



THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

# JONAH

AND SHOULD I NOT HAVE  
COMPASSION ON THAT GREAT CITY?





## **Psalm 134:1-2**

**Come, bless the LORD, all you servants of the LORD,  
who stand by night in the house of the LORD!**

**<sup>2</sup> Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless  
the LORD!**

## **1 Tim 2:8**

**<sup>8</sup> I desire then that in every place the men should  
pray, lifting holy hands without anger or quarreling;**



# Jonah 2

“Then Jonah prayed to the Lord his God from the belly of the fish, 2 saying, ‘I called out to the Lord, out of my distress, and he answered me; out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice. 3 For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me;

But all your waves and your billows  
passed over me. 4 Then I said, 'I am  
driven away from your sight; yet I shall  
again look upon your holy temple.'  
5 The waters closed in over me to take  
my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds  
were wrapped about my head 6 at the  
roots of the mountains. I went down to  
the land whose bars closed upon me  
forever;

yet you brought up my life from the pit,  
O Lord my God. 7 When my life was  
fainting away, I remembered the Lord,  
and my prayer came to you, into your  
holy temple. 8 Those who pay regard to  
vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast  
love. 9 But I with the voice of  
thanksgiving will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation  
belongs to the Lord!’



Salvation belongs to the Lord!’ 10 And the Lord spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 ‘Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.’

3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, 'Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!'

5 And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.”

**Despite human  
weakness and  
rebellion God's saving  
purposes will be  
accomplished!**

# **“A Prophet, A Fish, A City”**

**Jonah 2:1-3:5**

The **Prophet** – God breaks us that we might surrender to Him.

The **Fish** – God arranges circumstances that we might celebrate.

The **City** – God brings messengers to us that we might surrender to Him.

**I. God breaks us that we  
might surrender to Him**

**(2: 1-7)**



But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish.

Jonah 1:3



v. 2 “I called out to the Lord, out of my distress,  
and he answered me;  
out of the belly of Sheol I cried,  
and you heard my voice.



**II. God arranges circumstances  
for us that we  
might celebrate Him**

**(2:8-10)**

vv. 9-10 But I with the voice of thanksgiving  
will sacrifice to you;  
what I have vowed I will pay.

Salvation belongs to the LORD!”

<sup>10</sup> And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it  
vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

**“...a place that ought to have  
been a place of death became a  
place of deliverance and life”**

**James Bruckner**



# **Westminster Confession of Faith**

## **Chapter 5 - “Providence”**

**1. God, who created everything, also upholds everything. He directs, regulates, and governs every creature, action, and thing, from the greatest to the least, by his completely wise and holy providence...**

**2. God is the first cause, and in relationship to him everything happens unchangeably and infallibly. However, by this same providence, he orders things to happen from secondary causes. As a result of these secondary causes, some things must inevitably happen; others may or may not happen depending on the voluntary intentions of the agents involved; and some things do not have to happen but may, depending on other conditions.**





**“Man makes the plan  
but God made the man!”**



**III. God brings messengers  
to us that we  
might surrender to Him**

**(3:1-5)**



v.4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

v. 5 And the people of Nineveh believed  
God.









## James 4:6-10

<sup>6</sup> But he gives more grace. Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud, but gives grace to the humble.” <sup>7</sup> Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. <sup>8</sup> Draw near to God, and he will draw near to you. Cleanse your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. <sup>9</sup> Be wretched and mourn and weep. Let your laughter be turned to mourning and your joy to gloom. <sup>10</sup> Humble yourselves before the Lord, and he will exalt you



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# U.S. ATTACKED

## HIJACKED JETS DESTROY TWIN TOWERS AND HIT PENTAGON IN DAY OF TERROR

### A CREEPING HORROR

Buildings Burn and Fall  
as Onlookers Search  
for Elusive Safety

By N. R. KLEINFIELD

It kept getting worse.

The horror arrived in sporadic bursts of chilling disbelief, ignited first by trembling floors, sharp cracks, cracked windows. There was the usual indefinable realization of a gaping, flaming hole in first one of the tall towers, and then the same thing all over again in its twin. There was the obsessive sight of bodies helplessly tumbling out, some of them in flames.

Finally, the mighty towers themselves were reduced to nothing. Dense plumes of smoke rained through the downtown avenues, coursing between the buildings, shaped like tornadoes on their sides. Every sound was cause for alarm.

A plane appeared overhead. Was another one coming? No, it was a fighter jet. But was it friend or enemy? People screamed for their lives, but they didn't know where to go. Should they go north, south, east, west? Stay inside, go outdoors? People hid beneath cars and under tables. Some screamed, jumping into the street. It all seemed to last for hours.



### President Vows to Exact Punishment for 'Evil'

By SERGE SCHMEMMANN

Hijackers rammed jetliners into each of New York's World Trade Center towers yesterday, toppling both in a hellish storm of ash, glass, smoke and leaping victims, while a third jetliner crashed into the Pentagon in Virginia. There was no official count, but President Bush said thousands had perished, and in the immediate aftermath the calamity was already being ranked the worst and most audacious terror attack in American history.

The attacks seemed carefully coordinated. The hijacked planes were all en route to California, and therefore gorged with fuel, and their departures were spaced within an hour and 40 minutes. The first, American Airlines Flight 11, a Boeing 767 out of Boston for Los Angeles, crashed into the north tower at 8:46 a.m. Eighteen minutes later, United Airlines Flight 175, also headed from Boston to Los Angeles, plowed into the south tower.

Then an American Airlines Boeing 757 left Washington's Dulles International Airport bound for Los Angeles, but instead hit the western part of the Pentagon, the military headquarters where 24,000 people work, at 9:40 a.m. Finally, United Airlines Flight 93, a Boeing 737 flying from Newark to San Francisco, crashed near Pittsburgh.



SECOND PLANE United Airlines Flight 175  
crashed into World Trade Center's south tower.



## **Amos 9:7**

**“Are you not like the Cushites to me, O people of Israel?” declares the LORD.**

**“Did I not bring up Israel from the land of Egypt, and the Philistines from Caphtor and the Syrians from Kir?”**









v. 5 ... They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.



**Presidential  
Proclamation to  
declare a Day of  
National Fasting  
March 30, 1863**

