



THE BOOK OF  
JONAH

ALMIGHTY GOD DELIGHTS IN GRACIOUS ACTS OF COMPASSION

An underwater scene with sunlight rays filtering through the water, creating a dramatic and serene atmosphere. The light rays are bright and create a strong contrast with the deep blue water. The bottom of the frame shows a rocky seabed with some coral or seaweed.

**“SALVATION IS FROM THE LORD”**

**JONAH 2**

*He who conceals his transgressions will not prosper,  
But he who confesses and forsakes them will find compassion.*

Proverbs 28:13

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- a. The sailors' fright (vv. 4-5a)
  - b. The sailors' prayer to their gods (v. 5b)
  - c. The sailors unloading the ship (v. 5c)
  - d. The captain's speech to Jonah (v. 6)
  - e. The sailors' word to each other (v. 7a)
  - f. The sailors' question to Jonah, Who are you (vv. 7b-8)
  - g. **Jonah's confession (v. 9)**
  - f'. The sailors' question to Jonah, What have you done? (v. 10a)
  - e'. The sailor's question to Jonah, What shall we do? (v. 10b-11)
  - d'. Jonah's words to the sailors (v. 12)
  - c'. The sailors' rowing of the ship (v. 13)
  - b'. The sailor's prayer to the Lord (v. 14)
  - a'. The sailor's fear of the Lord (vv. 15-16)

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- VII. God's Gracious Provision (Jonah 1:10-17)**

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Dagon, according to ancient myth, was the father of **Baal**, the Canaanite **storm** god. So these false gods shared many connections with the **sea**, the **storm**, and the **great fish**.



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The Hebrew word used in Jonah 1:17 and 2:1 for the **great fish** is **dag**. In a bit of **biblical irony**, God protects and preserves Jonah in a great **dag**, and then God uses the **dag** to get Jonah to go to the **Dagon** worshipers to preach God's coming judgment on them.

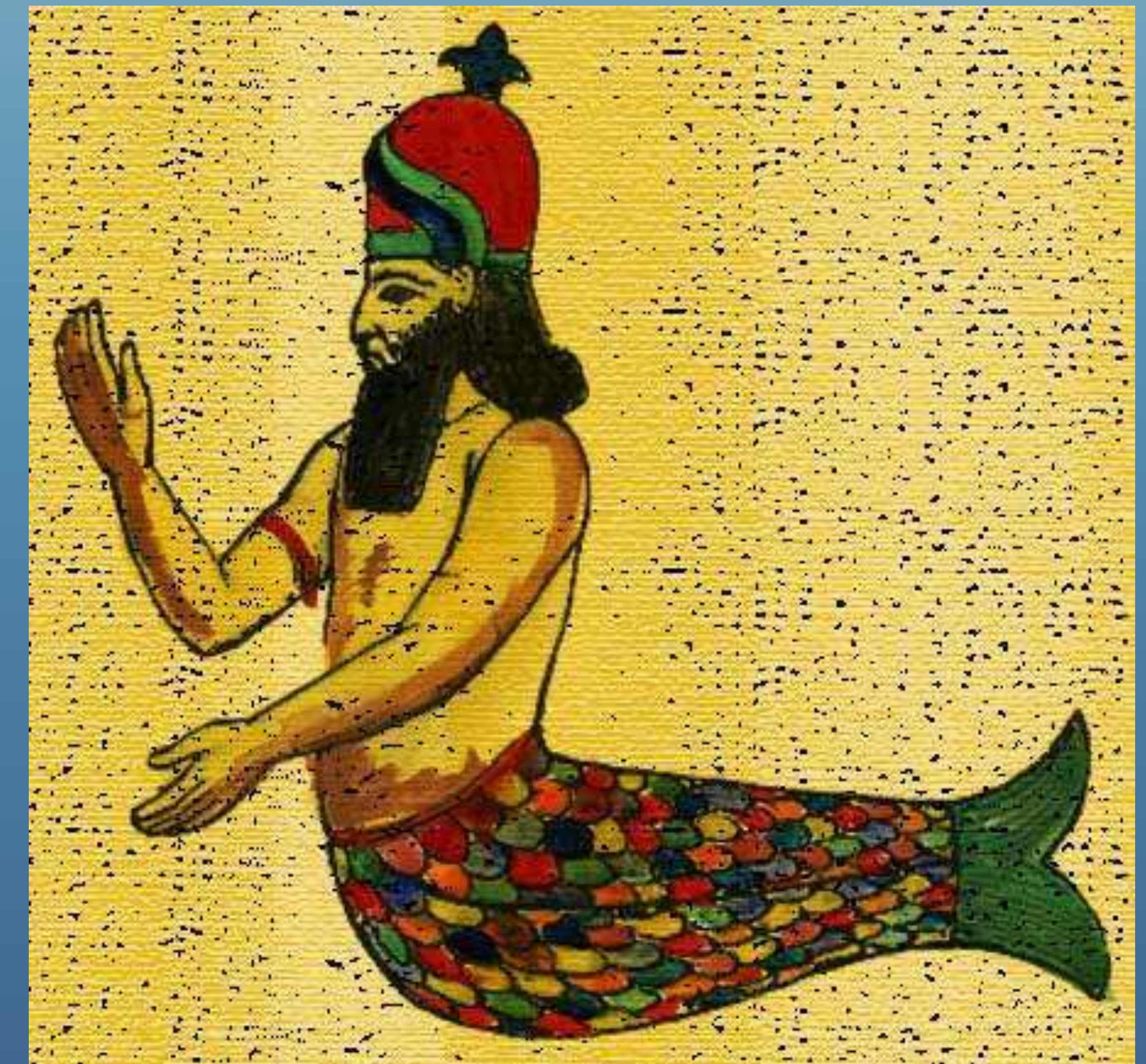


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In chapter 2, we'll outline **three aspects of God's character and grace** reflected in Jonah's prayer.

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***“to the Lord His God”*** God is still Jonah's God **despite** Jonah's prideful rebellion and extreme selfishness.

Why is this true?

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*"**If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself.**" (2 Timothy 2:13)*

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*“And my prayer came to You, **into Your holy temple.**”* Tie this to verse 4, *“Nevertheless, I will look again **toward Your holy temple.**”*

This is a way of acknowledging God's **goodness** (in forgiving those who trust Him) by praying to Him in faith and repentance. This **faith response** of looking to God alone is contrasted with verse 8.

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