

THE BOOK OF THE PROPHET JONAH

CHAPTER 1:11-17

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INTRODUCTION

to the text

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LIVING IN THE WILL OF GOD

1.) Reasons for the Storm

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Reasons for the Storm

The World is Watching

1a.) Unavoidable Troubles

Verse 11

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***I Wonder How Often, is the World Spectator
to what God is doing with His people!***

*Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you
that the sea may be calm for us?"--*

"What shall we do...?"

There are "Unavoidable Troubles" in Life Storms!

God is Always Executing His Perfect Plan

I believe that God will intervene in National affairs
To bring about His purpose in His children's lives

I believe that God will intervene in Governmental affairs
To bring about His purpose in His children's lives

I believe that God will intervene in Company affairs

To bring about His purpose in His children's lives

I believe that God will intervene in Personal affairs

To bring about His purpose in His children's lives

Here, These Pagan Sailors are Stuck in between

A Run-Away Prophet and the God of heaven,
who made the sea and the dry land."

Reasons for the Storms

The World is Watching and God is Working

Another Evangelistic Opportunity for Jonah

Does Jonah answer Them;

"Repent and Trust in the LORD lest you perish. God alone can forgive of your sins,
turn to Him..."

That wasn't Jonah's Answer – But It was God's Answer

Matthew 5:16

"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works and glorify
your Father in heaven.

Lights shine the brightest against a dark background
Diamonds are always placed against a dark backdrop
It shows their true colors

1 Corinthians 10:31

Therefore, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
do all to the glory of God.

John 14:27-31

"Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid. ²⁸ "You have heard Me say to you, 'I am going away and coming back to you.' If you loved Me, you would rejoice because I said, 'I am going to the Father,' for My Father is greater than I. ²⁹ "And now I have told you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe. ³⁰ "I will no longer talk much with you, for the ruler of this world is coming, and he has nothing in Me. ³¹ "But **that the world may know** that I love the Father, and as the Father gave Me commandment, so I do. Arise, let us go from here.

John 17:20-23

"I do not pray for these alone, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word; ²¹ "that they all may be one, as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You; that they also may be one in Us, that the world may believe that You sent Me. ²² "And the glory which You gave Me I have given them, that they may be one just as We are one. ²³ "I in them, and You in Me; that they may be made perfect in one, and **that the world may know** that You have sent Me, and have loved them as You have loved Me.

Our Christian Lives are Being Lived Out That the World Might Know

...THAT THE LORD, HE IS GOD

1 Thessalonians 5:18

in everything (difficulties) give thanks;
for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

For the sea was growing more tempestuous.

Acts 14:19-22

Then Jews from Antioch and Iconium came there; and having persuaded the multitudes, they stoned Paul and dragged him out of the city, supposing him to be dead. ²⁰ However, when the disciples gathered around him, he rose up and went into the city. And the next day he departed with Barnabas to Derbe. ²¹ And when they had preached the gospel to that city and made many disciples, they returned to Lystra, Iconium, and Antioch, ²² strengthening the souls of the disciples, exhorting them to

continue in the faith, and saying, "We must through many tribulations enter the kingdom of God."

(Because The World is Watching)

Reasons for the Storm **The World is Watching**

1b.) Avoidable Decisions

Verse 12-13

...And Jonah said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will become calm for you. For I know that this great tempest is because of me." "
¹³ Nevertheless the men rowed hard to return to land, but they could not, for the sea continued to grow more tempestuous against them.

Jonah 1:3a

But Jonah arose 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...

When We Sin Privately, We Affect Others Publicly

If these unbelievers would have known what was going to happen, would they have allowed Jonah on the ship?

“Welcome to Pagan-Line Cruises”

Please Answer the Following Questions:

#1 - Did you pack your bags today?

#2 - Have your bags in your possession the entire time?

#3 - Has anyone asked you to carrying anything with you today?

Thank you, Mr. Jonah, have a safe... *swallowing!*

#4 – Do have healthy and personal relationship with God today?

**Jonah is Going to Pay the Price for Sin
But it will involve in the Lives others too**

Jonah is Being Consumed by his Own Will
“I’d rather be died then see Those Ninevites Saved”

We will throw ourselves into the stupidest, and most dangerous situations when we refuse to follow God.

Those “Avoidable Decisions”

Happen when we put ourselves in places and in situation that we shouldn’t be in.

Matthew 16:24

Then Jesus said to His disciples, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him **deny** himself, and **take up** his cross, and **follow** Me.

Deny (divorce himself, refuse, reject his our desire = **not my will**)

Take up (to sail away. To hoist up and go, to walk on = **but your will**)

Follow to walk with another. To be in concert with, agreement = **be done**

How Do We Avoid Bad Decisions?

