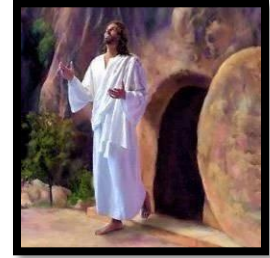




The Prophecy SIGN of Jonah???

Is it TRUE or FALSE?



For centuries, preachers and/or teachers have been teaching children about this story of Jonah and the big fish, which is the **prophecy SIGN** of Jesus in three days and three nights that he will be raised from death. I, Bro. Pouliot once fell in this New Testament Bible belief, but not anymore. Because I now know what is the truth about this. According to the TANAKH (or Old Testament), Jonah, who was swallowed by the big fish, had nothing to do with the prophecy sign of Jesus being raised on the third day. Because nowhere in the books of Jonah prophecies does anything about that at all.

After carefully studying the way *יהוה* teaches HIS people and what the book of Jonah was all about, this book of Jonah is not primarily about the prophecy at all. Rather it was all about the mercy and compassion of *יהוה*. Jonah was sent by *יהוה* to warn the people of Nineveh, the capital of Assyria, of their impending destruction if they did not repent of their wickedness. Jonah, however, did not want to go to Nineveh, because he hated the Assyrians and did not want them to be spared. He tried to flee from *יהוה* by boarding a ship bound for Tarshish, but *יהוה* sent a great storm that threatened to sink the ship. Jonah confessed to the sailors that he was the cause of the storm and asked them to throw him into the sea. The sailors reluctantly did so, and the storm ceased. *יהוה* then appointed a great fish to swallow Jonah and keep him alive for three days and three nights.

Jonah prayed to *יהוה* from inside the fish, expressing his gratitude and repentance. *יהוה* commanded the fish to vomit Jonah onto dry land and then repeated his command to go to Nineveh. This time, Jonah obeyed and went to the city, proclaiming that it would be overthrown in forty days. To his surprise, the people of Nineveh believed his message and repented of their sins, from the king to the lowest of them. *יהוה* saw their repentance and decided not to destroy them.

Jonah, however, was angry and displeased with *יהוה*'s decision. He complained to *יהוה* that he knew *יהוה* was

gracious and merciful, slow to anger and abundant in kindness, and that he did not want to go to Nineveh for this very reason. He asked **YHWH** to take his life, for he thought it better to die than to live. **YHWH** rebuked Jonah for his attitude and asked him if he had any right to be angry. Jonah left the city and made a booth for himself, where he waited to see what would happen to the city. **YHWH** appointed a plant to grow over Jonah and provide him shade, which made Jonah very happy. But the next day, **YHWH** appointed a worm to attack the plant and make it wither. **YHWH** also appointed a scorching east wind and a blazing sun to beat upon Jonah, who became faint and wished to die. **YHWH** then asked Jonah again if he had any right to be angry about the plant. Jonah said he did, even to the point of death. **YHWH** then told Jonah that he had pity on the plant, which he did not work for or make grow, and which lasted only a night. How much more, then, should **YHWH** pity Nineveh, a great city with more than 120,000 people who did not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?

The book of Jonah ends with this question, leaving the reader to ponder the meaning and implications of **YHWH**'s mercy and compassion. The Book of Jonah is not a historical account, but a literary work that uses satire, irony, and humor to convey its message. It challenges the narrow-mindedness and nationalism of the Israelites, who often thought of themselves as the only recipients of **YHWH**'s favor and the only ones worthy of his salvation. It also shows the universality and unpredictability of **YHWH**'s grace, which can reach even the most unlikely and undeserving people. The book of Jonah invites the reader to reflect on their attitudes and actions and to consider how they relate to **YHWH** and others.

So, the whole thing about these books of Jonah had nothing to do with the prophecies SIGN of Jesus who died and then raised in third days alive. Because Jonah did not speak anything about his journey experience for the future prophecy "sign". Since Jesus often quoted from the Scriptures and explained their meaning to his disciples and others. He also said that the Scriptures testified about him and that he came to fulfill them (John 5:39; Matthew 5:17). He used the story as a sign to point to his own death and resurrection, which did NOT fulfillment of the Scriptures and the will of **YHWH**. He also used the story as a "**SIGN**" to challenge people to believe in him, unlike the people of Nineveh who repented at the preaching of Jonah. He also used the story as a "**SIGN**" to show that he is greater than

Jonah, and that he had the authority to judge his generation and all generations to come.

It's Jesus' own word ALONE who declared this as "**SIGN**" of Jonah who would witness his three days of death and burial in the grave and then his return to the world of the living (Matthew chap. 12). Some might add Hosea 6:2 "After two days he will bring us back to life. He will raise us on the third day. Then we can live near him" to refer to this passage for Jesus like Jonah as well. The problem with this again, the "us" in Hosea 6:2 refers to the Israelites in general, both the northern kingdom of Israel (also called Ephraim) and the southern kingdom of Judah. The prophet Hosea addressed both of them in his book, calling them to return to ~~YHWH~~ (Hosea 6:1). He also spoke of the judgments that would come upon both of them for their sins and idolatry (Hosea 5:5-14). However, he also gave them a promise of HIS mercy and healing if they would seek him and acknowledge him (Hosea 6:1-3).

To mankind, we must realize not even the New Testament Bible mentioned anywhere that ~~YHWH~~ had told Jesus to use Jonah and the big fish as Prophecy SIGN. Like how ~~YHWH~~ has been given the prophets a message or instruction in the TANAKH (or Old Testament) books. So, be careful how we are being told or taught about this, just as many other false Gospels have been taught to us for centuries and have been leading us astray. It's time to re-study the Bible and see why the New Testament is an added false doctrine book of all time history. Worse than the 1969 NASA moon landing history.