

Jonah's Psalm of Thanksgiving

(1:17–2:10)

Intro: As we learned last week, the LORD commissioned Jonah to take His message of love and forgiveness to the wicked people of Nineveh, but Jonah rebelled. He caught a ship sailing to Tarshish 2,000 miles in the opposite direction of Nineveh. The LORD hurled a great storm upon the sea to discipline Jonah. The sailors, following Jonah's instructions, threw him into the raging sea and it became calm. The LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and he was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights (v. 17). Chapter 2 presents Jonah's beautiful Psalm of Thanksgiving in which he praises God for sending the great fish to rescue him from drowning.

First Episode: Jonah's Commissioning and Flight (1:1-3)

Second Episode: Jonah and the Pagan Sailors (1:4-16)

Third Episode: Jonah's Psalm of Thanksgiving (1:17–2:10)



Note: Jonah's Psalm of Thanksgiving (2:2b-9) is framed by an introduction (1:17-2:2a) and a conclusion (2:10), both of which concern the "great fish."

A. Jonah's rescue by a great fish (1:17)

B. Jonah's psalm of thanksgiving (2:1-9)

1. Jonah's prayer to Yahweh (2:1-2)

2. Jonah's predicament recounted (2:3-6)

3. Jonah's promise to sacrifice to Yahweh (2:7-9)

C. Jonah's release from the great fish (2:10)

Seven Episodes in Jonah

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| 7 Jonah's lesson about compassion (4:5-11) God: "Should I not pity the Ninevites?" | |
| 3 Jonah's grateful prayer (1:17-2:10) <i>How does Jonah respond to God's grace toward him?</i> | 6 Jonah's angry prayer (4:1-4) <i>How does Jonah respond to God's grace toward others?</i> |
| 2 Jonah and the pagan sailors (1:4-16) <i>How responsive are the pagan sailors?</i> | 5 Jonah & the pagan Ninevites (3:3b-10) <i>How responsive are the pagan Ninevites?</i> |
| 1 Jonah's commissioning and flight (1:1-3) <i>What will happen to Jonah?</i> | 4 Jonah's recommissioning & compliance (3:1-3a) <i>What will happen to the Ninevites?</i> |

Outline

- A Jonah's Commissioning And Flight (1:1-3)
 - B Jonah and the Pagan Sailors (1:4-16)
 - C Jonah's Grateful Prayer (1:17-2:10)
- A' Jonah's Recommissioning and Compliance (3:1-3a)
 - B' Jonah and the Pagan Ninevites (3:3b-10)
 - C' Jonah's Angry Prayer (4:1-4)
- D Jonah's Lesson About Compassion (4:5-11)
 - God: "Should I Not Pity the Ninevites?"**