

The Book of Jonah



Why is This Such A Memorable Biblical Story?

Jonah's Folly

Jon 1:1 The word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai saying,

Jon 1:2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and cry against it, for their wickedness has come up before Me."

Jon 1:3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD.

Jonah's Reaction Parallels Moses

Exo 4:10 Then Moses said to the LORD, "Please, Lord, I have never been eloquent, neither recently nor in time past, nor since You have spoken to Your servant; for I am slow of speech and slow of tongue."

Exo 4:11 The LORD said to him, "Who has made man's mouth? Or who makes him mute or deaf, or seeing or blind? Is it not I, the LORD?"

Exo 4:12 "Now then go, and I, even I, will be with your mouth, and teach you what you are to say."

Exo 4:13 But he said, "Please, Lord, now send the message by whomever You will."

Jonah's Folly

Jon 1:4 The LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up.

Jon 1:5 Then the sailors became afraid and every man cried to his god, and they threw the cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down and fallen sound asleep.

Jonah Vs. Jesus

Mar 4:35 On that day, when evening came, He said to them, "Let us go over to the other side."

Mar 4:36 Leaving the crowd, they took Him along with them in the boat, just as He was; and other boats were with Him.

Mar 4:37 And there arose a fierce gale of wind, and the waves were breaking over the boat so much that the boat was already filling up.

...Jonah Vs. Jesus

Mark 4:38 Jesus Himself was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke Him and said to Him, "Teacher, do You not care that we are perishing?"

Mar 4:39 And He got up and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Hush, be still." And the wind died down and it became perfectly calm.

Mar 4:40 And He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

Jonah Exposed

Jon 1:7 Each man said to his mate, "Come, let us cast lots so we may learn on whose account this calamity has struck us." So they cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah.

Jon 1:8 Then they said to him, "Tell us, now! On whose account has this calamity struck us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?"

Jon 1:9 He said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD God of heaven who made the sea and the dry land."

Jon 1:10 Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, "How could you do this?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

Jon 1:11 So they said to him, "What should we do to you that the sea may become calm for us?"—for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy.

Jon 1:12 He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm for you, for I know that on account of me this great storm has come upon you."

Jon 1:13 However, the men rowed desperately to return to land but they could not, for the sea was becoming even stormier against them.

Jon 1:14 Then they called on the LORD and said, "We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man's life and do not put innocent blood on us; for You, O LORD, have done as You have pleased."

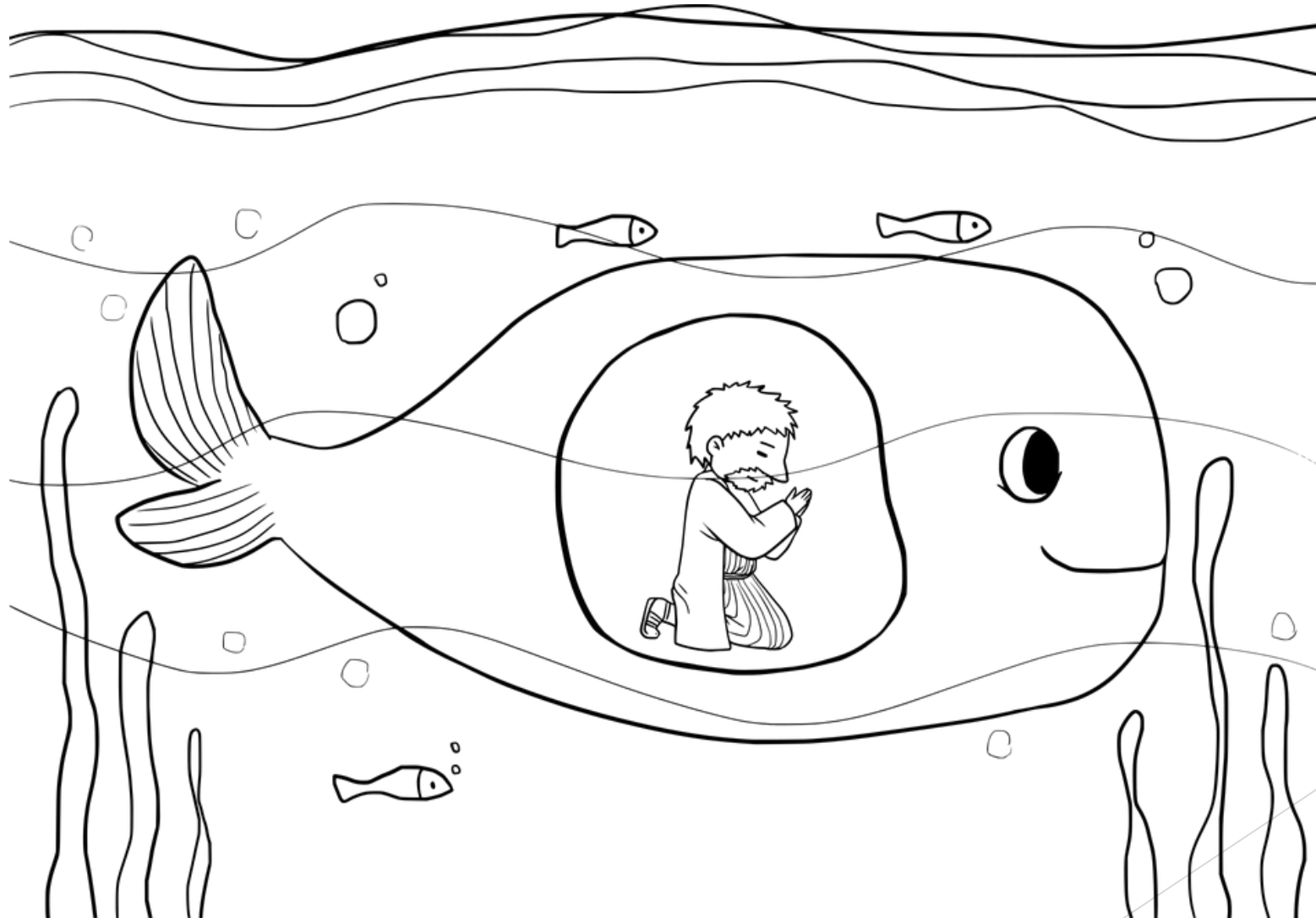
Jon 1:15 So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging.

