

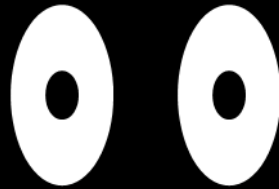


YOU **CAN'T RUN** FROM GOD





The actual view inside the fish



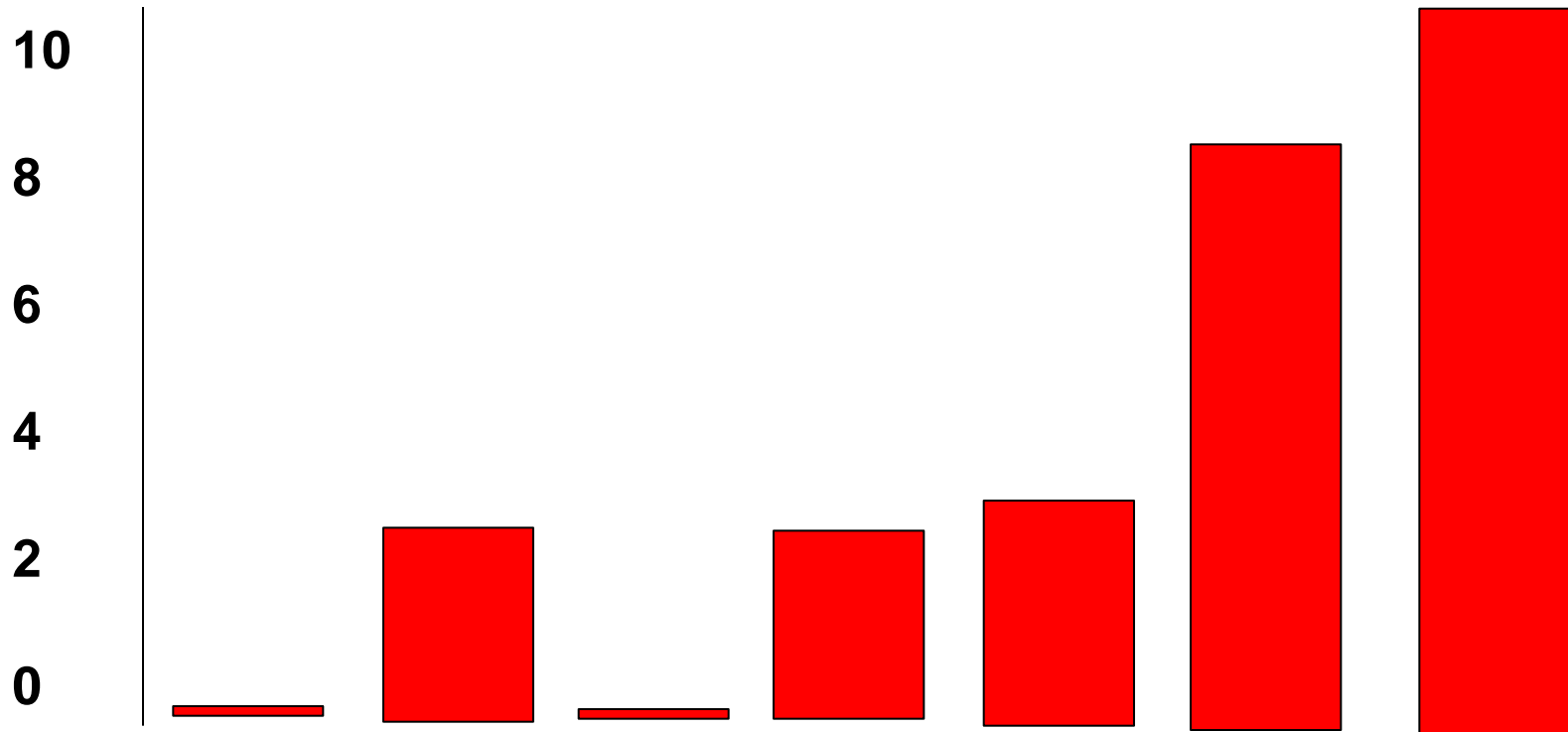
**No light to read by. No bible to read.
What did Jonah do?**

The Prayer of a Dying Man



who survived to tell the story.

The Confidence Scale



Jonah's prayer verses 2 to 9



From inside the fish Jonah prayed to the LORD his God.

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. 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. I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.' The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me; seaweed was wrapped around my head. 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. "When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple. "Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them. 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.'"

What did Jonah do?



He prayed

What should a man do when things are desperate?

from inside the fish

Where can God not hear your prayer?

to HIS God

There's a real relationship in spite of his disobedient actions

from the scriptures

How do the scriptures help us to pray?

Scripture remembered



Jonah's prayer

Psalm 120 :1

I call on the LORD in my distress, and he answers me.

2:2

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

(the words are identical in the original Hebrew)

Psalm 88:6

You have put me in the lowest pit, in the darkest depths. Your wrath lies heavily on me; you have overwhelmed me with all your waves.

2:3

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.

(different literal experience but same feeling)

Scripture remembered



1 Kings 8:38

and when a prayer or plea is made by anyone among your people Israel--being aware of the afflictions of their own hearts, **and spreading out their hands toward this temple**-- then hear from heaven, your dwelling place. Forgive and act; deal with everyone according to all they do, since you know their hearts (for you alone know every human heart), so that they will fear you all the time they live in the land you gave our ancestors.

(King Solomon's prayer at the temple dedication.)

Jonah's prayer

2:4

I said, 'I have been banished from your sight; yet I will look again toward your holy temple.'

Looking to God, since only He can forgive and help

This is a key verse in his prayer.



Scripture remembered



Jonah's prayer

Psalm 69:1

Save me, O God, for the waters have come up to my neck. I sink in the miry depths, where there is no foothold. I have come into the deep waters; the floods engulf me.

