### Jonah

## Chapter 2

1Well, from from the belly of the sea creature, Jonah prayed to Jehovah his God, 2saying this:  
  
 ‘In my affliction, I called out to You,  
 O Jehovah, my God,  
 And You paid attention to me.  
 I’ve called from the belly of the place of the dead,  
 And from there, You listened to my voice!  
  
 3‘You threw me into the heart of the sea…  
 Into the depths of its waters,  
 And by the sea, I was covered.  
  
 ‘Then I asked, as their waves and crests poured upon me:  
  
 4‘Have I been pushed away from Your eyes…  
 Won’t I see Your Holy Temple again?  
  
 5‘But the waters were rolling around me,  
 And then, they entered my soul…  
 By the deep, I was encircled,  
 And my head went under the water.  
  
 6‘I went down between mountain fissures…  
 Through the earth and its bars of the ages.  
 And I said:  
  
 ‘O Jehovah, my God;  
 Let my soul rise above this corruption!’  
  
 7‘Then, as my life was reaching [its end],  
 You noticed [my bad situation];  
 For my prayers had ascended to You…  
 Yes, to You in Your Holy Temple!  
  
 8‘Some pay attention to things that are foolish,  
 While others will listen to lies…  
 For they’ve given up on Your mercy.  
 9But, with my voice, I’ll praise You,  
 And I’m offering [this song] as my sacrifice.  
 For I’ll do everything that I’ve promised  
 If you’ll just save me, Jehovah!’  
  
10And at that, the Lord gave orders to the large sea creature, and it vomited Jonah out on dry land.