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THE SONG OF JONAH

an original cantata

for soloist, choir, and orchestra

with

an annotated translation of the Book of Jonah

and

a descriptive analysis of this musical midrash

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ABSTRACT

The aim of this senior project is two pronged: textual analysis of the Book of Jonah and select commentaries, centered on *Midrash Yonah*; and a newly composed piece of orchestral music inspired by this research. The textual analysis examines the Book of Jonah through close reading, translation, and comparative exploration of midrash and commentary. While the bulk of this project is compositional in nature, the creation of the musical form is based in text and translation. Recognizing both the dearth of existing musical treatments for the Book of Jonah, as well as my own prolonged fascination with the text, I have created a midrashically informed piece of through-composed music, utilizing intertextuality and sources written in a variety of languages.

INTRODUCTION

The Book of Jonah has been essential to my emergent sense of identity for as long as I can remember. My earliest memories of synagogue life—and many of my earliest memories in any capacity—are tied to my understanding of Jonah, as I participated in an original musical written by Simeon Glaser, the rabbi at my childhood congregation. I simultaneously discovered performance, liturgical music, and interpretative midrash in a singular, formative experience which helped shape my personal identity throughout my meandering path to the cantorate. As such, and in an attempt to honor this legacy, I have undertaken a three-fold senior project:

- An exploratory textual analysis of the Book of Jonah, focusing on the complete Hebrew text, incorporating elements from *Midrash Yonah*;
- A newly composed piece of orchestral music which has been inspired by my research;
- A recital, which premiered this new piece of music in conversation with additional, existing music inspired by the Book of Jonah, including biblical

chant, and repertoire from the canon written for voice and orchestra.

In creating a piece of original orchestral music inspired by the Book of Jonah, I have furthered my own skills as composer and orchestrator, and sharpened my abilities to interpret text through music. While intended as a concert piece, I recognize the liturgical placement of the Book of Jonah within the *Yamim Noraim*, and hope that particularly driven institutions could possibly find a home for this music as part of their observance.

Throughout the following sections, I will offer a detailed look into each of these aspects.

TEXTUAL ANALYSIS

In order to most effectively adapt the Book of Jonah musically, it has been essential to engage with the text in a thorough and systematic manner. This textual analysis includes detailed work in translating and synthesizing the Hebrew text as well as an examination of the extant body of literature surrounding the Book of Jonah. In addition to translating the text from Hebrew into English, I have centered intertextuality within this project through undertaking a complete translation of the text into Yiddish. By comparing this multilingual text, I have been able to uncover layers of meaning within the text, and have attempted to best reflect the varying subtextual connotations of the source text through the act of interpretation. Throughout the process, *Midrash Yonah* has remained my primary vehicle for explanatory text, as found within the pages of

¹ I used Y. F. Gezelshaft's Yiddish translation of Tanakh as an initial reference in developing my translation; I am indebted to their work as well as the tireless assistance of Evan Cohen, Samantha Cohen, and Joyce Rosenzweig.

Gezelshaft, Y. F. (1937). *Torah, Neviim u-Khetuvim*. Hebrew Publishing Company.

Yalkut Sh'moni.² Additionally, I have incorporated the entirety of Rashi's commentary on the Book of Jonah, and—for select verses—included the words of Ibn Ezra. Finally, I have found several moments where I have been able to highlight the words of our scholars and sages found within Talmud as well as the midrashic compilation *Ein Yaakov*.³

Rabbinic Texts

While part of what makes the Book of Jonah especially well-suited to adaptation is its relatively narrow narrative scope—and its remarkably dramatic contents—this is also a text with a paucity of descriptive language and emotional motivation. Through examination of the classical midrash, I have furthered my understanding of the text through a classical lens, and incorporated historical rabbinic understanding of the more arcane aspects of the text. For example, in Talmud Bavli, *Nedarim* 38a we learn that the rabbis held that Jonah was rich:

יונה דכתיב ויתן שכרה וירד בה כבא עמהם תרשישה מכפני יהוה⁴ ואמר רבי יוחנן שנתן שכרה של ספינה כולה וא"ר רומנוס שכרה של ספינה היה ארבעת אלפים דינרי זהב.

Of Jonah, it is written: He paid its wages and went aboard to go with them to

Tarshish, away from יהוה. And Rabbi Yochanan said: "He paid the wages of the

² There is no singular source for *Midrash Yonah*, and *Yalkut Sh'moni* is a compilation of a range of midrashic texts; in this way, it is an ideal vessel for the multitudinous rabbinic opinions surrounding the Book of Jonah.

³ All the text found within *Ein Yaakov* comes, of course, from the Talmud; it is a particularly useful resource for distilling the narrative midrash within Talmudic discourse from the halakhically driven arguments found throughout.

⁴ Jonah 1:3; see page 37.

entire freight-ship," and R. Romanus said: "the wages of a freight-ship were four thousand golden *dinars*." 5

Additionally, while Jonah is known as both a reluctant and tacitum prophet, in *Midrash Tanchuma*, Vayikra 8:1, the rabbis develop a thorough—albeit brief—backstory for Jonah's lack of enthusiasm:

ולמה ברח. אלא שפעם ראשונה, שלחו להשיב את גבול ישראל ועמדו דבריו, שנאמר: הוא השים את גבול ישראל פעם שניה, שלחו לירושלים להחריבה, ועשה הקדוש ברוך הוא ברב רחמיו ונחם על הרעה ולא חרבה, והיו קורין אותו נביא השקר. פעם שלישית, שלחו אל נינוה להחריבה. דן יונה דין בינו לבין עצמו. אמר יונה, אני יודע שהגוים קרובי תשובה הם. עכשו אם אלך בשליחותו, מיד יעשו תשובה, והקדוש ברוך הוא ארך אפים ורב חסד. ובעת שיעשו תשובה, מיד ירחם, ויקצף הקדוש ברוך הוא על ישראל כמו שעשה בימי סנחריב.

And why did he flee? Well, the first time God sent Jonah to restore the border of Israel, and his words were fulfilled, as it is stated "He restored the border of Israel.6" The second time, God sent Jonah to Jerusalem to destroy it; but the Holy One—Blessed is God—worked up God's great mercies and relented from the bad, and did not destroy it. Therefore, [the people of Israel] would call Jonah a false prophet. The third time, God sent Jonah to Nineveh to destroy it. Jonah judged the case between him and himself—Jonah said: "I know that these non-Jews are close to repentance. Now, if I go on my mission, they will repent immediately and the Holy One—Blessed is God—is long-suffering and of great kindness—at the time that they repent, God will immediately show mercy. And the Holy One—Blessed is God—will become enraged towards Israel, as God did at the time of Sennacherib.7

In this reframing, Jonah's classic portrayal as a reluctant prophet is challenged by a

⁵ All translations are my own. A full, annotated text of the Book of Jonah is provided within this thesis (see pages 36–63).

⁶ II Kings 14:25

⁷ Jonah here expresses his concern for the welfare and well-being of the Israelite nation, which has famously—and repeatedly—suffered from a lack of religious devotion and the subsequent divine retribution it inspires. Jonah resists prophecy towards the Ninevites out of an abundance of caution; their repentance would do little to aid the status of the Jewish nation.

depiction of a man afraid of the repercussions for his own people if he were to prophesy once more.

Inspired by the traditional layout of *mikraot g'dolot*, I have created a multilingual, translated presentation of the traditional Book of Jonah and *Midrash Yonah* with necessary commentary as the culmination of my textual analysis.

Existing Repertoire

In preparation for my own compositional work, I began a brief survey into the existing repertoire written on the Book of Jonah. As my personal journey to the cantorate has been an exploration of my shared passions for liturgical music and theatrical endeavors; this proved to be an opportunity to dive into a vast musical realm, uncovering hidden gems, and utterly invigorating. Recognizing my own myriad influences, I cast a relatively wide net: from the classical Italian texts of my earliest voice lessons, to the church Latin which became a feature of my educational and professional career, to the worlds of modern music and the contemporary sounds of pop and jazz.8

Beginning with Songs from the Book of Jonah—the childhood-favorite musical written by Simeon Glaser (1955–2023),⁹ and the inspiration for my own work—I looked for works anchored in the midrashic tradition, expounding upon the existing text and offering commentary. I first explored music from the folk rock tradition which had such a strong influence on its creation. These musical pieces were often free-standing, telling

⁸ Much of this work became the basis for my senior recital, *The Song of Jonah*, presented at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion on September 25th, 2024.

⁹ See page 287.

condensed versions of the Jonah story, or focused on particular aspects. The Jewish musicians Kol B'Seder and Josh Nelson (born 1978) have written songs intended for younger audiences. The opera Porgy and Bess contains explicit reference to the Book of Jonah in the song It Ain't Necessarily So. 10 In fact, the doubt immortalized in the lines

The things that you're liable to read in the Bible, It ain't necessarily so.¹¹

comes back time and again throughout midrashic musical interpretation of Jonah. Paul Simon (born 1941) showcases a similar sense of incredulity in his song; his song *Jonah* states

They say, "Jonah, he was swallowed by a whale" But I say, "There's no truth to that tale I know Jonah, he was swallowed by a song."¹²

While there is a beautiful flippancy to this interpretation which aligns with Simon's conversational approach to lyrics, there is also an underlying rabbinic logic to this phrase. When Jonah offers his prayer in the second chapter, he offers it to God "יְנָיֵנֵנְ". While the root of this word, ענה, is often translated as "to answer," it can also be read as "who

¹⁰ Professor Jack Gottlieb (1930-2011), in his book <u>Funny</u>, <u>It Doesn't Sound</u> <u>Jewish</u>, points out that the melodic basis for this song mirrors the melody of the Torah blessing used in Ashkenazic tradition; this reutilization and repurposing of Jewish musical themes would prove influential in my own compositional work, albeit subconsciously.

¹¹ Gershwin, G. and Gershwin, I. (1935). It Ain't Necessarily So. *Porgy and Bess*.

¹² Simon, P. (1980). Jonah. One-Trick Pony.

sings to me."¹³ If the God within the Book of Jonah is the God who sings, then Jonah is, in fact, swallowed up by a song.

From these individual pieces, I next turned my attention to wider scale compositions. Fascinatingly, the closest analog I found to Songs from the Book of Jonah proved to be an adaptation from the popular children's show VeggieTales.¹⁴ While written with an explicitly Christian theology, they do faithfully retell the story through song, and expand upon the existing biblical text in interesting ways. However, I also hoped to locate music both Jewish and orchestral, and in that vein, I happened upon several major works: Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco's Jonah: A Biblical Oratorio, Hugo Chaim Adler's Jonah: A Biblical Cantata, and Samuel Adler's Jonah (The Man Without Tolerance). Castelnuovo-Tedesco's (1895–1968) work¹⁵ is written in both Italian and English, based on the King James version, and tells the entirety of the Jonah story using the biblical text as its libretto; it premiered at the 1954 edition of the Sagra Musicale *Umbra*, an Italian musical festival. Scored for jazz orchestra—with woodwind doublings and dual pianos—as well as male chorus and soloists, it remains under explored and unpublished. The music is distinctly Castelnuovo-Tedesco's, and utilizes many of his

انَّا From Brown-Driver-Briggs: بِاللهِ IV. بِلِية vb. sing (Arabic غِنَّاءٌ sing, chant, غَنَّاءٌ singing, chanting, etc.; Syriac عُدِّ sing responsively, حُمْنِيكُ hymn, refrain; poss. Assyrian enû, resound (?); Egyptian anni is loan-word according to Bondi).

Brown, F., Driver, S. R., & Briggs, C. A. (2018). The Brown-Driver-Briggs Hebrew and English Lexicon: With an Appendix Containing the Biblical Aramaic. Hendrickson Publishers

¹⁴ Their song, Second Chances, is quite a bit of fun.

¹⁵ See pages 246–57 and 275–85.

trademark sounds—in particular his tendency towards rhythmic complexity and polytonality. Hugo Chaim Adler's (1894–1955) work¹⁶ remains frustratingly incomplete. The score was published without accompaniment, and in the intervening years, the orchestration has been lost. Likely composed for his own synagogue—Temple Emanuel in Worcester, Massachusetts, where he premiered many of his pieces—the fragments that exist show an ambitious work which switches fluidly from moments of melodic intensity to passionate interludes of cantorial recitative. Samuel Adler's (born 1928) composition¹⁷ has been set in both English and German, and is, in many ways, a particularly expansive interpretation: while it predominantly follows the Biblical text, it incorporates moments of Hebrew, Akkadian, Greek, and Aramaic into the settings, as well as a poem by Gertrud Kolmar (1894–1943), which serves as the climactic moment of the entire composition. The piece was commissioned by the Bach Choir of Christus Kirche in Mannheim, Germany, where both Samuel Adler and his father, Hugo Chaim Adler, were born. Through-composed, Jonah (The Man Without Tolerance) comes to the Book of Jonah with a clear point of view, and this is reflected not only in the text, but often within the music itself, which is angular and direct, often avoiding a key center or a clear sense of tonality. By the end of the piece, pitch is abandoned all together, as the recitation of the text is presented through spoken word and percussion.

These three pieces tell a fascinating story of the breadth of musical interpretation of the Book of Jonah, and with their stylistic and linguistic differences, showcase the

¹⁶ See pages 262-70.

¹⁷ See pages 271–4.

exploration of Jewish musical settings of Jonah is the examination of the musical influence of the biblical text without the exclusivity of Jewish roots. While a truly comprehensive examination of musical settings of the Book of Jonah would be nearly impossible—and certainly beyond the scope of this project—it felt equally necessary to acknowledge the wealth of available musical material. In that spirit, I searched for music from a broad spectrum of time periods and styles, which led me to Giacomo Carissimi (1605–1674) and his early cantata *Jonas*. With text from the Latin Vulgate, the music is written in a formal, baroque style, and is one of the earliest examples of oratorio, which became the dominant musical idiom of the period. Scored for double chorus, two violins, and continuo, *Jonas* covers the first two chapters of the Book of Jonah before concluding with a remarkably abbreviated—and quasi midrashic—third chapter, giving voice to the prayers of the Ninevites:

Peccavimus, Domine, peccavimus, et in viis tuis non ambulavimus, sed convertere, ¹⁰ Domine, et convertemur, illumina vultum tuum super nos et salvi erimus.

We have sinned, Lord, we have sinned. We have not walked in Your ways, but we must repent,²⁰ Lord, we will repent, and the light of Your face will shine upon us and we will be saved.

In Carissimi's hands, Jonah's prayer is abbreviated, and the contrast of the sailors new-

¹⁸ Amongst the neglected materials include the music written to accompany the whale swallowing Pinocchio in the animated Disney classic.

¹⁹ See pages 242–3 and 245.

²⁰ While this word can be translated as "repent," given the recurring theme of conversion throughout the Book of Jonah, it is fascinating and appropriate to consider the Ninevites as converts.

found faith following their rescue from the storm at sea is even closer to the repentance of the Ninevites. Tellingly, Jonah—a remarkably concise prophet—isn't even given any words with which to convince the people of Nineveh; in this version, the people offer their prayer solely through the presence of a prophet of God. Their prayer echoes the Hebrew text of the Priestly Blessing: "שֹא יהוה פניי אכיך וישם כך שלים"—May God's countenance shine upon you and bring you peace."21

Dominick Argento (1927–2019) continues this tradition of rewriting in *Jonah and the Whale*, ²² which interweaves biblical text, medieval poetry, and sea shanty with Argento's own idiosyncratic, modernist writing. Writing for narrator, chorus, and a fascinating instrumental ensemble of harp, percussion, and trombone trio, he builds upon familiar tropes within the literature surrounding the Book of Jonah, while adding additional narrative structure and motivation:

With a mighty surge the fish swept to the bottom of the sea, Where rough rocks rolled in the raging currents, With the man in its maw, much tortured by dread; Little wonder it was that he wept in woe!²³

Where the biblical text presents Jonah in a matter-of-fact manner, here, accompanied by the rolling sounds of harp and regal blasts of horn, Jonah is tortured and in woe. And while the music itself often belies the text it presents, this juxtaposition is in itself illuminating, offering depth and nuance to the story.

Finally, beyond these lengthy, weighty pieces, there lies again the simplicity of a

²¹ Numbers 6:26.

²² See pages 258–61.

²³ Text by Dominick Argento, inspired by Jonah 2:1–2.

straightforward song. From rewritten sea shanties to songs of oral tradition, these tunes distill the biblical text to easily digestible lessons. Almeda Riddle (1898–1986), an Arkansas-born folk singer, recalls a melody learned from her aunt:

Now, some people don't believe
That a whale could him receive,
But that doesn't make my song at all untrue.
There are whales on every side,
And big mouths are open wide,
So take care or one may swallow you.²⁴

While the tune is half-remembered, the lyrics remained with her, and their potent imagery reinforce the terror of Jonah's outlandish biblical claims. In a similar manner, Ewald J. Bash (1924–1994) rewrote the lyrics to *Drunken Sailor* to match the power and majesty of the storm: "Fall on your knees for the sea is raging...Lord our God, have mercy on us." Amidst this terrible imagery, Louis Armstrong (1901–1971) provides a typically joyful contribution: his *Jonah and the Whale* succinctly enumerates the greatest hits of the biblical text, punctuated with the repeated incredulity of "Lord, wasn't that a fish!" Through catchy melody and embellished textual detail, Armstrong fits a surprisingly full picture into two-and-a-half minutes. Mirroring the work of the rabbinic authors, he expands and contracts differing aspects of the source material to maximize the impact upon the listener.

Ultimately, each musical telling of the Book of Jonah is a product of its time and

²⁴ John Quincy Wolf Folklore Collection. (1962). Jonah and the whale [MP3]. Batesville, Arkansas.

²⁵ Bash, E. (1964). Weigh Heigh Up She Rises.

²⁶ See pages 299–317.

circumstance. Yet within these confines, there are certain similar characteristics. Each musical piece explored and examined revealed a fascinating relationship with the text, pushing towards a vernacular expansion of the biblical material in order to relate the composer's individualistic understanding of the nuanced meaning of the text. Each composer attempted to capture the contemporary imagination through an exploration of either their own personalized musical methodology or the reigning mode of the day—from baroque motet to acoustic rock—while often incorporating distinct modalities of the past.

COMPOSITION

From my earliest conceptions of this project, it has been my intention to present the Book of Jonah in an accessible fashion, using the strengths of musical composition to highlight the various aspects of the story. As Peter Shaffer (1926–2016) wrote on vocal music, "it's realer than any play! A dramatic poet would have to put all those thoughts down one after another to represent this second of time. The composer can put them all down at once—and still make us hear each one of them." As inspiration for the compositional process, I intended to utilize the various commentaries and midrashic interpretations as an aid in developing a functional libretto for the piece. With these two goals—accessibility and illumination—as my guiding principles, I began to create the underlying linguistic structure of the piece. One of my earliest choices was to present the story of Jonah through multiple languages. Inspired by rabbinic interpretations centering

²⁷ Shaffer, P. (1993). Amadeus. Penguin Books. Pg. 66

Jonah's wealth,²⁸ I determined to present Jonah's words solely through biblical Hebrew, as a commentary upon his status and self-worth. Similarly, Jonah's music is often formal, classical, and orchestrally lush, especially at the beginning of the story.

In contrast with the formality of my depiction of Jonah, I strove to present the remaining voices of the story in a different light. The narration is presented predominantly in English, foregrounding the accessibility of the story for the modern audience. The sailors also sing in English,²⁹ while the Ninevites sing in Yiddish—an intentional choice meant to ground the story in the musical and linguistic tradition of the Jewish people. In my earliest conceptions, this language choice maps the migratory patterns of the Jewish people onto Jonah's journey. Jonah leaves his homeland in Israel —carrying the Hebrew language with him—and immediately travels west, as far as possible from God's call. The English of the sailors can therefore be read as the English of the New World, which my own immigrant ancestors encountered for the first time on the seas while en route to their new home. Jonah's westward journey, however, is interrupted; upon his return eastward, he finds himself in a place dissimilar from his homeland. Yet the Nineveh presented in the Book of Jonah is related to the development of Jewish liturgical practice, particularly the rabbinic reconstruction of Yom Kippur. By presenting the word and plight of the Ninevites in Yiddish, I hope to highlight this

²⁸ Rashi on Jonah 1:3 (see page 37), as well as Talmud Bavli, *Nedarim* 38a, which is cited above.

²⁹ According to R. Chanina, "משעבים לשון היו באניה"—There were representatives of all languages on that ship," a phrase which signifies all the languages of the earth; surely English must have been one of them (Yalkut Sh'moni 550; see page 41).

connectivity with our tradition, both liturgical and theatrical.

There is one more voice within the piece: the words attributed to God within the Book of Jonah. I have made the narrative choice to have God's language change depending on circumstance; when these words are part of a narrative declaration, they appear in English; when they are directed at Jonah, they appear in their original Hebrew. And, at times, utilizing the polyphonic texture of choral writing, the word of God is presented in multiple languages simultaneously.³⁰ Finally, throughout the piece, all appearances of the word *Adonai*—and other names of God—within the narration appears with the Ashkenazic musical rendition of the haftarah trope as notated by Abraham Wolf Binder (1895–1966) preserved.

Chapter One

The story of Jonah begins with the famously reluctant prophet fleeing the command to set forth on his journey to Nineveh. Instead, he turns immediately westward, and departs on an ocean voyage, intending to put himself as far as possible from his expected task. Given Jonah's ultimate fate—arguably the most successful prophet in history—the rabbinic tradition gives immense weight to this initial hesitancy, and devote tremendous literary resource to understanding this decision. According to Rashi, Jonah flees Israel under the supposition that outside the law of the land, there would be no way to enforce God's demands. Yet in typical rabbinic fashion, God's law is

³⁰ Akin to the liturgical poem, L'cha Dodi, whose first verse states שָׁמוֹר וְזָבוֹר "Guard" and "remember" in a single utterance, a reference to the differing texts of the decalogue found within Exodus and Deuteronomy; similarly, through choral music, the voice of God is presented as a choir of voices singing in unison and harmony and across a linguistic divide.

shown to expand beyond all borders:

אמר לו הקב"ה חייך יש לי שלוחים כיוצא בך לשלוח אחריך ולהביאך משם משל לעבד כהן שברח מן רבו ונכנס לבית הקברות אמר לו רבו יש לי עבדים כיוצא בך לשלוח אחריך ולהביאך משם־3

The Holy Blessed One said to him, "Come, I have emissaries like you, to send after you and bring you back from there." A parable: There was a priest's slave who fled from his master and took cover in a cemetery. His master said to him, "I have slaves like you, to send after you and bring you back from there." 31

Further, R. Eliezer adds in a justification for Jonah's flight—his shame that he be called untruthful yet again before the people of Israel: "אף אותי נביא השקר אלא" בודו שם ולא די שישראל קורין אותי נביא השקר אלילים קורין אותי נביא השקר אברח למקום שאין כבודו שם—Is it not enough that Israel calls me a false prophet, should the worshipers of stars and planets also call me a false prophet?"³²

Musically, this introduction is established through the dissonance and instability of the orchestration, which begins with the open strings of the orchestra, playing the familiar intervals of orchestral tuning, before reaching the peak of God's proclamation.³³ Following the command, the music which accompanies Jonah as he flees is quiet and discomfited, appropriate to this shame-filled act of desperation. Yet the music picks up tempo as he reaches the sea, turning towards a jaunty melody reminiscent of sea shanty, reflecting Jonah's emotions as he departs towards the sea: "בשמחת לבו של יונה הקדים ונתן"

³¹ Rashi on Jonah 1:3; see page 37.

³² Yalkut Sh'moni 550; see pages 38–9.

³³ See pages 68–72.

שכרה שנאמר—with joy in Jonah's heart, he paid their wages in advance."34

Quickly, the music turns towards the oncoming storm,³⁵ which begins to overwhelm the music of the sailors. Using a variation on the musical motifs of haftarah trope—predominantly gershayim and r'vi-i—the storm builds and grows; yet Jonah remains unsurprised, and the music that accompanies his descent into the hold of the vessel reflects his quiet turmoil: "לנו בערת נפשו נקרדם ויעף לו",—Jonah, in the destitution of his soul, fell asleep—for he was very weary."³⁶ The captain of the ship approaches him, and while he sings in his own language, the melody is that of haftarah trope, matching the trope of the original Hebrew phrase. In addition to honoring the musical tradition of the Book of Jonah, this reflects the midrash, which writes in knowledge of Jewish tradition ascribed to the sailors: "שמענו שאלהיך גדול קום קרא אל אלהיך אולי יעשה" בים—We have heard that your God is great; stand up and call to your God! Maybe he will do for us like the wonders which he made at the sea!"³⁷

The rabbis were, in fact, quite concerned with the apparent conversion of the sailors, and provided extensive justification for their actions; Ibn Ezra tells us that the

³⁴ ibid.; see page 41.

³⁵ See pages 77–8.

³⁶ Yalkut Sh'moni 550; see pages 41-2.

³⁷ ibid.; see page 42.

sailors cries are their belief in God,³⁸ and Rashi tells us that their vows are to convert.³⁹
Following Jonah's declaration⁴⁰—a musically recurring theme within the piece—the sailors present a cacophony of voices, crying out for explanation, decision, and justice.

