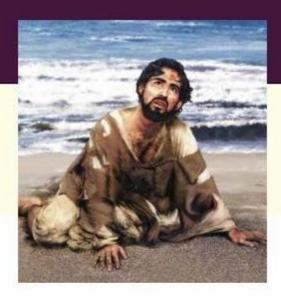


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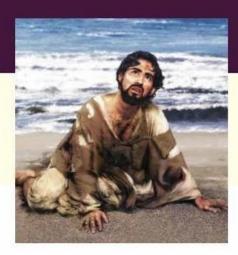
Jonah's Prayer

It is in the 1st person. His testimony.

- 1 Then Jonah prayed unto the LORD his God out of the fish's belly,
- 2 And said, I cried by reason of mine affliction unto the LORD, and he heard me; out of the belly of hell cried I, and you heard my voice.
- 3 For you had cast me into the <u>deep</u>, in the midst of the <u>seas</u>; and the <u>floods</u> compassed me about: all your <u>billows</u> and your <u>waves</u> passed over me. 4 Then I said, I am cast out of your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.

5 The waters compassed me about, even to the soul: the depth closed me round about, the weeds were wrapped about my head. 6 I went down to the bottoms of the mountains; the earth with her bars was about me forever: yet you have brought up my life from corruption, O LORD my God. 7 When my soul fainted within me I remembered the LORD: and my prayer came in unto you, into your holy temple. 8 They that observe lying vanities forsake their own mercy.

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9 But I will sacrifice unto you with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.

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

Did Jonah Die in the Whale?

J. Vernon Magee postulates that because Jesus likened himself to Jonah being three days and nights in the belly of a fish, that the Son of Man would do the same.

(Matthew 12:39-41, Matt. 16:4, Luke 11:29-32)

Therefore based on a few words here, and the resurrection of Christ, he believes Jonah died and was resurrected.

My View: Did he die? NO!

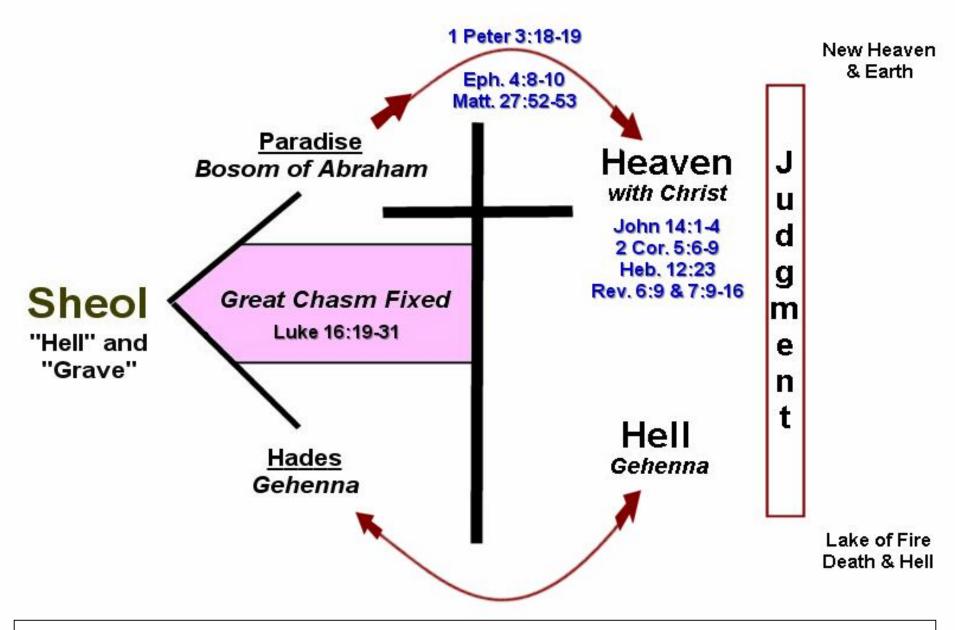
Belly of fish or belly of hell are synonyms. All his descriptions are of a living person. Cast out of His presence indicated in life. Delivered from corruption – no corruption. When my soul fainted, I prayed. Still alive. Those who refuse discipline forsake mercy Salvation is of the Lord - not resurrection.

If he died, where did he go? "SHEOL – the grave/ hell?"

The Hebrew language used only one word for grave and hell, or the place where all dead people go, that was

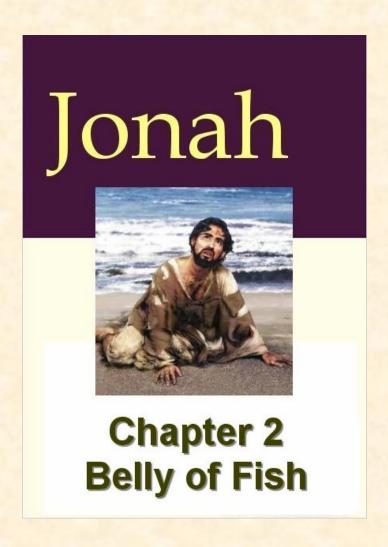
"SHEOL"

The Old Testament when speaking of death, grave, or hell, always used the same word. There was no distinction between hell and the grave.



Understanding 'Hell" in Old Testament & New Testament

The Discipline of God



God's discipline is never punishment, but correction. It is never to harm us, but to help us. It is for our good and His glory.