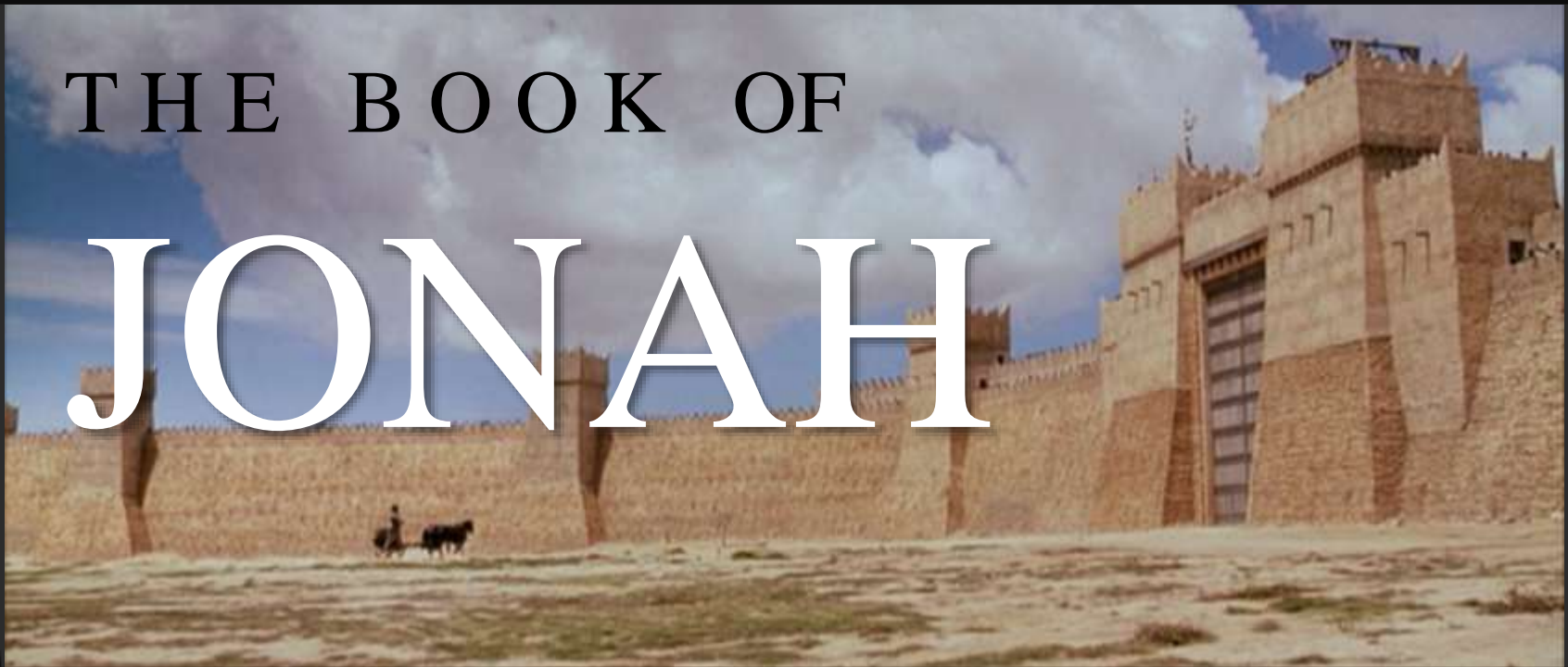




THE BOOK OF