Their layered entrances reflect the casting of lots within the story, and the storm rises and falls according to their actions:

א"ר שמעון עדיין לא קבלו עליהם להשליכו לים עד שהפילו גורלות ונפל הגורל על יונה, מה עשו נטלו כלים שבאניה והשליכום לים להקל מעליהם ולא הועילו, רצו לחזור ליבשה ולא יכלו, נטלו את יונה והעמידוהו על ירכתי הספי נה, אמרו רבון העולמים אכל תתן עכלינו דם נקיאינ שאין אנו יודעים מה מעשה של זה האיש, הטילו אותו עד ארכבותיו והים עומד מזעפו נשאו אותו אצלם והים הולך וסוער, הטילו אותו עד טבורו והים עומד מזעפו, נשאו אותו אצלם והים עומד וסוער הטילו אוו על צוארו וכו' (כדלעיל) עד שהטילו כולו שנאמר וישאו את יונה 4342.

R. Shimon said: Still, they had not resolved to throw him into the sea until they drew lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. What did they do? They took all of the cargo and hurled it into the sea to lighten its load, to no avail. They wanted to return to the dry land, but they were not able. They took Jonah and placed him on the stern of the ship, saying: "Master of the worlds, 'do not place upon us innocent blood,'41 for we do not know what this man has done." They cast him up to his legs and the sea ceased raging; they lifted him up and the sea walked and raged. They cast him up to his navel, and the sea ceased raging; they lifted him up and the sea walked and raged. They cast him up to his neck (as above), until they cast all of him, as it is written: "They lifted Jonah up.⁴²"⁴³

³⁸ "האמינו לקרא אליו". Everyone believed in God, bringing honor and turning to call out God's Holy Name." Ibn Ezra on Jonah 1:14; see page 42.

³⁹ Rashi on Jonah 1:16; see page 43.

⁴⁰ See pages 91–4.

⁴¹ Jonah 1:14; see page 42.

⁴² Jonah 1:16; see page 43.

⁴³ Yalkut Sh'moni 550; see page 43.

As Jonah descends into the sea, the music shifts to a wordless prayer, reflecting the "great fear" of the sailors.⁴⁴ As their prayer builds in intensity, the narration concludes with a final musical quote from haftarah trope, signifying the close of the chapter.⁴⁵

Chapter Two

The music for chapter two begins with a fugue on the first two verses; 46 the highly structured, formal music reflects Jonah's own sense of worth and status. Yet the playful nature of fugue and counterpoint also align with the journey Jonah undertakes as told in midrash: while his prayer begins at the entrance of the underworld, 47 Jonah travels beneath the waves and sees "בתשות ובתהומות בתהומות בתהומות בתהומות בתהומות שבימים ובתהומות בתהומות שבימים ובתהומות שבימים ובתהומות that was in the seas and the abysses." Once Jonah begins his prayer, he not only finds himself within the depths of the sea, but within the cavernousness of the great fish. As he looks about him, and experiences both the terror and the wonder of the situation—as Ibn Ezra tells us, במעשה it must have been a miracle the music drops away entirely, and Jonah begins to

⁴⁴ Jonah 1:16; see page 43.

⁴⁵ See pages 114–5.

⁴⁶ See pages 116-22.

⁴⁷ Talmud Bavli, Eruvin 19a; see page 44.

⁴⁸ Yalkut Sh'moni 550; see page 45.

⁴⁹ For "זכר היה והיה עומד בריוח ולא נתן d man could stand in that space without giving heart to prayer," Rashi on Jonah 2:1; see page 45.

⁵⁰ Despite popular opinion, the great fish is never explicitly referred to as a whale.

chant on his own.51

The music of Jonah's prayer⁵² starts with haftarah cantillation, and then utilizes modes and motifs common to cantorial recitative. The orchestration remains sparse, filled with echoes and repetitions of Jonah's phrases, showcasing the vastness of the expanse he has found himself in, and the distance he has traveled from his known world. Yet Jonah does not sing in solitude and isolation for long. As the midrash imparts, Jonah's prayer occurs alongside conversation with the great fish:

והראהו נחל גדול של אוקינוס שנאמר ונהר יסובבני, והראהו שבילי ים סוף שעברו ישראל בתוכם שנאמר סוף זזבוש כראשי, והראהו מקום שמשברי הים אליו יוצא שנאמר ככל משבריך ונכליך עכל עברו והראהו עמודי ארץ במכוניה שנאמר הארץ בריוזיה בעדי כלעוכם, והראהו שאול תחתית שנאמר מבטן שאוכל שועתי, והראהו גיהנם שנאמר ותעכל משוחת וזיי, והראהו היכל ה' שנאמר כלקצבי הרים, מכאן אנו למדים שירושלים על שבעה הרים עומדת.53

The fish showed him the great torrent of the oceans, as it is said: the tides encircle me. And he showed him the paths of the Sea of Reeds which Israel passed through, as it is said: weeds bind my head. And he showed him the place where the breaking waves of the sea come forth, as it is said: All your breaking waves overtake over me. And he showed him the pillars of the earth at their foundation, as it is said: the earth is barred against me forever. And he showed him the lowest part of the underworld, as it is said: From the depths of the underworld I cry for help. And it showed him hell, as it is said: Yet my life ascends from the pit. And it showed him the Palace of אוהוה, as it is written: I descend to the roots of the mountains. 53

As Jonah moves through these myriad spaces, experiencing the wonders and majesty of this hidden world, the music grows—in tempo, in orchestration, in melodic

⁵¹ Ibn Ezra on Jonah 2:1; see page 46.

⁵² See page 123.

⁵³ Yalkut Sh'moni 550, quoting Jonah 2:3-7; see pages 46-7.

expansiveness.

This thickness of texture reflects an additional midrash; according to tradition,

Jonah is initially too comfortable within the great fish. Astounded by the wonders he has witnessed—"שהיו שתי עיני הדגה כמין שתי חלונות ומסתכל ורואה כל מה שבים for the two eyes of the fish were like two windows, and he could look and see everything in the sea"54—we learn that God is displeased, proclaiming:

אני הרחבתי לו מקום במעי דג זכר כדי שלא יצטער והוא אינו מתפלל אני מזמן דגה מעוברת שס"ה אלפים רבבות דגים קטנים כדי שיצטער ויתפלל לפני.55

"I made room for him in the belly of this male fish so that he would not grieve, and he does not pray! I will assign a fish pregnant with three hundred sixty five thousand little fish in order to grieve him, and he will pray before Me."55

Even as Jonah experiences the spectacles of the deeps, he finds himself crowded in on all sides, until he is forced to burst forth in prayer. With a final change in the character of

⁵⁴ Rashi on Jonah 2:6; see page 47.

⁵⁵ Yalkut Sh'moni 550; see page 47.

the music, Jonah declares his promise: אַשַּלֶּמָה אָשֶׁלְּמָה אָשֶׁרְ נָדֻרְתִּי אֲשַׁלֵּמָה הוֹנָד אָשֶׁר נָדַרְתִּי אֲשַׁלַמָה הוֹנד בְּקוֹל תּוֹדָה אָזְבְּחָה־לֶּדְּ אֲשֶׁר נָדַרְתִּי אֲשַׁלֵּמָה לִיהוֹה:
—And I, with a voice of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to You, will make

רבון העולמים אנה אלך מרוחך ואנה מפניך אברח אם אסק שמים* אתה מלך על כל הממלכות ואדון על כל רוזני תבל, כסאך שמי שמים וארץ הדום רגליך, מלכותך במרום וממשלתך בעומק, מעשי כל האדם גלויים לפנים ותעלומות כל גבר פרושות לך, דרכי כל אדם אתה חוקר ומצעדי כל חי אתה בותן, סתרי כליות אתה יודע, רזי לבבות אתה מבין, כל מסתרים גלוים גך, אין תעלומות לפני כסא כבודך ואין נסתר מנגד עיניך, כל רז ורז אתה סודר וכל דבר ודבר אתה סח, בכל מקום אתה שם, עיניך צופות רעים וטובים בבקשה ממך ענני מבטן שאול והושיעני במצולה ותבא באזניך שועתי ומלא בקשתי, שאתה יושב ברחוק ושומע בקרוב, נקראת מעלה ומוריד נא העלני, נקראת ממית ומחיה הגעתי למות החייני, ולא נענה עד שיחצא דבר זה מפיז ואשר נדרתי להעלות את לויתן ולעשותו לפניהם אשלם ביום ישועות ישראל ואני בקוב תודה אזברה כך.°

"Master of the Universe, where can I go from Your Spirit; where can I flee from before You? If I ascend to the heavens: * You rule over all sovereignties and are master over all the innumerable worlds. Your throne is in heaven and the earth is Your footstool. Your sovereignty is in the heights and your rule is in the depths. The deeds of all humanity are known before You, and the mysteries of each individual are spread out before You. You investigate the ways of humankind, and You examine the paths of all lives. You know hidden emotions, understand secret hearts, all hiding places are known to You; there are no secrets before Your throne of glory, nothing hidden from Your eyes. You order all mysteries and speak all words; in all places You are there. Your eyes scout out evil and goodness, while I beseech you—from the depths of the underworld—deliver me from the abyss, and bring Your ears to my cry; fulfill my request. For though You may dwell a great distance, You hear as if from nearby; You are called the One who lifts up and brings down—please raise me up! You are called the giver of death and life—I have reached death; revive me!" But he was not answered until this word came from his mouth: "I vow to bring up the Leviathan, and prepare him before them, which I will pay on the day of the salvation of Israel—And I, with a voice of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to You."0

Yalkut Sh'moni 550, quoting *Psalm 138:9 and oJonah 2:10; see pages 48-50.

⁵⁶ The midrash offers a more robust prayer from Jonah, which echoes much of the language found within the *machzor* for Yom Kippur:

peace with my vows; Victory to יהוָֹה ''יִקּיִי:"57

Following this outburst, the music reprises the theme from the opening fugue, in a grand orchestral manner reminiscent of a piano concerto; 58 a fitting prelude to what follows, when Jonah is remanded to the dry land. The music here is simple and direct, akin to the sparseness of the text. 59 The chapter concludes musically quietly and in unison, as Jonah is now finally prepared to face his intended destiny in Nineveh.

Chapter Three

The third chapter of the Book of Jonah begins in a linguistically bold manner: in Yiddish. The music, reprising text from the opening of the first chapter in slightly altered form, is presented as a chorale; 60 in contrast with the minimalist orchestration and quiet intensity of the previous chapter, this formal introduction to Jonah's trip to Nineveh showcases the wildly different scenario of the prophet's arrival. Musically, the chapter is choral and conversational, as the story shifts from Jonah's introspection to the experience of the Ninevites as they receive the word of God. However, the musical interpretation of this chapter is grounded first and foremost in the language, which deserves a discourse all its own.

⁵⁷ Jonah 2:10; see page 50.

⁵⁸ See pages 139–40.

⁵⁹ The midrash adds a further embellishment: Jonah is sent nine hundred and sixty eight Persian miles through the air—in full view of the sailors from the first chapter—to return to the dry land. So in awe were they of this action that it ensured the fulfillment of their earlier vows, and they are all declared righteous strangers—a phrase associated with converts to Judaism—as the conclusion to chapter 550 of *Yalkut Sh'moni*; see page 50.

⁶⁰ See pages 143–7.

In many ways, utilizing Yiddish as the language of the Ninevites is a divisive and off-kilter choice. Yet, given the teachings of our rabbis in antiquity, and the centrality of the Book of Jonah within the liturgical day of Yom Kippur, it seemed the most reasonable option. When determining the differing languages used within the composition, it quickly became clear that the people of Nineveh needed to be presented as a form of other—removed from both the sailors, and from the biblical Hebrew that serves as Jonah's primary means of communication. Yiddish, as an ancestral language, is able to feel equally familiar and foreign to a modern audience. Just as important, the character of the language is ideally suited to contrast the piety of the Ninevites with the religious expectations of Jonah. In fact, the rabbis have long argued over the status of the Ninevites: were they idolators—unworthy of God's mercy—or were they rather people of God? Ibn Ezra tells us:

כי היו יראים השם הימים הקדמונים, רק עתה בימי יונה החלו לעשות רע, ולולי זה שהיו בתחילה אנשי השם לא היה שולח נביאו אליהם. והנה ראינו ששב תשובה גמורה אין כמוה ולא תמצא כתוב ששברו מזבחות בעלים, או גדעו פסילים והנה מזה נלמוד שלא היו עכו"ם.61

For they were God-fearing in ancient days—only now in the days of Jonah did they weaken to do wickedness; had it not been for those people of God, they would not have been sent a prophet of God. And behold: they turned so swiftly towards complete, unparalleled repentance—we do not find written that they broke their altars to Baal, or cut down their idols; from this we learn that they were not worshipers of stars and planets.⁶¹

The colorful phrase "worshiper of stars and planets" is commonplace in rabbinic literature, and is a stand-in for paganism; its negative connotations is well-understood.

Ibn Ezra points out that the biblical text of the Book of Jonah is devoid of any of the signposts of inappropriate religious worship—asherah poles and altars—in regards to the

⁶¹ Ibn Ezra on Jonah 1:2; see page 37.

Ninevites; therefore, not only is their repentance complete, they are themselves people of God, fallen from practice and restored, akin to the people of Israel. Within this framework, therefore, the choice of a traditionally Jewish language to represent these individuals makes perfect sense. Yiddish, as a composite language, expresses both otherness and belonging simultaneously. Similarly, this linguistic determination assists in highlighting the actual arc of the Jonah story: Jonah's blindness to the religious validity of the Ninevites is amplified by his non-acceptance of their linguistic praxis, which leads to his reluctance to acknowledge non-temple-based religious practice as a valid form of Judaism.⁶²

Where the second chapter ends quietly—for even as Jonah accepted the triumph of God, he remains alone—the third chapter begins forcefully, highlighting the expansive grandeur of the city of Nineveh. Midrash tells us Nineveh was a city of incomprehensibly vast population:

והיו שנים עשר שווקים, וכל שוק ושוק היו בו שניים עשר אלף בני חצרות, וכל חצר י"ב בתים, וכל בית ובית שנים עשר גבורים, וכל גבור היו לו י"ב בנים.63

And it had twelve markets, and in every market there were twelve thousand courtyard dwellings, and in each courtyard there were twelve households, and in each household there were twelve strong men, and each strong man had twelve sons.⁶³

⁶² It is, in fact, precisely this model of non-temple-based worship which the rabbis turn to following the destruction of the Temple in 70 CE, and, combined with its vivid descriptions of a ritual fast presented in the text, the Book of Jonah becomes a perfect accompaniment for Yom Kippur worship.

⁶³ Yalkut Sh'moni 550; see pages 52–3.

In total, 248,832,000 individuals—without counting the women!64 This outlandish claim is represented musically through both chorale and counterpoint: while the narrative begins with homophonic voice, it quickly splits into antiphonal response.65 As the chorus sings, "און נעוָה איז געווען אַ גרויטע שטאָט פֿאַר גאָט". Nineveh was a great city of God";66 even as the text delivered is identical, the citizens of Nineveh reveal the multitude of their thought and position through the fugal nature of the music.

Still, Jonah remains stubborn and unyielding, and when he delivers his prophecy,⁶⁷ it is delivered in the same biblical Hebrew with which he has spoken throughout.⁶⁸ The music continues with a reprise of Jonah's initial theme from the first chapter, but where the response first occurred instrumentally, now it is carried through the chorus, who first translates Jonah's words into English before singing their lament for the downfall of Nineveh in their preferred Yiddish. Yet this lament holds the seeds of their

⁶⁴ For reference, the largest city in the world is currently Guangzhou, China, with a population of 70 million individuals.

Encyclopædia Britannica, inc. (n.d.-b). List of the World's Largest Cities by Population. Encyclopædia Britannica. https://www.britannica.com/topic/list-of-the-worlds-largest-cities-by-population

⁶⁵ See pages 155-8.

⁶⁶ Jonah 3:3; see page 52.

⁶⁷ See pages 160–3.

⁶⁸ While the original source text is entirely in Hebrew, there is no differentiation between the languages of Jonah and the cultures he interacts with. However, given the opportunity to translate the piece into the vernacular, it felt essential that Jonah maintains his characteristic disdain for these communities; through his insistence on Hebrew, this aspect is highlighted.

redemption; Rashi offers a teaching adapted from Rabbi Akiva, which states:

ולא אמר נחרבת כי נהפכת משמש שתי לשונות רע וטוב אם לא יעשו תשובה נחרבת, ואם יעשו תשובה אז נהפכת על אנשי נינוה קאי שיהפכו מרעה לטובה ויעשו תשובה הג"ה דר"ע:99

He did not say "destroyed," because *overturned* has two meanings: bad and good. If they do not repent, it will be destroyed, and if they do repent then "overturned" refers to the people of Nineveh; they will be changed from bad to good and repent —adapted from Rabbi Akiva.⁶⁹

Immediately upon hearing Jonah's words, the overturning of Nineveh—the promised destruction—is undercut by their actions. The people of Nineveh believe in God,⁷⁰ proclaim a fast, wear sackcloth, and sit in ashes. And following the lead of his people, the King of Nineveh does the same.

The music for the King's speech⁷¹ moves fittingly with the Yiddish translation, but can appear at odds with the text. Presented in the style of a *hora*, his music accelerates and builds towards a frenetic, Jewish dance. On first glance, this could feel strange or unexpected. However, there is a midrash which offers elucidation:

רבי נחוניא בן הקנה אומר תדע לך התשובה מפרעה שמרד בהקב"ה מאד מי יהוה אשר אשמע בקלו, 73 ובלשון שחטא בו בלשון עשה תשובה מי כמכה באלם יהוה, 73 והצילו הקב"ה מן המיתה לספר כח וגבורתו שנאמר ואולם בעבור זאת העמרתיך 74 ומלך בנינוה, ואנשי נינוה כותבים כתבי עמל וגוזלים ומתעבין במשכב זכור, ושלח הקב"ה יונה להתנבא עליה להחריב ושמע פרעה ועמד מכסאו וקרע בגדיו ולבש שק והכריז בכל עמו שיצומו כל העם שלשה ימים 75

Rabbi Nehunya ben HaKanah said, "May you learn repentance from Pharaoh, who rebelled greatly against the Holy Blessed One: Who is יהוה that I should

⁶⁹ Rashi on Jonah 3:4; see page 53.

⁷⁰ As Ibn Ezra reports, Jonah's arrival is preceded by the arrival of sailors, who tell of the miracles they have experienced, ensuring Jonah's success (Ibn Ezra on Jonah 3:3); see page 52.

⁷¹ See pages 171–81.

listen to this voice?⁷⁷² In the same language in which he sinned, he came to the language of repentance: Who is like You, האהי, among the gods that are worshipped?⁷³ The Holy Blessed One delivered him from death, to recount God's strength and might, as it is written: Nevertheless, I have spared you for this purpose⁷⁴ and he reigned in Nineveh. The people of Nineveh wrote fraudulent deeds, robbed, and committed sexual deviance when the Holy Blessed One sent Jonah to prophecy their destruction. Pharaoh heard, and stood from his throne, rent his garments and dressed in sackcloth, and announced to all his people that they should fast three days.⁷⁵

Pharaoh, who had previously hardened his heart in Egypt, is spared by God, and sent to reign in Nineveh. When given the opportunity to respond to a prophecy of God once more, he reacts with alacrity and joy, echoing these words from the Book of Esther:⁷⁶
"הַּעַתְּ לְמֵּלְכֵּוּת" perhaps you have reached sovereign power for just such a time as this."⁷⁷

Following the declaration of the king, the repentance of the people of Nineveh is complete and absolute.

תזרו כלם מדרכם הרעה אפילו מציאה שאדם מצא בשדות ובכרמים בשווקים וברחובות החזירו לבעלים, ואפילו לבנים של גזל שבנו בפלטין של מלך סתרו הפלטין והחזירו הלבנים לבעליהם, וכל כרם וכרם שהיו בו שתי נטיעות או שני אילנות מן הגזל עקרון והחזירום לבעליהן, וכן בגד שהיו בו שתי פקעיות של גזל קרעו הבגד והחזירו עשו משפט וצדקה וכל עבירה שבידו מתודה ומקבל עליו דין תורה?7

⁷² Exodus 5:2

⁷³ Exodus 5:11

⁷⁴ Exodus 9:16

⁷⁵ Yalkut Sh'moni 550; see page 53-4.

⁷⁶ Traditionally, the rabbis have viewed Purim as a 'little Yom Kippur,' a pun on the day of atonement—which contains the word פּֿוּרִים, *Purim*.

⁷⁷ Esther 4:14

They returned all they had gained from their evil ways, even if it was something that a person found in the fields, or in the vineyards, or in the markets, or in the streets—it was returned to its owner. Even if the stolen bricks were used to build the palace of the king—they tore down the palace and returned the bricks to their owner. And in every vineyard in which there were even two saplings or two trees stolen, these were returned to their owner. And every garment which had even two stolen threads, they rent the garment and returned it. They made justice and charity, and confessed every transgression in their hand, and received the judgment of Torah.⁷⁸

These deeds are reflected musically, as the people of Nineveh sing their fate with grandeur and joy. Finally, the movements ends with pastoral lyricism, ⁷⁹ as God repents of the evil which was proclaimed upon them, and declares the people redeemed.

Chapter Four

The final chapter begins with an expression of Jonah's rage and frustration; the music is harsh and angular, and the repetition of the text drives home his obsessive thinking.⁸⁰ One of the great ironies of the Book of Jonah is his antithetical response to God's forgiveness—rather than gratitude for this granted mercy, Jonah responds with anger and disdain. Rashi connects this anger to a sense of shame, giving voice to Jonah's concern that he be viewed as a false prophet and a liar amongst the peoples of the earth.⁸¹ Yet Jonah approaches his anger with an overriding sense of fatalism, and his eruption includes excerpts from the famous passage in Exodus denoting the thirteen attributes of

⁷⁸ Yalkut Sh'moni 550; see page 55-6.

⁷⁹ See page 186.

⁸⁰ See pages 187–94.

⁸¹ Rashi on Jonah 4:1–2; see page 58.

God: "בְּי יָדְעָהִי בֵּי אַתָּה אֱל־חַנְּוּן וְרַחֹוּם אֱרֶד אַפּֿיִם וְרַב־יֹּדֶסֶד וְנְחֵם עַל־הָרְעֵה For I know that You are God—gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, overflowing with kindness and comfort towards the wicked."82 This text from Exodus has become an essential part of our *s'lichot* liturgy, as we ask forgiveness for our transgressions. Echoing this established Jewish practice, the music offers a full choral recitation of this text:83

יְהֹוָה יְהֹוָה אֵל רַחוּם וְחַנּוּן אֶרֶדּ אַפַּיִם וְרַב־חֶסֶד וֶאֵכֶּת: נצר חֶסֶד לְאָלָפִים נשא עַוֹן וָפָשַע וְחַשְּאָה וְנַקַה⁸⁴

יהוה !יהוה!—God, compassionate and gracious; slow to anger; overflowing with kindness; and true. You extend kindness to the thousandth generation; You forgive iniquity, transgression, and sin.⁸⁴

While Jonah's outburst continues in counterpoint, the chorus acts as counterweight, representative of the repentant people of Nineveh behind their city walls, praying in thanksgiving for their redemption, utilizing the sacred text of our people. ⁸⁵ Jonah finalizes his speech with a plea for his own death, ⁸⁶ saying מַּמָנִי בֵּי טִוֹב מוֹתִי מַתַּיִי מַתְּיִי מַתְּיִי מַתְּיִי מַתְּיִי מַתְּיִי מַתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מַתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מִתְיִי מִתְּיִי מַתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מְתַּיִי מִתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מִתְּיִי מְתַּיִי מִתְּיִי מְתִּיִי מְתִּיִי מְתִּיִי מִתְּיִי מְתִּי מְתִיי מְתִּי מְתִּי מְתִּי מְתִּי מְתְיִי מְתְּיִי מְתְּיִי מְתְּיִי מְתְּי מְתְּי מְתְּי מְתְי מְתְּי מְתְּי מְתְּי מְתְּי מְתְּי מְּתְּי מְּתְּי מְי מְתְּי מְּתְּי מְּי מְתְּי מְּתְּי מְּתְּי מְּי מְּי מְּתְּי מְּתְּי מְּי מְּי מְּי מְּי מְּי מְּי מְיּ מְּי מְיּי מְיּ מְּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיּי מְי מְיּי מְי מְיּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיִּי מְיִי מְיִי מְיִּי מְיִי מְיִּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיִּי מְיִי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיּי מְיּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיִּי מְיּי מ

⁸² Jonah 4:2; see page 58.

⁸³ See pages 198-202.

⁸⁴ Exodus 34:6-7

⁸⁵ In contrast to their vernacular outbursts in Chapter Three, the use of Hebrew here is quite intentional, providing both contrast with the tone of Jonah's anger, and showing the fullness of their devotion, as their sole act of prayer is delivered towards the heavens in formal milieu.

⁸⁶ See page 203.

⁸⁷ Jonah 4:3; see page 58–9.

God responds succinctly and directly: "קָרָה לֶּךְ" Do you rejoice in your anger?" and the music moves from angry and angular to sweeping and grand, so a musical declaration of compassion and empathy expressed chorally, before transitioning towards the final movement of the Book of Jonah. Just as Jonah departs the city, the music moves the story along with a driving *ostinato* and quotations from the Haftarah cantillation which accompanies the written text, as the *kikayon* appears and subsequently withers. But the *kikayon* was far from any ordinary plant:

העלה קיקיון על ראש יונה בלילה ובשחרית עלו עליו רע"ה עלין וצל כל עלה ולה ארבעה זרת וטפח, ארבעה אנשים יכולים לישב בצלו תחת הקיקיון לכבוש את השמה¹⁹

God raised the *kikayon* over the head of Jonah at night, and in the morning covered it with leaves, and each leaf was four handspans long, joined closely together. Four people would be able to sit under the shade of the *kikayon* to recite the *sh'ma*.⁹¹

This extraordinary flora appears overnight, and Jonah rejoices in the comfort it provides, for the midrash tells us that he would otherwise be beset by flies and mosquitoes, making him miserable. This phrase—וזבובין ניתושין שרויין עליו—appears throughout the midrash, and mirrors the description provided for the conditions within the great fish.⁹² Just as before, it is his misery that inspires Jonah's prayer. Yet while his time in the belly of the

⁸⁸ Jonah 4:4; see page 59.

