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Women's Association, Lecture Series 1974, notes for "Jonah", 1974.

Why do we fast, if thou dost not see it? Why mortify ourselves, if thou payest no heed?	3
Since you serve your own interest only on your fast-day and make all your men work the harder,	
since your fasting leads only to wrangling and strife	4
and dealing vicious blows with the fist,	
on such a day you are keeping no fast	
that will carry your cry to heaven.	
Is it a fast like this that I require,	5
a day of mortification such as this,	
that a man should bow his head like a bulrush	
and make his bed on sackcloth and ashes?	
Is this what you call a fast,	
a day acceptable to the LORD?	
Is not this what I require of you as a fast:	6
to loose the fetters of injustice,	
to untie the knots of the yoke,	
to snap every yoke	
and set free those who have been crushed?	
Is it not sharing your food with the hungry,	7
taking the homeless poor into your house,	
clothing the naked when you meet them and never evading a duty to your kinsfolk?	
Then shall your light break forth like the dawn	8
and soon you will grow healthy like a wound newly healed;	0
your own righteousness shall be your vanguard	
and the glory of the LORD your rearguard.	
Then, if you call, the LORD will answer;	9
if you cry to him, he will say, 'Here I am.'	
If you cease to pervert justice,	
to point the accusing finger and lay false charges,	
if you feed the hungry from your own plenty	10
and satisfy the needs of the wretched,	
then your light will rise like dawn out of darkness	
and your dusk be like noonday;	
the LORD will be your guide continually	I
and will satisfy your needs in the shimmering heat;	
he will give you strength of limb;	
you will be like a well-watered garden,	
like a spring whose waters never fail.	
The ancient ruins will be restored by your own kindred	I
and you will build once more on ancestral foundations;	
you shall be called Rebuilder of broken walls,	
Restorer of houses in ruins.	-
If you cease to tread the sabbath underfoot,	I
and keep my holy day free from your own affairs,	
if you call the sabbath a day of joy	

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JONAH

Jonah's mission to Nineveh

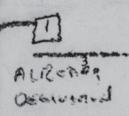
THE WORD OF THE LORD CAME TO JONAH son of Amittai: 'Go to the great city of Nineveh, go now and denounce it, for its wickedness stares me in the face.' But Jonah set out for Tarshish to escape from the LORD. He went down to Joppa, where he found a ship bound for Tarshish. He paid his fare and went on board, meaning to travel by it to Tarshish out of reach of the LORD. But the LORD let loose a hurricane, and the sea ran so high in the storm that the ship threatened to break up. The sailors were afraid, and each cried out to his god for help. Then they threw things overboard to lighten the ship. Jonah had gone down into a corner of the ship and was lying sound asleep when the captain came upon him. 'What, sound asleep?' he said. 'Get up, and call on your god; perhaps he will spare us a thought and we shall not perish.' At last the sailors said to each other, 'Come and let us cast lots to find out who is to blame for this bad luck.' So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. 'Now then,' they said to him, 'what is your business? Where do you come from? What is your country? Of what nation are you?' 'I am a Hebrew,' he answered, 'and I worship the LORD the God of heaven, who made both sea and land.' At this the sailors were even more afraid. 'What can you have done wrong?' they asked. They already knew that he was trying to escape from the LORD, for he had told them so. 'What shall we do with you', they asked, 'to make the sea go down?' For the storm grew worse and worse. 'Take me and throw me overboard,' he said, 'and the sea will go down. I know it is my fault that this great storm has struck you.' The crew rowed hard to put back to land but in vain, for the sea ran 14 higher and higher. At last they called on the LORD and said, 'O LORD, do not let us perish at the price of this man's life; do not charge us with the death of an innocent man. All this, O LORD, is thy set purpose.' Then they took Jonah and threw him overboard, and the sea stopped raging. So the crew were filled with the fear of the LORD and offered sacrifice and made vows to him. But the LORD ordained that a great fish should

belly.

2 Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish:

I called to the LORD in my distress,
and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried for help,
and thou hast heard my cry.
Thou didst cast me into the depths, far out at sea,
and the flood closed round me;
all thy waves, all thy billows, passed over me.

swallow Jonah, and for three days and three nights he remained in its



I thought I was banished from thy sight and should never see thy holy temple again.	4
The water about me rose up to my neck;	5
the ocean was closing over me.	,
Weeds twined about my head	
in the troughs of the mountains;	6
I was sinking into a world	
whose bars would hold me fast for ever.	
But thou didst bring me up alive from the pit, O LORD my God.	
As my senses failed me I remembered the LORD,	7
and my prayer reached thee in thy holy temple.	
Men who worship false gods may abandon their loyalty,	8
but I will offer thee sacrifice with words of praise;	9
I will pay my vows; victory is the Lord's.	

Then the LORD spoke to the fish and it spewed Jonah out on to the dry land. 10 The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: 'Go to the great 3 1 2 city of Nineveh, go now and denounce it in the words I give you.' Jonah 3-4 obeyed at once and went to Nineveh. He began by going a day's journey into the city, a vast city, three days' journey across, and then proclaimed: 'In forty days Nineveh shall be overthrown!' The people of Nineveh 5 believed God's word. They ordered a public fast and put on sackcloth, high and low alike. When the news reached the king of Nineveh he rose 6 from his throne, stripped off his robes of state, put on sackcloth and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'This is a decree 7 of the king and his nobles. No man or beast, herd or flock, is to taste food, to graze or to drink water. They are to clothe themselves in sackcloth and 8 call on God with all their might. Let every man abandon his wicked ways and his habitual violence. It may be that God will repent and turn away from his anger: and so we shall not perish.' God saw what they did, and how they abandoned their wicked ways, and he repented and did not bring upon them the disaster he had threatened.

