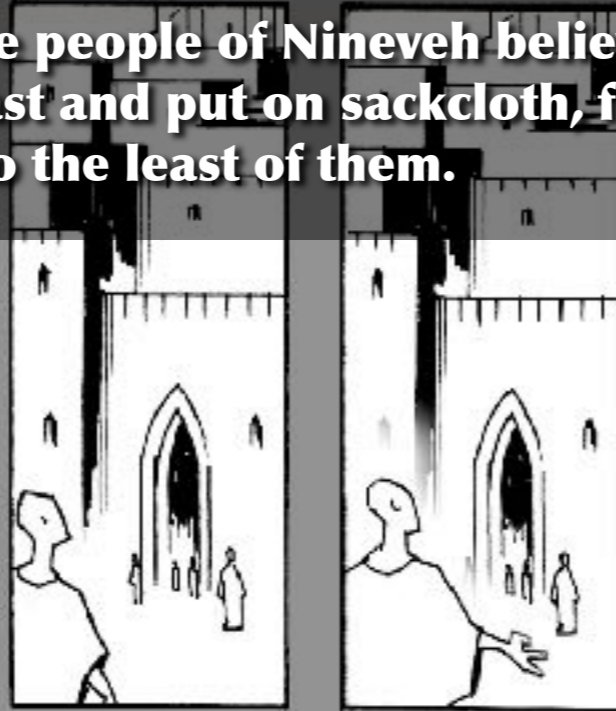
“Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”
Jonah 3:4



- Jonah 3:4 (ESV)
- 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

Jonah 3:5



- Jonah 3:5 (ESV) And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.
- Jonah 3:10 (ESV) 10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry.

Jonah 4:1



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**Therefore now,
O Jehovah,
please take my
life from me, for
it is better for
me to die than
to live.
Jonah 4:3**



- Jonah 4:2-4 (ESV) 2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish;
- for I knew that you are a **gracious** God and **merciful, slow to anger** and **abounding in steadfast love**, and **relenting** from disaster.
- 3 Therefore now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.”



- 4 And the Lord said, “Do you do well to be angry?”



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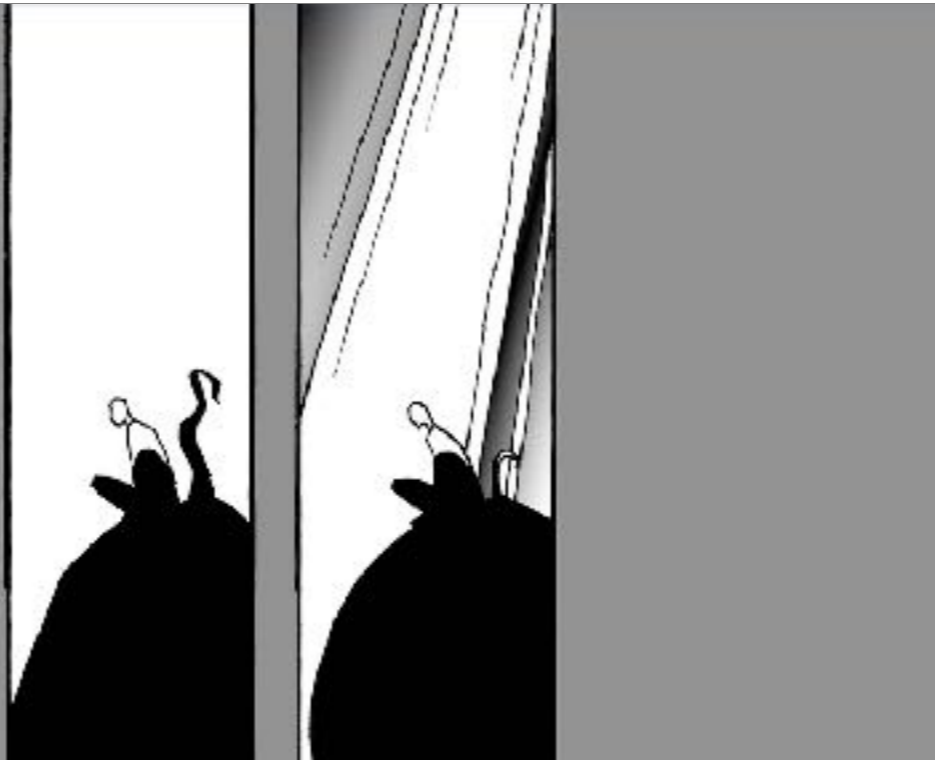
- Jonah 4:7-11 (ESV) 7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered.