⁸⁹ See page 204.

⁹⁰ As Rashi tells us, "A plant which grows upward with many branches, and provides shade, and this is its name." Rashi on Jonah 4:6; see page 59.

⁹¹ Yalkut Sh'moni 551; see page 59–60.

⁹² Yalkut Sh'moni 551; see page 59.

fish inspired Jonah towards piety and his ultimate agreement to prophecy as requested, here Jonah takes a differing tact. Faced with the loss of his beloved *kikayon*, Jonah repeats his earlier request for death: "ייוב מוֹתֵי מָתַיּ" It is better that I die than live."93

Here, in the final verses of the Book of Jonah, the story races towards its famously unsatisfying conclusion: ⁹⁴ God speaks to Jonah, and urges compassion through rhetorical question, prior to an abrupt culmination of "קַּהֶּהֶה רַבֶּה —and many beasts." ⁹⁵ Subsequently, the music follows a similar tact; God's declaration begins slowly and in choral unison, before broadening towards a swift finale. The music begins in a joyous, klezmer-influenced style prior to a contrapuntal finish, where the words overlap and repeat fugally, with a sudden, inconclusive end. ⁹⁶ Our commentators have long argued over the precise implications of this final verse, with Rashi attributing additional layers of meaning to the text—"קַּהֶּה רַבָּה שִּשֶׁר לְּאֵרְיִדְעָּה —who do not know" is attributed to children, while "בַּהַה בַּהַה בַּהַה —and many beasts" are described as "Adults, who have the intelligence of cattle, and who do not recognize who created them." ⁹⁷ Meanwhile, Ibn Ezra emphasizes the compassion inherent in the text, declaring,

⁹³ Jonah 4:8; see page 60.

⁹⁴ See pages 224-9.

⁹⁵ Jonah 4:11; see page 61.

⁹⁶ The instrumental accompaniment does quote the traditional Haftarah ending phrase to signify the end of a biblical book.

⁹⁷ Rashi on Jonah 4:11; see page 61.

הכתוב דבר דרך שיבינו השומעים, כי השם לא יעמול בכל הבריאות. והנה הטעם אתה חסתה על דבר לא עשית ואיך לא אחוס אני על מעשי99

It is written in a way that listeners will understand, for would not God take pains for all of creation? And here is the essence: You had compassion on a thing which you did not make; how could I not have compassion for what I have made?⁹⁸

Ultimately, however, it is midrash which recognizes the need for nechemta, for consolation: "באותה שעה נפל על פניו ואמר הנהג עולמך במדת רחמים דכתיב לארני אלהינוי המלחות —At that same hour, Jonah fell upon his face and said, 'May You guide the world with a measure of mercy, as it is written: To יהוה our God belongs mercy and forgiveness." "99

Coda

From the discord and unease of the conclusion of the fourth chapter comes the consolation of the final verses of the Book of Micah.¹⁰⁰ Built upon the logic found within the Talmud,¹⁰¹ the might of God found repeatedly within the Book of Jonah is contrasted with this text of renewal and compassion. The music begins quietly, without instruments,

Rabbi Yochanan said: "In every place where you find the might of the Holy Blessed One, you find God's humility. This word is written in Torah, repeated again in the Prophets, and repeated a third time in the Writings."

Talmud Bavli, Megillah 31a

⁹⁸ Ibn Ezra on Jonah 4:9; see page 61.

⁹⁹ Yalkut Sh'moni 551; see pages 60-1.

¹⁰⁰ See pages 231–40.

אמר רבי יוחנן: כל מקום שאתה מוצא גבורתו של הקדוש ברוך הוא, אתה מוצא ענוותנותו. ¹⁰¹ דבר זה כתוב בתורה, ושנוי בנביאים, ומשולש בכתובים.

a response to the word of God which concludes the Book of Jonah. As the text progresses, the instruments offer quiet accompaniment, driven by the harp, before a grand reentrance: "יְשִׁוּב יְרַחֲלֵנוּ יִרְבָּשׁ עֲוֹנְתִינוּ"—May You return to us in compassion, forgiving our iniquities. The verse continues with "חַב בְּמָשֵלְוֹת יָם"—may You cast our sins into the depths of the sea," a clear connection to the watery themes of the Book of Jonah, and an apt metaphor for the tradition of *Tashlich*, where sins are figuratively cast into a body of water. 104

The movement draws to a close with polyphony upon the final verse, as the plea for compassion inherent in these verses reaches its culmination. Rashi illuminates the verse by highlighting the additions found within the Targum:

ת"י תתיהב קושטיה דיעקב לבנוהי כמה דקיימתא ליה בבית אל טבות אברהם לזרעיה בתרוהי כמה דקיימתא ליה בין בתריא תדכר לנא עקידת יצחק תתן לנו באמת אשר הבטחת ליעקב האמת לנו דבריך אשר הבטחת ליעקב כי כאא אעובך:105

The *Targum* gives, "You shall give the truth of Jacob to his sons, as You swore to him in Beth El; the goodness of Abraham to his seed after him, as you swore to him in Batria; remember for us the binding of Isaac." Truly may You give to us that which was promised to Jacob; may Your word come true which you promised to Jacob: *For I will not forsake you.* 105

¹⁰² One of the earliest citations for the inclusion of this text is found in the siddur of Rav Amran Gaon, who gives the Torah readings for Yom Kippur, and declares the *maftir* for the Book of Jonah is Micah 7:18.

¹⁰³ Micah 7:19; see page 63.

¹⁰⁴ See pages 234–5.

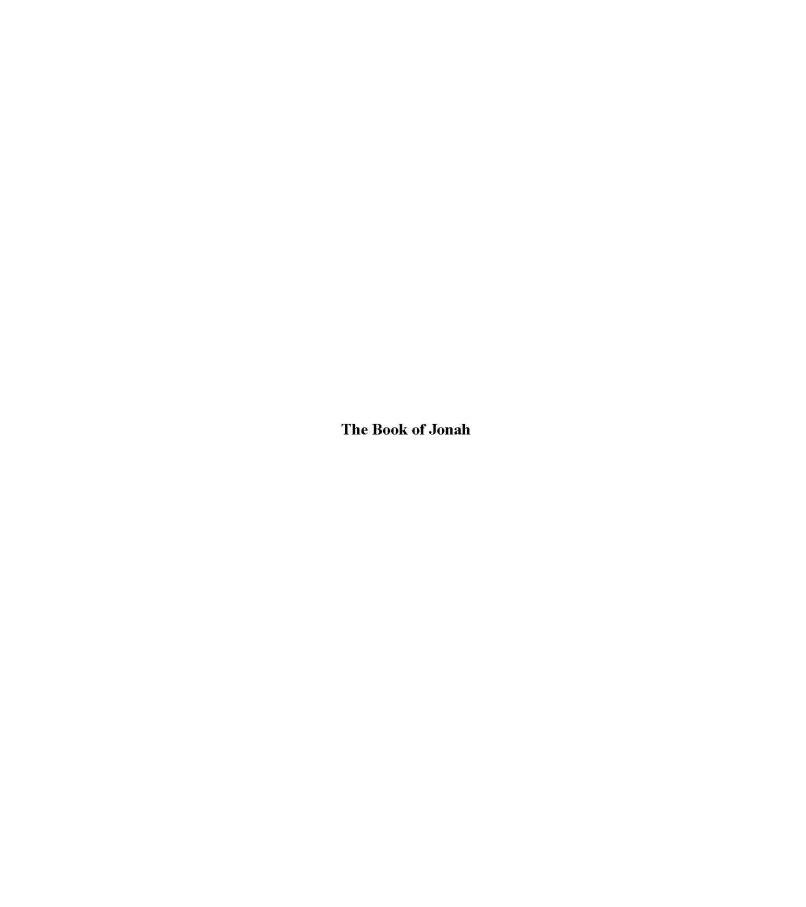
¹⁰⁵ Rashi on Micah 7:20, quoting Genesis 28:15; see page 63.

By having this text overlap,¹⁰⁶ the music reflects the multiplicity of kindnesses offered in antiquity, heightening the urgency of the plea. Finally, the music ends with a unison recitation of this theme,¹⁰⁷ powerfully stated with full orchestral accompaniment, before a long *diminuendo* through the end of the text. The final sound of the piece is a quotation of the *musach* for the High Holy Days, as the orchestra offers its final instrumental *amen*.¹⁰⁸

¹⁰⁶ The siddur of Rav Amran Gaon tells us to "הקורא שלישי הוא מפטיר בגביא—call out three times the *maftir* of the prophets;" while this literally instructs the three verses read of the Book of Micah, it also supports the repetition of the text found within this section.

¹⁰⁷ See page 238.

¹⁰⁸ See page 240.



תלמוד בבלי, נדרים לייח א

א"ר יוחנן כל הנביאים כולם עשירים היו מנ"ל ממשה ומשמואל מעמוס ומיונה.

R. Yochanan said: "All the prophets were rich—it seems this way from Moses, Samuel, Amos, and Jonah."

יונה דכתיב ויתן שכרה וירד בה כבא עמהם תרשישה מכלפני יהוה ואמר רבי יותנן שנתן שכרה של ספינה כולה וא"ר רומנוס שכרה של ספינה היה ארבעת אלפים דינרי זהב.

Of Jonah, it is written: He paid its wages and went aboard to go with them to Tarshish, away from יהוה. And Rabbi Yochanan said: "He paid the wages of the entire freight-ship," and R. Romanus said: "the wages of a freight-ship were four thousand golden dinars."

JONAH CHAPTER I יונה פרק א

ועם זון דאָס וואַרט פֿון גאָט איז געווען צו יונה, דעם זון 1און פֿון אמתין, אזוי צו זאגן: 2שטיי אויף און גיי צו דער גרויסער שטאט נינוה און רוף אויס צו איר; ווארום זייער שלעכטיקייט איז אויפֿגעגאנגען פֿאר מיר. אבער יונה איז אופֿגעשטאנען צו אנטלויפֿן קיין3 תרשיש, אוועק פֿון גאט; ער האט אראפּגענידערט קיין יפֿוֹ, און האט געפֿונען א שיף וואס גייט קיין תרשיש. ער האט אפגעצאלט איר לוין און האט אראפגענידערט אין איר, כּדי צו גיין מיט זיי קיין 4אבער גאט האט תרשיש, אוועק פֿון גאט.

יהוֹה And there came to pass: the word of יהוֹה to Jonah, son of Amittai, saying: 2Rise up and go to the great city of Nineveh and decry its judgment; certainly its misery has risen up before Me. 3But Jonah arose to flee to Tarshish, away from יהוֹה; he descended to Jaffa, and found a ship bound for Tarshish. He paid its wages and went aboard to go with them to Tarshish, away from יהוֹה hurled a tremendous

רעוווכ

ולרא עכליה. את קריאתי:

and decry its judgment—My judgment.

כברות תרשישת. ים ששמו תרשיש והוא בחוצה לארץ אמר אברח לי הים שאק השכינה שורה בח"ל אמר לו הקב"ה חייך יש לי שלוחים כיוצא בך לשלוח אחריך ולהביאך משם משל לעבד כהן שברח מן רבו ונכנס לבית הקברות אמר לו רבו יש לי עבדים כיוצא בך לשלוח אחריך ולהביאך משם ומה ראה יונה שלא רצה לילך אל נינוה אמר העכו"ם קרובי תשובה הם מכליתא אם אומר להם ויעשו תשובה נמצאתי מחייב את ישראל שאין בן יוחאי שומעים לדברי הנביאים:

דרבי שמעוו רייב

> to flee to Tarshish-A sea named Tarshish, which is outside the land. Jonah said, "I will flee to the sea, for there is no Sh'chinah outside the law of the land." The Holy Blessed One said to him, "Come, I have emissaries like you, to send after you and bring you back from there." A parable: There was a priest's slave who fled from his master and took cover in a cemetery. His master said to him, "I have slaves like you, to send after you and bring you back from there." And what Mekhilta did Jonah see that he did not wish to go to Nineveh? d'Rabbi He said, "The worshipers of stars and planets are near ben to repentance. If I speak to them and they repent, I Yochai must find Israel guilty, for they do not hear the words 10:2 of the prophets."

ויתן שכרה. הקדים לתת שכרה ואין דרך יורדי הים לתת שכר זרבי אליעזר הספינה עד שעת היציאה והוא הקדים ולא עוד אלא שנתן שכר כולה:

He paid its wages—He paid its wages in advance, Pirkei though it is not customary for seafarers to pay the d'Rabbi wages of a freight-ship until the hour of departure, and Eliezer even more so, he paid the wages of the entirety.

אבן עזרא

כי היו יראים השם הימים הקדמונים, רק עתה בימי יונה החלו לעשות רע, ולולי זה שהיו בתחילה אנשי השם לא היה שולח נביאו אליהם. והנה ראינו ששב תשובה גמורה אין כמוה ולא תמצא כתוב ששברו מזבחות בעלים, או גדעו פסילים והנה מזה נלמוד שלא היו עכו"ם.

Nineveh—For they were God-fearing in ancient days only now in the days of Jonah did they weaken to do wickedness; had it not been for those people of God, they would not have been sent a prophet of God. And behold: they turned so swiftly towards complete, unparalleled repentance—we do not find written that they broke their altars to Baal, or cut down their idols; from this we learn that they were not worshipers of stars and planets.

JONAH CHAPTER I

אָנגעװאָרפֿן אַ גרױסן װינט אױפֿן ים, און עס איז געװאָרן אַ גרױסער שטורעם אױפֿן ים. און די שיף איז כּמעט געװען צעבראָכן. זיי מאַטראָסן האָבן מורא געשרײַען—איטלעכער צו זײַן גאָט—און זײ מאָבן אָנגעװאָרפֿן דער פֿראַכט פֿונעם שיף צו דער האָבן אָנגעװאָרפֿן דער פֿראַכט פֿונעם שיף צו דער ים, צו עס פאַרלײַכטערן. אָבער יונה האָט נאָך ים, צו עס פאַרלײַכטערן. אָבער יונה האָט נאָך אַראָפֿגענידערט אין האַלט פֿונעם שיף, װוּ ער האָט זיך געלײגט און איז ארײַנגעפֿאלן אין אַ טיפֿן שלאָף.

wind at the sea, and there was a great storm upon the sea. And the ship was near to breaking. 5In fear, the sailors cried out—each to their own god—and hurled the cargo from the ship to the sea, to lighten its load. Yet Jonah went down into the hold of the vessel, where he lay down and fell into a deep sleep. 6The captain

ריטווי

חשבה כהשבר. נדמית כאלו היא נשברת:

was near to breaking—It appears as if it would break into pieces.

המכלוזים. בני אדם המנהיגים את הספינה:

the sailors—The sons of Adam who directed the freight-ship.

איש אל אלהיו. מן שבעים אומות של עכו"ם היו שם:

each to their own god—From the seventy nations of the worshipers of stars and planets which were there.

אכן עזרא

ויהוה הטיל. השליך דרך משל, והטעם שהשליכו מהיבשה, על כן לא יכלו להשיב אל היבשה כי לא היה זה רק במקום התחברות הים עם הנהר, והוא סמוך אל היבשה, כי לעולם הוא קשה על הספינות. והעד שככה היה, שאמר: ותשכיבו מצוכה בכב ימים ונהר יונה ב״ד יסובבני.

But יהוה hurled—Threw away; a parable: The reason that God threw it away from the dry land, so that they could not return to the dry land, for it was where the

עִמְּהֶם תַּרְשִּׁישָׁה מִלּפְנֵי יְהְוֶה: לְּיִהנְיֹה הֵטֵיל רְוּחַד גְּדוֹלְהֹ אֶלֹ-הַיְּם וַיְהָי סְעַר־ גְּדוֹל בַּיֶּם וְהָאֲנִיְּה חִשְּׁבֶּה לְהִשְּׁבֵר: כֿוַיְירְאַוּ הַמַּלְּחִים וַיִּטְלוּ אֶת־הַבֵּלִים אֲשֶׁר וַיְּטָלוּ אֶת־הַבֵּלִים אֲשֶׁר בְּאֲנִיְהֹ אֶלֹ־הַיְּם לְהָקֵל בִּאֲנִיְהֹ אֶלֹ־הַיְּם לְהָקֵל בִירְבְּתֵי הַסְּפִינְה וַיִּשְׁבָּב יַרְבְּתֵי הַסְפִינְה וַיִּשְׁבָּב

sea meets the river, and it was close to the dry land, which is always hard upon freight-ships. And see that it was so: You cast me into the depths, in the midst of Jonah 2:4 the sea; the tides encircle me.

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תניא ר' אליעזר אומר בחמישי ברח זונה מפני אלהים, ולמה ברח שפעם ראשונה שלחו להשיב את ערי ישראל ועמדו מלכים ב דבריו (ג) שנאמר הוא השיב את ערי ישראל, פעם שנית שלחו על ירושלים להחריבה, כיון שעשו תשובה עשה הקב"ה ברוב רחמיו ונחם על הרעה ולא החריבה וקראו אותו נביא השקר, פעם שלישית שלחו אל נינוה להחריבה, דן יונה בינו לבין עצמו ואמר יודע אני שהגוים קרובי תשובה הם ויעשו תשובה ומשלה רוגזי על ישראל ולא די שישראל קורין אותי נביא השקר אברח השקר אלא אף עובדי אלילים קורין אותי נביא השקר אברח למקום שאין כבודו שם.

A baraita: R. Eliezer said: Jonah fled before God on the fifth day of the week—why did he flee? The first time, God sent him to restore the cities of Israel, and they were attentive of his words, as it is written: "He II Kings restored the cities of Israel." The second time, God 14:25 sent him to Jerusalem to destroy it, since they made

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ףדער קאַפּיטאַן האָט אים זיך דערנענטערן, און האָט געזאָגט, ״וואָס איז מיט דיר, פֿאַר וואָס שלאָפֿט איר אזוי טיף? שטיי אויף און רוף צו אײַער גאָט! אפֿשר וועט דער גאָט זיך אונדז אָנבאַדאַכטן און מיר וועלן ניט אונטערגיין.״ זיי האָבן געזאָגט איינער צום אַנדערן, ״לאָמיר וואַרפֿן גורל, כּדי מיר זאָלן זיך אויסלערנען וועמען האָט אויף אונדז דער דאָזיקען בייז געבראַכט.״ האָבן זיי געוואָרפֿן גורל, און דער בייז געבראַכט.״ האָבן זיי געוואָרפֿן גורל, און דער גורל איז געפֿאַלן אויף יונהן. פֿזיי האַבן אים געזאַגט, גורל איז געפֿאַלן אויף יונהן. פּזיי האַבן אים געזאַגט,

approached him and said to him, "How can you be in such a deep sleep? Arise, and call out to your god! Perhaps the god will think of us and we shall not perish." 7The men said to their comrades, "Let us cast lots, that we may learn who brought this evil upon us." They cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 8They said to him, "Tell us

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רב הזזובל. שר המלחים שאף הם נקראים חובלי הים ובלע"ז גובירניי"ל:

The captain—The captain of the sailors; they are also called the seafarers. In French: gouverneur.

מה כֹרְ וֹרדם. מה לך להיות נרדם אין עתה עת רדם:

"How can you be in such a deep sleep?"—What is with you to be sound asleep? Now is no time to sleep.

תהלים קמזייד דניאל וייד יתעשת. לשון מחשבה וכן עשתנותיו ומכלבא עשית:

Psalm 146:4 will think—Language of thought, i.e. his thoughts, Daniel 6:4 "and the king considered."

לכו ונפילה גורלות. רואים היו שאר ספינות הולכות בים בשלום ושלהם משתברת אמרו בשביל אחד ממנו הוא כן מצינו בפרקי דר' אליעזר:

"Let us cast lots"—They saw that other freight-ships were traveling on the sea in peace, and theirs was breaking. They said, "This is happening because of one of us," according to Pirkei d'Rabbi Eliezer.

וַיִּרְדְם: ⁶וַיִּקְרָב אֵלְיוֹ רַב הַחֹבֵל וַיִּאמֶר לְוֹ מַה־לְּדְּ נִרְדְּם לְוּם קְרָא אֶל־אֱלֹהֶים לְנוּ אוּבִّי יִתְעַשֵּׁת הָאֶלֹהֶים לְנוּ וְלְא נֹאבֵד: ⁷וַיֹּאמְרְרוּ אֵישׁ אָל־בְּעֹהוּ לְכוּ וְנַפְּילָה גְּוֹרְלֹוֹת וְנֵדְעָה בְּשֶׁלְמֵי הְרָעָה הַזְּאַת לְנוּ וַיַּפְּלוּ הְרָעָה הַזְּאַת לְנוּ וַיַּפְּלוּ בְּיִרְנִה בִּזְּאַת לְנוּ וַיַּפְּלוּ עַל־יוֹנְה: ⁸וַיֹּאמְרְוּ אֵלְיוֹ תַבּיֹנְה:

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true repentance, the Holy Blessed One, in an abundance of mercy, consoled the wicked, and did not destroy it—they called him a false prophet. The third time, God sent him to Nineveh to destroy it; Jonah discussed it with himself, and said, "I know that the nations are near to repentance, and will make repentance. An infuriating truth about Israel: is it not enough that Israel calls me a false prophet, should the worshipers of stars and planets also call me a false prophet? I will flee to a place where the Glory of God is not found.

משל למלך בשר ודם שמתה אשתו כשהיא מניקה ובקש אשה מניקה להניק את בנו מניקה להניק את בנו, מה עשה קרא למניקתו להניק את בנו כדי שלא יאבד ברעב, מה עשתה מניקתו של מלך הניחה את בנו וברחה, כיון שראה המלך כך שלח אגרת לתפשה ולחבשה בבית האסרוץ ולהורידה למקום שיש בו נחשים ועקרבים, לימים עמד המלך על פי הבאר והיתה בוכה וצועקת למלך, נתגלגלו רחמי המלך עליה והפקיד הממלך להעלותה ולהחזירה.

A parable: There was a king of flesh and blood, whose wife died while still nursing, and he asked a wet-nurse to breastfeed his son. What did he do? He called his wet-nurse to breastfeed his son so that he would not perish of hunger. What did the wet-nurse of the king

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"זאָגט אונדז תּיפּף, איר װאָס האָט אױף אונדז דער דאָזיקען בייז געבראַכט: װאָס איז אײַער געשעפֿט? פֿון װאַנען קומט איר? װאָס איז אײַער לאַנד און פֿון װעלכען פֿאָלק קומט איר?" פער האָט זײ געזאָגט, "איך בין אַן עִבֿרי! און יהוה—דעם גאָט פֿון די הימלען—האָב איך מורא, דעם װאָס האָט געמאַכט דעם ים און די יבשה." סּזאון די מענטשן זײַנען געװען אָנגעפֿילט מיט אַ גרױסער פּחד, און זײ האָבן געווען אָנגעפֿילט מיט אַ גרױסער פּחד, און זײ האָבן אים געזאָגט, "װאָס האָט איר געטאָן?" און די מענטשן האָבן פֿאַרשטאַנען אַז ער איז געווען מענטשן האָבן פֿאַרשטאַנען אַז ער איז געווען

now, you who have brought this evil upon us: What is your business? Where have you come from? What is your country and what people do you come from?" ⁹He said to them, "I am a Hebrew! And יַּהְּיֶּהְ—the God of the Heavens—do I fear, who made the sea and the dry land." ¹⁰And the men were filled with a great fear, and they said to him, "What have you done?" And the

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הגידה גא כנו באשר כמי. למי חטאת אשר בשביל כן הרעה הזאת לנו:

"Tell us now, you who"—Against whom have you sinned, that this evil should be brought upon us.

מה מכאכתך. שמא פשעת באומנותיך:

What is your business?—Perhaps you were transgressive in your work.

ומאין תבא. שמא על אנשי אותו מקום נגזרה גזירה אפי' אין אתה בה:

Where have you come from?—Perhaps a decree was passed upon the people of that place even if you were not there.

ואי מוה עם אתה. שמא עמך חטאו:

What people do you come from?"—Perhaps your people have sinned.

הַגִּידָה־נְּגְא לְנוּ בַּאֲשֶׁר לְמִי־הְרְעֵה הַזְּאת לְנוּ מַה־מְּלַאכְתְּדֹּ וּמֵאַיִן תְּבוֹא מָה אַרְצֶּדְ וְאֵי־מִזֶּה עָם מָה אַרְצֶּדְ וְאֵי־מִזֶּה עָם אֲתְה: ⁹וַיִּאמֶר אֲלִיהָם עִבְּרִי אָנְיִ יְנֵא אֲשֶׁר־ תִשְׁמִים אָנִי יְנֵא אֲשֶׁר־ עְשָׂה אָת־הַיֶּם וְאָת־ תִיבְּשָׁה: ¹⁰וַיִּירְאָוּ הְאֲנְשִׁים יִרְאָה גְּדוֹלָה וַיֹּאמְרִוּ אֵלֶיו

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do? She put down his son and fled. As soon as the king saw this, he sent a dispatch to place her in prison, and take her to a place with serpents and scorpions. After a few days, the king stood at the mouth of the pit, and she cried and wept to the king. The mercy of the king rolled over her, and the royal decree went out that she be lifted out and restored.