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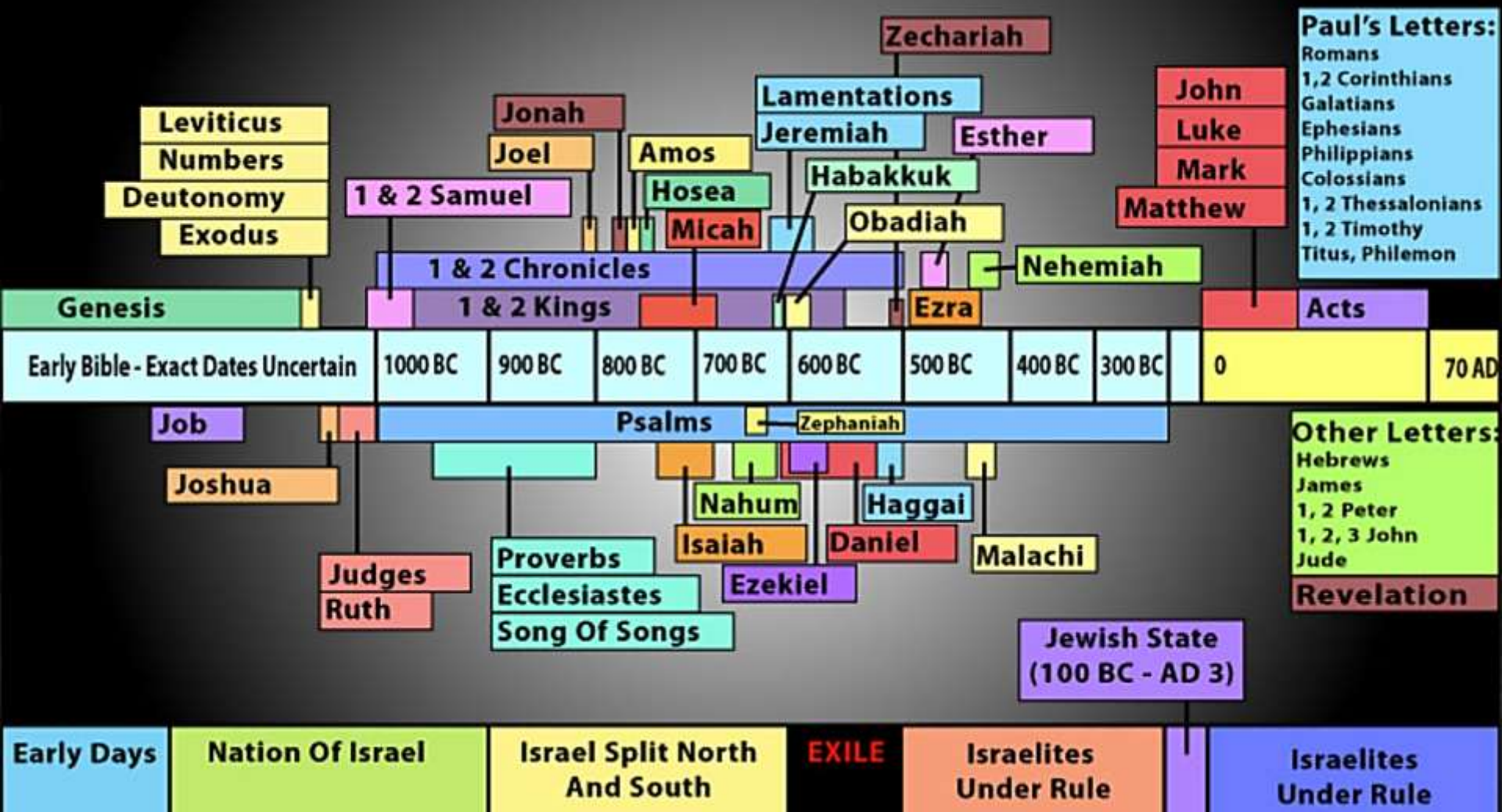