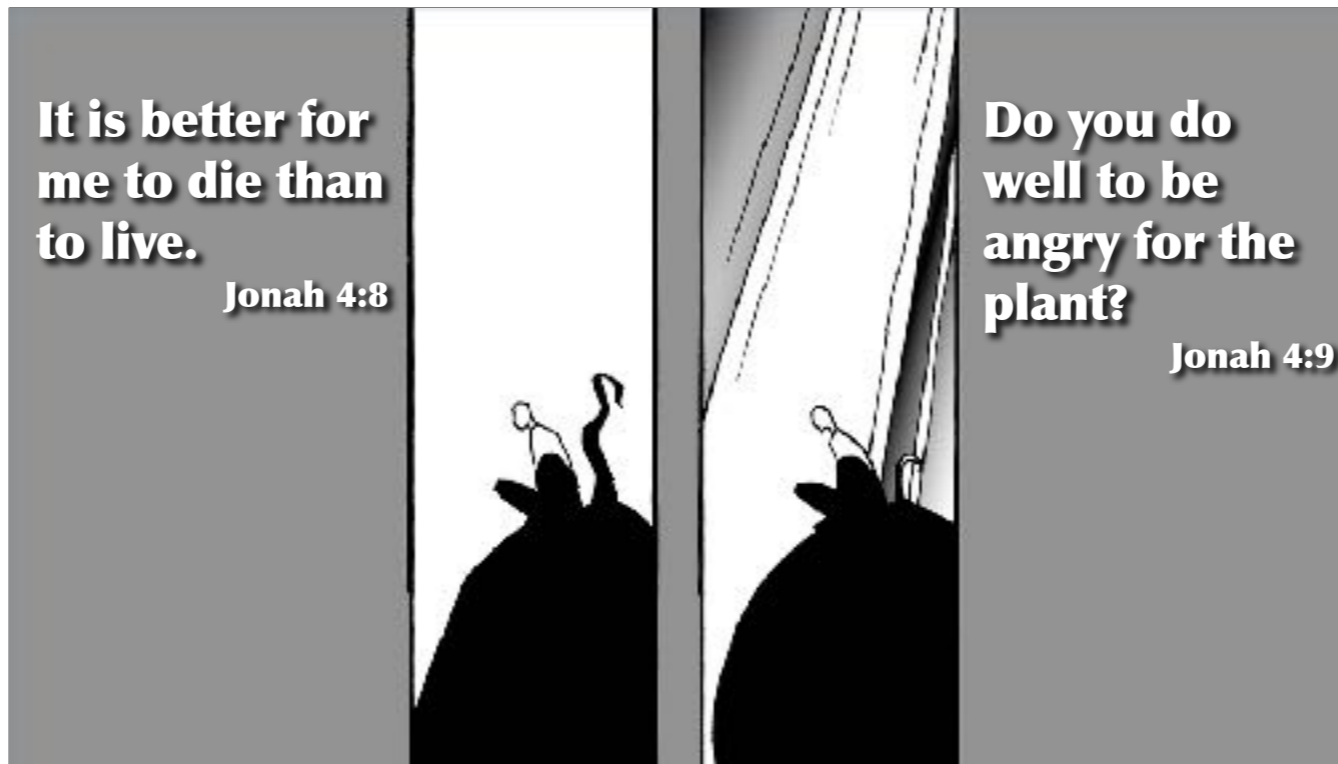
- 8 When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint.

**It is better for
me to die than
to live.**

Jonah 4:8



- And he asked that he might die and said, “It is better for me to die than to live.”



- 9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?"