כך יונה כיון שברח מן הקב"ה הסגירו בים במעי הדג עד שצעק לפני הקב"ה והוציאו, ירד ליפו ולא מצא אניה לירד שם והיתה אניה מיפו מהלך שני ימים, מה עשה הקב"ה הביא עליה רוח סערה והחזירה ליפו וראה יונה ושמח שמחה גדולה אמר עכשו אני יודע שדרכי מיושרת לפני, אמר להם ארד עמכם, אמרו לו הרי אני הולכים לאיי הים תרשישה, א"ל אעפ"כ, בשמחת לבו של יונה הקדים ונתן שכרה שנאמר ויתן אפר"כ, בשמחת לבו של יונה הקדים ונתן שכרה שנאמר ויתן

יונה א"ג שכרה וירד בה.

So it is with Jonah. As soon as he fled from the Holy Blessed One, he was imprisoned within the bowels of the fish until he cried before the Holy Blessed One, and he was brought forth. He went down to Jaffa, and found no ship bound there, for the ship for Jaffa was already two days gone. What did the Holy Blessed

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אַנטלױפֿן פֿון גאָט, אַז ער האָט דאָס זײ געזאָגט. בוזײ האָבן אים געזאָגט, ״װאָס זאָלן מיר טאָן מיט אײַך צו באַרױִקן אַרום אונדז דעם ים ?״ װאָרום דער אײַך צו באַרױִקן אַרום אונדז דעם ים ים האָט שפּאַצירט און געצאָרענט. בער האָט זײ געזאָגט, ״הײבט מיך אױף און װאַרפֿט מיך אַרײַן אין ים, און װעט דער ים אַרום אײַך באַרױִקן—פֿאַר איך װײס אַז דער גרױסער שטורעם איז אױף אײַך צוליב מיר.״ בּוּאון די מענטשען האָבן גערודערט זיך אומצוקערן צו דער יבשה, אַבער זײ האַבן ניט אומצוקערן צו דער יבשה, אַבער זײ האַבן ניט

men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of הְּיָהְיָ, for he had told them. ¹¹They said to him, "What must we do to you to quiet the sea around us?" For the sea walked and raged. ¹²He said to them, "Lift me up and hurl me into the sea! And the sea will quiet around you—For I know that this terrible storm came upon you because of me." ¹³The men rowed to return

רעוור

מה זאת עשית. למה עשית כן לברוח מן מושל כזה:

"What have you done?"—Why have you done this, to flee from before a Ruler such as this?

אכן עזרא

וייראו. כנגד שאמר אני ירא. ויאמרו לו: מה זאת עשית. והטעם איך עשית זה לברוח מלפני השם, כי הוא גילה סודו להם.

filled with a great fear—Contrary to what is said, I will be afraid. And they said to him, "What must we do?" Meaning: "How can you do this, to run away from God?" For he had revealed his counsel to them.

ויאבורו אכיו בות געשה. והטעם: תן לנו עצה מה נעשה.

They said to him, "What must we do"—The meaning: give us advice on what we are to do.

וישתוק הים, כמו: וישמחו וישתקו.

quiet the sea—As if: they rejoiced and were silent.

מַה־זָּאת עְשֶׂיתְ כְּי־יִדְעִוּ הְאַנְשִׁים כְּי־מִלְּפְנֵי יְהֹוָה הְוּא בֹּרָח כִּי הִגְּיד לְהֶם: 11 יִּאמְרָוּ אֵלְיוֹ מַה־נַּנְעֲשָׂה לְּדְ וְיִשְׁתְּק הַיָּם מֵעְלֵינוּ כִּי הַיָּם הוֹלֶדְ וְסֹעֵר: ¹²וִיּאמֶר אֲלֵיהֶם שָׁאוּנִי וַהְסִילֵנִי אֶל־ הַיְּם וְיִשְׁתִּק הַיָּם מֵעְלֵיכֶם הַיְּם וְיִשְׁתִּק הַיָּם מֵעְלֵיכֶם הַיְּם וְיִשְׁתִּק הַיָּם מֵעְלֵיכֶם הַפְּעַר הַגְּדְוֹל הַזֶּה עְלֵיכֶם:

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One do? There came a storm-wind upon the ship and it was returned to Jaffa. Jonah saw this and rejoiced greatly, saying: "Now I know my path to Jaffa is smooth." He said to them, "I will go down with you." They said to him, "We are going to the islands of the sea of Tarshish." He said to them, "Nevertheless!" And with joy in Jonah's heart, he paid their wages in advance, as it is said: He paid its wages and went Jonah 1:3 aboard.

פרשו לים עמד עליהם רוח סערה מימינם ומשמאלם וכל האניות עוברות ובאות בשלום ובשתיקה ואותה אניה בצרה האניות וחשבה להשבר, ר' חנינא אומר משעבים לשון היו באניה וכל אחד אלוהו בידו ומשתחוים ואומרים נקרא איש אל אלוהו והאל אשר יענה ויציל הוא האלהים וקראו ולא הועילו מאומה, יונה בצרת נפשו נקרדם ויעף לו, בא אליו רב החובל אמר לו אנו עומדים בין מות לחיים ואתה נרדם מאיזה עם אתה.

They set out to sea, and a storm-wind stood upon their right and their left, while all the ships passed by in peace and quiet, their ship was in great trouble, and was near to breaking. R. Chanina said: There were representatives of all languages on that ship, and each one had his god in his hand, bowing down. They said, "Let each man call upon his god, and the god which answers and saves us is God!" They called out, and

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געקענט, װאָרום דער ים האָט אַרום זײ שפּאַצירט און געצאָרענט. 11יי האָבן גערופֿן צו גאָט, און האָבן געזאָגט: ״זײַט אזױ גוט, יהוה, זײַט מוחל לאָז אונדז ניט אונטערגיין צוליב די נשמה פֿון דעם דאָזיקען מאַן. לײגט אונדז ניט אַװעק אומשולדיק בלוט. מאַן. לײגט אונדז ניט אַװעק אומשולדיק בלוט. װאָרום איר, יהוה, האָט באַגערט דאָס צו טאָן.״ נזיי האָבן אױפֿגעהױבן יונהן, און האָבן אים די

to the dry land, but they did not prevail, for the sea walked and raged about them. ¹⁴They cried out to יְהֹוָה, saying: "Please, יְהֹוָה, please do not let us perish for the soul of this man. Do not place upon us innocent blood. For You, יְהֹוֶה, desired to do this." ¹⁵They lifted Jonah up and hurled

רעוור

ויוזתרו האנשים. יגעו ועסקו כחותר במחתרת:

The men rowed—They toiled and labored like miners underground.

בופש האיש הוה. בעון שנשלח יד בנפשו:

for the soul of this man—For the sin of placing a hand upon his life.

אכן עזרא

ויאמור. מתאוה ומבקש למות ולא תשוב נינוה לשם, ולא היה אומר להם ככה, לולי ששמע מפיהם כי ישליכוהו.

He said—He desires and seeks to die, and not return to Nineveh; he would not have told them so had he not heard from them that they would toss him overboard.

ויקראו. האמינו כולם בשם הנכבד ושבו לקרא אליו.

They cried out—Everyone believed in God, bringing honor and turning to call out God's Holy Name.

כאשר וופצת. שהתברר להם, כי בעבורו הים סוער.

desired to do this—That it became clear for them, while for him the sea raged.

בּינְיחְתְּרָוּ הָאֲנְשִׁים לְהָשֶׁיבּ
אֶל־הַיִּבְּשְׁה וְלָא יָכְלוּ כִּי
הַיִּם הוֹלֵדְ וְסֹעֵר עֲלֵיהֶם:
הַּיְּם הוֹלֵדְ וְסֹעֵר עֲלֵיהֶם:
בּיְּבְּשְׁה יְהֹוְה אֵל־יְהוְה וִיּאִמְרוּ
בְּנָפָשׁ הָאִישׁ הַיָּה וְאַל־תִּתְן
עְלֵינוּ דְּם נְקִיא כִּי־אַתְּה
יְהוְיֹה כַּאֲשֶׁר חָפַּצְתְּ עְשִׂיתִ:
יַּהוְיִשְׁאוּ אֶת־יוֹנְה וַיְטִלֶהוּ

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their idols were of no use. Jonah, in the destitution of his soul, fell asleep—for he was very weary. The captain came to him and told him, "We stand between life and death, and you are asleep? Which people are you from?"

יונה א"ט אמר לו עברי אוֹכי, אמרו לו שמענו שאלהיך גדול קום קרא
אל אלהיך אולי יעשה לנו ככל נפלאותיו שעשה בים, אמר
יונה א"יב להם בשבילי צרה זאת שאווֹי והמיכ'וני אכל היום.

He replied, "I am a Hebrew!" They said to him, "We Jonah 1:9 have heard that your God is great; stand up and call to your God! Maybe he will do for us like the wonders which he made at the sea!" He said to them, "This trouble is because of me; lift me up and hurl me into Jonah the sea!"

א"ר שמעון עדיין לא קבלו עליהם להשליכו לים עד שהפילו גורלות ונפל הגורל על יונה, מה עשו נטלו כלים שבאניה והשליכום לים להקל מעליהם ולא הועילו, רצו לחזור ליבשה ולא יכלו, נטלו את יונה והעמידוהו על ירכתי הספי נה, אמרו יונה אייד רבון העולמים אל תתן עכלנו דם נקיא שאין אנו יודעים מה מעשה של זה האיש, הטילו אותו עד ארכבותיו והים עומד מזעפו נשאו אותו אצלם והים הולך וסוער, הטילו אותו עד מזעפו נשאו אותו אצלם והים הולך וסוער, הטילו אותו עד

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אַרײַנגעװאָרפֿן אין ים, און דער ים האָט זיך אױפֿגעהערט פֿון זײַן צאָרענען. ¹⁰און די מענטשן האָבן פֿאַר גאָט גרױס מורא געהאַט; זײ האָבן געבראַכט קרבנות צו גאַט און זיך געשװערן נדרים.

him into the sea. And the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶And the men were filled with a great fear of יְהְוָה They sacrificed to יִהְוָה and swore vows.

רשוור

וידרו נדרים, שיתגיירו:

and swore vows-to convert.

אבן עזרא

וישאו, מוֹעפו. דרך משל, כמו: זועפים.

They lifted... raging—For example, as if they were sulking.

וייראו, ויוֹבוֹזוו, אחרי צאתם.

And the men... sacrificed—After they left.

אֶל־תַיֶּם וַיַּעֲמָד הַיֶּם מִזַּעְפְּוֹ: 10וַיִּירְאָוּ הָאֲנָשֵׁים יִרְאָה גְדוֹלֶה אֶת־יְהוֶֹה וַיִּזְבְּחוּ־ זֶבַה לִיהוְּה וַיִּדְרִוּ נְדְרִים:

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טבורו והים עומד מזעפו, נשאו אותו אצלם והים עומד וסוער הטילו אוו על צוארו וכו' (כדלעיל) עד שהטילו כולו שנאמר

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R. Shimon said: Still, they had not resolved to throw him into the sea until they drew lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah. What did they do? They took all of the cargo and hurled it into the sea to lighten its load, to no avail. They wanted to return to the dry land, but they were not able. They took Jonah and placed him on the stern of the ship, saying: "Master of the worlds, do not Jonah place upon us innocent blood, for we do not know 1:14 what this man has done." They cast him up to his legs and the sea ceased raging; they lifted him up and the sea walked and raged. They cast him up to his navel, and the sea ceased raging; they lifted him up and the sea walked and raged. They cast him up to his neck (as above), until they cast all of him, as it is written: They Jonah lifted Jonah up.

תלמוד בבלי, עירובין יייט א

ואמר רבי ירמיה בן אלעזר ג' פתחים יש לגיהנם אחד במדבר ואחד בים וא' בירושלים.

And R. Jeremiah b. Elazar said: "The gates of Gehenna have three entrances: one in the desert, one in the sea, and one in Jerusalem."

בים דכתיב מבטן שאוכ שועתי שמעת קוכי.

In the sea, for it is written: From the depths of the underworld I cry for help; You hear my voice.

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¹אוּן גאָט האָט אָנגעבּרייט אַ גרויסן פיש אַיינצוּשלינגען יוֹנהן, אוּן יוֹנה איז געווען אין די אינגעווייד פוּן פיש דריי טעג אוּן דריי נעכט. ²אוּן יוֹנה האָט מתפּלל געווען צוּ גאָט זײַן האַר, פוּן די אינגעווייד פוּן דעם פיש.

יהוְהֹי assigned a great fish to swallow Jonah; Jonah remained in the bowels of the fish three days and three nights. ²Jonah prayed to יְהוָה his God from the bowels of the fish.

רשייי

דֹג גדוכ ל. זכר היה והיה עומד בריוח ולא נתן לב להתפלל רמז פרקי הקב"ה לדג והקיאו לתוך פיה של נקבה שהיתה מלאה עוברי' דרבי אליעזר היה שם בדוחק ויתפלל שם שנאמר ממעי הדֹגה: יונה ב״ב

a great fish—But since a man could stand in that space without giving heart to prayer, the Holy Blessed One Pirkei beckoned to the fish, and he was disgorged into the d'Rabbi womb, filled with embryos, and it was there that he Eliezer 10 hurried to pray, as it is written: from the bowels of the fish.

וימן יהוה. אותן ט"ז יום שחסרו ישראל מן המן שלא אכלו מ'
שנים שלימים המן זה לקח הקב"ה ופירנס את הדג שלא יעוכל
יונה במעיו וגם יונה אכל בתוכו מזה המן לכן נאמר וימן
אותיות י"ו מ"ן וכן וימן קיקיון שהיה אוכל ד' עומרים לכן נאמר יונה ד"ו
ד' פעמים וימן ובלשון יון נקרא מן קיקא ועל זה נאמר קי"ק
יו"ן:

יהוה assigned—Refers to those sixteen days that Israel was without manna, for they did not eat manna a full forty years. Later on, the Holy Blessed One took this manna, and sustained the fish so that Jonah would not be digested in its bowels—and Jonah also ate from this manna. Therefore, it is stated מוֹן מִינְייִין, the letters מוֹן מִינְייִין בְּיִייִן, the letters מוֹן בּיִרְייִין בּיִרְייִין בּיִרְייִין is written four times. And in Greek manna is called kika, which is why it is written kikayon—manna in Greek.

יהוה אכהיו. שיתף דין ורחמים זכות אברהם ויצחק:

יהוה *his God*—Who combined justice and mercy, a merit of Abraham and Isaac.

יְמָן יְהוְהֹ דְּג גְּלְּוֹל לִבְלְעַ אֶת־יוֹנְה וַיְהָי יוֹנְהֹ בִּמְעֵי הַלְּג שְׁלֹשְׁה יְמִים וּשְׁלֹשְׁה הַלְּג שְׁלֹשְׁה יְמִים וּשְׁלֹשְׁה לֵילְוֹת: יַוַיִּתְפַּלֵל יוֹלָה אֶל־ יִהוָה אֱלֹהָיו מִמְּעֵי הַדָּגָה:

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ר' מאיר אומר ממונה היה הדג לבלוע את יונה מששת ימי יינה ב"א בראשית שנאמר וימן יהוה דג גֿרוֹכל, נכנס לתוך פיו כאדם שנכנס לביהכ"נ גדולה והיו שתי עיניו כחלונות אמר פנסאות מאירות ליונה.

R. Meir said, "The fish was appointed to swallow Jonah from the six days of creation, as it is written: assigned a great fish. He entered its mouth like a Jonah 2:1 man enters a great synagogue, and its two eyes were as windows—that is to say, lanterns giving light to Jonah."

ר' מאיר אומר מרגלית היתה תלויה במעיו של דג ומאירה ליונה כשמש הזה שהאיר בגבורה וראה יונה כל מה שבימים ובתהומות,

R. Meir said, "There was a pearl hanging in the bowels of the fish, which gave light to Jonah like the sun shining at midday, and Jonah saw all that was in the seas and the abysses."

א"ל הדג ליונה אי אתה יודע שיומי בא להתאכל לתוך פיו של לויתן, אמר לו הוליכני אצלו ואני מציל אותי ואותך מפיו, הוליכו אצל לויתן, אמר לו בשבילך ירדתי לראות את מדורך בים, ולא עוד אלא שאני עתיד לירד וליתן חבל בראשך ולעשות סעודה ממך לצדיקים, הראהו חותמו של אברהם אבינו הביט לברית וראה לויתן וברח מלפניו מהלך שני ימים, אמר לו אני הצלתיך מפיו של לויתן הראני כל מה שבימים ובתהומות,

The fish said to Jonah, "Don't you know that the day has come for me to be consumed by the mouth of the Leviathan?" He said to him, "Lead me to him, and I will deliver you from his mouth—lead me to the

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:און ער האט געזאגט

״איך האָב גערוּפן פוּן מײַן ניוט צוּ גאָט,
אוּן ער האָט מיר געענטפערט;
פוּן דעם בּויך פּוּן אוּנטערערד האָבּ איך געשריען,
האָסטוּ צוּגעהערט מײַן קָול.
וואָרום האָסט מיך אַריינגעוואַרפּן
אין דער טיפעניש, אין האַרצן פוּן די ימען,
אוּן דער שטראָם האָט מיך אַרוּמגענוּמען;
אַלע דיינע וועלן אוּן אינדן
זיינען אריבערגעגאנגען איבער מיר.

³He said:

"I call out in my distress to תְּיָהְיּׁהְ
Who sings to me—
From the depths of the underworld
I cry for help; You hear my voice.
4You cast me into the depths,
in the midst of the sea;
the tides encircle me—
All your breaking waves overtake over me.

רשייר

מבטן שאול שועתי. מבטן הדג שהוא כשאול לי:

From the depths of the underworld I cry for help—From the belly of the fish, which is like the underworld to me.

ככ[†] משבריך וגֿכיר. כל נחשולוהי דימא על שם שהנחשול משבר ומפרק את הים:

All your breaking waves overtake me—All the waves of the sea, since the waves break and divide the sea.

ממעי הדגה. זה יעקב:

from the bowels of the fish—this is Jacob.

אכן עזרא

ויהי יונה. אין כח באדם לחיות במעי הדגה כפי שעה, ואף כי זה המספר רק במעשה נס.

Jonah remained—No man has the strength to live in the bowels of a fish for even an hour; for this duration: it must have been a miracle.

זַּאֲנִי אָלַרְתִּי נִגְרַשְׁתִּי מִנְּנֶד עֵינֵיך אַך אוֹסִיף לְהַבִּיט אָל־הֵיכַל קְדְשֶׁדְ: אַפְפָוּנִי לַיִּם עַד־נָּפָשׁ תְּהָוֹם יְסֹבְבֵנִי סִוּף חָבְוּשׁ לְרֹאִשִׁי:

וַיּאֹמֶר קָרְאתִי מִצְּרָה לֵיִי מָלְרָאתִי מִצְּרָה לֵיִי

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Leviathan." Jonah said to the Leviathan, "I have come down for you, to see your dwelling place in the sea, and no more; but in the future I will come down and seize your head and make a feast of you for all the righteous!" And Jonah showed him the seal of Abraham our father, and Leviathan gazed at the covenant, and fled from his face two days' journey. Jonah said to the fish, "I have saved you from the mouth of the Leviathan; now show me all that is in the seas and the abysses!"

יונה בייז והראהו נחל גדול של אוקינוס שנאמר ונהר יסובבני, והראהו יונה בייז שבילי ים סוף שעברו ישראל בתוכם שנאמר סוף זזבוש כראשי, והראהו מקום שמשברי הים אליו יוצא שנאמר ככל יונה בייז משבריך ונכיף עכי עברו והראהו עמודי ארץ במכוניה יונה בייז שנאמר הארץ בריזזיה בעדי כעוכם, והראהו שאול תחתית יונה בייג שנאמר מבטן שאול שועתי, והראהו גיהנם שנאמר ותעכל יונה בייג שנאמר מבטן שאול שועתי, והראהו גיהנם שנאמר ותעכל יונה בייז משות זויי, והראהו היכל ה' שנאמר כקצבי הרים, מכאן אנו למדים שירושלים על שבעה הרים עומדת.

The fish showed him the great torrent of the oceans, as it is said: the tides encircle me. And he showed him Jonah 2:4

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5אוּן איך האָבּ געוועסט געזאָגט: איך בּין פאַרטריבּן פוּן פאַר דיינע אויגן; אָבער איך וועל ווידער נאָך קוּקן אויף דיין הייליקן טעמפּל. ôוואַסערן האָבּן מיך אַרוּמגענוּמען, טייכגראַז איז געווען געוויקלט אַרוּם מיין קאַפּ.

5And I proclaim I am driven away from before Your eyes; Will I ever again look upon Your holy temple? 6Water surrounds my soul, the abyss encircles me; Weeds bind my head.

רשוור

And I proclaim—When I was lifted into the sea, "Here I am dead and I was driven away from before Your eyes."

אך. ראיתי שקיימתני כל אלו הימים ידעתי כי אוסיף להביט אל היכל קדשך:

Will I ever—I saw that you sustained me all my days, for I know that I will once again look upon Your holy temple.

סוף חבוש כראשי. ימא דסוף תלי לעיל מן רישי, שהראהו פרקי הקב"ה ים סוף ואיך עברו ישראל בתוכו שהיו שתי עיני הדגה הרבי אליעור כמיז שתי חלונות ומסתכל ורואה כל מה שבים:

Weeds bind my head—Literally, weeds hang from my head. For the Holy Blessed One showed him the Sea of Reeds, and how Israel passed through it—for the d'Rabbi two eyes of the fish were like two windows, and he Eliezer 10 could look and see everything in the sea.

אבן עזרא

ואָני אַמרתי נגרשתי מנגד עיניך. הם השמים.

And I proclaim I am driven away from before Your eyes —They are the heavens.

א**פפוני מים עד נפש**י. עד הגיעה נפשי למות.

Water surrounds my soul—Until my soul was touching death.

זַּאֲנִי אָלַרְתִּי נִגְרַשְׁתִּי מִנְּגֶד עֵינֶיְדְ אַדְ אוֹסִיף לְהַבִּיט אָל־הֵיכַל קְדְשֶׁדְ: אַפְפָוּנִי לַיִם עַד־נָּפָשׁ תְּהָוֹם יְסֹבְבֵנִי סְוּף חָבְוּשׁ לְרֹאִשֵּׁי: סְוּף חָבְוּשׁ לְרֹאִשֵּׁי:

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the paths of the Sea of Reeds which Israel passed through, as it is said: weeds bind my head. And he Jonah 2:6 showed him the place where the breaking waves of the sea come forth, as it is said: All your breaking waves Jonah 2:4 overtake over me. And he showed him the pillars of the earth at their foundation, as it is said: the earth is Jonah 2:7 barred against me forever. And he showed him the lowest part of the underworld, as it is said: From the Jonah 2:3 depths of the underworld I cry for help. And it showed him hell, as it is said: Yet my life ascends from the pit. Jonah 2:7 And it showed him the Palace of אידור (Bescend to the roots of the mountains). From this we learn that Jerusalem stands upon seven mountains.

וראה שם אבן שתיה קבועה בתהומות, וראה שם בני קרח עומדים ומתפללים עליה, והיה יונה שלשה ימים ושלשה לילות במעי הדג ולא התפלל, אמר הקב"ה אני הרחבתי לו מקום במעי דג זכר כדי שלא יצטער והוא אינו מתפלל אני מזמן דגה מעוברת שס"ה אלפים רבבות דגים קטנים כדי שיצטער ויתפלל לפני, מפני שהקב"ה מתאוה לתפלתן של צדיקים,

And it was seen that there was a drinking stone fixed in the abyss, and there the sons of Korach stood and prayed upon it—while Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights without prayer. The Holy Blessed One said, "I made room for him in the belly of this male fish so that he would not grieve, and he does not pray! I will assign a fish pregnant with three hundred sixty five thousand little fish in order to grieve him, and he will pray before Me;" for the Holy Blessed One desires the prayers of the righteous.

באותה שעה זימן לו הקב"ה דגה מעוברת ואמרה לו דגה לדג

JONAH CHAPTER II יונה פרק ב

צוּ די גרוּנטן פוּן די בּערג האָבּ איך גענידערט, די ערד [האָט פאַרשלאָסן] פאַר מיר אירע ריגלען אויף אײבּיק. אָבער דוּ האָסט אויפגעבּראַכט פוּן גרוּבּ מײַן לעבּן, דוּ גאַט מײַן האַר.

7I descend to the roots of the mountains, the earth is barred against me forever; Yet my life ascends from the pit, my God.

דנווור

לקצבי הרים ירדתי. לסוף מדת ההרים הקבועים על התהום ירדתי:

I descend to the roots of the mountains—Beyond the end of the known mountains—through the abyss—do I descend.

הארץ בריזזיה בעדי. כנגדי למעלה ממני סגור ולא אצא לעולם, בעדי כמו וסגרת הדכלת בעדך וכן כל בעד שבמקרא מלכים ב דייד עור בעד עור אבר כנגד אבר:

the earth is barred against me—For I am driven away; II Kings above me it is shut and I will never go out. Barred as 4:4 in shut the door behind you, as is all instances of Job 2:4 barred in scripture: skin against skin, a limb against a limb.