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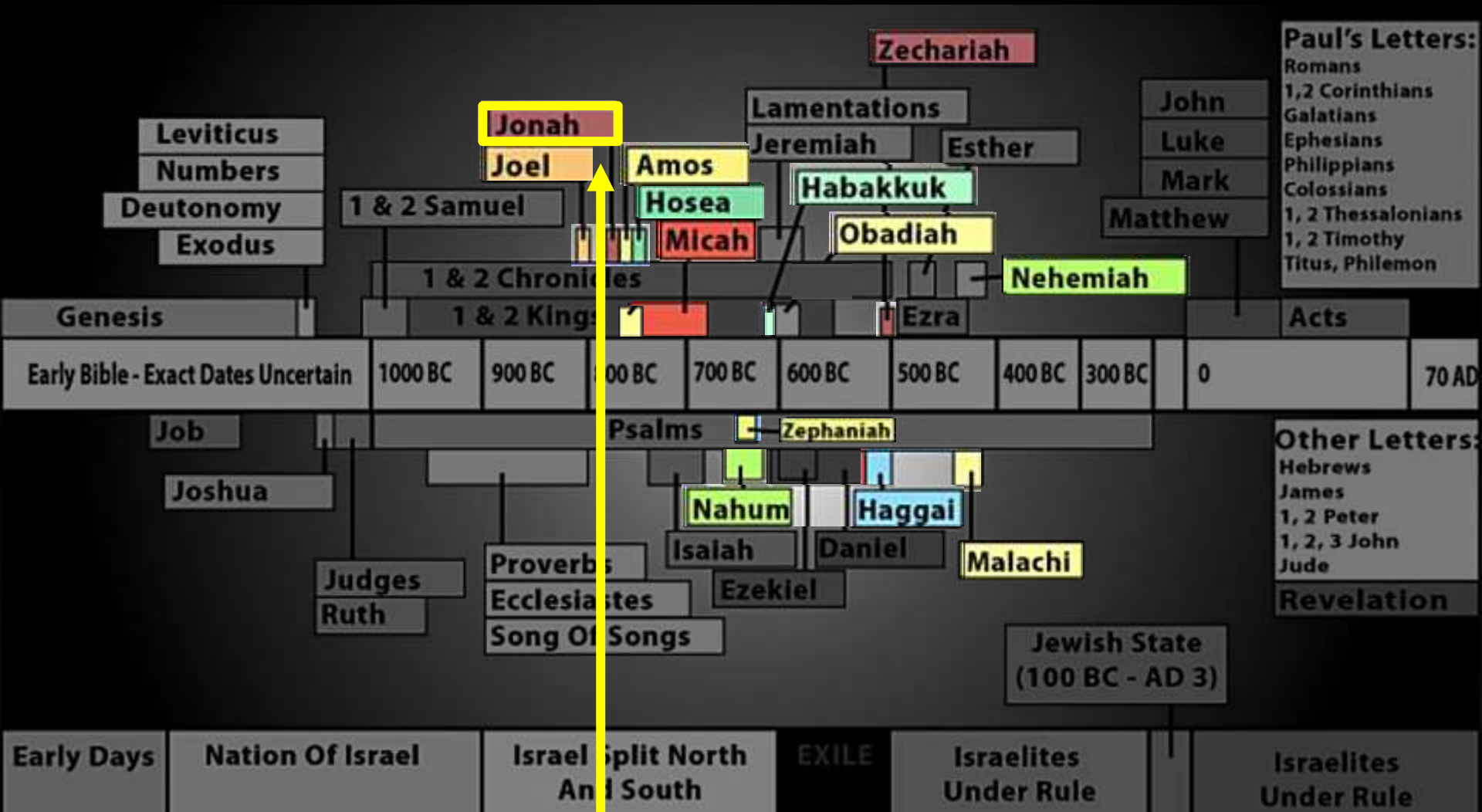
Most Hated Books of the Bible?

- Genesis
 - The Incarnation of Christ
- Jonah
 - The Resurrection of Christ
- Daniel
 - The Second Coming of Christ
- Revelation
 - The Ultimate Reign of Christ

Chronology of the Bible Books



Ministry of the Minor Prophets



Jonah: c.853-824 B.C.

The Book of Jonah

- Chapter 1
 - The Reluctant Prophet
- Chapter 2
 - The Repentant Prophet
- Chapter 3
 - The Revival in Nineveh
- Chapter 4
 - The Short-Sighted Prophet

- A model of life
 - *Running from God*
 - *Repentance*
 - *Revival*
 - *The Struggle – learning to submit to the will of God*

The Book of Jonah

- Most attention is given to the fish!
- The most incredible miracle is the repentance of an entire city the size of London!
- Jonah did not misunderstand God's request
- He was a patriotic Israelite
- He wanted to see Israel's enemies destroyed
- Jonah feared that sparing Nineveh would be detrimental to Israel - which it proved to be!

Jonah's Greatest Prophecy?

