Jonah 2 — Grace in the Depths

Passage: Jonah 1:17–2:10

Key verse (KJV): “But I will sacrifice unto thee with the voice of thanksgiving; I will pay that that I have vowed. Salvation is of the LORD.” — Jonah 2:9

Objective: See God preserve, humble, and restore His disobedient child in deepest distress.

Outline

1. The great fish was God’s prepared instrument of _____.
2. “Salvation is of the _____.”
3. Jonah describes real peril: water, weeds, depth, darkness, and _____.
4. Modern incidents do not explain Jonah; his preservation was a _____.
5. _____ has not erased the covenant relationship.
6. In his affliction Jonah _____ the LORD.
7. Empty idols cause us to forsake our own _____.
8. “Salvation is of the _____.”

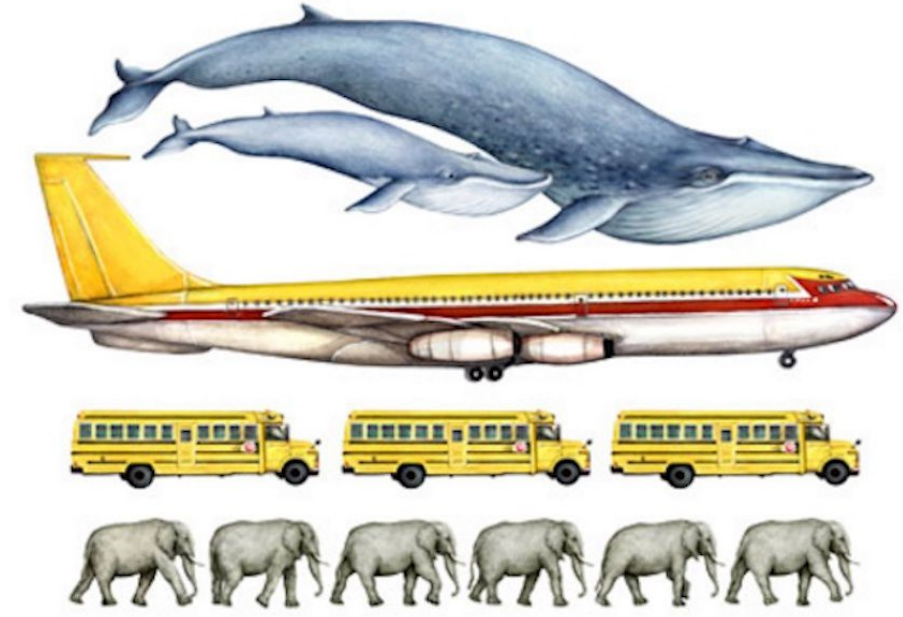
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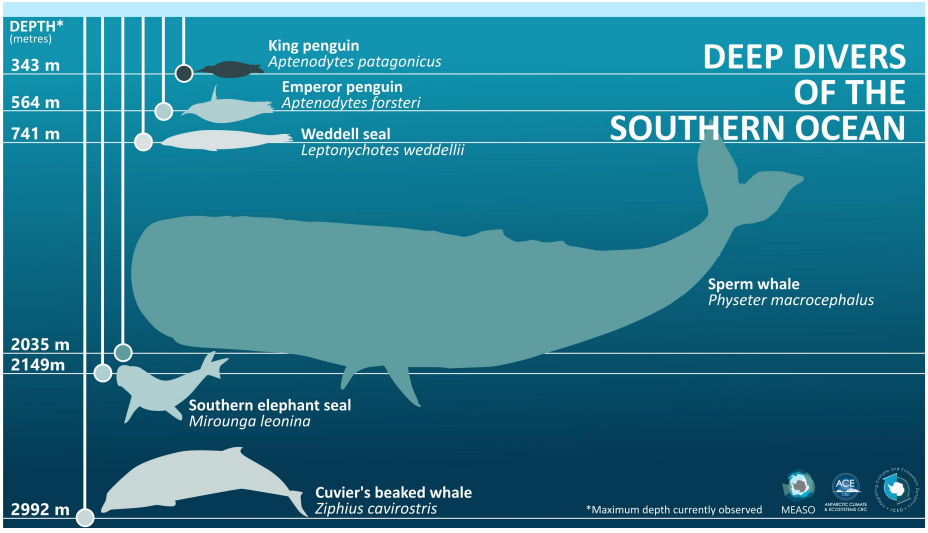
1. What phrases show Jonah’s helplessness?
2. Why is carefulness important with alleged whale-survival stories?
3. What does verse 7 teach us to do in distress?
4. What practical expression of gratitude can you offer God this week?

Further study

Psalm 18:4–6; Psalm 120:1; Matthew 12:39–41; Hebrews 12:5–11

Optional visuals — considering Jonah's setting





The whale-size illustrations and deep-diving chart are for illustration purposes only. They help us consider the scale of ocean creatures and the severe world beneath the surface. They do not identify Jonah's fish, specify Jonah's depth, or explain away the miracle. Scripture says "the LORD had prepared a great fish" (Jonah 1:17); let Jonah 2 describe the reality we are to understand.

Notes