כ^לעוכם. מוסב על מה שאמר למעלה ואני אמרתי נגרשתי ואני אמרתי הארץ בריוזיה סגורים בעדי לעולם:

forever—This refers to what is said above: I proclaim I am driven away and I proclaim ... the earth is barred against me—closed against me forever.

ותעל משחת חזיי. אבל כבר ראיתי כאן גיהנם ומשם העליתני פרקי
דרבי אליעזו
והנני עתה כנגד תחת ההיכל שבירושלים כענין שנאמר אך "
אוסיף להביט אל היכל קדשך ותבא אליך תפילתי אל
היכל קדשף:

Yet my life ascends from the pit—But I have already Pirkei seen the pit, and from there You brought me up, and d'Rabbi here I am now before the Temple in Jerusalem, Eliezer 10 corresponding to what is written: Will I ever again look

לְּקִּצְבֵּי הָרִיםׁ יָרַדְתִּי הָאָבֶץ בְּרָחֵיהָ בַעֲדִי לְעוֹלֵם וַתַּעַל מִשַּׁחַת חַיָּי יְהֹוָה אֱלֹהֵי:

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איש נביא שבמעיך שגרני הקב"ה לבלעו אם אתה פולטו הרי
טוב ואם לאו אני בולעך עמו, אמר לה מי יודע אם הדבר
שאתה אומר אמת, אמר לו לויתן, הלכו אצל לויתן, אמרה לו
דגה לויתן מלך על כל דגי הים אי אתה יודע ששגרני הקב"ה
אצל דג זה לבלוע איש נביא שבמעיו, אמר לה הן, אמר לו דג
ללויתן אימתי, אמר לו בשלש שעות אחרונות כשירד הקב"ה
לצחק בי שמעתי כן, מיד פלטו ובלעתו הדגה והיה בצער גדול
מתוך הדוחק ומתוך הטנוף, מיד כוון לבו בתפלה שנאמר

At that exact hour, the Holy Blessed One assigned a pregnant fish, and she said—one fish to the other— "There is a human prophet which is in your bowels that the Holy Blessed One has sent me to swallow. If you will spit him out, then good. And if you will not, I will swallow you up with him!" He said to her, "Who knows if this thing which you say is true?" She said to him, "The Leviathan." "Lead me to the Leviathan." The female fish said to the Leviathan, "King of all the fishes of the sea, do you know if the Holy Blessed One sent me to the fish to swallow the human prophet which is in his bowels?" He said to her "Yes." The male fish said to the Leviathan. "When?" He said to him, "In the past three hours, when the Holy Blessed One came down to play with me; then I heard." Immediately, he spit him out, and the female fish swallowed him up—and he was in great sorrow amidst the pressure and the filth; immediately he directed his heart in prayer, as it is is said: Jonah prayed to יהוה his Jonah 2:2 God from the bowels of the fish.

אם אבר הבון העולמים אנה אלך מרוחך ואנה מפניך אברח אם אמר רבון העולמים אתה מלד על כל הממלכות ואדון על כל רוזני

תהלים קלחייט

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3ווען מײַן זעל איז געווען פאַרחלשט אין מיר, האָבּ איך אָן גאָט געדאַכט,
אוּן מײַן תּפילה איז געקוּמען צוּ דיר,
אין דיין הייליקן תעמפּל.
9די וואָס האַלטן זיך אָן פאַלשע נישטיקייטן
פאַרלאַזן זייער גענאַדיקן;

⁸When my soul is enfeebled, I remember יְהְיָה; My prayer comes before You in Your holy temple. ⁹Those who keep the vanity of falsehood leave behind goodness.

- לבווור

Jonah 2:5 upon Your holy temple?—And my prayer came to You, to Your holy temple.

בהתעפף. באשתלהיות וכן בהתעטף נפשם וכן בעפף עוכלל: איכה בייא

Lamentations 2:11

enfeebled—When it grew faint; therefore, their enfeebled souls as in enfeebled young.

משמרים הבכל שוא. אותן שעובדים לעכו"ם:

My prayer comes before You—Those who worship the stars and the constellations.

יוסדם יעוובו. יראת הקב"ה שכל חסדם וטובתם מאתו יעזובו אבל אני איני כן אלא בקוכ תודה אובווה כך כך תרגם יונתן יונה בייי ופרקי דר' אליעזר דרשו כלפי המלחים שעזבו חסדם שהיו מטיבים לעכו"ם ונתגיירו:

leave behind goodness—The fear of the Holy Blessed One, from whom all good and pleasing things come, is Jonah left behind; but I am not like that—with a voice of 2:10 thanksgiving, will sacrifice to You—this is how it is written in the targum. But in Pirkei d'Rabbi Eliezer, it is preached that the sailors left behind the shame of their worship of the stars and the constellations and converted.

אכן עזרא

בהתעשף. כמו: כי יעטף.

enfeebled—As in: because he will wrap himself in t'fillin.

⁸בְּהָתְעַמֻּף עָלֵי נַפְּשִּׁי אֶת־יְהֹּוָה זְכֶרְתִּי וַתְּבָוֹא אֵלֶידְ תִּפִּלְּתִי אֶל־הֵיכֵל קְדְשֶׁדְּ: ⁹מְשַׁמְּרִים הַבְלֵי־שָׁוְא תַסְדָּם יַעֲוְֹבוּ:

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בוחן, סתרי כליות אתה יודע, רזי לבבות אתה מבץ, כל מסתרים גלוים גך, אין תעלומות לפני כסא כבודך ואין נסתר מנגד עיניך, כל רז ורז אתה סודר וכל דבר ודבר אתה סח, בכל מקום אתה שם,

He said, "Master of the Universe, where can I go from Your Spirit; where can I flee from before You? If I Psalms ascend to the heavens: You rule over all sovereignties 138:9 and are master over all the innumerable worlds. Your throne is in heaven and the earth is Your footstool. Your sovereignty is in the heights and your rule is in The deeds of all humanity are known the depths. before You, and the mysteries of each individual are spread out before You. You investigate the ways of humankind, and You examine the paths of all lives. You know hidden emotions, understand secret hearts, all hiding places are known to You; there are no secrets before Your throne of glory, nothing hidden from Your eyes. You order all mysteries and speak all words; in all places You are there.

תבל, כסאך שמי שמים וארץ הדום רגליך, מלכותך במרום וממשלתך בעומק, מעשי כל האדם גלויים לפנים ותעלומות כל גבר פרושות לך, דרכי כל אדם אתה חוקר ומצעדי כל חי אתה עיניך צופות רעים וטובים בבקשה ממך ענני מבטן שאול והושיעני במצולה ותבא באזניך שועתי ומלא בקשתי, שאתה יושב ברחוק יונה ביי ושומע בקרוב, נקראת מעלה ומוריד נא העלני, נקראת ממית ומחיה הגעתי למות החייני, ולא נענה עד שיחצא דבר זה מפיו ואשר נדרתי להעלות את לויתן ולעשותו לפניהם אשלם ביום ישועות ישראל ואני בקול תודה אזבותה כלך,

Your eyes scout out evil and goodness, while I beseech you—from the depths of the underworld—deliver me

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™ַאָבּער איך װעל שלאַכטן צוּ דיר, מיט אַ קול פוּן דאַנקעניש; װאָס איך האָבּ אַ נדר געטאָן װעל איך בּאַצאָלן. די ישוּעה איז בּיי גאָט.״ ™אוּן גאָט האָט געהייסן דעם פיש, אוּן ער האָט אויסגעשפּיגן יונהן אויף דער יבשה.

ים And I, with a voice of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to You, will make peace with my vows; Victory to יהוֶה" יהוָה spoke to the fish, and it disgorged Jonah upon the dry land.

רשוור

ישועתה כיהוה. נדרי שלמים ותודה אשלם לשם ישועות אשר לה', ישועתה כמו לישועתה וכן קומה עורתה כגו לעזרה תהילים מד"כו

Victory to יהוֹה !—I will pay vows of peace and thanksgiving towards the victory of יהוה. Victory: as in Psalms 44:27 salvation; therefore, Arise and help us—to be our help.

אכן עזרא

ואני, אשר נדרתי - במעי הדג.

And I, will vow—From the bowels of the fish.

ויאמר - דרך משל שהכריחוהו לעשות חפץ השם.

And spoke—This is a metaphor; God compelled the fish to do the will of God.

¹⁰וַאֲנִּי בְּקוֹל תּוֹדָה אֶזְבְּחָה־לְּדְ אֲשֶׁר נְדַרְתִּי אֲשַׁלֵּמְה יְשׁוּטֶתָה לַיהוְה: ¹¹וִיִּאמֶר יְהוָה לַדְּג וַיָּקָא אֶת־יוֹנָה אֶל־הַיַּבְּשָׁה:

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from the abyss, and bring Your ears to my cry; fulfill my request. For though You may dwell a great distance, You hear as if from nearby; You are called the One who lifts up and brings down—please raise me up! You are called the giver of death and life—I have reached death; revive me!" But he was not answered until this word came from his mouth: "I vow to bring up the Leviathan, and prepare him before them, which I will pay on the day of the salvation of Israel—And I, Jonah with a voice of thanksgiving, will sacrifice to You."

מיד רמז הקב"ה לדג והקיא את יונה תתקס"ח פרסאות ליבשה וראו המלחים את כל האותות והנפלאות שעשה יונה ב"ט הקב"ה עם יונה והשליכו איש את אלהיו שנאמר משמרים הבל שוא, וחזרו ליפו ועלו לירושלים ומלו בשר ערלתם יונה א"טו שנאמר וייראו האנשים יראה גדוכה, וכי זבח זבחו, אלא ברית מיללה שהוא כדם זבח ונדרו איש אשתו ובניו וכל אשו לו לאלהי יונה ונדרו ושלמו ועליהם הוא אומר ועל גרי הצדק:

Immediately, the Holy Blessed One moved the fish to disgorge Jonah nine hundred and sixty eight Persian miles onto the dry land; and the sailors saw all the signs and wonders that the Holy Blessed One had made with Jonah, and they cast aside their gods, as it is said: Those who keep the vanity of falsehood. They Jonah 2:9 returned to Jaffa, went up to Jerusalem, and circumcised the flesh of their foreskins, as it is written: And the men were filled with a great fear. But was this Jonah sacrifice a true sacrifice? These covenants of 1:16 circumcision were like the blood of sacrifice, and each man vowed his wife and all his children and all he had to the God of Jonah, and these vows were completed. Of them it is said: they were all righteous strangers.

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תלמוד בבלי, יבמות צייח א

ויהי דבר יהוה אל יונה שנית לאמר שנית דברה עמו שכינה שלישית לא דברה עמו והכתיב (מ"ב יד כג) הוא השיב את גבוכ ישראל מכלבוא חמת עד ים הערבה כדבר יהוה וגו' אשר דבר ביד עבדו יונה בן אמתי הנביא.

And the word of יהוה came to Jonah a second time, saying —Is it the second time which the Sh'chinah spoke with him, not the third time? As is written: He restored the $rac{II \, ext{Kings}}{14:25}$ territory of Israel from Lebohamath to the Sea of Arabah, according to the word of יהוה... which was spoken by the hand of God's servant, Jonah, son of Amittai, the prophet.

> כשם שנהפך נינוה מרעה לטובה כך בימי ירבעם בן יואש נהפך להם לישראל מרעה לטובה:

> Just as Nineveh was overturned from evil to good, so too in the days of Jeroboam, son of Joash, was Israel overturned from evil to good.

JONAH CHAPTER III יונה פרק ג

יונהן אַ יונהן אַ זויט מאָל, אַזױ צו זאָגן: שטיי אויף, און גיי צו צווייט מאָל, אַזױ צו זאָגן: שטיי אויף, און גיי צו דער גרויסער שטאָט נינוֵה, און רוף אויס צו איר די אויסרופֿונג װאָס איך רעד צו דיר. צאיז יונה אויפֿגעשטאַנען, און ער איז געגאַנגען קיין נינוַה, אַזױ װי דאָס װאָרט פֿון גאָט; און נינוַה איז געװען אַ ווי דאָס װאָרט פֿון גאָט; און נינוַה איז געװען אַ גרויסע שטאָט פֿאַר גאָט דרײַ טעג גאַנג. אַאון יונה האָט אַנגע, ווי דאָט אַנגין אַין שטאָט איין טאָג גאַנג, האָט געגגגע,

¹And the word of יְהוֹּהְ came to Jonah a second time, saying: ¹Rise up and go to the great city of Nineveh and call out to her the proclamation which I have said to you. ³Jonah rose up, and he went to Nineveh, according to the word of הַּהְּהַ. And Nineveh was a great city of God, three days walk across. ⁴And Jonah started to enter the city—one day's walk—and he cried out

אכן עזרא

ויהי. פעם שנית.

And ... came—A second time.

ירמיהו

ידוייז

קום. הוא יורה כי לא הלך דרך שתרחק נינוה, אם ישלחהו שנית ילך.

Rise up—God shows that he did not go on a journey that would keep him from Nineveh; therefore, if he is sent a second time, he will go.

ויקם. אמר רבי ישועה: כי הלכו אנשי הספינה אל נינוה והגידו דבר יונה, על כן האמינו ומלת לאלהים פירשתיה.

rose up—Rabbi Yeshuah said: Because the sailors went to Nineveh and reported the words of Jonah, therefore he was believed. And the word of God explains this.

ויזזכרׄ יש אומרים: כי נהפכת—שנהפכה ממעשיה הרעים וזה דרש איננו נכון, רק הדבר, כמו: רגע אדבר.

started—It is said that overturned means that it would overturn itself through its evil deeds, but this interpretation is not correct. Rather it is like these Jeremiah words: At this moment I speak.

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ינה וקרא אכיה את הקריאה ונינוה היתה עיר גדוכה כאכהים.
ג"ב, ג

כתיב ואת רסן בין נינוה ובין כלח היא העיר הגדולה אין אנו

יודעים אם נינוה היא העיר הגדולה אם כלח היא עיר גדולה,

אלא ממה דכתיב ונינוה היתה עיר גדולה הוי נינוה היא עיר

יונה גדולה, אלא ממה דכתיב ונינוה היתה עיר גדולה הוי נינוה היי נינוה

היא עויר גדולה. נינוה היתה מהלך (ארבעים) [שלשת] ימים.

והיו שנים עשר שווקים, וכל שוק ושוק היו בו שניים עשר אלף

בני חצרות, וכל חצר י"ב בתים, וכל בית ובית שנים עשר

גבורים, וכל גבור היו לו י"ב בנים, והיה יונה מכריז בשוק והיה

קולו נשמע מהלך ארבעים יום והיו שומעים קולו כל בית ובית,

באותה שעה הניע הדבר לאסנפר מלך נינוה:

And call out to her the proclamation ... Nineveh was a Jonah great city of God—It is recorded that Nineveh is 3:2-3 between Resen and Kalach, a great city. But how can we know if it is Nineveh that is the great city or if it is Kalach that it is the great city—from what is written: Nineveh was a great city. It is clear that Nineveh is the Jonah 3:3 great city. Nineveh was a journey of many days. And it had twelve markets, and in every market there were twelve thousand courtyard dwellings, and in each

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און ער האָט אױסגערופֿן און האָט געזאָגט: "נאָך פערציק טעג און נינוָה װערט איבערגעקערט!" זאון די מענטשן פֿון נינוָח האָבן געגלױבט אין גאָט, און זײ האָבן אױסגערופֿן אַ פֿאַסטטאָג, און האָבן זיך אָנגעטאָן אין זאַק פֿון זײער גרעסטן ביז זײער קלענסטן. זאון דאָס װאָרט האָט דערגרײכט צום מלך פֿון נינוַה, און ער איז אױפֿגעשטאַנען פֿון זײַן מלך פֿון נינוַה, און ער איז אױפֿגעשטאַנען פֿון זײַנע טראָן, און האָט אױסגעטאָן זײַן מאַנטל פֿון זײַנע הענט, און האָט זיך צוגעדעקט מיט זאַק, און זיך געזעצט אױף אַש. זאן ער האָט געשריגן, און האָט געזעצט אױף אַש.

and said: "Only forty more days and Nineveh shall be overturned!" 5And the people of Nineveh believed in God. And they proclaimed a fast and wore sackcloth—from the great to the small. 6And this word reached the King of Nineveh, and he stood from his throne, and he took off his mantle, and he covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ash. 7And he cried

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נהפכח. נחרבת. ולא אמר נחרבת כי נהפכת משמש שתי לשונות רע וטוב אם לא יעשו תשובה נחרבת, ואם יעשו תשובה אז נהפכת על אנשי נינוה קאי שיהפכו מרעה לטובה ויעשו תשובה הג"ה דר"ע:

Overturned—Destroyed. He did not say "destroyed," because overturned has two meanings: bad and good. If they do not repent, it will be destroyed, and if they do repent then "overturned" refers to the people of Nineveh; they will be changed from bad to good and repent—adapted from Rabbi Akiva.

אדרתו. לבוש יקריה:

his mantle—An expensive garment.

אבן עזרא

ויאמינו, כמו: ויאמן העם. והטעם: באלהים—בדבר אלהים. שמות דיילא

Exodus 4:31 believed in—Like: And the people believed. And the essence is "in God,"—in the word of God.

לְבָוֹ א בְעִיר מַהֲלֵך יוֹם אָחֶד וַיִּקְרָא וַיֹּאמֵר עוֹד אַרְבְּעִים יוֹם וְנִינְוָה נֶּהְפְּכֶת: 5וְיַּאֲמֶינוּ אַנְשֵׁי נְינְוָה בֵּאלֹהֶים וַיִּקְרְאוּ־צוֹם וַיִּלְבְּשׁוּ שַׂלְּים מִגְּדוֹלֶם וְעַד־קְטַגְּם: 6וַיִּגְע הַדְּבְר אָל־מֶלֶך נִינְוֹה וַיְּקְם מִכִּסְאוֹ וַיַּמְ בָר אַדַּרְתִּוֹ מֵעְלֵיו וַיִּכְס שַׂק וַיִּשֶׁב עַל־הָאֵפֶר:

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courtyard there were twelve households, and in each household there were twelve strong men, and each strong man had twelve sons. When Jonah proclaimed in the market, his voice could be heard forty days' distant; his voice was heard in every household—and at the same hour these words reached the King of Nineveh

רבי נחוניא בן הקנה אומר תדע לך התשובה מפרעה שמרד שמת ה״ב בהקב"ה מאד מי יהוה אשר אשמע בקלו, ובלשון שחטא בו שמות טי״א בלשון עשה תשובה מי כמכה באלם יהוה, והצילו הקב"ה מן שמות טי׳ו המיתה לספר כח וגבורתו שנאמר ואולם בעבור ואת העמדתיך ומלך בנינוה, ואנשי נינוה כותבים כתבי עמל וגוזלים ומתעבץ במשכב זכור, ושלח הקב"ה יונה להתנבא עליה להחריב ושמע פרעה ועמד מכסאו וקרע בגדיו ולבש שק והכריז בכל עמו שיצומו כל העם שלשה ימים והעמיד אנשים לבד ונשים לבד וכן בהמה מצד אחד וילדיה מצד אחד והילדים ובוכים והיו רואים שדי אמם ובוכים וגם אמם רואים הילדים ובוכים והיו יותר משנים עשר רבוא אדם, יום ששלח ליונה לנינוה, ולאחר ארבעים יום שבו לדרכיהם הרעים יום ששלח ליונה לנינוה.

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געזאגט אין נינוה, ״אויף דעם באפֿעל פֿון דעם מלך און זיינע גרויסקייט, אזוי צו זאגן: 'קיין מענטש און קיין בהמה—רינדער אדער שאף –זאל ניט פֿארזוכן דאַס מינדסטע; ניט זיי זאַלן זיך פֿיטערן, און ניט זיי זאלן טרינקען וואסער. מענטש און בהמה זאלן זיין צוגעדעקט מיט זאק; און מע זאל רופן צו גאט מיט שטארקייט, און מע זאל זיך אומקערן איטלאכער פֿון זײַן שלעכטן װעג, און פֿון דעם אומרעכט װאס אין זייערע הענט. פווער ווייס, אפשר ווידער וועט

out and said in Nineveh: "On the order of the King and his greatness, proclaim: 'Man and beast-herd and flock-shall not taste anything, nor graze, nor drink water. ⁸They shall cover themselves in sackcloth, man and beast, and call to God in strength; let each man turn back from their evil ways and from the injustice which is in their God may turn hands. 9Who knows?

רעווור

ויזעק. צוה והכריו:

He cried for help—Commanded and proclaimed.

משעם המכלך וגדוליו. מעצת המלך וגדוליו ציוו להכריז:

By the judgment of the King and his greatness—By the counsel of the king and his advisors, it was commanded to announce.

וילראו אל אלהים בחופה. אסרו אמהות לבד והולדות לבד אמרו לפניו רבש"ע אם אין אתה מרחם עלינו אין אנו מרחמים על אלו:

and call to God in strength—They imprisoned the handmaidens alone and the children alone, and said before God, "Sovereign of the Universe—if you will not have compassion upon us, then we will not have compassion upon them!"

מי יודע. עבירו' שבידו ישוב:

Who knows?—The transgressions which are in their hands, they shall repent.

ויאמר

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ולאחר ארבעים יום שבו לדרכיהם הרעים יותר מן הראשונים אויב כביים ונבלעו המתים בשאול תחתית שנאמר מעיר מתים ינאהו:

Rabbi Nehunya ben HaKanah said, "May you learn repentance from Pharaoh, who rebelled greatly against the Holy Blessed One: Who is יהוה that I should listen Exodus to this voice? In the same language in which he sinned, he came to the language of repentance: Who is Exodus like You, יהוה, among the gods that are worshipped? 15:11 The Holy Blessed One delivered him from death, to recount God's strength and might, as it is written: Nevertheless, I have spared you for this purpose and he Exodus reigned in Nineveh. The people of Nineveh wrote fraudulent deeds, robbed, and committed sexual deviance when the Holy Blessed One sent Jonah to prophecy their destruction. Pharaoh heard, and stood from his throne, rent his garments and dressed in sackcloth, and announced to all his people that they should fast three days. And they stood-men alone, and women alone; beasts on one side and children on the other. And the children saw the breasts of their mothers and cried, and the mothers saw their children and cried, and there were more than twelve thousand

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גאַט חרטה האַבן, און זיך אַפּקערן פֿון זײַן גרימצאַרן, און מיר וועלן ניט אונטערגיין." 10האַט גאט געזען זייערע מעשים, אז זיי האבן זיך אומגעקערט פֿון זייער שלעכטן וועג, און גאט האט חרטה געהאַט אויף דעם בייז וואָס גאַט האַט גערעדט זיי צו טאַן, און גאַט האַט עס ניט געטאַן.

and repent, may turn from anger upon us, that we may not vanish." ¹⁰God perceived their actions, how they turned back from their evil ways; and God repented of the evil which was proclaimed upon them, and did not do it.

רשוור

וינותם האכלהים. נתעשת על הרעה לשוב ממנה:

God repented—God will come to God's senses about this evil, to turn back from it.

אכן עזרא

ומלת ושב – על השם הנכבד.

And the word will turn: on the honorable Name.

וירא האלהים, שיאמינו בו. וככה ביתרו: לפני האלהים. שמות יחיייב

God perceived—That they believed in God. Like in Exodus Parashat Yitro: before God.

וינוזם. דברה תורה כלשון בני אדם.

repented—Torah speaks with the language of humanity.

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people the day that Jonah was sent to Nineveh. Yet after forty days, they returned to the evil ways of the Job 24:12 day Jonah was sent to Nineveh, and after forty more days, they returned to even more evil ways than at the beginning. And the dead were swallowed up by the depths of the underworld, as it is written: the dead groan in the city."

ויקראו אל אלהים בחוקה. אר"ש בן חלפתא חציפא נצח לבישא כל שכן לטובו של עולם, ועמד מלך מכסא מלכותו וכו' (כדלעיל), והגביה יונקי שדים שלהם כלפי מעלה ואמר להקב"ה בבכי גדול עשה בשביל אלו שלא חטאו, ביום שלישי חזרו כלם מדרכם הרטה אפילו מציאה שאדם מצא בשדות ובכרמים בשווקים וברחובות החזירו לבעלים, ואפילו לבנים של גזל שבנו בפלטץ של מלך סתרו הפלטץ והחזירו הלבנים לבעליהם. וכל כרם וכרם שהיו בו שתי נטיעות או שני אילנות מן הגזל עקרון והחזירום לבעליהן, וכן בגד שהיו בו שתי ילקוט פקעיות של גזל קרעו הבגד והחזירו עשו משפט וצדקה וכל תשכייז עבירה שבידו מתודה ומקבל עליו דין תורה אם סקילה סקילה

אם שרפה שרפה, ואפילו מכר אדם לחברו בית חורבה ומצא

בו ממון וכו' כמעשה מלכא קציא. מה היה עושה הדין בקש

שטר של אותה חורבה ומצא ל"ה דורות ומצא יורש לאותו האיש שהטמץ אותו ממון והחזירו לבעליו:

And call to God in strength—R. Shimon ben Halafta said, "If the persevering conquers even the bad man, so much more so the Good One of the world. The king stood from the throne of his sovereignty, etc. (as above): They took up all their ill-gotten gains, and cried to the Holy Blessed One a great lament for what they had done to those without sin. And on the third day they returned all they had gained from their evil ways, even if it was something יונה פרק ג Jonah Chapter III

that a person found in the fields, or in the vineyards, or in the markets, or in the streets—it was returned to its owner. Even if the stolen bricks were used to build the palace of the king—they tore down the palace and returned the bricks to their owner. And in every vineyard in which there were even two saplings or two trees stolen, these were returned to their owner. And every garment which had even two stolen threads, they rent the garment and returned it. They made justice and charity, and confessed every transgression in their hand, and received the judgment of Torah—if they were to be put to death by stoning, they were put to death by stoning; if they were to be put to death by fire, they were put to death by fire. And even if a man sold his friend a ruined house and money was found there, as was done by King Katzia— What would the judge do? He would ask for the deed to the same ruin, and would search fifty-five generations to find an heir for the man who had hidden the money, and return it to them."