- Jesus points to Jonah's 'death & resurrection' experience as a prophetic model of what He would accomplish
- Specifically, 'being in the heart of the earth' for 'three days and three nights'

The Third Day

31 Then he took unto him the twelve, and said unto them, Behold, we go up to Jerusalem, and all things that are **written by the prophets concerning the Son of man shall be accomplished.**

32 For he shall be delivered unto the Gentiles, and shall be mocked, and spitefully entreated, and spitted on:

33 And they shall scourge him, and put him to death: and **the third day** he shall rise again.

Luke 18:31-33

Saturday 9th	Sunday 10th	Monday 11th	Tuesday 12th	Wednesday 13th	Thursday 14th	Friday 15th	Saturday 16th	Sunday 17th
Sabbath Jesus arrives at Bethany after Sabbath has ended	Triumphal Entry 173,880 days complete Daniel 9:24-27	Fig tree cursed / Jesus turns the tables in the temple for the 2nd day running cf Matt 21:10-17 & Mark 11:15-19	Jesus gives 'Olivet discourse' stressing that deception will abound in the last days	Jesus & disciples prepare to eat the Passover meal this evening at sundown as it becomes the 14th	Feast of Passover Also: 'Day of Preparation'	Feast of Unleavened Bread High Sabbath	Sabbath	Feast of Firstfruits 1st day of Week

"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel ...that **Christ died** for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he **was buried**, and that he **rose again the third day** according to the scriptures

1 Corinthians 15:1-4

Mark 15:33-37
...hour was come (12:00pm), there was a darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour (3:00pm). Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying, 'Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?' which is, being interpreted, My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?.....And Jesus gave up the ghost.


Jesus Crucified
"Paid in full..." 3:00pm
Luke 23:53-54
And he took [the body of Jesus] down, and wrapped it in linen, and laid it in a sepulcher.....And that day was the preparation, and the sabbath drew on.
Mark 15:42-43
And now when the even was come, because it was the preparation, that is, the day before the sabbath, Joseph of Arimathea, and honourable counsellor, which also waited for the kingdom of God, came, and went in boldly unto Pilate, and craved the body of Jesus.

John 19:31
The Jews therefore, because it was the preparation (14th), that the bodies should not remain upon the cross on the sabbath day (15th), for that sabbath day was an high day. (See below) besought Pilate that their legs might be broken, and that they might be taken away.
Lev 23:5-7
"In the fourteenth day of the first month at even is the LORD's Passover. And on the fifteenth day of the same month is the feast of unleavened bread unto the LORD"
Deut 16:16
"Three times in a year shall all thy males appear before the LORD thy God in the place which he shall choose; in the feast of unleavened bread, and in the feast of weeks, and in the feast of tabernacles" (See also Exodus 23:14-15).
1st Day
15th Begins
1st Night

Exodus 12:18
"In the first month, on the fourteenth day of the month at even, ye shall eat unleavened bread, until the one and twentieth day of the month at even" - Thus for the whole 7 day period they were to eat unleavened bread
Matthew 27:62
Now the next day (15th), that followed the day of the preparation (that being the 14th), the chief priests and Pharisees came together unto Pilate, Saying, Sir, we remember that that deceiver said, while he was yet alive, After three days I will rise again. Command therefore that the sepulcher be made sure until the third day, lest his disciples come by night, and steal him away, and say unto the people, He is risen from the dead: so the last error shall be worse than the first.
2nd Day
16th Begins
2nd Night

Resurrection!

Mark 16:1-2
And when the sabbaths (Plural) were past, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome, had bought sweet spices, that they might come and anoint him. And very early in the morning the first day of the week, they came unto the sepulcher at the rising of the sun.
Mark 10:34
And they shall mock him, and shall scourge him, and shall spit upon him, and shall kill him: and the third day he shall rise again.
3rd Day
17th begins
3rd Night

Mark 12:40
For as Jonah was three days and three nights in the whale's belly; so shall the Son of man be three days and three nights in the heart of the earth

Location of the most important week in human history

The Gospel - as defined by the Apostle Paul
"Moreover, brethren, I declare unto you the gospel which I preached unto you... For I delivered unto you first of all that which I also received, how that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures; And that he was buried, and that he rose again the third day according to the scriptures" (1 Cor 15:1-4)
According to the scriptures
...Christ died for our sins = Feast of Passover
...was buried = Feast of Unleavened bread
...He rose again = Feast of Firstfruits

