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Chapter 1

(1) Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah {dove}^a the son of Amittai,^b saying,
 (2) *Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; because their wickedness has come up before Me.*
 (3) But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid its fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}.
 (4) But the LORD {Jehovah} sent out a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was about to be broken.
 (5) Then the mariners were afraid, and every man cried to his god, and cast forth the cargo that *was* in the ship into the sea, to lighten *it*. But Jonah had gone down into the inside of the ship; and he lay down, and was fast asleep.
 (6) So the captain of the ship came to him, and said to him, What do you mean, O sleeper? arise, call upon your God, perhaps God will think of us, that we not perish.
 (7) And everyone said to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil *has* come upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

(8) Then they said to him, Tell us, we ask you, for whose cause this evil *has come* upon us; What *is* your occupation? and where have you come from? what *is* your country? and of what people *are* you?
 (9) And he said to them, I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD {Jehovah}, the God of heaven, Who has made the sea and the dry *land*.
 (10) Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, Why have you done this? Because the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD {Jehovah}, because he had told them.
 (11) Then they said to him, What shall we do to you, that the sea may be calm for us? because the sea was becoming more and more stormy.
 (12) And he said to them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; then the sea will be calm for you: because I know that for my sake this great storm *is* upon you.
 (13) Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring *it* to the land; but they could not: because the sea grew more and more stormy against them.
 (14) Therefore they cried to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, We beg You, O LORD {Jehovah}, we beg You, do not let us perish for this man's life, and do not lay upon us innocent blood: because You, O LORD {Jehovah}, have done as it pleased You.

1:1a - Jonah {יִוֵּנֶה} – dove

1:1b – Jonah son of Amittai – II Ki. 14:25

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(15) So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.

(16) Then the men feared the LORD {Jehovah} exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice to the LORD {Jehovah}, and made vows.

(17) Now the LORD {Jehovah} had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Chapter 2

(1) Then Jonah prayed to the LORD {Jehovah} his God out of the fish's belly,

(2) And said, I cried because of my affliction to the LORD {Jehovah}, and He heard me; out of the belly of hell I cried, and You heard my voice.

(3) Because You had cast me into the deep, in the midst of the seas; and the floods encompassed me: all Your breakers and Your waves passed over me.

(4) Then I said, I am cast out of Your sight; yet I will look again towards Your holy temple.

(5) The waters encompassed me, *even* to the soul: the depth closed all around me, the weeds were wrapped around my head.

(6) I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars *was* around me forever: yet You have brought up my life from corruption, O LORD {Jehovah} my God.

(7) When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD {Jehovah}: and my prayer came in to You, into Your holy temple.

(8) Those who observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

(9) But I will sacrifice to You with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay *that* which I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD {Jehovah}.

(10) And the LORD {Jehovah} spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry *land*.

Chapter 3

(1) And the word of the LORD {Jehovah} came to Jonah the second time, saying,

(2) *Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the preaching that I tell you.*

(3) So Jonah arose, and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD {Jehovah}. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city of three days' journey {about 55 to 60 miles; 88 to 96 km. around}.^a

(4) And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey^b {to about the center of the city}, and he cried, and said, Yet in forty days, and Nineveh will be overthrown.

3:3a - 3 days journey - i.e. to walk around - one of the largest, if not the largest cities of its day - some estimate about 55 to 60 miles to walk around

3:4b - entered into the city a day's journey which based on the above numbers would have been about the center of the city.