

#2 From the Belly of a Big Fish *Jonah 1:17-2:10*

GOD'S FIRST DELIVERANCE

Jonah 1:17 *And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.*

JONAH'S POETIC PSALM OF DELIVERANCE

Jonah 2:1 *Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, ² saying, "I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. ³For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me; all your waves and your billows passed over me. ⁴ Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight; yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.' ⁵ The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head ⁶ at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. ⁷ When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. ⁸ Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. ⁹ But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!"*

OBSERVATIONS:

1. It sounds a lot like the Psalms.
2. It continues the author's theme that rising up in defiance of God only leads to a downward spiral.
3. It acknowledges the sovereignty of God in his situation.
4. It reflects gratefulness for the listening ear and rescuing heart of God.
5. It's full of imagery.
6. It's a model for us.

7. It contains what has been called the most important summary statement in the entire Bible—**"Salvation belongs to the Lord."**
8. It reflects a grateful heart, but not a fully repentant heart.

GOD'S SECOND DELIVERANCE

Jonah 2:10 *And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.*

The "Christ Connection"

JONAH IS A "TYPE" OF JESUS

The Sign of Jonah

Matthew 12:40 *For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the belly of a huge fish, so the Son of Man will be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth.*

THE GREAT FISH PICTURES JESUS TOO!

What's in here for me?