

Jonah 2

King James Version (KJV)

2 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,

²And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and thou heardest my voice.
(hell = the grave – bad translation)

³For thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods compassed me about: all thy billows and thy waves passed over me. (in the midst of the seas- in the heart of the earth – better translation)

⁴Then I said, I am cast out of thy sight; yet I will look again toward thy holy temple. (He thought he was done for. He was looking forward to the afterlife)

⁵The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head.

⁶I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me for ever: yet hast thou brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. (corruption = death, decay)

⁷When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto thee, into thine holy temple.

⁸They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy. (Those that worship idols of vanity lose their portion of God's grace and blessings)

⁹But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD. (Jonah was repenting for having disobeyed God)

¹⁰And the LORD spake unto the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land. (He was regurgitated from a fish before the Ninevites. They worshipped a fish god so they saw Jonah as a messiah of sorts)

(Jonah was a type for Jesus -3.5 days in the fish; Jesus spent 3.5 days in the sepulcher – Jesus went to Paradise and saved many people who accepted His salvation; He also saves anyone who believes in Him)