

hAvRuTa: a Pardes Torah / Art Encounter Series

Called Up from the Depths

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PART III: Jonah

Jonah Chapter 2

יונה ב'

(1)GOD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah; and Jonah remained in the fish's belly three days and three nights. (2) Jonah prayed to the ETERNAL his God from the belly of the fish. He said:

(3)In my trouble I called to GOD,
Who answered me;
From the belly of Sheol I cried out,
And You heard my voice.

(4)You cast me into the depths,
Into the heart of the sea,
The floods engulfed me;
All Your breakers and billows
Swept over me.

(5)I thought I was driven away
Out of Your sight:
Would I ever gaze again
Upon Your holy temple?
(6)The waters closed in over me,
The deep engulfed me.
Weeds twined around my head.
(7)I sank to the base of the mountains;
The bars of the earth closed upon me
forever.

Yet You brought my life up from the pit,
My ETERNAL God!

(8)When my life was ebbing away,
I called GOD to mind;

(א) וַיִּמַן יְהוָה דָּג גָּדוֹל לִבְלַע אֶת-יוֹנָה וַיְהִי יוֹנָה בְּמִעֵי
הַדָּג שְׁלֹשָׁה יָמִים וּשְׁלֹשָׁה לַיְלֹת: (ב) וַיִּתְפַּלֵּל יוֹנָה
אֶל-יְהוָה אֱלֹהָיו מִמִּעַי הַדָּגָה: (ג) וַיֹּאמֶר קִרְאתִי מִצָּרָה
לִי אֶל-יְהוָה וַיַּעֲנֵנִי מִבְּטֶן שָׁאוֹל שְׁמַעְתִּי שְׁמַעְתָּ קוֹלִי: (ד)
וַתִּשְׁלִיכֵנִי מִצֹּהֶלֶת בְּלִבְבִי יָמִים וָנֶהָר וְסִבְבֵּנִי כָּל-מִשְׁבְּרֵי יָם
וַגְּלִיךְ עָלַי עֲבָרוּ: (ה) וַאֲנִי אָמַרְתִּי נִגְרַשְׁתִּי מִנֶּגֶד עֵינֶיךָ
אֶךְ אוֹסִיף לִהְיוֹת אֶל-הֵיכַל קִדְשֶׁךָ: (ו) אֶפְפוּנִי מִיָּם
עַד-נֶפֶשׁ תִּהְיוּם וְסִבְבֵּנִי סוּף חֲבוּשׁ לְרַאשִׁי: (ז) לְקַצְבִּי
הָרִים יִרְדּוּתִי הָאָרֶץ בְּרַחֲמֶיהָ בַּעֲדִי לְעוֹלָם וַתַּעַל מִשְׁחַת
חַיִּי יְהוָה אֱלֹהֵי: (ח) בִּהְתַּעֲטֹף עָלַי נֶפְשִׁי אֶת-יְהוָה
זָכַרְתִּי וַתִּבְּאוּ אֵלַי תַּפְלֹתַי אֶל-הֵיכַל קִדְשֶׁךָ: (ט)
מִשְׁמָרִים הַבְּלִי-שָׁוֵא חֲסִדָּם יַעֲזֹבוּ: (י) וַאֲנִי בְּקוֹל תוֹדָה
אֲזַבְּחָה-לָּךְ אֲשֶׁר נִדְרָתִי אֲשַׁלֶּמָּה יְשׁוּעָתָה לִיהוָה: {פ}

<p>And my prayer came before You, Into Your holy temple. (9)They who cling to empty folly Forsake their own welfare, (10)But I, with loud thanksgiving, Will sacrifice to You; What I have vowed I will perform. Deliverance is GOD's! (11)GOD commanded the fish, and it spewed Jonah out upon dry land.</p>	
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