

¹وَصَارَ قَوْلُ الرَّبِّ إِلَى يُونَانَ بْنِ أَمِثَّايَ، ²فُمْ اذْهَبْ إِلَى نِينَوَى الْمَدِينَةِ الْعَظِيمَةِ وَتَادِ عَلَيْهَا، لِأَنَّهُ قَدْ صَعِدَ سَرُّهُمْ أَمَامِي. ³فَقَامَ يُونَانُ لِيَهْرُبَ إِلَى تَرَشِيشَ مِنْ وَجْهِ الرَّبِّ، فَتَنَزَلَ إِلَى يَاقَا وَوَجَدَ سَفِينَةً ذَاهِبَةً إِلَى تَرَشِيشَ فَدَفَعَ أَجْرَهَا وَتَنَزَلَ فِيهَا، لِيَذْهَبَ مَعَهُمْ إِلَى تَرَشِيشَ مِنْ وَجْهِ الرَّبِّ. ⁴فَأَرْسَلَ الرَّبُّ رِيحاً شَدِيدَةً إِلَى الْبَحْرِ، فَحَدَثَ نَوْءٌ عَظِيمٌ فِي الْبَحْرِ حَتَّى كَادَتِ السَّفِينَةُ تَنْكَسِرُ. ⁵فَخَافَ الْمَلَأَحُونَ وَصَرَّحُوا كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ إِلَى إِلَهِهِ، وَطَرَحُوا الْأُمْنِيَّةَ الَّتِي فِي السَّفِينَةِ إِلَى الْبَحْرِ لِيُخَفَّفُوا عَنْهُمْ. وَأَمَّا يُونَانُ فَكَانَ قَدْ تَنَزَلَ إِلَى جُوفِ السَّفِينَةِ وَاصْطَلَجَ وَتَامَ تَوَماً ثَقِيلاً. ⁶فَجَاءَ إِلَيْهِ رَئِيسُ النُّوْبَةِ وَقَالَ لَهُ، مَا لَكَ تَائِماً. فُمْ اصْرُخْ إِلَى إِلَهِكَ عَسَى أَنْ يَنْتَكِرَ إِلَهُهُ فِيْنَا فَلَا تَهْلِكُ. ⁷وَقَالَ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ، هَلُمَّ نُلْقِ فُرْعاً لِنَعْرِفَ يَسَبَبَ مَنْ هَذِهِ الْبَلَاءَةُ. فَالْقُوا فُرْعاً، فَوَقَعَتِ الْفُرْعَةُ عَلَى يُونَانَ. ⁸فَقَالُوا لَهُ، أَحْبَرْنَا يَسَبَبَ مَنْ هَذِهِ الْمُصِيبَةُ عَلَيْنَا. مَا هُوَ عَمَلُكَ. وَمِنْ أَيْنَ أَتَيْتَ. مَا هِيَ أَرْضُكَ وَمِنْ أَيِّ شَعْبٍ أَنْتَ. ⁹فَقَالَ لَهُمْ، أَنَا عَبْرَانِي، وَأَنَا خَائِفٌ مِنَ الرَّبِّ إِلَهِ السَّمَاءِ الَّذِي صَنَعَ الْبَحْرَ وَالْبَرَّ. ¹⁰فَخَافَ الرِّجَالُ خَوْفاً عَظِيماً، وَقَالُوا لَهُ، لِمَذَا فَعَلْتَ هَذَا. فَإِنَّ الرِّجَالَ عَرَفُوا أَنَّهُ هَارِبٌ مِنْ وَجْهِ الرَّبِّ، لِأَنَّهُ أَحْبَرَهُمْ. ¹¹فَقَالُوا لَهُ، مَاذَا تَصْنَعُ بِكَ لِيَسْكُنَ الْبَحْرُ عَنَّا. لِأَنَّ الْبَحْرَ كَانَ يَرْدَادُ اضْطِرَاباً. ¹²فَقَالَ لَهُمْ، خُذُونِي وَاطْرَحُونِي فِي الْبَحْرِ فَيَسْكُنَ الْبَحْرُ عَنْكُمْ، لِأَنِّي عَالِمٌ أَنَّهُ يَسَبِبِي هَذَا النَّوْءُ الْعَظِيمُ عَلَيْكُمْ. ¹³وَلَكِنَّ الرِّجَالَ خَذَفُوا لِيُرْجَعُوا السَّفِينَةَ إِلَى الْبَرِّ فَلَمْ يَسْتَطِيعُوا، لِأَنَّ الْبَحْرَ كَانَ يَرْدَادُ اضْطِرَاباً عَلَيْهِمْ. ¹⁴فَصَرَّحُوا إِلَى الرَّبِّ، أَوْ يَا رَبِّ، لَا تَهْلِكْ مِنْ أَجْلِ نَفْسِ هَذَا الرَّجُلِ، وَلَا تَجْعَلْ عَلَيْنَا دَماً بَرِيئاً، لِأَنَّكَ يَا رَبِّ فَعَلْتَ كَمَا شِئْتَ. ¹⁵ثُمَّ أَخَذُوا يُونَانَ وَطَرَحُوهُ فِي الْبَحْرِ، فَوَقَفَ الْبَحْرُ عَنْ هَبِّجَانِهِ. ¹⁶فَخَافَ الرِّجَالُ مِنَ الرَّبِّ خَوْفاً عَظِيماً، وَدَبَّحُوا ذَبِيحَةً لِلرَّبِّ وَتَدَرَّوْا نُذُوراً. ¹⁷وَأَمَّا الرَّبُّ فَأَعَدَّ خُوتاً عَظِيماً لِيَتَلَعَ يُونَانُ. فَكَانَ يُونَانُ فِي جُوفِ الْخُوتِ ثَلَاثَةَ أَيَّامٍ وَثَلَاثَ لَيَالٍ.

¹Now the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ²Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness is come up before me. ³But Jonah rose up to flee unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD, and went down to Joppa; and he found a ship going to Tarshish: so he paid the fare thereof, and went down into it, to go with them unto Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. ⁴But the LORD sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it of them. But Jonah was gone down into the sides of the ship; and he lay, and was fast asleep. ⁶So the shipmaster came to him, and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not. ⁷And they said every one to his fellow, Come, and let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this evil is upon us. So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. ⁸Then said they unto him, Tell us, we pray thee, for whose cause this evil is upon us; What is thine occupation? and whence comest thou? what is thy country? and of what people art thou? ⁹And he said unto them, I am an Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, which hath made the sea and the dry land. ¹⁰Then were the men exceedingly afraid, and said unto him, Why hast thou done this? For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them. ¹¹Then

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said they unto him, What shall we do unto thee, that the sea may be calm unto us? for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous.¹² And he said unto them, Take me up, and cast me forth into the sea; so shall the sea be calm unto you: for I know that for my sake this great tempest is upon you.¹³ Nevertheless the men rowed hard to bring it to the land; but they could not: for the sea wrought, and was tempestuous against them.¹⁴ Wherefore they cried unto the LORD, and said, We beseech thee, O LORD, we beseech thee, 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 So they took up Jonah, and cast him forth into the sea: and the sea ceased from her raging.¹⁶ Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and offered a sacrifice unto the LORD, and made vows.¹⁷ Now the LORD had prepared a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.