Jon 1:16 Then the men feared the LORD greatly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

Jon 1:17 And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.



Jon 2:1 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD
his God from the stomach of the fish,



Jon 2:10 Then the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah up onto the dry land...

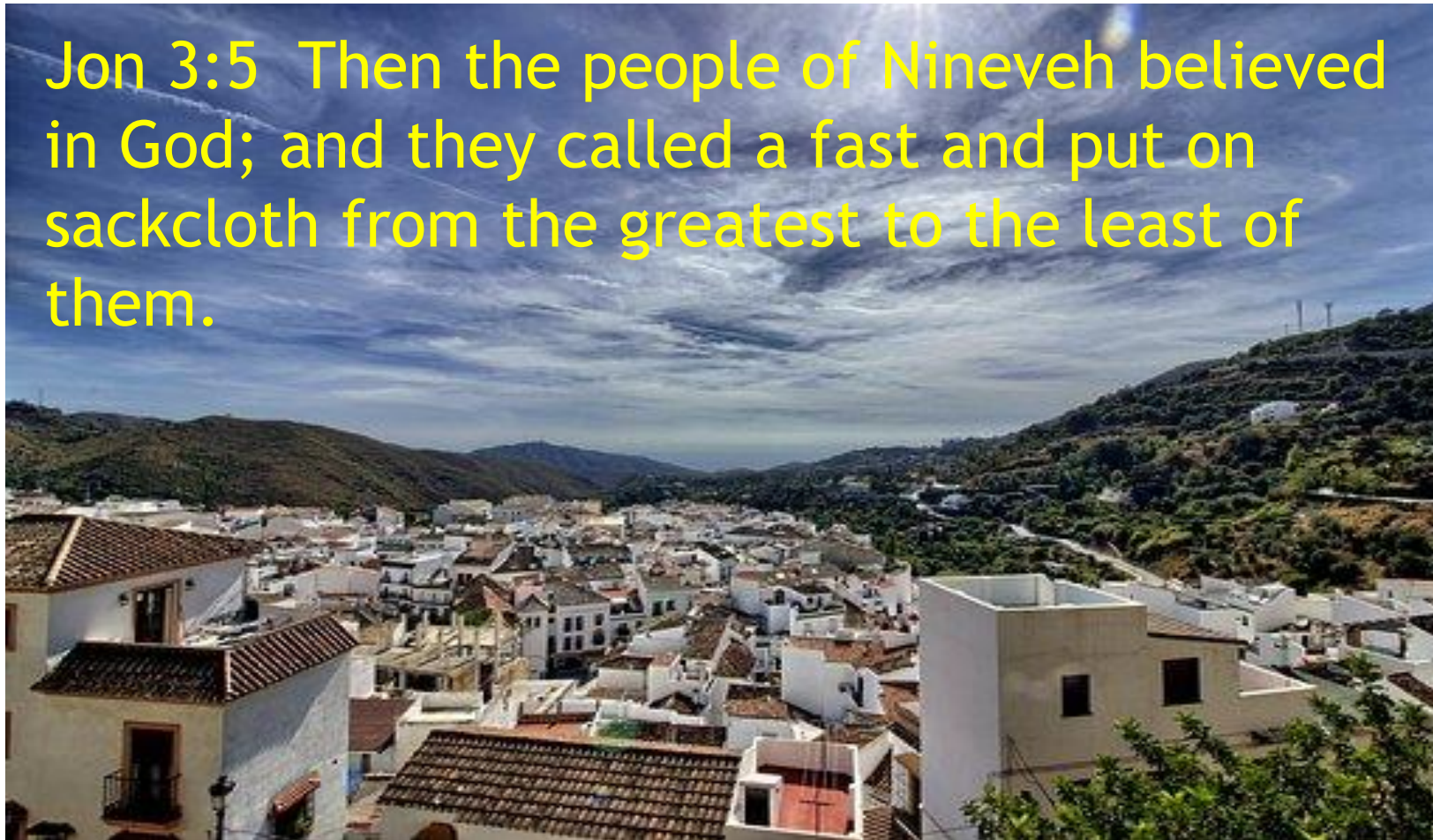
Jon 3:1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

