

## Jonah and ISIS

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### Jonah's Prayer

<sup>17</sup> Now the LORD provided a huge fish to swallow Jonah, and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights. From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God. <sup>2</sup> He said:

“In my distress I called to the LORD,  
and he answered me.

From deep in the realm of the dead I called for help,  
and you listened to my cry.

<sup>3</sup> You hurled me into the depths,  
into the very heart of the seas,  
and the currents swirled about me;

all your waves and breakers  
swept over me.

<sup>4</sup> I said, ‘I have been banished  
from your sight;

yet I will look again  
toward your holy temple.’

<sup>5</sup> The engulfing waters threatened me,<sup>1</sup>  
the deep surrounded me;  
seaweed was wrapped around my head.

<sup>6</sup> To the roots of the mountains I sank down;  
the earth beneath barred me in forever.

But you, LORD my God,  
brought my life up from the pit.

<sup>7</sup> “When my life was ebbing away,  
I remembered you, LORD,  
and my prayer rose to you,  
to your holy temple.

<sup>8</sup> “Those who cling to worthless idols  
turn away from God’s love for them.

<sup>9</sup> But I, with shouts of grateful praise,  
will sacrifice to you.

What I have vowed I will make good.

I will say, ‘Salvation comes from the LORD.’”

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD commanded the fish, and it vomited Jonah onto dry land.

(Jonah 2 – Bible Gateway)

<https://www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Jonah%201-4;&version=NIV>

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“ISIS militants have destroyed the Prophet Younis (Jonah) shrine east of Mosul city after they seized control of the mosque completely,” a security source, who kept his identity anonymous, told the Iraq-based al-Sumaria News.

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<http://english.alarabiya.net/en/News/middle-east/2014/07/25/ISIS-destroys-tombs-of-two-prophets-in-Mosul.html>)