Yalkut Sh'moni

וירא האלהים את מעשיהם. א"ר יצחק ארבעה דברים מקרעין גזר דינו של אדם, צדקה, צעקה, שנוי השם, ושנוי מעשה. צעקה משלי יינה גייי דכתיב ויצעקו אל יהוה בצר להם ממצוקותיהם יצילם. צדקה דכתיב וצדקה תציל ממות. שנוי השם דכתיב ויאמר אלהים בראשית אל אברהם שרי אשתך וגו'. שנוי מעשה דכתיב וירא האלהים את מעשיהם וגו', ויש אומרים אף שנוי מקום שנאמר ויאמר יהוה יונה גייי בראשית אל אברם כך כך לה והדר ואעשך לגוי גדול, ואידך ההוא זכותא דארעא דישראל הוא דקא גרים. שנו רבותינו סדר תעניות כיצד בראשית מוציאין התיבה לרוחוב של עיר ונותנין אפר מקלה על גבי תיבה ובראש הנשיא ובראש אב בית דין וכל אחד ואחד נוטל ונותן בראשו, וזקן שבהם אומר לפניהם דברי כבושים אחינו לא שק ולא תענית גורמים אלא תשובה ומעשים טובים גורמים שנאמר וירא יונה גייי האלהים את מעשיהם כי שבו מדרכם, ואומר ויתכסו שקים האדם והבהמה, מאי עבוד אסרו הבהמות לחוד וולדות לחוד, אמרו לפניו רבש"ע אם אין אתה מרחם עלינו אין אנו מרחמין על אלו. זיקראו אל אלהים בחזקה, מאי אמור, אמר שמואל אמרו לפניו רבש"ע עלוב ושאניו עולב צדיק ורשע מי נדחה מפני מי:

Jonah God perceived their actions—R. Isaac said, "Four things tear up a decree of judgment which is placed upon a 3:10 person: charity, prayer, change of name, and change of deed." On prayer, it is written: In distress they cried to min, 107:6 and God delivered them from their straits. On charity, it is written: charity will deliver from death. On change of Proverbs Genesis name, it is written: God said to Abraham, "Your wife..." On change of deed, it is written: God perceived their actions... And there are those who add change of place, as it is written: God said to Abram, "Go forth!" and some 3:10 fasts, the manner in which the ark is brought into the streets of the city, where the ashes from the roast are placed upon the ark, how at the start of the year and the start of Av, every member of the tribunal lifts and places them upon their head, and the oldest amongst them says to them these words of consolation: "Siblings! It is not sackcloth or fasting that brings about repentance, but good deeds!" As it is written: God perceived their actions, how they turned 3:10 Jonah 3:8 from their ways. And he said: They shall cover themselves in sackcloth, man and beast. And why did they bind the beasts separately and the children separately? They said before the Sovereign of the Universe, "If you will not have mercy on us, then we will not have mercy on them!" They called out to God in strength—and what was said? They said what Samuel said before the Sovereign of the Universe: "If one is humble and the other is not, a righteous one and a wicked one: whom should give way to whom?"

וישובו איש מדרכו הרעה ומן החמס, אמר שמואל אפילו גזל מריש ובנאו בבירה מקעקע הבירה ומחזיר מריש לבעליו. ופליגא דר' יוחנן דא"ר יוחנן מה שהיה בכף ידיהם החזירו בשידה תיבה ומגדל לא החזירו:

"A person who returns from their wicked ways and from violence," said Samuel. "For even if they took a stolen beam and built a castle with it, they would destroy the castle and return it to its owner." But Rabbi Yochanan disagrees, saying, "What was in the palms of their hands they returned, but what was locked in their strongboxes or towers, they did not return."

תלמוד בבלי, תעניות טייו א

והזקן שבהם אומר לפניהם דברי כבושין אחינו לא נאמר באנשי נינוה וירא האלהים את שקם ואת תעניתם אלא וירא האלהים את מעשיהם כי שבו מדרכם הרעה

An elder amongst them would say before them words of shame: "Our siblings, it is not said of the people of Nineveh that God saw their sackcloth and their fast days, but rather, God saw their deeds, how they turned back from their evil ways."

וכן הוא אומר בקבלה וקרעו לבבכם ואל בגדיכם ושובו אל יהוה אלהיכם:

Therefore, he would say in rebuke, Rend your hearts and not your garments, and turn back to יהוה your God.

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יונהן, און איז זײַן כּעס בּקאָס האָט צעשמעטערן יונהן, און איז זײַן כּעס פֿאַרברענט. יער האָט תפֿילה געטאָן צו גאָט, אזוי צו זאָגן: ״ביטע גאָט: איז דאָס װאָס כ׳האָב געזאָגט צו זאָגן: ״ביטע גאָט: איז דאָס װאָס כ׳האָב געזאָגט װאָלט געשען װען בין איך געװען אין מײַן אייגענע לאַנד? דערפֿאַר האָב איך באַשליסן אַנטלױפֿן צו לאַנד? דערפֿאַר האָב איך באַשליסן אַנטלױפֿן צו תַרשיש. איך װײס אַז איר זײַט גאָט—גנעדיק און רחמנותדיק, אײַנהאַלטן דעם כּעס, איבערפֿלײץ מיטן חסד, און באַקװעמלעכקײט צום רשע. יאון איצט, גאַט, נעמט ביטע מײַן נשמה, װאַרעם ס׳איז איצט, גאַט, נעמט ביטע מײַן נשמה, װאַרעם ס׳איז

יהוֹה. ²He prayed to יְהוֹּה, saying: "Please הְיִהְיָּה is this not what I said would come to pass when I was in my own land? This is why I decided to flee to Tarshish. For I Exodus know that You are God—gracious and compassionate, slow to anger, overflowing with kindness, and comfort towards the wicked. ³And now, הַּהֵּיִה, please take my

רְעָה גְּדוֹלֶה וַיֻּחַר רְעָה גִּדוֹלֶה וַיֻּחַר לְוֹ: יְהְּהָׁ וַיִּחַר לְוֹ: יְהְּהְׁה וַיִּחַר לְוֹ: יְהְּוְה וְיִּחְרֹּ אֶל־יְהוְּה וַיֹּאמֵר אְנָה יְהוְּה בְּיֹהוֹתְי עַד־הָיוֹתִי עַל־בֵּן קְדִּקְתִּי עַל־בֵּן קְדִּקְתִּי עַל־בֵּן קִדְּמְתִּי עַל־בֵּן קִדְּמְתִּי עַל־בִן קִדְּמְתִּי לַבְרָח תִּרְשִׁישְׁה כִּי יְדַשְׁתִּי לְבְרָח תִּרְשִׁישְׁה כִּי יְדַשְׁתִּי לְבְרָח תִּרְשִׁישְׁה כִּי יְדַשְׁתִּי וְנְחָם כֵּי אַתְּה אֲבִּים וְרַב־חָנְּוֹן וְרַחוּם עַל־הָרְעָה: נּוְעַהְּה יִהוְּה יִהוְּה יִהוְה יִהוְּה יִהוְּה יִהוְה יִהוְּה יִהוְה יִהוְה יִהוְה יִהוְה יִהוְה יִהוְה יִהוְה יִהוְה יִהוְה יִהוְּה יִהוְיְה עַר: נּוְתְם עַלְּהְרְעָה: נּוְעַתְּה יִהוְּה יִהוְּה יִהוְּה יִהוְּה יִהוְרְעָה: נּוְתְם

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כיון שראה הקב"ה באנשי נינוה ששבו מדרכם נח מכעסו ועמד מכסא דין וישב על כסא רחמים ונתרצה ואמר סלחתי, מיד נפל יונה על פניו ואמר רבש"ע יודע אני שחטאתי לפניך מחול לעוני שברחתי לים שלא ידעתי כח גבורתך, ועכשו יונה דייב ידעתי שנאמר ידעתי כי אתה אל חזוון ורחום,

Since it is firmly established that the Holy Blessed One saw the people of Nineveh had turned from their path, God rested from God's anger, and stood from the Throne of Judgment and turned towards the Throne of Mercy, and relenting said, "I will forgive you." Immediately, Jonah fell upon his face and said, "Sovereign of the Universe, I know that I have sinned before You—I fled from the desert to the sea in guilt, ignoring Your strength and power. And now I know it, as it is said: For I know that You are God—gracious Jonah 4:2 and compassionate."

א"ל הקב"ה אתה חסת על כבודי וברחת מלפני לים, אף אני חסתי על כבודך והצלתיך מבטן שאול ומרוב חמה שהיה במעי הדגה נשרף בגדו ומעילו ושערותיו וזבובין ויתושין ונמלים ופרעושים שרויים עליו ומצערין אותו עד שבקש נפשו למות

פרקי דרבי אליעזר

> Pirkei d'Rabbi

ירע אַל^ייונה. אמר עכשיו יאמרו העכו"ם שאני נבי' השקר:

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Eliezer This shattered Jonah—He said, "Now the worshipers of stars and planets will say that I am a false prophet!"

הלא זה דברי. יודע אני שאם יחזרו בתשובה לא תחריב' ואהיה שקרן בעיניהם:

is this not what I said—I know that if they return in repentance, You will not destroy them, and I will be a liar before their eyes.

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וירע. שנחם השם.

shattered—That they were forgiven by God.

וי**תפכ^וכו**. פירשתיו.

prayed—his interpretation.

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בעסער װאָס איך שטאַרב װי לעב." 4גאָט האָט געזאָגט, ״פֿאַר װאָס פֿרײען זיך דיר אין דײַן כּעס?״

זיונה איז ארױסגעגאַנגען פֿון שטאָט, און געזעסן מױף מיזרח פֿונעם שטאָט. ער האָט א סכּה געמאַכט און איז געזעסן אונטער זײַנער שאָטן, ביז ער װעט זען װאָס איז געשען צום שטאָט. זײַנער שאָט, באַשטימט אַ קיקיון ארױפֿצושפּרינגען איבערן יונהן, צו זײַן אַ שאָטן איבערן זײַנער קאָפּ, און אים מציל צו זײַן אַ שאָטן איבערן זײַנער קאָפּ, און אים מציל זײַן פֿון אומבאקװעמקײט. און יונה איז זייער משמח זײַן פֿון אומבאקװעמקײט. און יונה איז זייער משמח

soul, for it is better that I die than live." יְהוֹהְיּ said, "Do you rejoice in your anger?" 5Jonah departed the city, and sat east of the city. He made a sukkah there and sat underneath its shadow, until he should see what happened to the city. יְהוֹה אֱ לֹהְיׁם prepared a kikayon to spring up over Jonah, to be a shade upon his head, and deliver him from discomfort. And Jonah

רשוור

ויבון. לשון הזמנה:

prepared—an expression of designation.

כלהציכל כלו מרעתו. מחום השמש:

deliver him from discomfort—From the heat of the sun.

קיקיון. עשב הגדל למעלה בענפים רבים ומיצל וכך שמו:

kikayon—A plant which grows upward with many branches, and provides shade, and this is its name.

אכן עזרא

ויצא. שב להזכיר דברי יונה ואשר קרהו לפני מלאת ארבעים יום, כדרך: ויפגע במקום. גם: ויקוז יוסף את שניהם:

departed—Recall again the words of Jonah, and that which happened before the completion of the forty days, as follows: he came upon a certain place. Also: Joseph took the two of them.

קַח־גָא אֶת־נַפְשָׁי מִמֶּגִי בֶּי סִוֹב מוֹתִי מֵחַיֵּי: ¹וַיְּאֹמֶר יְהֹוָה הַהֵיטֵב חְרָה לְדְ: זּוַיֵּצְא יוֹנְה מִן־הְעִיר וַיִּשָׁב מִקָּדֶם לְעִיר וַיִּשְׁל לוֹ שְׁם מָכָּר וַיִּשָׁב תַּחְמֶּיהְ בַּצֵּל עֲד אָשָׁר יִרְאָה מַה־יִּהְיֶה בְּעִיר: ¹וַיְמַן יְהוֹה־אָלהִים בְּעִיר: ¹וַיְמַל ו מַעַל לְיוֹנְה לְהְיִוֹת צֵל עַל־רִאשׁוֹ לְהַצְיל

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שנאמר וישאל את נפשו למות, מכאן אמרו כל שאפשר לו לבקש רחמים על חברו או להחזירו בתשובה ואינו מחזירו בא לידי צער.

The Holy Blessed One said to him, "You looked upon my honor with compassion and came quickly from the sea; therefore I too shall have compassion upon your honor and deliver you from the depths of the underworld." For the heat of the bowels of the fish burned his clothes, his coat, and his hair; and there were flies, mosquitoes, ants, and fleas upon him—making him miserable—until he begged his soul to die, as it is said: He asked his soul to perish. (Jonah 4:8) From this it is said that anyone who is able to ask for mercy for his friend—or return him to repentance—and does not return him, will come to grief.

מה עשה הקב"ה העלה קיקיון על ראש יונה בלילה ובשחרית עלו עליו רע"ה עלין וצל כל עלה ולה ארבעה זרת וטפח, ארבעה אנשים יכולים לישב בצלו תחת הקיקיון לכבוש את השמה, זימן הקב"ה תולעת והכה את הקיקיון ויבש ומת וזבובין ויתושין שרויין עליו ומצערים אותו מכל צדדים עד שבקש נפשו למות,

What did the Holy Blessed One do? God raised the

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זיך געווען פֿונעם קיקיון. זגאָט האָט באַשטימט אַ װאָרעם ארױפֿצושפּרינגען כּעלות־השחר פֿונעם װאָרעם ארױפֿצושפּרינגען כּעלות־השחר פֿונעם קומעדיקען טאָג, און האָט עס פֿאַרװוּנדיקן דעם קיקיון, און עס פֿאַרװעלקט. אויפֿגעהײבן, גאָט האָט באַשטימט אַ האַרבן מיזרח־װינט, און די זון האָט דעם קאָפּ פון יונהן פֿאַרװוּנדיקן, און ער פֿאַלט אין חלשות. ער האָט זײַן נשמה געבעטן אומקומען, אזױ צו זאָגן: "ס׳איז בעסער װאָס איך שטאַרב װי לעב." פּגאָט האָט בעסער װאָס איך שטאַרב װי לעב." פּגאָט האָט בעסער װאָס איך שטאַרב װי לעב."

took great pleasure in the kikayon. ⁷And God prepared a worm to spring up at dawn of the next day, and it wounded the kikayon, and it withered. ⁸When the sun rose, God prepared a harsh east wind, and the sun wounded Jonah's head, and he grew faint. He asked his soul to perish, saying: "It is better that I die than live."

רעוור

ותך. התולעת את הקיקיון במקום שיאמר לזכר ויך יאמר לשון נקבה ותך:

wounded—The worm to the kikayon. But where it should say תַּדֶּר masculine—it instead says תַּדָּר feminine.

זורישית. אמרו רבותינו בשעה שמנשבת משתקת כל הרוחות מפניה והיא חמה מאד וכן ת"י שתיקא:

harsh—Our rabbis say, "At the time that it blows, it paralyzes all the winds before it, and it is very hot. Therefore, the *Targum* states: silencing.

ויתעכרף. פשמיי"ר בלע"ז:

and he grew faint—pâmer, in French.

אכן עזרא

ויבון, כבוזורת. יום שמחתו בקיקיון.

prepared, at dawn—The day of his happiness in the kikayon.

לְּוֹ מֵרְעָתְוֹ וַיִּשְׁמִח יוֹנְהּ עַל־הַקִּיקְיִוֹן שִּׁמְחָה גְדוֹלְהּ: זְיִמְן הְאֲלֹהִים תּוֹלַעַת בַּעְלְוֹת הַשַּׁחַר לַמְּחֲרֶת וַתִּדְ בָּעְלְוֹת הַשָּׁמְשׁ וַיִּיבְשׁ: ⁸וַיְהִי בְּאָרָח הַשָּׁמְשׁ וַיִּילֵן אֶלֹהִים כְּוֹרָח קְדִים חֲרִישִׁית וַתִּדְ הַשָּׁמֶשׁ עַל־רָאשׁ יוֹנְה וַיִּתְעַלְּף וַיִּשְׁאַל אָת־נַפְּשׁוֹ לְמֹוּת וַיִּאַמֶר טְוֹב מוֹתִי לְמֹוּת וַיִּאַמֶר טְוֹב מוֹתִי

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kikayon over the head of Jonah at night, and in the morning covered it with leaves, and each leaf was four handspans long, joined closely together. Four people would be able to sit under the shade of the kikayon to recite the sh'ma. The Holy Blessed One designated a worm, and it struck the kikayon, and it withered and died. And the flies and mosquitoes were upon him from all sides—making him miserable—until he begged his soul to die.

באותה שעה זלגו עיניו דמעות כמטר לפני הקב"ה, ואמר לו
יונה מפני מה אתה בוכה יש לך צער על זה שלא גדלתו לא
הכנסת בתוכו זבל ולא השקית בו מים לילה אחד חיה ולילה
אחת יבש כך חסת עליו ואני לא אחוס על נינוה העיר הגדולה,
באותה שעה נפל על פניו ואמר הנהג עולמך במדת רחמים

זניאל ט"ט דכתיב כאדני אכהינו הרוזמים והסכלוות:

At that same hour, tears flowed from his eyes like rain before the Holy Blessed One, and God said to Jonah, "Why are You crying? You have grief for this, which you did not grow, nor spread manure for, and did not water it—for one night it lived, and in one night it withered, yet you pity it. Should I not have compassion upon Nineveh, that great city?" At that

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געזאָגט צום יונהן, ״פֿאַר װאָס פֿרײען זיך דיר אין דײַן כּעס װעגן דעם קיקיון?״ ער האָט געזאָגט, ״איך פֿרײ זיך אין מײַן כּעס ביז טױט.״ ¹¹גאָט האָט געזאָגט, ״דו האָסט מיטלײד געפֿילט פֿאַרן קיקיון, פֿאַר װאָס דו האָסט געארבעט, אױך ניט געהאַדעװען; װאָס איז געבױרען געװאָרען איין נאַכט געהאָדעװען; װאָס איז געבױרען געװאָרען איין נאַכט און איז געשטורבן די נעקסטע. ¹¹זאָל איך מיטלײד ניט געפֿילט פֿאַרן נינוַה, יענע גרױסע שטאַט, װוּ ניט געפֿילט פֿאַרן נינוַה, יענע גרױסע שטאַט, װוּ זײַנען דאָרט מער װי הונדערט צװאַנציק טױזנט לעבען װעמען װיס ניט די רעכטע האַנט פֿון לינקס, און א סאך בהמהות.״

9God said to Jonah, "Do you rejoice in your anger about the kikayon?" He said, "I rejoice in my anger to the point of death." יְהַוֹּהְי said, "You had compassion for the kikayon, which you did not labor for, nor did you grow; which was born one night and perished the next. "Should I not have compassion on Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand lives who do not know their right hand from their left, and many beasts."

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כלא עמכלת בו. בחרישה וזריעה והשקאת מים:

which you did not labor for—with plowing, sowing, or watering.

שבן כיכה. כמו בן לילה לא גדל אלא לילה אחד:

which was born one night—like "overnight." It only grew for one night.

who do not know...—children.

ובהמה רבה. בני אדם גדולים ודעתן כבתמה שאינם מכירים מי בראם:

and many beasts—Adults, who have the intelligence of cattle, and who do not recognize who created them.

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same hour, Jonah fell upon his face and said, "May You guide the world with a measure of mercy, as it is written: To ייהווה our God belongs mercy and Daniel 9:9 forgiveness."

אכן עזרא

ויאמר. הכתוב דבר דרך שיבינו השומעים, כי השם לא יעמול בכל הבריאות. והנה הטעם אתה חסתה על דבר לא עשית ואיד לא אחוס אני על מעשי?

said—It is written in a way that listeners will understand, for would not God take pains for all of creation? And here is the essence: You had compassion on a thing which you did not make; how could I not have compassion for what I have made?

תלמוד בבלי, מגילה לייא א

אמר רבי יוחנן: כל מקום שאתה מוצא גבורתו של הקדוש ברוך הוא, אתה מוצא ענוותנותו. דבר זה כתוב בתורה, ושנוי בנביאים, ומשולש בכתובים.

Rabbi Yochanan said: "In every place where you find the might of the Holy Blessed One, you find God's humility. This word is written in Torah, repeated again in the Prophets, and repeated a third time in the Writings."

MICAH CHAPTER VII מיכה פרק ז

ווער איז ווי איר, גאט-אוועקטראגן אומרעכט און 18 אויסקערן עבֿירה פֿאר דער גלייביקע קנין; איר פֿארגליווערט ניט אויף המשכדיק כּעס אייער פּנים, אבער פֿרייען אויף חסד. יומעגט איר אייַך אונדז רחמנות אומגעקערט, פֿאַרגעבן אונדזערע אומרעכט; מעגט איר אונדזערע חטאים אריינגעווארפֿן אין די טיפֿענישן פֿונעם ים. 20מעגט איר אמת געבן צום יעקב, חסד צום אברהם; אַז איר האַט זיך אונדזערע אבות געשווערן אין די אלטע טעג.

¹⁸Who is like You, O God—Carrying off iniquity and sweeping away transgression for the faithful of Your heritage; You do not harden Your face in continuous anger, but delight in kindness. 19May You return to us in compassion, forgiving our iniquities; may You cast our sins into the depths of the sea. 20May You give truth to Jacob, kindness to Abraham; as You swore to our ancestors in days of old.

תתו אמת כיעקב. ת"י תתיהב קושטיה דיעקב לבנוהי כמה דקיימתא ליה בבית אל טבות אברהם לזרעיה בתרוהי כמה דקיימתא ליה בין בתריא תדכר לנא עקידת יצחק תתן לנו באמת אשר הבטחת ליעקב האמת לנו דבריך אשר הבטחת ליעקב כי כא אעובר:

May You give truth to Jacob—The Targum gives, "You shall give the truth of Jacob to his sons, as You swore

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to him in Beth El; the goodness of Abraham to his seed after him, as you swore to him in Batria; remember for us the binding of Isaac." Truly may You give to us that which was promised to Jacob; may Your word come

Genesis true which you promised to Jacob: For I will not 28:15 forsake you.

> מסד כאברהם. שכר חסד אשר לאברהם אשר צוה לבניו לשמור דרך ה' לעשו' צדקה ומשפט ולכך לא נאמר וחסד אלא חסד האמת שתאמת לנו את הבטחת יעקב היא תהיה תשלום גמול חסדו של אברהם:

kindness to Abraham—The wages of kindness; when

Abraham commanded his sons to guard the way of God, to make righteousness and justice. Therefore, it does not said "and kindness," but rather "kindness." This truth, which shall confirm for us the promise of Jacob, will be the reward payment for the kindness of Abraham.

אשר נשבעת. בעקידתו של יצחק בי נשבעתי נאם יהוה כי יעוֹ אשר עשית וגומר:

as You swore—at the binding of Isaac, If it please, I swear—יהוה declares—because you have done...

סדר ר' עמרם גאון

ויקרא יח״ג ובמנחה מוציאין ספר תורה, וקורין שלשה מן כמעשה ארץ ויקרא יט"ב מצרים עד קרושים תהיו, ומפטיר ועכו מושיעים ונבואת יונה מיכה ז״יח ומי אכל כמור נושא עון. והקורא שלישי הוא מפטיר בנביא.

And on mincha, at the beginning of the Torah service, call out three times from Like the deeds of the land of Leviticus Egypt until You shall be holy, and the maftir is Saviors 18:3-19:2 shall go up, and the prophet Jonah, and Who is like Obadiah 1:21 You, O God—Carrying off iniquity. And call out three Micah 7:18 times the maftir of the prophets.