Proverbs 3:4-6

And so to find favor and high esteem in the sight of God and man. ⁵ **Trust** in the LORD with all your heart, and **lean not** on your own understanding; ⁶ In all your ways **acknowledge** Him, and **He shall direct** your paths.

Trust / Stop Leaning / Consult Him / Get Up and Go

LIVING IN THE WILL OF GOD

2.) Reactions to the Storm

vv. 14-15

14 Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, "We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You." 15 So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging

There will be Reactions to the Storms

2a.) Acts of Conversion

Verse 14

Jonah's First Converts to the God of Israel

"Get Use to Disappointment Jonah!"

Therefore they cried out to the LORD and said, "We pray, O LORD, please do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not charge us with innocent blood; for You, O LORD, have done as it pleased You."

"Therefore, they cried out to the LORD"

They Prayed

The Reality of God's Existence
Led Them to Call Out to God in Desperation
God Simply Overwhelmed Them

Psalm 46:10-11

Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth! ¹¹ The LORD of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge. Selah

Deuteronomy 32:43

"Rejoice, O Gentiles, with His people; for He will avenge the blood of His servants, and render vengeance to His adversaries; He will provide atonement for His land and His people."

Psalm 117:1

Praise the LORD, all you Gentiles! Laud Him, all you peoples!

Reactions to the Storm

2b.) Lead to Immediate results

Verse 15

*So they picked up Jonah and threw him into the sea,
and the sea ceased from its raging.*

Miracle in Reverse!

The sea became unusually calm, and that in an Instant!

Matthew 8:24-27

And suddenly a great tempest arose on the sea, so that the boat was covered with the waves. But He was asleep. ²⁵ Then His disciples came to Him and awoke Him, saying, "Lord, save us! We are perishing!" ²⁶ But He said to them, "Why are you fearful, O you of little faith?" Then He arose and rebuked the winds and the sea, and there was a great calm. ²⁷ So the men marveled, saying, "Who can this be, that even the winds and the sea obey Him?"

**Think How Many of Us can Confess
this Great Calm now that we Belong to Jesus!**

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3.) Results of the Storm

vv. 16-17

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3a.) Acts of Worship

Verse 16

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

Feared

(Reverential awe, awe struck)

Offered

(An animal blood sacrifice)

3b.) Acts of Invitation

Verse 16

Vows

(Enacted a promise, or to swear an oath to God)

THEY “DEDICATED OR PRESENTED” THEMSELVES TO GOD

HOW IS THAT DONE TODAY, TOWARD GOD?

I John 5:11-13

And this is the testimony: that God has given us eternal life, and this life is in His Son.
¹² He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. ¹³ These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, that you may know that you have eternal life, and that you may continue to believe in the name of the Son of God.

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

Acts of Worship Followed Their Conversion

***They “feared the LORD”
and offered a sacrifice to the LORD***

LORD

Yehovah (yeh-ho-vaw');

The self-Existent or Eternal; Jehovah,
The Jewish national name for God:

***Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah. And Jonah was in
the belly of the fish three days and three nights.***

The LORD had prepared “Appointed”
fish was already in existence, swimming

3c.) Acts of God’s Will

Verse 17

***And Jonah was in the belly of the fish
three days and three nights.***

**There is no Evidence Here to Support The View That
Jonah Survived This.**

**We assume that Jonah laid there in the belly of the fish until
he was vomited up on shore**

**It is the “Then” word of Chapter 2
That gives us some insight...**

Jonah 2:1

Then (after the three days and nights) that Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the fish's belly.

Luke 11:29-30

And while the crowds were thickly gathered together, He began to say, "This is an evil generation. It seeks a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet. ³⁰ "For as Jonah became a sign to the Ninevites, so also the Son of Man will be to this generation.

Matthew 12:38-40

Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered, saying, "Teacher, we want to see a sign from You." ³⁹ But He answered and said to them, "An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and no sign will be given to it except the sign of the prophet Jonah. ⁴⁰ "For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish, so will the Son of Man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.

Matthew 12:41

The men of Nineveh will rise up in the judgment with this generation and condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah;
and indeed a greater than Jonah is here.