Jonah was greatly displeased and angry, and he prayed to the Lord: 4 1 2 'This, O Lord, is what I feared when I was in my own country, and to forestall it I tried to escape to Tarshish; I knew that thou art "a god gracious and compassionate, long-suffering and ever constant, and always willing to repent of the disaster". And now, Lord, take my life: I should be better dead than alive. 'Are you so angry?' said the Lord. Jonah went out and sat down on the east of the city. There he made himself a shelter and sat in its shade, waiting to see what would happen in the city. Then the Lord God ordained that a climbing gourd should grow up over his head to throw its shade over him and relieve his distress, and Jonah was grateful for the gourd. But at dawn the next day God ordained that a worm should attack the gourd, and it withered; and at sunrise God ordained that a scorching wind should blow up from the east. The sun beat down on Jonah's head till he grew faint. Then he prayed for death and said, 'I should be better dead than alive.' At this God said to Jonah, 'Are you so angry over the

a a god . . . disaster: cp. Exod. 34. 6.

b a climbing gourd: or a castor-oil plant.

	On the day when you stood aloof,	
	on the day when strangers carried off his wealth,	I
	when foreigners trooped in by his gates	
	and parcelled out Jerusalem by lot,	
	you yourselves were of one mind with them.	
	Do not gloat over your brother on the day of his misfortune,	
	nor rejoice over Judah on his day of ruin;	12
	do not boast on the day of distress,	
	nor enter my people's gates on the day of his downfall.	
	Do not gloat over his fall on the day of his downfall	13
	nor seize his treasure on the day of his downfall.	
	Do not wait at the cross-roads to cut off his fugitives	
ST D.SO.	nor betray the survivors on the day of distress.	14
151	For soon the day of the LORD will come on all the nations:	15
	you shall be treated as you have treated others.	
hur, er	and your deeds will recoil on your own head.	
PETUAN	The draught that you have drunk on my holy mountain	16
nem exile	all the nations shall drink continually;	
Vem Ext.E.	they shall drink and gulp down	
	and shall be as though they had never been;	
	but on Mount Zion there shall be those that escape,	17
	and it shall be holy,	
	and Jacob shall dispossess those that dispossessed them.	
	Then shall the house of Jacob be fire,	18
	the house of Joseph flame,	
	and the house of Esau shall be chaff;	
- This	they shall blaze through it and consume it,	
4018 00	and the house of Esau shall have no survivor.	
	The Lord has spoken.	
du sufe e	Then they shall possess the Negeb, the mount of Esau,	19
	and the Shephelah of the Philistines;	19
	they shall possess the country-side of Ephraim and Samaria,	
	and Benjamin shall possess Gilead.	
	Exiles of Israel a shall possess b Canaan as far as Zarephath,	20
	exiles of Jerusalem ^c shall possess the cities of the Negeb.	20
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gourd?' 'Yes,' he answered, 'mortally angry.' The LORD said, 'You are sorry for the gourd, though you did not have the trouble of growing it, a plant which came up in a night and withered in a night. And should not I be sorry for the great city of Nineveh, with its hundred and twenty thousand who cannot tell their right hand from their left, and cattle without number?'

MICAH

1 THIS IS THE WORD OF THE LORD which came to Micah of Moresheth during the reigns of Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah; which he received in visions concerning Samaria and Jerusalem.

The rulers of Israel and Judah denounced

Listen, you peoples, all together; attend, O earth and all who are in it, that the Lord God, the Lord from his holy temple, may bear witness against you. For look, the LORD is leaving his dwelling-place; 3 down he comes and walks on the heights of the earth. Beneath him mountains dissolve like wax before the fire, valleys are torn open, as when torrents pour down the hill-sideand all for the crime of Jacob and the sin of Israel. 5 What is the crime of Jacob? Is it not Samaria? What is the hill-shrine of Judah? Is it not Jerusalem? So I will make Samaria a heap of ruins in open country, a place for planting vines; I will pour her stones down into the valley and lay her foundations bare. All her carved figures shall be shattered, 7 her images burnt one and all; I will make a waste heap of all her idols. She amassed them out of fees for harlotry, and a harlot's fee shall they become once more. Therefore I must howl and wail, 8 go naked and distraught; I must howl like a wolf, mourn like a desert-owl. Her wound cannot be healed; 9 for the stroke has bitten deep into Judah, it has fallen on the gate of my people, upon Jerusalem itself.

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nor ever shall be in ages to come; their vanguard a devouring fire, their rearguard leaping flame; before them the land is a garden of Eden, behind them a wasted wilderness; nothing survives their march. On they come, like squadrons of horse, like war-horses they charge; bounding over the peaks they advance with the rattle of chariots, like flames of fire burning up the stubble, like a countless host in battle array. Before them nations tremble, every face turns pale. Like warriors they charge, they mount the walls like men at arms, each marching in line, no confusion in the ranks, none jostling his neighbour, none breaking line. They plunge through streams without halting their advance; they burst into the city, leap on to the wall, climb into the houses, entering like thieves through the windows. Before them the earth shakes, the heavens shudder, sun and moon are darkened, and the stars forbear to shine. The LORD thunders before his host; his is a mighty army, countless are those who do his bidding. Great is the day of the LORD and terrible, who can endure it? And yet, the LORD says, even now turn back to me with your whole heart, fast, and weep, and beat your breasts. Rend your hearts and not your garments; turn back to the LORD your God; for he is gracious and compassionate, long-suffering and ever constant, always ready to repent of the threatened evil. It may be he will turn back and repent and leave a blessing behind him, blessing enough for grain-offering and drink-offering for the Lord your God. Blow the trumpet in Zion, and has a second solid a sale proclaim a solemn fast, appoint a day of abstinence;

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