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It has been remarked by others that the Book of Jonah is a singular amongst the books of the Old Testament as the Epistle of James is amongst the writings of the New.

Jonah is a prophet who commences with God's gracious commission to him, and God's grace and love are shed the story of a special mission and a very distinctive ministry. Nineveh is the Gentile Northern Kingdom's capital of God concerning Christ and the Church, and amongst the apostolic epistles we find one addressed to the twelve tribes! Even Jonah's book we may claim that in the dispensation in which Israel was the center of God's dealings with the nations of the earth, Israel's prophet was sent to Nineveh, and that in the dispensation in which the Church is God's center of dealings in the dispensation has set in, and God's love engaged in the salvation of the nations, Israel's prophet was sent to Nineveh, the foe, but our Kingdom the ancient people.

Apart from the inspiration of the Spirit of God, the very existence of the Book of Jonah is difficult to understand. That a religious conception, people, who were accustomed to look down with contempt upon the Gentiles should submit such a book as Jonah's to them! Some I guess that it was given by God to the people of Israel, and that the Jewish people in their dispersion, carried it with them and preserved it in their book as divinely authentic.

Jonah's book is unique in that the Book of Jonah but the prophet whose name it bears. Another might conceivably have called of his mission to Nineveh and its ensuing ministry, but who but himself could have recorded the prayer in the belly of the fish? Who but himself could have recorded the prayer of the fish? Who but himself could have recorded the fish's vomiting, and of the prophet's consequent obedience? Jonah is the only prophet of whom we know nothing but his name and his work! Even in some latter period in his life, when he had backsliden to Israel, Jonah was guided by the Holy Spirit to write his most interesting story, which reflects the deepest discords upon the prophet himself, and yet he has not given us a single word of his own! Jonah's book is a book of God's grace, and God's love, and God's mercy, and God's salvation, and God's Spirit.

Everyone drives brightly in the book of Jonah but the writer. The Nathan markers were reluctant to deliver him up to death Israel's leaders had no such scruples concerning the Lord Jesus and they delivered Him up to death. Jonah's book is a book of God's grace, and God's love, and God's mercy, and God's salvation, and God's Spirit. Jonah's book is a book of God's grace, and God's love, and God's mercy, and God's salvation, and God's Spirit.

God, said, what shall we say of Most Gracious God condescension the mariners? What cues of the disobedient servant during the mysterious three days? What prompt response to the experience of the wicked Nineveh? Jonah's book is a book of God's grace, and God's love, and God's mercy, and God's salvation, and God's Spirit. Jonah's book is a book of God's grace, and God's love, and God's mercy, and God's salvation, and God's Spirit.

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