And Indeed A greater than Jonah is here

Take a Seventh Inning Stretch

THE "JESUS IS GOD" SCRIPTURES

ISAIAH 48:12

**"LISTEN TO ME, O JACOB, AND ISRAEL, MY CALLED:
I AM HE, I AM THE FIRST, I AM ALSO THE LAST.**

ISAIAH 44:6

**"THUS SAYS THE LORD, THE KING OF ISRAEL, AND HIS REDEEMER, THE LORD OF HOSTS: `I AM
THE FIRST AND I AM THE LAST; BESIDES ME THERE IS NO GOD.**

ISAIAH 41:4

**WHO HAS PERFORMED AND DONE IT, CALLING THE GENERATIONS FROM THE BEGINNING? `I, THE
LORD, AM THE FIRST; AND WITH THE LAST I AM HE.'"**

REVELATION 1:8

**"I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE END," SAYS THE LORD, "WHO IS
AND WHO WAS AND WHO IS TO COME,
THE ALMIGHTY."**

REVELATION 4:8

**THE FOUR LIVING CREATURES, EACH HAVING SIX WINGS, WERE FULL OF EYES AROUND AND
WITHIN. AND THEY DO NOT REST DAY OR NIGHT, SAYING: "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY, LORD GOD
ALMIGHTY, WHO WAS AND IS AND IS TO COME!"**

REVELATION 1:11A

**SAYING, "I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE FIRST AND THE LAST," AND, "WHAT YOU
SEE, WRITE IN A BOOK AND SEND IT TO THE SEVEN CHURCHES**

REVELATION 21:6

**AND HE SAID TO ME, "IT IS DONE! I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THE BEGINNING AND THE
END.**

REVELATION 22:13

"I AM THE ALPHA AND THE OMEGA, THEM BEGINNING AND THE END, THE FIRST AND THE LAST."

REVELATION 1:17

AND WHEN I SAW HIM, I FELL AT HIS FEET AS DEAD. BUT HE LAID HIS RIGHT HAND ON ME, SAYING TO ME, "DO NOT BE AFRAID; **I AM THE FIRST AND THE LAST**

REVELATION 1:18

"I AM HE WHO LIVES, AND WAS DEAD, AND BEHOLD, I AM ALIVE FOREVERMORE. AMEN.

REVELATION 2:8

"AND TO THE ANGEL OF THE CHURCH IN SMYRNA WRITE, `THESE THINGS SAYS THE **FIRST AND THE LAST, ... WHO WAS DEAD, AND CAME TO LIFE:**

1 JOHN 5:20

AND WE KNOW THAT THE SON OF GOD HAS COME AND HAS GIVEN US AN UNDERSTANDING, THAT WE MAY KNOW HIM WHO IS TRUE; AND WE ARE IN HIM WHO IS TRUE, IN HIS SON JESUS CHRIST. **THIS IS THE TRUE GOD** AND ETERNAL LIFE.

1 TIMOTHY 3:16

AND WITHOUT CONTROVERSY GREAT IS THE MYSTERY OF GODLINESS: **GOD WAS MANIFESTED IN THE FLESH**, JUSTIFIED IN THE **SPIRIT**, SEEN BY ANGELS, PREACHED AMONG THE **GENTILES**, **BELIEVED ON** IN THE WORLD, **RECEIVED UP** IN GLORY.

TITUS 2:13

LOOKING FOR THE BLESSED HOPE AND GLORIOUS APPEARING OF **OUR GREAT GOD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST**,

JOHN 8:58

JESUS SAID TO THEM, "MOST ASSUREDLY, I SAY TO YOU, BEFORE ABRAHAM WAS, **I AM."**

JOHN 8:24

"THEREFORE I SAID TO YOU THAT YOU WILL DIE IN YOUR SINS; FOR **IF YOU DO NOT BELIEVE THAT I AM HE**, YOU WILL DIE IN YOUR SINS."

JOHN 10:32

JESUS ANSWERED THEM, "MANY GOOD WORKS I HAVE SHOWN YOU FROM MY FATHER. FOR WHICH OF THOSE WORKS DO YOU STONE ME?" ³³ THE JEWS ANSWERED HIM, SAYING, "FOR A GOOD WORK WE DO NOT STONE YOU, BUT FOR BLASPHEMY, AND BECAUSE **YOU, BEING A MAN, MAKE YOURSELF GOD."**

TITUS 2:10B

...THAT THEY MAY ADORN THE DOCTRINE OF **GOD OUR SAVIOR**
IN ALL THINGS.

JUDE 1:24-25A

NOW TO **HIM** WHO IS ABLE TO KEEP YOU FROM STUMBLING, AND TO PRESENT YOU FAULTLESS
BEFORE THE PRESENCE OF HIS GLORY WITH EXCEEDING JOY, 25 To **GOD OUR SAVIOR**, WHO
ALONE IS WISE...

1 TIMOTHY 4:10

FOR TO THIS END WE BOTH LABOR AND SUFFER REPROACH, BECAUSE WE TRUST IN **THE LIVING**
GOD, WHO IS THE SAVIOR OF ALL MEN,
ESPECIALLY FOR THOSE WHO BELIEVE.