**It is better for
me to die than
to live.**

Jonah 4:8

**Yes, I do well
to be angry,
angry enough
to die**

Jonah 4:9



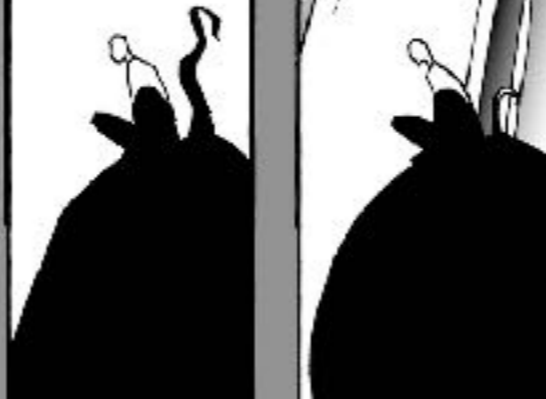
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Jonah 4:9

- And he said, “Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.”

“You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night.”

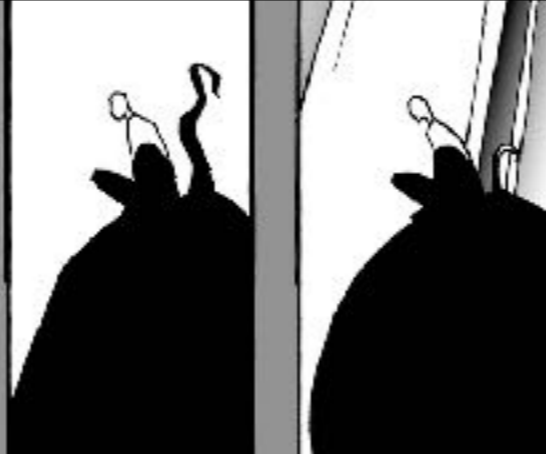
Jonah 4:10



- 10 And the Lord said, “You **pity** the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night.”

And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

Jonah 4:11



- 11 And should not I **pity** Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"
- God's steadfast love!
 - wicked ... needed to repent
 - God pitied still.



- Jonah presents us with an overall negative attitude toward God in this book.
- Instructive for forcing us to think about how we think about God during difficult times.

Jehovah's Presence

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Jonah tried to flee from the presence of Jehovah

- Really, Jonah knew this...
 - Jonah 1:9: And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."
 - Yet still tried to escape his God.

Jehovah's Presence

Jonah tried to flee from the presence of Jehovah

Jonah found God...

- Jonah found God everywhere he went!

Jehovah's Presence

Jonah tried to flee from the presence of Jehovah

Jonah found God...
in the sea — 1:4

- in the sea 1:4

Jehovah's Presence

Jonah tried to flee from the presence of Jehovah

Jonah found God...

in the sea — 1:4

in the fish — 1:17; 2:1, 10

- in the belly of the fish: 1:17; 2:1, 10

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in Nineveh — 3:5, 10; 4:5-11

- Even in the wicked city of Nineveh: 3:5, 10; 4:5-11
 - 3:5: people believed
 - 3:10: God saw
 - 4:5-11: God's interaction with Jonah outside the city, while he waited to see what would happen

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- Where do we find Jehovah?
- Hebrews 13:5-6 (ESV) 5 Keep your life free from love of money, and be content with what you have, for he has said, "I will never leave you nor forsake you." 6 So we can confidently say, "The Lord is my helper; I will not fear; what can man do to me?"
- We need to get in step with God's plan and go...
 - do what he would have us to do
 - His message of salvation is still for the whole world

Jehovah's Appointing

- Jehovah's appointing

(TWOT) The idea appoint or ordain is usual in the intensive stems. Twice in Dan. (1:5, 10) and four times in Jonah (1:17 [H 2:1]; 4:6-8), inanimate things-Daniel's food, Jonah's fish, the gourd, worm, and hot wind-are under the control of God.

The specific idea conveyed by (e.g.) the Jonah passages reflects this divine activity.

Jehovah's Appointing

➤ Great Fish – Jonah 1:17

➤ Plant – Jonah 4:6

➤ Worm – Jonah 4:7

➤ Scorching Wind – Jonah 4:8

- Great fish
- Plant
- Worm
- Scorching wind

- God hurled the storm also!
 - “Appoint” not used... but, concept is still true?

Jehovah's Appointing

➤ **Great Fish – Jonah 1:17**

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Did Jehovah Appoint Jonah?

- Did Jehovah appoint Jonah?
 - to go to Nineveh to preach repentance and warn of being overthrown?
 - the scriptures don't specifically say this
 - Jonah 1:1-2 (ESV) 1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me."

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Did Jehovah Appoint Jonah?