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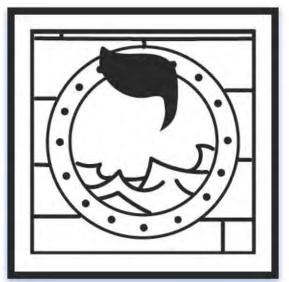
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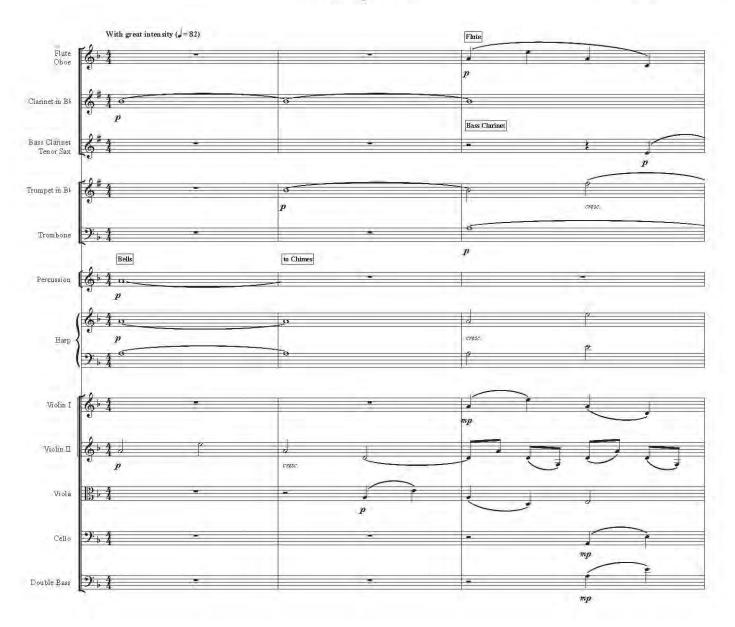


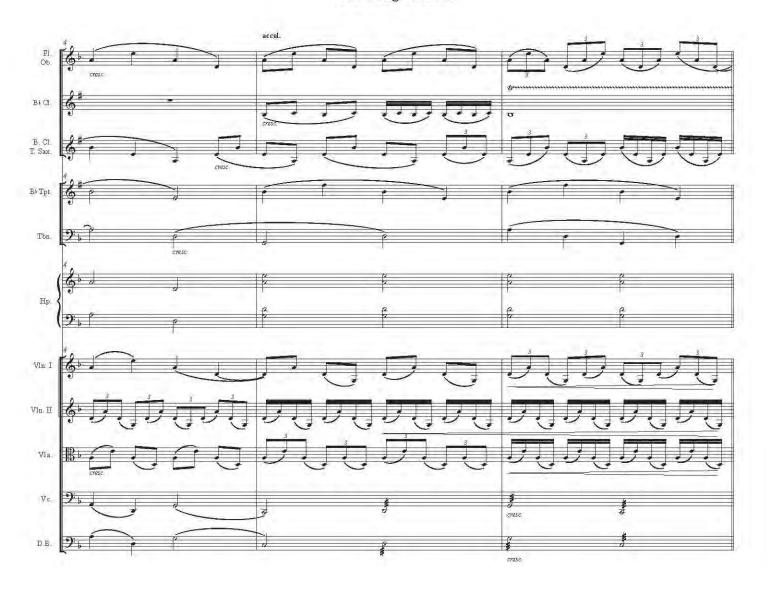
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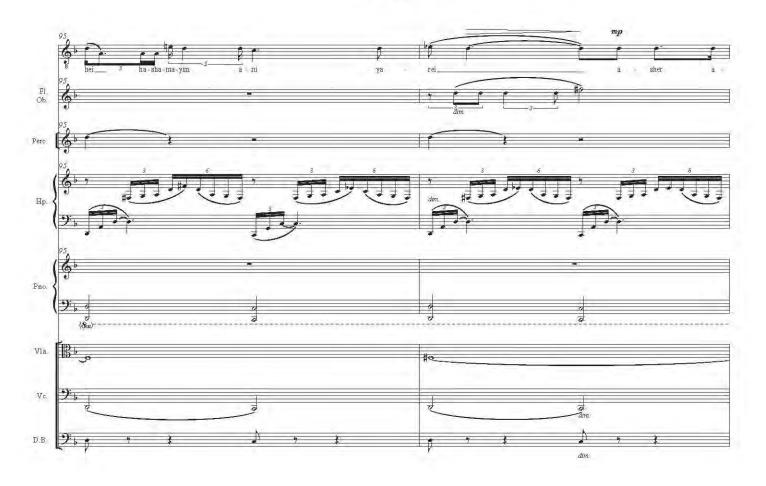


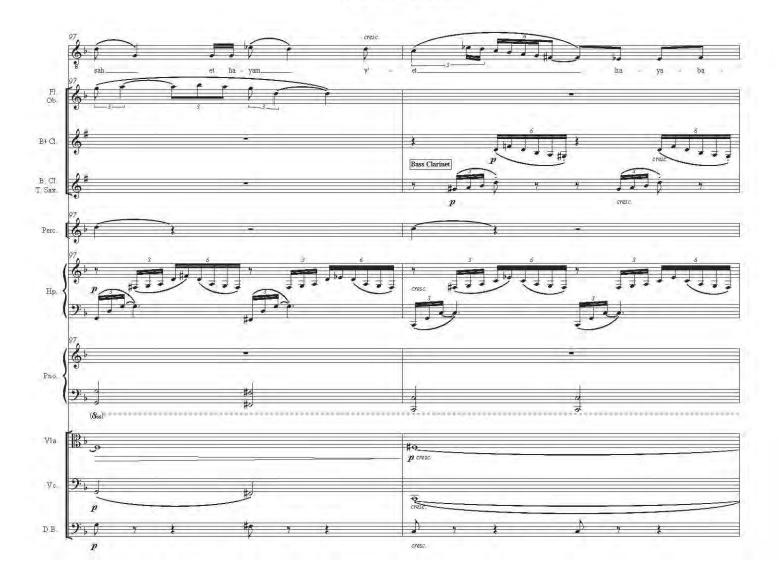






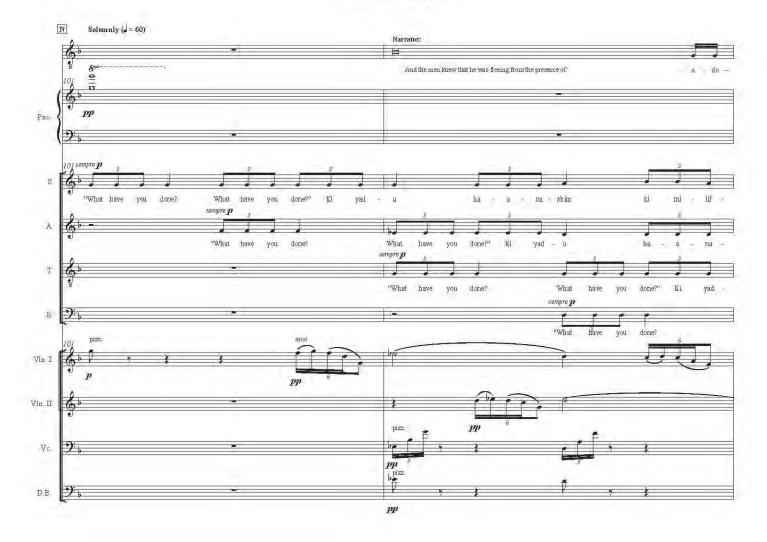








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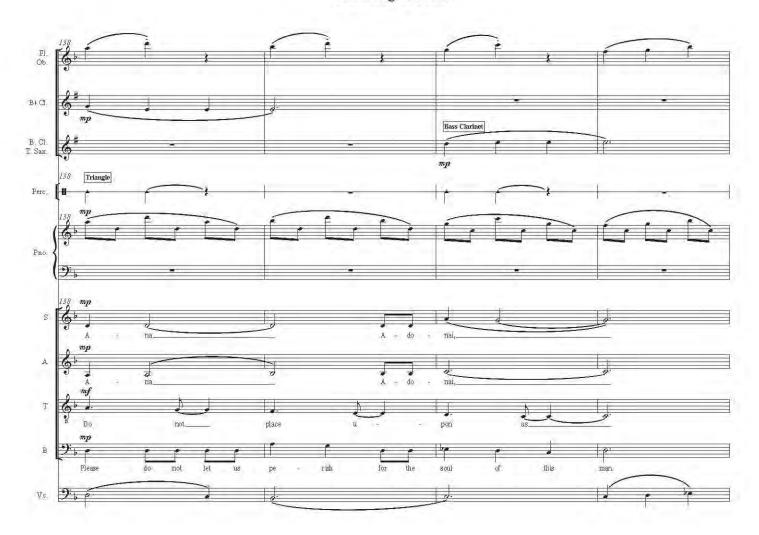


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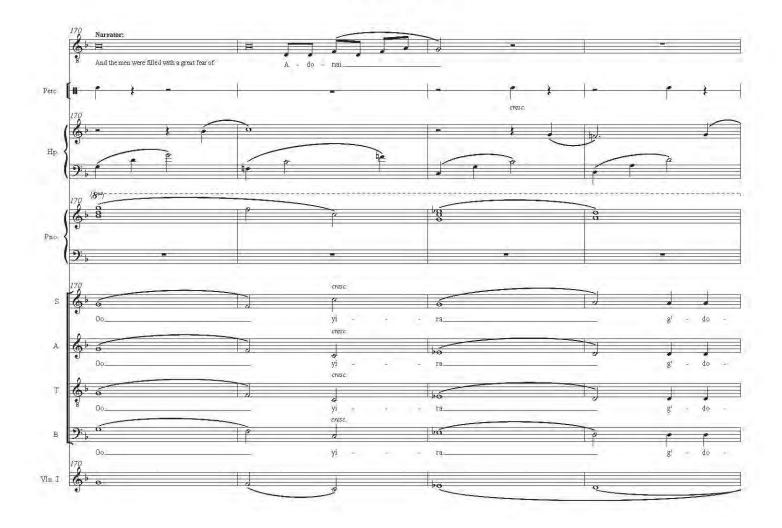


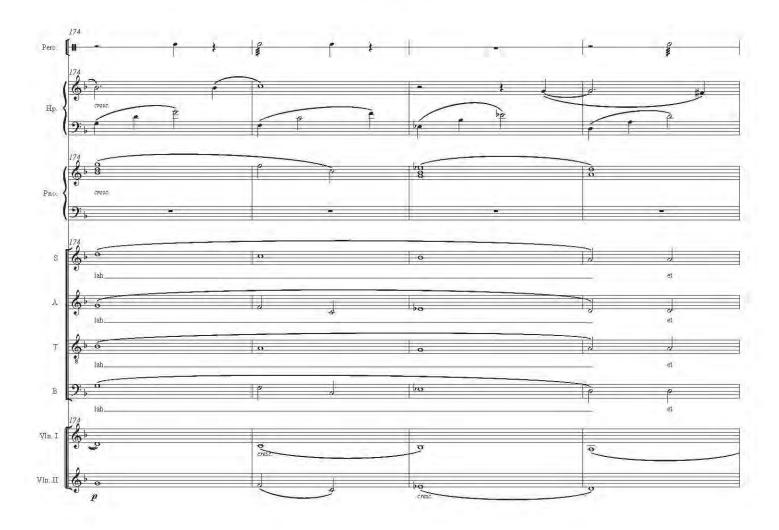


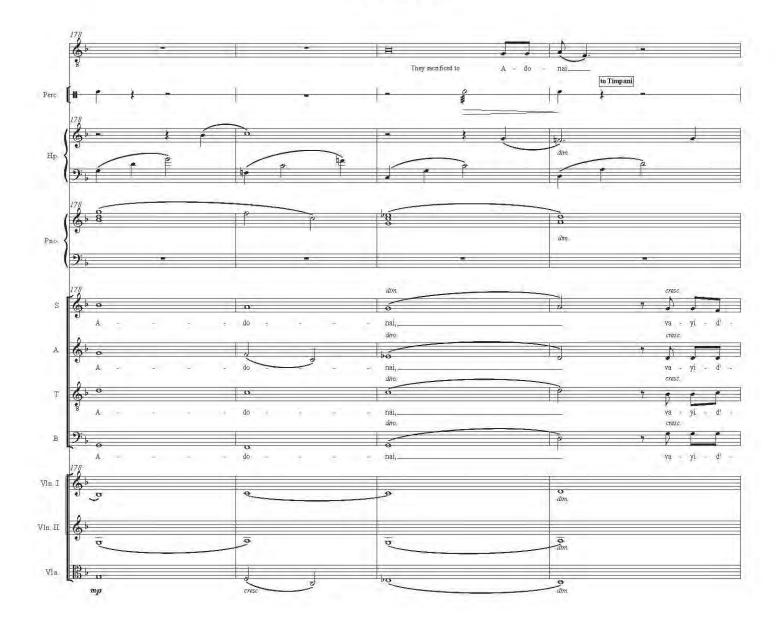




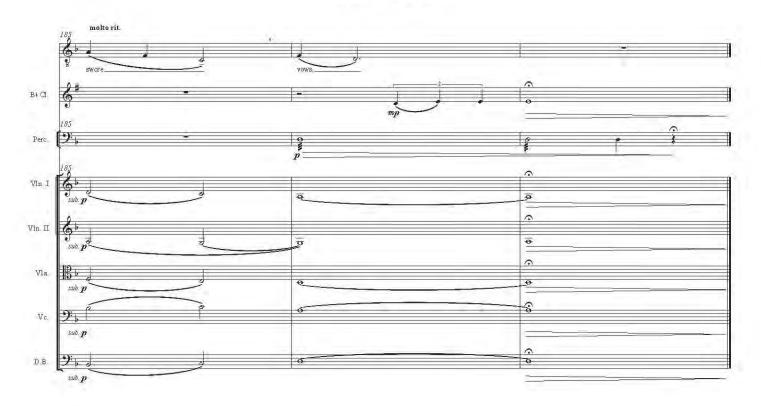












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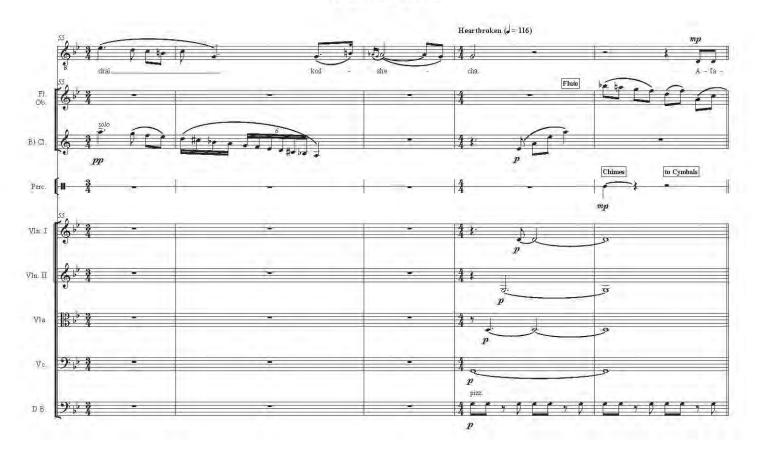


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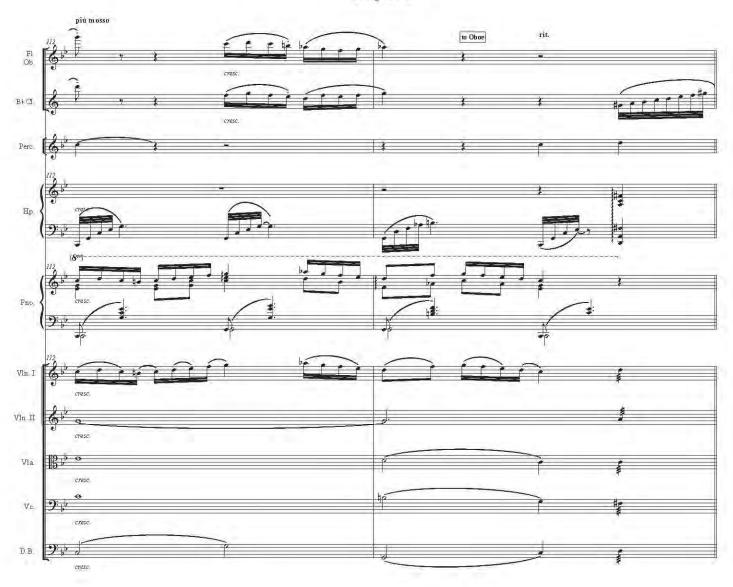








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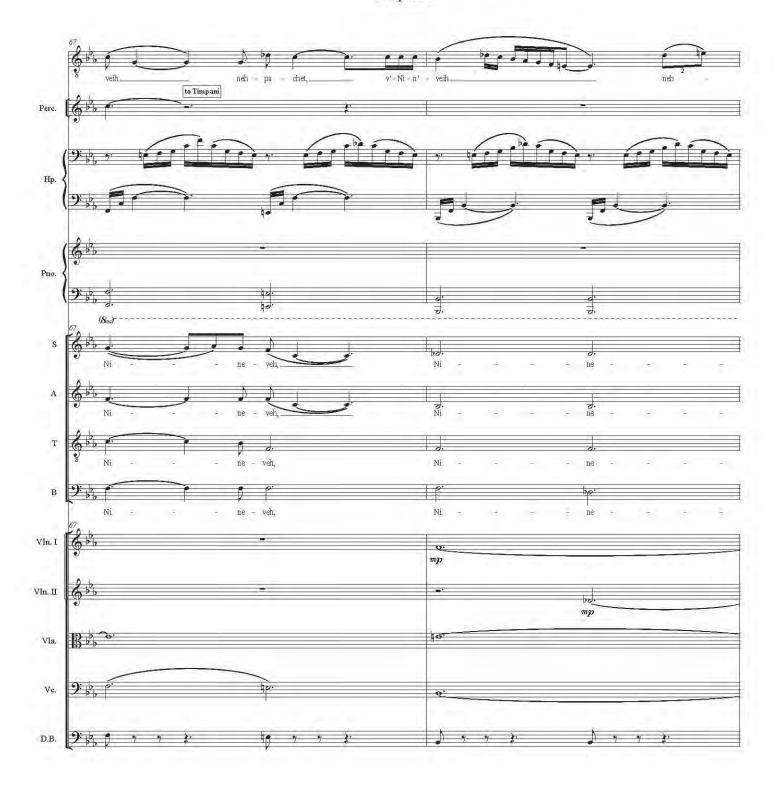






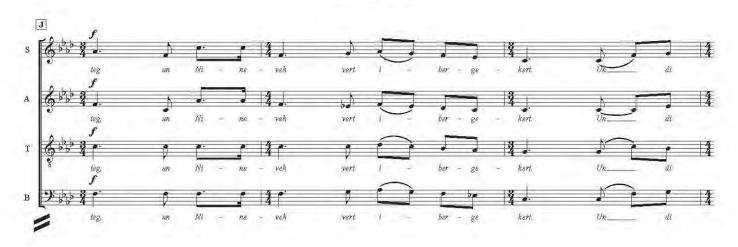


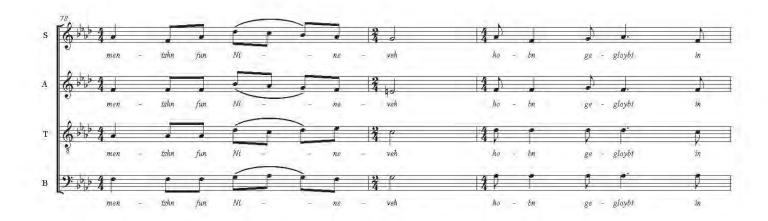




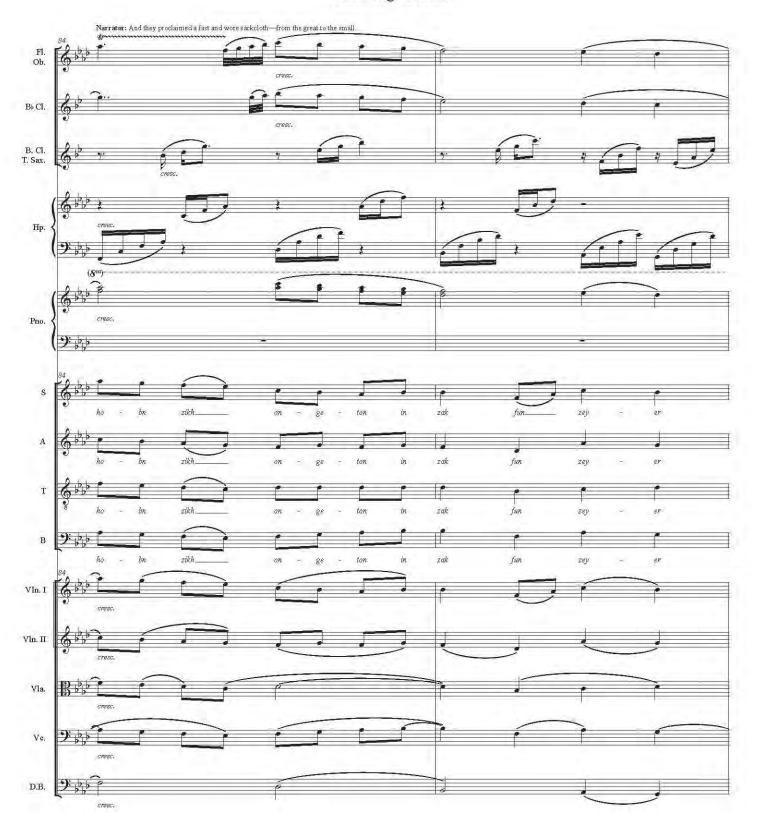














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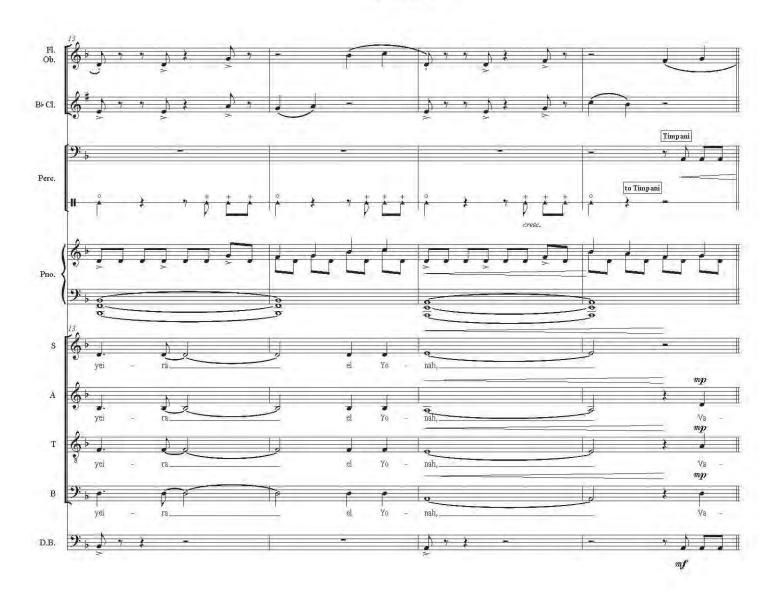
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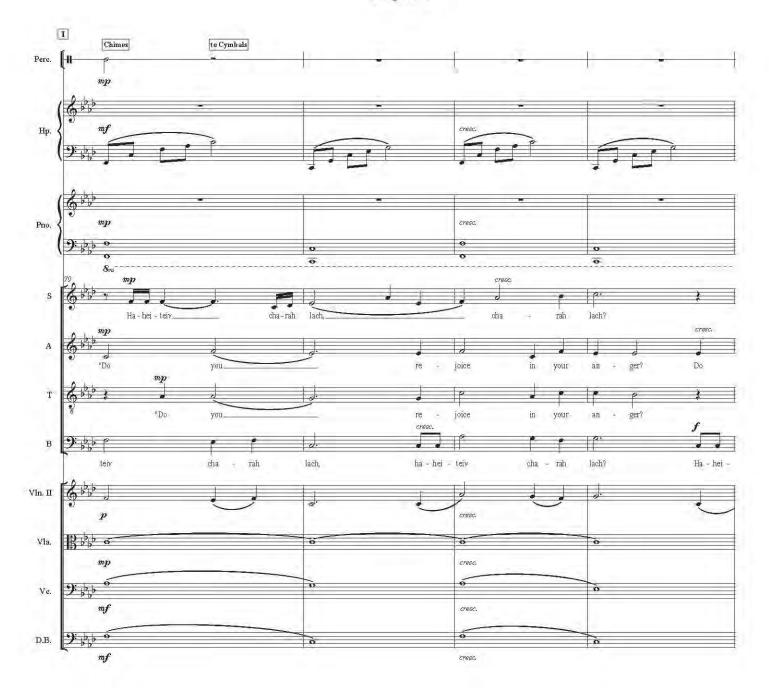






















































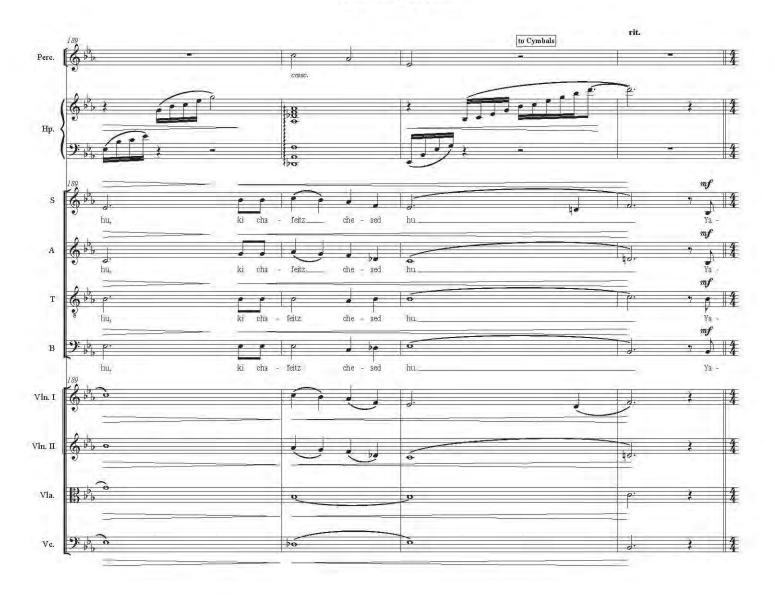
























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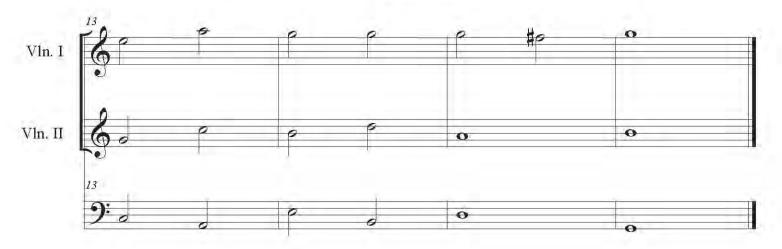
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Existing Repertoire