I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God.

Psalm 40:1

I waited patiently for the LORD; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand.

2: 5

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Psalm 31:6

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2: 7

When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, LORD, and my prayer rose to you, to your holy temple.

2:8

Those who cling to worthless idols turn away from God's love for them.

Scripture remembered



Psalm 40:3

He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the LORD and put their trust in him.

Psalm 3: 8

From the LORD comes deliverance.

ליהוה הישועה

Le-yaweh ha-yeshua

*Another
“sign” of
the prophet
Jonah ?*

Jonah’s prayer

2: 9

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ישועתה ליהוה

Yeshuata le-yaweh

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**Jonah knew this God, the God of Israel, as his God.
Do you?**

An amazing answer to the prayer !



**And the LORD
commanded the fish,
and it vomited Jonah
onto dry land.**

Whale Vomit



30th January 2013

A man from Morecambe believes his dog has found a rare piece of whale vomit while walking on the beach. Ken Wilman said when Madge the dog "started poking at a rather large stone" he realised it was unusual.

He left the ambergris on the beach but "something triggered in my mind" and, after doing some research, he went back to get it. The substance, which is found in the digestive system of sperm whales, is valuable and used in perfume.

Mr Wilman said: "When I picked it up and smelled it I put it back down again and I thought 'urgh'. It has a musky smell, but the more you smell it the nicer the smell becomes."

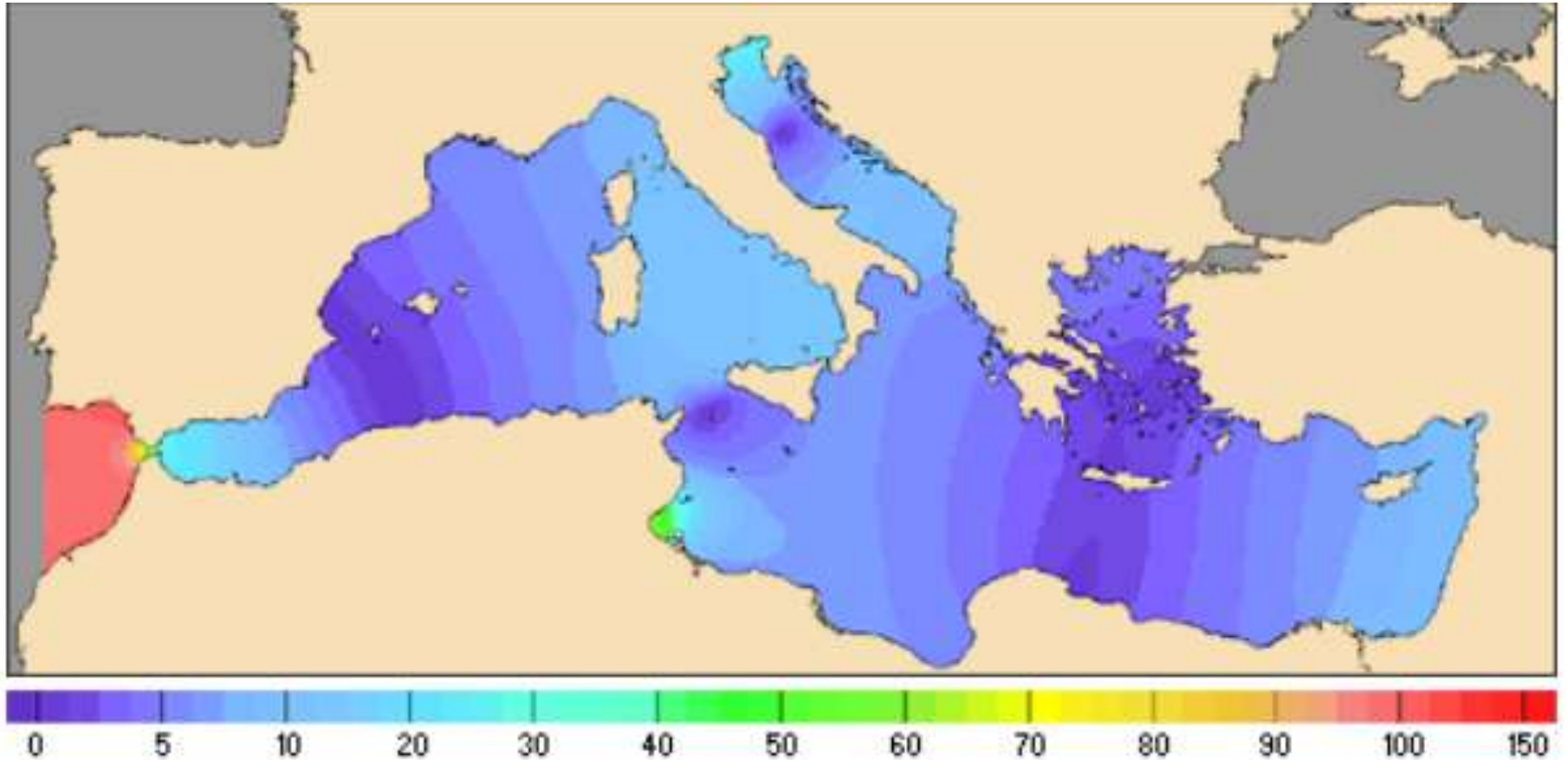
He is now waiting to get the 3kg (7lb) piece tested and said he had been offered 50,000 euros (£43,000) for it by a French dealer.

On dry land



"The Whale Beached between Scheveningen and Katwijk, with Elegant Sightseers," by Esaias van den Velde, c.1617

Tidal amplitude (cms.) in the Mediterranean



God SPOKE to the fish

