

The background of the image is a dark blue, textured surface representing ocean waves. The waves are small and repetitive, creating a sense of movement and depth. The lighting is slightly brighter at the top, creating a gradient effect.

THROW IT OVERBOARD!

JONAH 1:3-17



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3 But Jonah rose up to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. So he went down to Joppa, found a ship which was going to Tarshish, paid the fare and went down into it to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. 4 The LORD hurled a great wind on the sea and there was a great storm on the sea so that the ship was about to break up. 5 Then the sailors became afraid and every man cried to his god, and they threw the cargo which was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone below into the hold of the ship, lain down and fallen sound asleep. 6 So the captain approached him and said, "How is it that you are sleeping? Get up, call on your god. Perhaps your



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god will be concerned about us so that we will not perish.“ 7 Each man said to his mate, "Come, let us cast lots so we may learn on whose account this calamity has struck us." So they cast lots and the lot fell on Jonah. 8 Then they said to him, "Tell us, now! On whose account has this calamity struck us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? From what people are you?" 9 He said to them, "I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD God of heaven who made the sea and the dry land." 10 Then the men became extremely frightened and they said to him, "How could you do this?" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.



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Caspian Sea

ASSYRIAN
•Nineveh
EMPIRE

Mediterranean Sea

ISRAEL
•Jerusalem

Joppa

JUDAH

Euphrates River
Tigris River

River

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JONAH ON THE RUN

- JONAH RAN FROM GOD'S PRESENCE!!!
 - WENT DOWN TO JOPPA...
 - PAID THE FARE
 - HE WAS NOT THE ONLY ONE WHO WOULD PAY
 - THE LORD HURLED A STORM!!!

SINNER RESPONSE

- CALL ON YOUR HELP... (5)
 - FALSE IDOLS ABOUND IN OUR SOCIETY
 - WHEREVER WE GET OUR COMFORT AND PEACE
 - DRUGS, ENTERTAINMENT, SHOPPING, ETC...
 - WAKE UP JONAH!!! WHO WAS ASLEEP???
 - MAYBE YOUR GOD???

SAILOR RESPONSE

- **THROW OUT THE CARGO**
 - **THIS WAS THE REASON THEY WERE SAILING**
 - **DELIVERY MEANT PROFIT!**
 - **WHAT ARE YOU HAULING AROUND WITH YOU?**
 - **PUTTING HOPE IN IT TO KEEP YOU SAFE?**
 - **THE PROBLEM WAS STILL ONBOARD**

BLAME RESPONSE

- **THROW THE LOTS... (7)**
 - **THEY KNEW SOMETHING MORE WAS HAPPENING**
 - **THEY WERE LOOKING FOR A REASON...**
 - **JONAH IS REVEALED – WHO, WHAT, WHERE...**
 - **FEAR BECOMES FOCUSED... I AM THE REASON!**



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11 ¶ So they said to him, "What should we do to you that the sea may become calm for us?"—for the sea was becoming increasingly stormy. 12 He said to them, "Pick me up and throw me into the sea. Then the sea will become calm for you, for I know that on account of me this great storm has come upon you." 13 However, the men rowed desperately to return to land but they could not, for the sea was becoming even stormier against them. 14 Then they called on the LORD and said, "We earnestly pray, O LORD, do not let us perish on account of this man's life and do not put innocent blood on us; for You, O LORD, have done as You have



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pleased."15 So they picked up Jonah, threw him into the sea, and the sea stopped its raging. 16 Then the men feared the LORD greatly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows. 17 And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish three days and three nights.

FEAR RESPONSE

- GET TO LAND (13)
 - IF GOD HAD DONE ALL THIS, HE HAD A PLAN...
 - THEY ROW AND DO ALL THEY KNOW...
 - WE ARE NOT GUILTY...! INNOCENT BLOOD?
 - THEY STILL DID NOT GET IT... DO WE?

THROW HIM OVERBOARD!

- THE FINAL STEP – JONAH GOES OVERBOARD
 - INTO A WAITING PREPARED PLACE!
 - UNTIL THE SOURCE OF SIN IS GONE...
 - WE CAN'T KEEP THE "SIN" ONBOARD!
 - THE SOURCE MUST BE DEALT WITH...



Romans and Galatians

- **Ro 6:4** Therefore we are buried with him by baptism into death: that like as Christ was raised up from the dead by the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life. **5** For if we have been planted together in the likeness of his death, we shall be also in the likeness of his resurrection: **6** Knowing this, that our old man is crucified with him, that the body of sin might be destroyed, that henceforth we should not serve sin.
- **Gal 2:19** For I through the law am dead to the law, that I might live unto God. **20** I am crucified with Christ: nevertheless I live; yet not I, but Christ lives in me: and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by the faith of the Son of God, who loved me, and gave himself for me.
- **Ro 8:3** For what the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and for sin, condemned sin in the flesh: **4** That the righteousness of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not after the flesh, but after the Spirit.



GOD NEVER NEGOTIATES WITH MEN. JESUS CHRIST'S DEATH ON THE CROSS PUT AN END TO ANY KIND OF NEGOTIATIONS. IT IS NOW CHRIST OR NOTHING. IT IS NOW GOD'S WORD IN ITS ENTIRETY OR NOTHING.

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A MAN OF GOD