Jon 3:2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you."

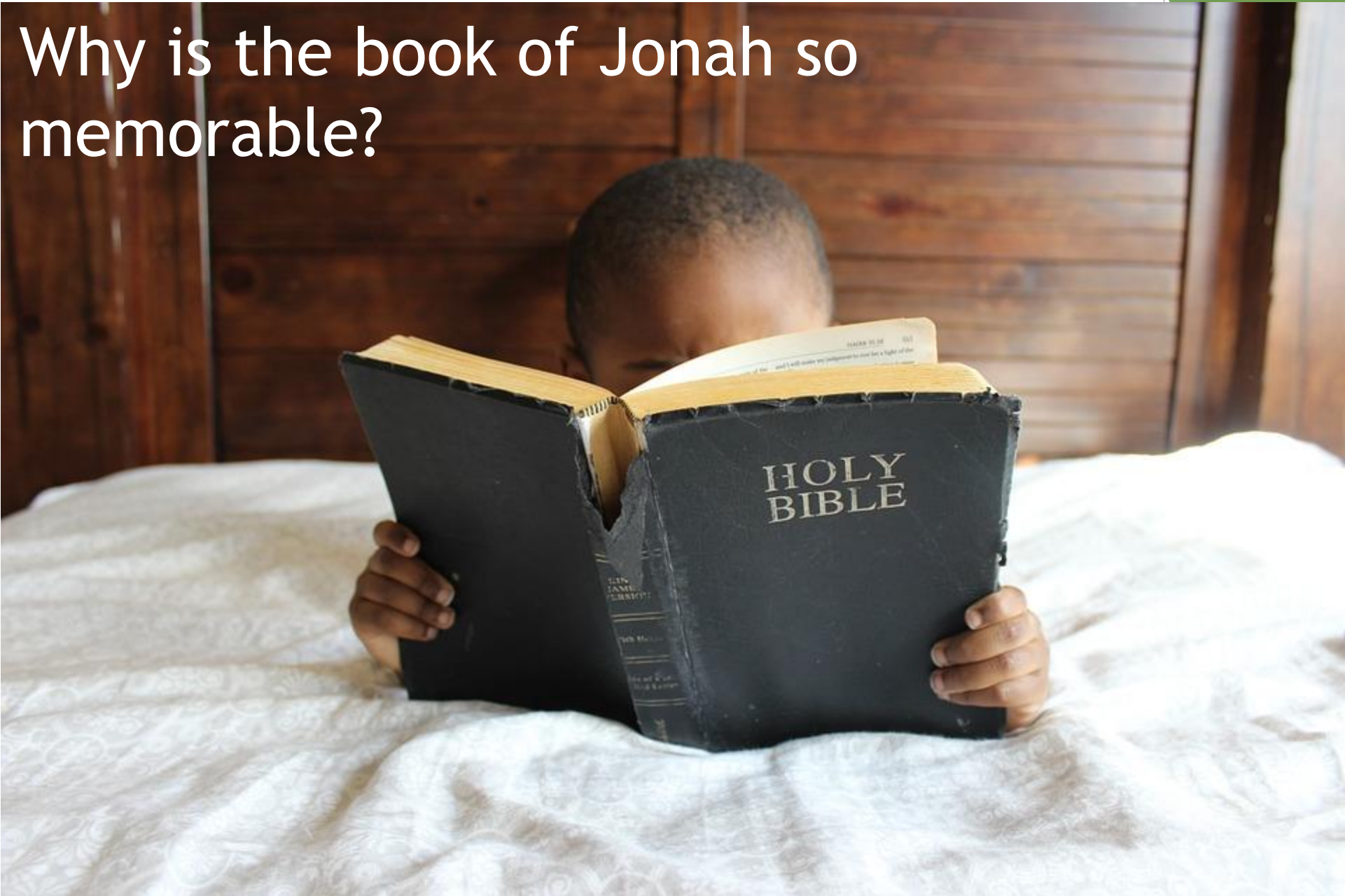
Jon 3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three days' walk.

Jon 3:4 Then Jonah began to go through the city one day's walk; and he cried out and said, "Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

Jon 3:5 Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them.



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Because we are so much like Jonah!