

Notes
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The Prophets: Jonah 2012
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Torah Portion:

Exodus 4:22-23

22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, ‘Thus says the L-rd: “Israel is My son, My firstborn.
23 So I say to you, let My son go that he may serve Me. But if you refuse to let him go, indeed I will kill your son, your firstborn.”’”

Exodus 13:1-2

13 Then the L-rd spoke to Moses, saying, 2 “Consecrate to Me all the firstborn, whatever opens the womb among the children of Israel, both of man and beast; it is Mine.”

Colossians 1:15

15 He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

Colossians 1:18

18 And He is the head of the body, the church, who is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, that in all things He may have the preeminence.

Romans 1:16

16 For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Messiah, for it is the power of God to salvation for everyone who believes, for the Jew first and also for the Greek.

Service Portion:

1) The Word of the L-rd came to Jonah a second time....

Jonah 1:1-3

Now the word of the L-rd came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry out against it; for their wickedness has come up before Me.” ³But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the L-rd. He went down to Joppa, and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went down into it, to go with them to Tarshish from the presence of the L-rd.

Jonah 3:1-10

Now the word of the L-rd came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.” ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the L-rd. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey *in extent*. ⁴ And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

⁵ So the people of Nineveh believed G-d, proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest to the least of them. ⁶ Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered *himself* with sackcloth and sat in ashes. ⁷ And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water. ⁸ But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to G-d; yes, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands. ⁹ Who can tell *if* G-d will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?

¹⁰ Then G-d saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and G-d relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

2) The gifts and calling are without repentance.

Romans 11:29

²⁹ For the gifts and the calling of G-d *are* irrevocable

Jonah 1:7 – 10

⁷ And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know for whose cause this trouble *has come* upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸ Then they said to him, “Please tell us! For whose cause *is* this trouble upon us? What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?”

⁹ So he said to them, “I *am* a Hebrew; and I fear the L-rd, the G-d of heaven, who made the sea and the dry *land*.” ¹⁰ Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, “Why have you done this?” For the men knew that he fled from the presence of the L-rd, because he had told them.

3) G-d is more merciful than we are!

Jonah 3:10-4:3

¹⁰ Then G-d saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and G-d relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

¹ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he became angry. ² So he prayed to the L-rd, and said, “Ah, L-rd, was not this what I said when I was still in my country? Therefore I fled previously to Tarshish; for I know that You are a gracious and merciful G-d, slow to anger and abundant in lovingkindness, One who relents from

doing harm. 3 Therefore now, O L-rd, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live!”

Colossians 4:17

17 And say to Archippus, “Take heed to the ministry which you have received in the L-rd, that you may fulfill it.”

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