

BIBLE STUDY

LUKE

2/4/16

Jonah 1-2

NARRATOR: Now the word of YHWH came to Jonah the son of Amittai.

YHWH: Arise/QUM, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out/QARA against it, for their evil has come up before me.

NARRATOR: But Jonah arose/QUM to flee to Tarshish from the face of YHWH. He went down/YRD to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went down/YRD into it, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the face of YHWH.

But YHWH hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship was threatening to break up. Then the mariners were afraid, and each prayed/called to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down/YRD into the inner part of the ship and had lain down to sleep/YRDM. So the captain came and spoke to him.

CAPTAIN: How can you go down to sleep/YRDM? Arise/QUM, call out/QARA to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.

NARRATOR: Later, in the belly of the great fish, Jonah recounts what happened to him when he was in the sea:

The waters closed in over me to take my life;
the deep surrounded me;
weeds were wrapped about my head
at the roots of the mountains.
I went down/YRD to the land
whose bars closed upon me forever;

[the sea monster swallows Jonah and spits him out on dry land]

NARRATOR: Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time.

YHWH: Arise/QUM, go to Nineveh the great city and cry out/QARA to it the cry/QARA which I am going to tell you.

NARRATOR: So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three days' walk. Then Jonah began to go through the city one day's walk; and he cried out/QARA.

JONAH: Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown.

NARRATOR: Then the men of Nineveh believed in God; and they cried out/QARA a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them. When the word reached the king of Nineveh, he arose/QUM from his throne, laid aside his robe from him, covered *himself* with sackcloth and sat on the ashes. He issued a proclamation and it said, "In Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let man, beast, herd, or flock taste a thing. Do not let them eat or drink water. But both man and beast must be covered with sackcloth; and let men cry out/QARA to God earnestly that each may turn/SHUV from his wicked way and from the violence which is in his hands. Who knows, God may turn/SHUV and have compassion/NAHAM and turn from/SHUV His burning anger so that we will not perish.

When God saw their deeds, that they turned/SHUV from their wicked way, then God had compassion/NAHAM concerning the calamity which He had declared He would bring upon them. And He did not do *it*.

Luke 11

NARRATOR: Jesus spoke to them.

JESUS: Suppose one of you has a friend, and goes to him at midnight and speaks to him.

ONE OF YOU: Friend, lend me three loaves; for a friend of mine has come to me from a journey, and I have nothing to set before him'.

FRIEND (FROM INSIDE THE HOUSE): Do not bother me; the door has already been shut and my children and I are in bed; I cannot get up and give you *anything*.

JESUS: I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him *anything* because he is his friend, yet because of his bold shamelessness he will get up and give him as much as he needs.

Luke 18

NARRATOR: Jesus told them a parable to the effect that they ought always to pray and not lose heart.

JESUS: In a certain city there was a judge who neither feared God nor respected man. And there was a widow in that city who kept coming to him.

WIDOW: Give me justice against my adversary.

JESUS: For a while he refused, but afterward he spoke to himself.

JUDGE: Though I neither fear God nor respect man, yet because this widow keeps bothering me, I will give her justice, so that she will not beat me down by her continual coming.

JESUS: Hear what the judge of injustice says. And will not God give justice to his elect, who cry to him day and night? Will he delay long over them? I tell you, he will give justice to them speedily. Nevertheless, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?

Luke 18:1-8

Now He was telling them a parable to show that at all times they ought to pray and not to lose heart, ² saying, "In a certain city there was a judge who did not fear God and did not respect man. ³ There was a widow in that city, and she kept coming to him, saying, 'Give me legal protection from my opponent.' ⁴ For a while he was unwilling; but afterward he said to himself, 'Even though I do not fear God nor respect man, ⁵ yet because this widow bothers me, I will give her legal protection, otherwise by continually coming she will wear me out.'" ⁶ And the Lord said, "Hear what the unrighteous judge said; ⁷ now, will not God bring about justice for His elect who cry to Him day and night, and will He delay long over them? ⁸ I tell you that He will bring about justice for them quickly. However, when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"

Luke 18:9-14

⁹ And He also told this parable to some people who trusted in themselves that they were righteous, and viewed others with contempt: ¹⁰ "Two men went up into the temple to pray, one a Pharisee and the other a tax collector. ¹¹ The Pharisee stood and was praying this to himself: 'God, I thank You that I am not like other people: swindlers, unjust, adulterers, or even like this tax collector. ¹² I fast twice a week; I pay tithes of all that I get.' ¹³ But the tax collector, standing some distance away, was even unwilling to lift up his eyes to heaven, but was beating his breast, saying, 'God, be merciful to me, the sinner!' ¹⁴ I tell you, this man went to his house righteous/made righteous rather than the other; for everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but he who humbles himself will be exalted."

Luke 1:46-56 ⁴⁶ And Mary said: "My soul exalts the Lord,

⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their heart.

⁵² "He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, And has exalted those who were humble.

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Luke 18:15-17

¹⁵ And they were bringing even their babies to Him so that He would touch them, but when the disciples saw it, they *began* rebuking them. ¹⁶ But Jesus called for them, saying, "Permit the children to come to Me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. ¹⁷ Truly I say to you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God like a child will not enter it *at all*."