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**PROPHECY OF JONAS**

JONAS *prophesied in the reign of* JEROBOAM *the second: as we learn from* 4 Kings 14:25. *To whom also he foretold his success in restoring all the borders of Israel. He was of* GETH OPHER *in the tribe of* ZABULON*, and consequently of* GALILEE*: which confutes that assertion of the Pharisees,* John 7:52, *that no prophet ever rose out of* GALILEE*. He prophesied and prefigured in his own person the death and resurrection of* CHRIST*: and was the only one among the prophets that was sent to preach to the Gentiles.*

**CHAPTER** **1**

*Jonas being sent to preach in Ninive, fleeth away by sea: a tempest riseth: of which he being found, by lot, to be the cause, is cast into the sea, which thereupon is calmed.*

**1** Now the word of the Lord came to Jonas the son of Amathi, saying:

**2** Arise, and go to Ninive the great city, and preach in it: for the wickedness thereof is come up before me.

**3** And Jonas rose up to flee into Tharsis from the face of the Lord, and he went down to Joppe, and found a ship going to Tharsis: and he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them to Tharsis from the face of the Lord.

**4** But the Lord sent a great wind into the sea: and a great tempest was raised in the sea, and the ship was in danger to be broken.

**5** And the mariners were afraid, and the men cried to their god: and they cast forth the wares that were in the ship, into the sea, to lighten it of them: and Jonas went down into the inner part of the ship, and fell into a deep sleep.

**6** And the shipmaster came to him, and said to him: Why art thou fast asleep? rise up, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think of us, that we may not perish.

**7** And they said every one to his fellow: Come and let us cast lots, that we may know why this evil is upon us. And they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonas.

**8** And they said to him: Tell us for what cause this evil is upon us, what is thy business? of what country art thou? and whither goest thou? or of what people art thou?

**9** And he said to them: I am a Hebrew, and I fear the Lord, and the God of heaven, who made both the sea and the dry land.

**10** And the men were greatly afraid, and they said to him: Why hast thou done this? (for the men knew that he fled from the face of the Lord: because he had told them.)

**11** And they said to him: What shall we do to thee, that the sea may be calm to us? for the sea flowed and swelled.

**12** And he said to them: Take me up, and cast me into the sea, and the sea shall be calm to you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.

**13** And the men rowed hard to return to land, but they were not able: because the sea tossed and swelled upon them.

**14** And they cried to the Lord, and said: We beseech thee, O Lord, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not upon us innocent blood: for thou, O Lord, hast done as it pleased thee.

**15** And they took Jonas, and cast him into the sea, and the sea ceased from raging.

**16** And the men feared the Lord exceedingly, and sacrificed victims to the Lord, and made vows.