ISAIAH 42:8

I AM THE **LORD**, THAT IS **MY NAME**; AND **MY GLORY**
I WILL NOT GIVE TO ANOTHER...

HOSEA 13:4

YET I AM THE **LORD** YOUR GOD EVER SINCE THE LAND OF EGYPT, AND YOU SHALL KNOW NO GOD
BUT ME; FOR THERE IS NO **SAVIOR BESIDES ME**.

ISAIAH 45:21

TELL AND BRING FORTH YOUR CASE; YES, LET THEM TAKE COUNSEL TOGETHER. WHO HAS
DECLARED THIS FROM ANCIENT TIME? WHO HAS TOLD IT FROM THAT TIME? HAVE NOT I, THE
LORD? AND THERE IS NO OTHER GOD BESIDES ME, A JUST GOD AND A SAVIOR;
THERE IS NONE BESIDES ME.

ISAIAH 45:11

I, EVEN I, AM THE **LORD** (YEHOVAH), AND BESIDES ME
THERE IS NO SAVIOR.

ISAIAH 7:14

"THEREFORE THE **LORD HIMSELF** WILL GIVE YOU A SIGN: BEHOLD, THE VIRGIN SHALL CONCEIVE
AND BEAR A SON, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME **IMMANUEL**. = "GOD AMONG US"

PROVERBS 30:4

WHO HAS ASCENDED INTO HEAVEN, OR DESCENDED? WHO HAS GATHERED THE WIND IN HIS FISTS?
WHO HAS BOUND THE WATERS IN A GARMENT? WHO HAS ESTABLISHED ALL THE ENDS OF THE
EARTH? WHAT IS HIS NAME, AND **WHAT IS HIS SON'S NAME**, IF YOU KNOW?

I KNOW !!!

LUKE 1:30-32

THEN THE ANGEL SAID TO HER, "DO NOT BE AFRAID, MARY, FOR YOU HAVE FOUND FAVOR WITH GOD. ³¹ "AND BEHOLD, YOU WILL CONCEIVE IN YOUR WOMB AND BRING FORTH A **SON**, AND SHALL CALL HIS NAME **JESUS**. ³² "HE WILL BE GREAT, AND WILL BE CALLED **THE SON OF THE HIGHEST**;

1 JOHN 5:11-13

AND THIS IS THE TESTIMONY: THAT GOD HAS GIVEN US ETERNAL LIFE, AND THIS LIFE IS IN HIS SON. ¹² HE WHO HAS THE SON HAS LIFE; HE WHO DOES NOT HAVE THE SON OF GOD DOES NOT HAVE LIFE. ¹³ THESE THINGS I HAVE WRITTEN TO YOU WHO BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD, THAT YOU MAY KNOW THAT YOU HAVE ETERNAL LIFE, AND THAT YOU MAY CONTINUE TO BELIEVE IN THE NAME OF THE SON OF GOD.

PHILIPPIANS 2:10-11

THAT AT THE NAME OF JESUS EVERY KNEE SHOULD BOW, OF THOSE IN HEAVEN, AND OF THOSE ON EARTH, AND OF THOSE UNDER THE EARTH, ¹¹ AND THAT EVERY TONGUE SHOULD CONFESS THAT JESUS CHRIST IS LORD, TO THE GLORY OF GOD THE FATHER.

Philippians 3:20

For our citizenship is in heaven, from which we also eagerly wait for
The Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

JOHN 3:16

"FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD THAT HE GAVE **HIS ONLY BEGOTTEN SON**, THAT WHOEVER BELIEVES IN **HIM** SHOULD NOT PERISH BUT HAVE EVERLASTING LIFE. = SAVIOUR!

JOHN 4:42

AND SO THE SAMARITANS SAID TO THE WOMAN, "NOW WE BELIEVE, NOT BECAUSE OF WHAT YOU SAID, FOR WE OURSELVES HAVE HEARD HIM AND WE KNOW THAT THIS IS INDEED **THE CHRIST, THE SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.**"

1 JOHN 4:14

AND WE HAVE SEEN AND TESTIFY THAT THE FATHER HAS SENT
THE SON AS SAVIOR OF THE WORLD.

2 PETER 1:11

FOR SO AN ENTRANCE WILL BE SUPPLIED TO YOU ABUNDANTLY INTO THE EVERLASTING KINGDOM OF OUR **LORD AND SAVIOR JESUS CHRIST.**

IT'S NO WONDER THEN...

ROMANS 10:13

FOR "WHOEVER CALLS ON THE NAME OF THE LORD SHALL BE SAVED."

The end