

JONAH

AS A TYPE OF OUR LORD

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Born in Gath-hepher.
A Galilean.

Jonah flees from the Lord; very varied are the views held with regard to this act of the prophet.

The New Biblical Guide, p. 139, says:

"He would sacrifice himself, let Nineveh perish, and so save Israel; that seems to have been Jonah's purpose and the reason of his sorrow at Nineveh's escape."

The Voyage—JONAH

1. He counts the cost, and knows that his life is forfeit for disobeying.
2. Jonah doomed to death for the safety of his fellow-voyagers.
3. He devotes himself to death. He does not commit suicide; he places himself, without resistance or attempt at escape or self-defence in the hands of other men, to be put to death by them.
4. Three days and three nights in the belly of the great fish.
5. The fish could not retain the prophet, but vomited him out.
6. Restored to freedom, Jonah goes to preach to a Gentile nation.
7. Nineveh, had a temporary repentance, and the day of grace prolonged.

CHRIST

Jesus the Galilean.—Matt. xxvi, 69.

OUR LORD

He counts the cost, and knows that His life is forfeit, in obedience to the Divine Will, on account of the disobedience of others.

"It is expedient that one man should die for the people."—John xi, 50.

"No man taketh it (my life) from me, but I lay it down of myself."—John x, 18; Isaiah liii, 7.

Three days and three nights in the belly of the earth.

Death could not hold our Lord, the earth vomited, and the rocks were broken by a great earthquake.

Risen from the dead, Our Lord bids his apostles go, baptizing all nations.

Jerusalem had the day of grace prolonged; Christendom has.