

[17 (2:1)] Now Hashem had prepared a dag gadol (great fish) to swallow up Yonah. And Yonah was in the belly of the dag shloshah yamim and shloshah leilot (three days and three nights).

2 (2:2) Then Yonah davened unto Hashem Elohav from out of the dag's belly,

[2 (2:3)] And said, I cried by reason of mine tzoros unto Hashem, He heard me; out of the belly of Sheol cried I, and Thou heardest my voice.

[3 (2:4)] For Thou hadst cast me into the deep, in the midst of the yamim (seas); and the current swirled about me; all Thy billows and Thy waves passed over me.

[4 (2:5)] Then I said, I am cast out of Thy sight; yet I will look again toward Thy Heikhal Kodesh.

[5 (2:6)] The mayim compassed me about, even to the nefesh; the depth closed me round about, the seaweed were wrapped about my head.

[6 (2:7)] I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; ha'aretz with her bars closed behind me lolam; yet hast Thou brought up my life from shachat (corruption; see *Ps 16:10*), Hashem Elohai.

[7 (2:8)] When my nefesh fainted within me, I remembered Hashem; and my tefillah came unto Thee, into Thine Heikhal Kodesh.

[8 (2:9)] They that observe lying vanities forsake their own chesed.

[9 (2:10)] But I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of todah; I will pay that which I have vowed. Yeshuah (Salvation) is from Hashem.

[10 (2:11)] And Hashem spoke unto HaDag (The Fish), and it vomited out Yonah upon the yabashah (dry land).

3 And the Devar Hashem came unto Yonah the second time, saying,

[2] Arise, go unto Nineveh, that ir hagedolah, and preach unto it the preaching that I give thee.

[3] So Yonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the Devar Hashem. Now Nineveh was an exceeding ir gedolah of a journey of shloshet yamim.

[4] And Yonah began to enter into the city one day's journey, and he cried out and preached, and said, Yet arba'im yamim (40 days), and Nineveh shall be overthrown.

[5] So the people of Nineveh had emunah in Elohim, and proclaimed a tzom, and put on sackcloth, from their gedolim even to their ketanim.

[6] For word came unto HaMelech of Nineveh, and he arose from his kisse, and he laid aside his royal robe, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

[7] And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of HaMelech and his gedolim, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing; let them not eat, nor drink mayim;

[8] But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto Elohim; yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the chamas that is in their hands.

[9] Who can tell if HaElohim will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we perish not?

[10] And HaElohim saw their ma'asim, that they shavu (turned) from their derech hara'ah; and HaElohim relented of hara'ah, that He had said that He would do unto them; and He did it not.

4 But it displeased Yonah with a ra'ah gedolah, and he was very angry.

[2] And he davened unto Hashem, and said, I pray Thee, Hashem, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I was quick to flee unto Tarshish before; for I had da'as that Thou art an EL CHANNUN VRACHUM ERECH APAYIM VRAV CHESED and relented Thee of the ra'ah. [SHEMOT 34:6]

[3] Therefore now, Hashem, take, I beseech Thee, my nefesh from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

[4] Then said Hashem, Doest thou well to be angry?

[5] So Yonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a sukkah, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would happen to the city.

[6] And Hashem Elohim prepared a climbing gourd, and made it to come up over Yonah, that it might be a tzel (shade) over his rosh, to deliver him from his displeasure. So Yonah had simchah gedolah about the climbing gourd.

[7] But HaElohim prepared a tola'at (worm) when the shachar (dawn) came the next day, and it chewed the climbing gourd that it withered.

[8] And it came to pass, when the shemesh did arise, that Elohim prepared a vehement scorching east ruach (wind); and the shemesh beat upon the rosh Yonah, that he grew faint, and wanted to

[*T.N. Moshiach is the Navi like Moshe, the Navi like Yonah, whom Mavet swallows and then vomits up so that he can divide the spoil with those whose chet he bears away to death like the Yom Kippur scapegoat (see Isa 53:12).*]