- Jonah knew God was good and ready to forgive!
 - Jonah 4:2 (ESV) 2 And he prayed to the Lord and said, “O Lord, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster.
 - Ironical that he knew of God's gracious love and mercy so well that he anticipated God would forgive Nineveh.
 - We tend to go the other direction and constantly question God's goodness!
- All these things that God appoints are because of his grace, mercy and love that we can depend on every day.

Jehovah's Appointing

Salvation ➤ Great Fish – Jonah 1:17

Save ➤ Plant – Jonah 4:6

➤ Worm – Jonah 4:7

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Believe Did Jehovah Appoint Jonah?

- Why?
 - The Fish: Salvation is of Jehovah! (2:9)
 - despite trying to flee, rebellion, disobedience
 - Plant:
 - 4:6: to save him from his discomfort
 - Worm:
 - Scorching Wind:
 - Teach pity; stop being angry, start loving; seeing the beauty of forgiveness!
 - Nineveh: believed God (3:5)

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Believe Did Jehovah Appoint Jonah?

- What has God appointed me to do?
- Salvation and Belief
 - Salt of the earth, Light of the world (Mt. 5)
 - Go to all nations, make disciples, baptize, teaching (Mt. 28)
- What will you do?
 - Run away or Go?
 - Anger or Joy?
- What can you do today?

Anger

- Why did Jonah flee in haste?
 - He didn't want God to relent from destroying Nineveh! (4:2)
 - He wanted Nineveh to be destroyed.
- Jonah "displeased exceedingly (4:1) and Angry (4:1)
- God twice asked about his anger: Do you do will to be angry?
 - Once for Nineveh (4.4)
 - Once for the Plant (4.9)
 - Once Jonah justified his anger: (4.9)
 - Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die.
- Are you struggling with anger right now?
 - God isn't doing what I think he should do.
 - Doing good or ending evil?
 - God is doing what I don't think He should.
- Do you do well to be angry?
- God is moved to help by his grace, mercy, steadfast love (4:2)
 - He is slow to anger and relents from disaster (4.2)
 - Pity (4:11) for his creatures: though wicked.
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Prayer

- Prayer plays an amazingly big role in this short book.

Prayer

Jonah didn't pray when he fled — 1:3

- Jonah didn't pray when he tried to flee (1:3)

Prayer

Jonah didn't pray when he fled – 1:3

Jonah didn't pray during storm – 1:11

- Jonah didn't pray when on the ship during storm (1:11)
- Sailors prayed for mercy (1:15)

Prayer

Jonah didn't pray when he fled – 1:3

Jonah didn't pray during storm – 1:11

Jonah did pray while sinking – 2:1, 7

- Jonah prayed while sinking in the sea (2:1, 7)

Prayer

Jonah didn't pray when he fled – 1:3

Jonah didn't pray during storm – 1:11

Jonah did pray while sinking – 2:1, 7

Jonah did pray while in the fish – 2:1

- Jonah prayed while in the fish (2:1)

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- Jonah prayed when he was angry (4:2)
 - “take my life”

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Prayer

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- When do you pray?
 - When you don't want to do what you know God wants you to do?
 - Helps us to submit to His will.
 - When you are in distress?
 - Helps us to remember that salvation belongs to Jehovah!
 - When you are angry?
 - Helps us to remember God's compassion, and the compassion we should have.

Prayer

Pray without ceasing

1 Thessalonians 5:17

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Jonah didn't pray during storm – 1:11

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• PRAY.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:17 (ESV) pray without ceasing,
- Luke 18:1 (ESV) 1 And he told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

Prayer

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- God hears our prayers! 2:2
 - 2:2: “I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and **he answered me**; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and **you heard my voice**.
 - Even though Jonah disobeyed, God heard his prayer!
 - 2:7: and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.
 - 4:4: And the Lord said, “Do you do well to be angry?”
 - Even when sinfully angry, God heard Jonah’s prayer!
- PRAY!

Pray

without ceasing
1 Thessalonians 5:17

- PRAY!
 - because God is present.
 - because God appoints things for our salvation
 - because it helps us cope with anger, and other emotions, in our distress

**We implore you on
behalf of Christ,
be reconciled to God.**

2 Corinthians 5:20

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God Appointed

Jonah

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