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Yonah: Lonely Man of Faith?



Jonah, however, started out to flee to Tarshish from the LORD's service. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. He paid the fare and went aboard to sail with the others to Tarshish, away from the service of the LORD.

From the beginning of Yona, the picture that emerges is of a runaway prophet man off on his own path. But what were his reasons?

In their fright, the sailors cried out, each to his own god; and they flung the ship's cargo overboard to make it lighter for them. Jonah, meanwhile, had gone down into the hold of the vessel where he lay down and fell asleep.

Throughout the story of Yona we see him time and time again off by himself separated from others—
Hashem, the sailors, the

Break up into groups of three (3) students and discuss the following citation: Rabbi Lord Jonathan Sacks z"l, who

