**CHAPTER** **2**

*Jonas is swallowed up by a great fish: he prayeth with confidence in God; and the fish casteth him out on the dry land.*

**1** Now the Lord prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonas: and Jonas was in the belly of a fish for three days and three nights.

**2** And Jonas prayed to the Lord his God out of the belly of the fish.

**3** And he said: I cried out of my affliction to the Lord, and he heard me: I cried out of the belly of hell, and thou hast heard my voice.

**4** And thou hast cast me forth into the deep in the heart of the sea, and a flood hast compassed me: all thy billows, and thy waves have passed over me.

**5** And I said: I am cast away out of the sight of thy eyes: but yet I shall see thy holy temple again.

**6** The waters compassed me about even to the soul: the deep hath closed me round about, the sea hath covered my head.

**7** I went down to the lowest parts of the mountains: the bars of the earth have shut me up for ever: and thou wilt bring up my life from corruption, O Lord my God.

**8** When my soul was in distress within me, I remembered the Lord: that my prayer may come to thee, unto the holy temple.

**9** They that are vain observe vanities, forsake their own mercy.

**10** But I with the voice of praise will sacrifice to thee: I will pay whatsoever I have vowed for my salvation to the Lord.

**11** And the Lord spoke to the fish: and it vomited out Jonas upon the dry land.