Symphonia

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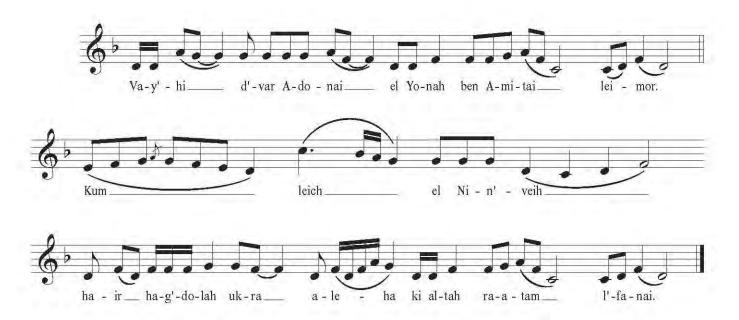




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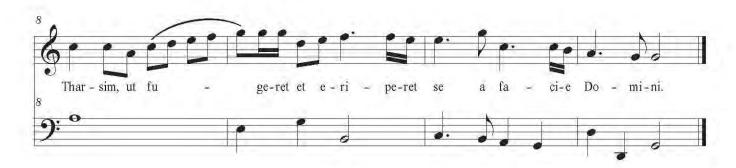


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The Book of Jonah

Prologue and Tempest

Mario Castelnuevo-Tedesco ed. Justin Callis























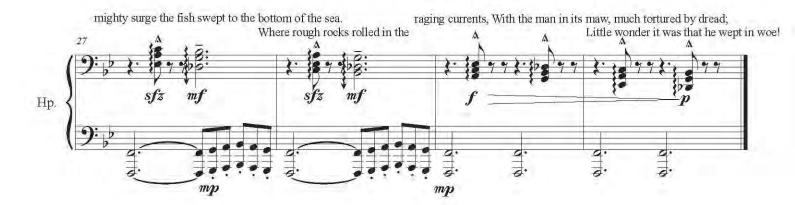


In the Belly of the Whale









Jonah







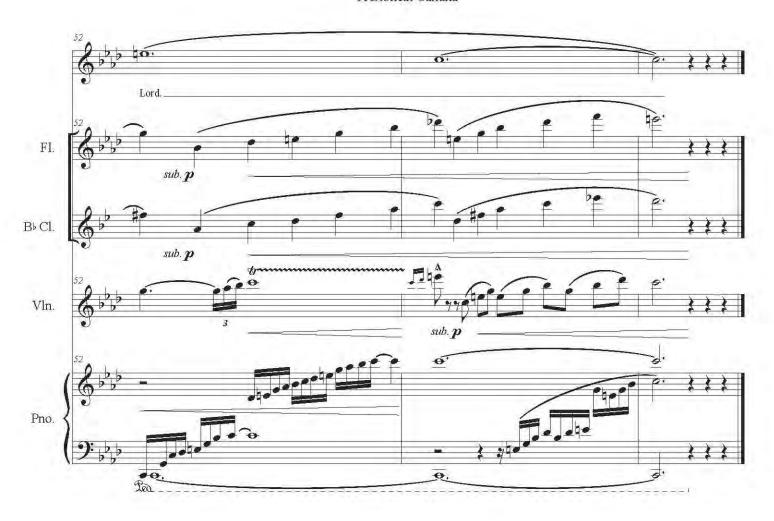












Jonah









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Nineveh

Mario Castelnuevo-Tedesco arr. Justin Callis



















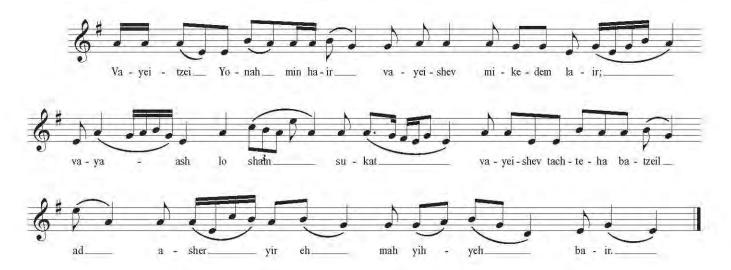




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Jonah and the Whale

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Appendix B:

Recital Program

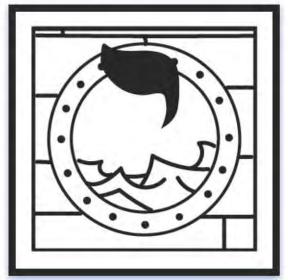
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יונה פֿון יונה—THE SONG OF JONAH—דאָס ליד פֿון יונה









WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 25TH, 2024

22ND OF ELUL 5784



WELCOME Ericia הבאים

In many ways, this recital has been a lifetime in the making. When I was six years old, Rabbi Sim Glaser at Congregation Beth Israel announced his new musical, Songs from the Book of Jonah. So many of my earliest musical memories are connected to this piece of music—waiting in line for what felt like hours while everyone auditioned; being on stage with dozens of puppets; singing for my community. When I applied to cantorial school, I wrote in depth about this transformative moment of liturgical theatre. And now that I have reached this moment, being able to revel in these memories has been such a joyful experience.

My personal journey to the cantorate has been an exploration of my shared passions for liturgical music and theatrical endeavors; taking this opportunity to dive into the vast musical repertoire surrounding the Book of Jonah and uncovering these hidden gems while simultaneously engaging in my own personal act of creation has been utterly invigorating. Like many musicals, this performance will unfold in two acts. The first act tells the story of Jonah through existing material, while mirroring my own musical path: from the classical Italian texts of my earliest voice lessons, to the church Latin which became a feature of my educational and professional career, to the worlds of modern music and the contemporary sounds of pop and jazz. The second act is the premiere of *The Song of Jonah*, an original cantata for soloist, choir, and orchestra, which weds my love of storytelling to the liturgical sounds of our collective memories, filtered through my own idiosyncratic compositional style.

Thank you for being here for this extraordinary moment; I have no idea how five years could have possibly gone by quite this fast. If this is your first time entering into the world of Jonah, I bid you welcome. And for those of you who have already immersed yourself within its twists and turns, welcome back. And now, let the music begin!

THIS RECITAL HAS BEEN GENEROUSLY SUPPORTED BY

Cantor Shayna DeLowe and the community of Congregation Rodeph Sholom

Rabbi Joshua Stanton and the community of East End Temple

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Cantor Azi Schwartz

Rabbi Michael Pincus

CHAPTER I

SYMPHONIA

Jonas

Giacomo Carissimi

JONAH 1:1-2

Haftarah Trope

HISTORICUS

Jonas

Giacomo Carissimi

PROLOGUE AND TEMPEST

The Book of Jonah: A Biblical Oratorio

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco*

פרק ב CHAPTER II

IN THE BELLY OF THE WHALE

Jonah and the Whale

Dominick Argento

JONAH'S PRAYER

Jonah: A Biblical Cantata

Hugo Chaim Adler**

JONAH'S PRAYER

Jonah (The Man Without Tolerance)

Samuel Adler*

CHAPTER III

NINEVEH

The Book of Jonah: A Biblical Oratorio

Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco*

CHAPTER IV

JONAH 4:5

Haftarah Trope

KIKAYON

Songs from the Book of Jonah

Sim Glaser**

JONAH AND THE WHALE Louis Armstrong

THE SONG OF JONAH

שִׁירַת יוֹנָה —דאָס ליד פֿון יונה

a newly composed cantata for soloist, choir, and orchestra



The complete text of the Book of Jonah, with attendant commentaries, can be found by scanning this QR code.

The Song of Jonah tells the story of Jonah through music in three languages—English, Hebrew, and Yiddish. This project is presented in partial fulfillment of the requirements for Cantorial Ordination at Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion.

This world premiere performance is conducted by:

J. David Williams

The members of the orchestra are:

Kate Amrine, Elana Arian, Jorge Avila, Iván Barenboim, Kayana Jean-Philippe, Roxan Jurkevich, Zach Larimer, Jonathan Luik, David Newtown, Joyce Rosenzweig, Susan Rotholz, Laura Thompson, Tiffany Wu, Julie Zedeck

The members of the chorus are:

Jill Abramson, Shayna Burack, Joshua Breitzer, Galit Dadoun-Cohen, Pedro d'Aquino, David Epstein, Phillip Fisherman, Sierra Fox, Leslie Goldberg, Ilana Mulcahy

Cantor Gerald Cohen, compositional advisor

Cantor Joshua Breitzer, recital advisor

CHAPTER I

SYMPHONIA Jonas Giacomo Carissimi

Violin

Continuo

Elana Arian Jorge Avila

Pedro d'Aquino

JONAH 1:1-2 Haftarah Trope

¹And there came to pass: the word of הְּיָהְיּ to Jonah, son of Amittai, saying: ²Rise up and go to the great city of Nineveh and decry its judgment; certainly its misery has risen up before Me. יַן יְהָי דְּבַר־יְהנָה מָעִיר הַגְּדוֹלֶה וּקְרֵא עָלֶיהָ מִיר הַגִּדוֹלֶה וּקְרֵא עָלֶיהָ עַיִּעִיר הַנָּדוֹלֶה וּקְרֵא עָלֶיהָ מַיִּעִלָּתָה רַעַתָּם לִפָּנֵי:

HISTORICUS¹ Jonas Giacomo Carissimi

Jonah heard the voice of God, and was filled with a great fear, and went down in a ship bound for Tarshish, that he might flee and save himself from the face of God. Audivit Jonas vocem Domini, et timuit timore magno et descendit in navim euntem in Tharsim, ut fugeret et eriperet se a facie Domini.

Pedro d'Aquino, continuo

GIACOMO CARISSIMI (1605–74) spent the majority of his life living in Rome, where he served as maestro di cappella at the Collegium Germanicum. While little is known of his personal life, is musical output included sixteen biblical oratorios, which were especially popular during the Lenten season, when the performance of opera was prohibited. Written some time prior to 1649, Jonas tells the story of the book of Jonah using the Latin Vulgate as well as occasional interpretation from an unknown librettist. The piece is written for soloists, double chorus, two violins, and continuo.²

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¹ Jonah 1:3

² Romagnoli, A. (2006). Jephte; Jonas; Dai più riposti abissi. Naxos Music Library.

CHAPTER I

PROLOGUE AND TEMPEST³ The Book of Jonah: A Biblical Oratorio Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco

But the Lord sent out a great wind into the sea, and there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken.

Then the mariners were afraid, and cried every man unto his god, and cast forth the wares into the sea, to lighten the ship of them.

But Jonah was gone down into the sea, And lay down, and was fast asleep. E giaceva, e dormiva forte.

Ma il Signor mandò un gran vento sopra al mar, E unable gran tempesta sorse in mezzo al mar, E unable gran tempesta sorse in mezzo al mar, E unable gran tempesta sorse in mezzo al mar, E unable gran tempesta sorse in mezzo al mar, E temevano i marinai, E temevano i marinai, and cried every man unto his god, E ognuno supplicava il proprio dio, and e ad alleggerir.

But Jonah was gone down into the Ma Giona era sceso nelda sides of the ship; and was fast asleep. E giaceva, e dormiva forte.

Cello	Clarinet	Trombone
David Newtown	Iván Barenboim	Julie Zedeck
Bass	Tenor Saxophone	Percussion
Jonathan Luik	Zach Larimer	Roxan Jurkevich
Flute	Trumpet	Piano
Chessy Weiner	Kate Amrine	Pedro d'Aquino Joyce Rosenzweig

Men's Chorus: Cantor Joshua Breitzer, Will Brockman, David Epstein, Phillip Fisherman

Julian Chin, conductor

MARIO CASTELNUOVO-TEDESCO (1895–1968) was an internationally renowned composer and teacher. The Book of Jonah: A Biblical Oratorio (Opus 151), was written in 1951, and premiered September 30th, 1954 at the Sagra Musicale Umbra, the oldest musical festival in Umbria, now in its 79th year. Written for soloist, men's chorus, and orchestra—in an untraditional, big band influenced combination—the score remains unpublished. The original manuscript is held at the Library of Congress with the remainder of his papers, and is presented here in excerpt as its American premiere of this work.⁴

Biography, Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco. (2018, February 27). https://mariocastelnuovotedesco.com/biography/

³ Jonah 1:4-5; text adapted by Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco from the King James Version.

⁴ With thanks to the Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco estate, and Diana Castelnuovo-Tedesco for her warm advice and enthusiasm.

CHAPTER II

IN THE BELLY OF THE WHALE⁵ Jonah and the Whale Dominick Argento

A wild wallowing whale, by God's own will Beaten up from the abyss, by that boat was floating.

Well aware of the man awash in the waters, The whale swam swiftly to swallow him up; Touching nary a tooth, Jonah tumbled down its throat.

With a mighty surge the fish swept to the bottom of the sea, Where rough rocks rolled in the raging currents, With the man in its maw, much tortured by dread; Little wonder it was that he wept in woe!

Tenor Saxophone

Trombone

Zach Larimer

Julie Zedeck

Trumpet

Harp

Kate Amrine

Tiffany Wu

DOMINICK ARGENTO (1927–2019) was born in Pennsylvania, earning degrees from Peabody Conservatory and the Eastman School of Music. He joined the faculty of the University of Minnesota in 1958, where he taught generations of students while crafting a unique musical language all his own. He devoted much of his career to vocal music, writing operas and oratorios, including Jonah and the Whale, written in 1973 and jointly commissioned by Plymouth Congregation Church and the Cathedral Church of Saint Mark in Minneapolis, MN. The libretto, the composer's own, is formed by his translation of Patience, or Jonah and the Whale, a medieval English poem, as well as the texts of traditional sea shanties, work songs, and the biblical text of the Book of Jonah.⁶

⁵ Text by Dominick Argento, inspired by Jonah 2:1-2.

⁶ Composer Biography: Dominick Argento. Boosey & Hawkes. https://www.boosey.com/composer/Dominick+Argento?ttype=BIOGRAPHY

CHAPTER II

JONAH'S PRAYER⁷ Jonah: A Biblical Cantata Hugo Chaim Adler

Out of my affliction I called upon the Lord, and He answered me
Out of the belly of the netherworld,
I cried upon the Lord, and Thou headset my voice.

For Thou didst cast me into the depth in the heart of the sea; And the flood was round about me, all Thy waves and Thy billows passed over me, and I said:

"I am cast out before Thine eyes when my soul fainted within me, I remember the Lord and my prayer came into Thy Holy Temple."

Therefore I will sacrifice unto Thee with the voice of thanksgiving; That which I have vowed, I will pay, salvation is of the Lord.

Violin Clarinet

Elana Arian Iván Barenboim

Flute Piano

Chessy Weiner Joyce Rosenzweig

HUGO CHAIM ADLER (1894–1955), born in Germany, he fled his native Mannheim in 1939, carrying with him dozens of manuscripts which otherwise would have been subject to destruction. Upon his arrival in America, he served as the cantor and music director of Temple Emanuel in Worcester, MA, where he premiered many of his compositions, including numerous cantatas and two complete services. Jonah: A Biblical Cantata, written in 1949, was composed for cantor, choir, and orchestra—yet the only extant music that remains is a single vocal score, devoid of accompaniment, and held by the National Library in Israel. The orchestration presented here is a recreation based on existing cue notes from the score, as well as an examination of his wider canon of works. His papers, which include myriad examples of composition and correspondence, are held by the Hebrew Union College-Jewish Institute of Religion in New York, where he served in an advisory capacity from its founding.8

⁷ Jonah 2:3-5; 8; 10 from *The Book of Jonah: An American Translation*. University Press of Chicago.

⁸ Adler, Hugo. Milken Archive of Jewish Music. https://www.milkenarchive.org/artists/view/hugo-adler

CHAPTER II

JONAH'S PRAYER Jonah (The Man Without Tolerance) Samuel Adler

קראתי מצרה לי אל־יהוה "I call out in my distress to יהוָה— Who sings to me— מבטן שאול From the depths of the underworld שועתי שמעת קולי: I cry for help; You hear my voice. You cast me into the depths, in the midst of the sea; ונהר יסבבני the tides encircle me-בָּל־מִשׁבָּרֵיהָ וְגַלֵּיהְ עַלֵּי עָבָרוּ: All your breaking waves overtake over me. וַאַנִי אַמַרתִי נִגְרַשׁתִי And I proclaim I am driven away מנגד עיניד from before Your eyes; אך אוסיף להביט Will I ever again look אל־היכל קדשף: upon Your holy temple? אַפַפוני מִים עד־נְפשׁ Water surrounds my soul, תחום יסבבני the abyss encircles me; סוף חבוש לראשי: Weeds bind my head. לקצבי הרים ירדתי I descend to the roots of the mountains, האַרץ בָּרְחִיהַ בַעָּדִי לְעוֹלֵם the earth is barred against me forever; ותעל משחת חיי Yet my life ascends from the pit, יהוה אלהי: יהוה my God. בָּהָתְעַמֵּף עַלַיּ נַפִּשִּׁי When my soul is enfeebled, אֶת־יִהוֹה זַכַרתִי I remember יהוה: ותבוא אליד תפלתי My prayer comes before You אַל־הַיכֵל קַדְשַׁדְּ: in Your holy temple. מְשַׁמְּרֵים הַבְּלֵי־שָׁוָא Those who keep the vanity of falsehood חסדם יעובו: leave behind goodness. ואני בקול חודה And I, with a voice of thanksgiving, אַזבְתַת־לַּדְּ will sacrifice to You. אַשֶּׁר נָדַרְתִּי אֲשַׁלֵּמָה will make peace with my vows: ישועתה ליהוה: "!יהוה Victory to

Flute Bass Clarinet

Organ

Zach Larimer

Iván Barenboim

Pedro d'Aquino

SAMUEL ADLER (born 1928) is one of the foremost composers and educators of the twentieth century. Jonah: The Man Without Tolerance, written in both German and English, was commissioned by the Bach Choir of the Christ's Kirche in Mannheim, Germany, and premiered there in 2004. While he is appropriately lauded for his rhythmic complexity and his melodic variety, he is likely best known to synagogue communities for his indelible setting of HaMotzi.⁹

⁹ Jonah 2:3-10; Samuel Adler: Composer. Samuel Adler: Biography. https://www.samuelhadler.com/biography

CHAPTER III

NINEVEH¹⁰ The Book of Jonah: A Biblical Oratorio Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco

So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the voice of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey. And Jonah began to enter into the city one day's journey, and he cried, and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

Giona si alzò e andò verso Nineve, secondo il comando del Signor.
Or Nineve era un immensa cittade a tre giorni di marcia.
E Giona giunse alle porte della cittade ad un giorno di marcia e gridò così,
"Fra quaranta giorni Nineve distrutta sarà."

Cello	Flute	Trumpet
David Newtown	Chessy Weiner	Kate Amrine
Bass	Oboe	Trombone
Jonathan Luik	Kayana Jean-Philippe	Julie Zedeck
Piano	Clarinet	Percussion
Pedro d'Aquino Joyce Rosenzweig	Iván Barenboim	Roxan Jurkevich
	Tenor Saxophone	
	Zach Larimer	

Julian Chin, conductor

MARIO CASTELNUOVO-TEDESCO (1895–1968) wrote an astonishing quantity and variety of music throughout his lifetime. Born in Florence, and educated at the Conservatory in Bologna, his virtuosic technique and unparalleled sense of rhythmic adventurousness inspired a compositional output that spans a wide array of genres and styles. While he is known within the cantorate for his inventive settings of liturgy and sephardic folk songs, during his time in America he began to turn his attention more towards film composition, including the scores to And Then There Were None (1945) and The Loves of Carmen (1948). In addition to his compositional work, he was a beloved teacher, and his students include musical luminaries such as Henry Mancini, Nelson Riddle, and John Williams.

¹⁰ Jonah 3:3–4; text adapted by Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco from the King James Version.

CHAPTER IV

JONAH 4:5 Haftarah Trope

⁵Jonah departed the city, and sat east of the city. He made a sukkah there and sat underneath its shadow, until he should see what happened to the city. ַּזַיֵּצֶא יוֹנָה מָן־הַּעִּיר וַיָּשֶׁב מָקּדֶם לָעֵיר וַיַּעֵש לוֹ שָׁם סָבָּה וַיָּשֶׁב תַּחָמֶיהָ בַּצֵּל עֵד אֵשֵׁר יָרָאָה מַה־יָּתֵיה בַּעִיר: עֵד אֵשֵׁר יָרָאָה מַה־יָּתֵיה בַּעִיר:

KIKAYON¹¹ Songs from the Book of Jonah Sim Glaser

Kikayon, finest friend I've ever known, sweetest tree that's ever grown, I give my thanks to you. Laying down my weary mind was all but drowned. Now there's nothing but the sound of your rustling leaves.

Kikayon, purest flower the wind has blown, I'm praising God your seed was sown, I find comfort in your shade. People cheat and lie, but all you do is satisfy. Be my plant for all my life, my kikayon.

And God designated a worm at dawn to gnaw through the essence of the *kikayon*. Soon the happiest moment Jonah had ever known was gone.

Kikayon, withered leaves reveal the sun.

Better I should die alone, than live with such distress.

I've been blue before, when I lost something I adore,
but tell me what is all this for? And where's my kikayon?

God asked Jonah, "Why so sad? To pity a possession that you hardly had. You did not labor to make it grow not even a tad. Calm down."

Violin	Clarinet	Piano
Guitar	Recorder	Joyce Rosenzweig
Elana Arian	Iván Barenboim	Unison Choir
Electric Guitar	Percussion	Shayna Burack, Samantha Chamberlin, Sarina
Dr. Gordon Dale	Sierra Fox	Elenbogen-Siegel, Leslie Goldberg, Ilana Mulcahy,
		Margo Wagner

¹¹ Inspired by Jonah 4:6-10.

CHAPTER IV

RABBI SIMEON GLASER (1955–2023), the son of a rabbi father and a holocaust survivor mother, was ordained by HUC-JIR in 1989. He began his career at Congregation Beth Israel in West Hartford CT before spending the remainder of his career at Temple Israel in Minneapolis, MN. As a composer, he was known as the "rock and roll rabbi," and he wrote numerous songs and multiple musicals, including Songs from the Book of Jonah and The Dragon Who Liked to Spit Fire. His book Pieces of Work: 36 Sermons, Conversations, Stories and Mystical Musings was published in 2023.¹²

JONAH AND THE WHALE¹³ Louis Armstrong

Jonah was a man got a word from the Lord, to go and preach the gospel to a sinful land. But he got on a ship and he tried to get away, and he ran into a storm in the middle of the sea.

Now the Lord, he made the waves just to roll so high, the ship began to sink and they all began to cry. So they pulled old Jonah out of the hold, and they chucked him in the water just to lighten up the load.

Now the Lord made a whale long and wide

And he swallowed up Jonah hair and hide!

Now Jonah starts to pray in the belly of the whale,

He repented of his sins like a man in jail.

Lord, Lord, wasn't that a fish!

Lord, Lord, wasn't that a fish!

Lord, Lord, wasn't that a fish!

Now Jonah must have been a bad man, he must have been a sinner! Cause when the whale got him down he didn't like his dinner! Well he swam around the ocean sick as he could be, And after three days—whoop!—he had to set him free!

So the whale spit Jonah out on the dry land, And he went on to preaching like a righteous man. Then the people quit their sins when they heard him in the town, So when you hear the call don't you turn the gospel down.

¹² Rabbi Simeon "Sim" Glaser. (2023, April 18). https://www.hodroffepsteinmemorialchapels.com/obituaries/ Simeon-Sim-Glaser/#!/Obituary

¹³ This text is inspired by the major story moments of the Book of Jonah, predominantly found within the first three chapters. It does, however—likely inadvertently—refer to some midrash in the fourth verse, particularly *Yalkut Sh'moni Nach* 550.

JONAH AND THE WHALE

Clarinet	Piano	Bass	
Iván Barenboim	Julian Chin	Jonathan Luik	
Trombone	Organ	Percussion	
Leslie Goldberg	Pedro d'Aquino	Margo Wagner	
Guitar	Soloists: Shayna Burack, Sierra Fox, Beth Reinstein Choir: Cantor Joshua Breitzer, Will Brockman, Samantha		
Dr. Gordon Dale	Chamberlin, Sarina Elenbogen-Siegel, David Epstein, Phillip Fisherman, Ilana Mulcahy		

LOUIS ARMSTRONG (1901–1971) defined the sound of jazz music for a generous. Known for his distinctive voice and fearless trumpet solos, his songs are heard around the world. Louis Armstrong grew up in a diverse New Orleans. He purchased his first trumpet with money he earned working for the Jewish Karnofsky family, and wore a Star of David necklace in tribute to their kindness his entire life. Towards the end of his life, he wrote Louis Armstrong + The Jewish Family in New Orleans, LA., The Year of 1907, documenting his time spent with the Karnofsky family and their influence upon him. "Jonah and the Whale" comes from his 1958 album, Louis and the Good Book, which features a mixture of spirituals and original tunes in lively arrangements. The conductor's score is currently held within the Smithsonian Archives, and it is presented here in its original arrangement. 14

¹⁴ Biography. Louis Armstrong House Museum. https://www.louisarmstronghouse.org/biography/

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Laura Thompson

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Cello

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David Newtown

Bass Clarinet Harp

Bass Tenor Saxophone Tiffany Wu

Jonathan Luik Zach Larimer

Joyce Rosenzweig

Piano

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