

the Ninevites be spared. And as this miraculous deliverance from the belly of the whale pointed to Christ's entombment and resurrection, so the book of Jonah testifies to the passion and glorious resurrection of the Son of God as the meritorious cause of our salvation. And it testifies likewise to the requirement of faith in God for the acceptance of His ministers on their errand of judgment on the sinner and [^]mercy ~~for~~ ^{for} the penitent, be they Jew or Gentile.

Finally, in its largest and highest application, this book exhibits the mercy of God whereby He witnesses to the great Son of David who will be a "light to the Gentiles and the glory of His people Israel". As for Israel, a glorious theocracy must again arise upon the ruins of human failure. In the eventual accomplishment of this, Jonah represents the messengers of the Latter Day who will come with a more gracious message, and Nineveh represents the Gentiles of the Latter Day who will respond in unprecedented number melted ^{into} ~~to~~ true penitence at the preaching of the messengers of the reigning King in Jerusalem, and [^]they will all bring their tributes of praise and service there.

II. Although not directly stated, there can scarcely be any doubt as to the fact that Jonah was a sign to the Jews (and to the Gentiles also, for that matter) in still another respect. It is in something which directly flows forth from the circumstance that he went to [^]Ni^veh for the purpose of preaching. Jonah was commissioned by Jehovah to do His bidding. But Jonah was not of a mind to obey the Divine summons, and so he proceeded to run away from his duty. However, the constraint of God was upon him and He could not escape from the Divine omnipresence. God commanded the storm and the sea-monster, and He pressed His servant to discharge his commission. Now it is noteworthy that human nature has ever been slow to see things in God's way and do His will without questioning. Man has ~~z~~