

# "On the Way" 365 Bible Reading Plan

# Jonah 2

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Jonah chapter two begins with Jonah praying in the belly of a fish. Jonah chapter one is important to review how this "prophet of God" got himself into such a predicament. In chapter one, God instructed Jonah to go north to a wicked empire that had come to power through brutal means and wickedness, the Assyrians. The capital of the Assyrians was Nineveh, in present day northern Iraq, the city today is called Mosul. Jonah did not want to obey God, so he ran as fast as he could to the west, to the shores of the Mediterranean, to Joppa, the port city of the day, to run away from God. How futile was his journey? One cannot run away from God! Where do you go that God is not already there? The Psalmist said, ***"Where can I go from Your Spirit? Or where can I flee from Your presence? If I ascend to heaven, You are there; if I make my bed in Sheol, behold, You are there. If I take the wings of the dawn, if I dwell in the remotest part of the sea, even there Your hand will lead me, and Your right hand will lay hold of me. If I say, 'Surely the darkness will overwhelm me, and the light around me will be night.'***

***Even the darkness is not dark to You, and the night is as bright as the day. Darkness and light are alike to You.***" (Psalm 139:7-9) Jonah tried and it didn't work. He boarded a ship to the farthest point known at that time from where he was. God caused a great storm, and it was discovered that he was the cause of the storm, he was cast overboard, and God prepared the great fish to swallow him and to deliver him to the shore of his original destination. Chapter two records Jonah's prayer of desperation and repentance in the belly of the great fish. Jonah's prayer reveals what he felt while beneath the waters of the Mediterranean for three days and nights. Jonah finally prayed to God a prayer of repentance, and was vomited out on the seashore. ***"But I will sacrifice to You With the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay what I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD."*** (Jonah 2:9)

### Prayer and Action Steps

*Lord thank you for speaking to my heart. Please help me to quickly obey you in every area of my life. Amen*

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Scripture \_\_\_\_\_

- *Read the chapter. If you have time, read it again.*
- *Highlight, underline or circle the Key Verse or Verses of the chapter.*
- *Ask yourself these questions as you read through the chapter.*

Is this historical narrative, analogy, metaphor, allegory, or some other element of speech or communicating truth?

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Does the passage teach a Biblical Precept; that is, tells you something to be, do or act? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is the Context? Old Testament? New Testament? What is the writer speaking or writing about? To whom is he writing? \_\_\_\_\_

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Are there principles in this chapter that if followed, would require me to change my attitudes or actions? \_\_\_\_\_

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Is this a clear passage of Scripture (can only be interpreted one way)? Or could the passage be interpreted legitimately, in two or more ways, according to grammar and context?

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Does the passage give a Biblical Pattern that is followed here and other places in the Bible? \_\_\_\_\_

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