Downward Spiral

- Jonah went down to Joppa 1:3
- Down into the sides of the ship 1:5
- Down into the sea 1:15
- Down in the fish 1:17
- Down to the bottom of the mountains 2:6
- Down to corruption 2:6

Upward Journey

- He comes up from corruption 2:6
- He lifts his prayer up to the LORD 2:4
- Lifts his voice up in thanksgiving 2:9
- Comes up out of the fish 2:10
- Finally goes up to Nineveh 3:3

The Assyrian Kingdom



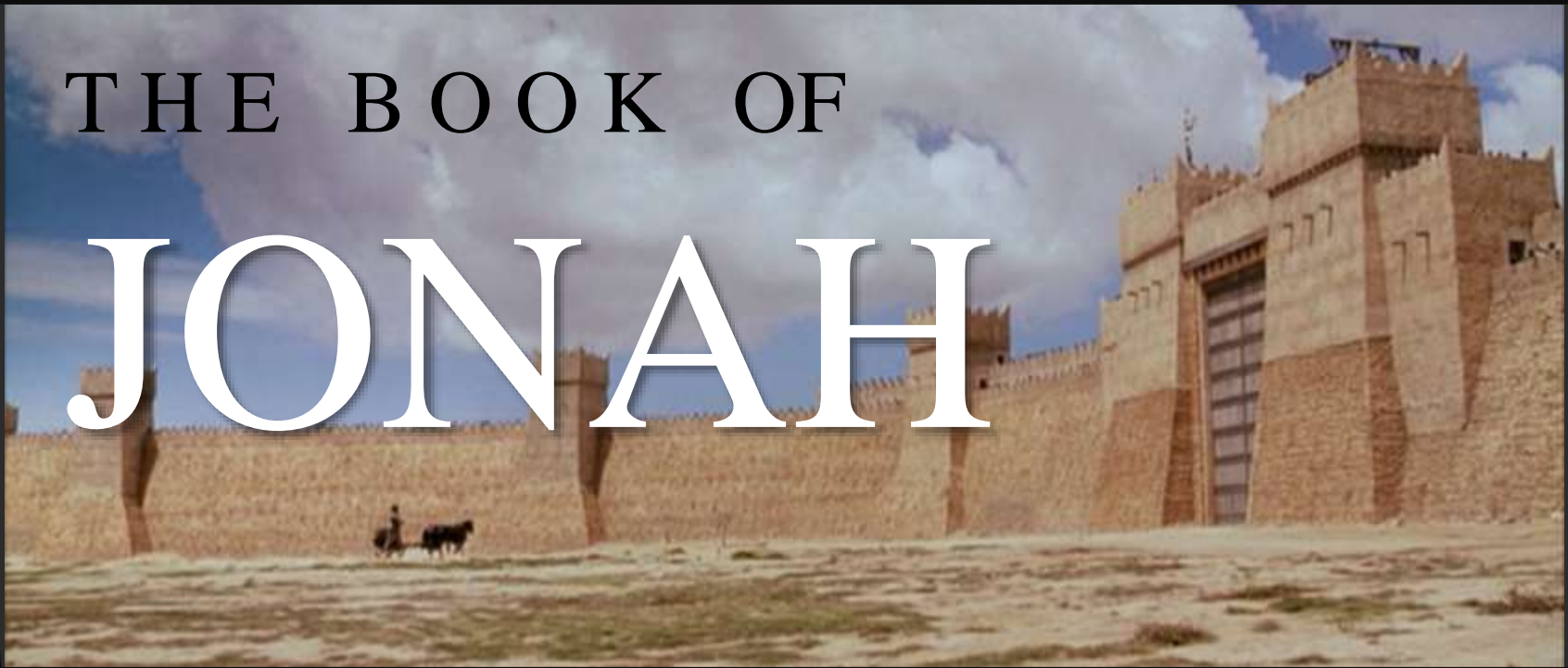
Lessons: The Book of Jonah

- God is not slack concerning judgment
- But God always warns before judgment
 - The cry of their wickedness had come before God
 - As a result of their humility and repentance, judgment was postponed for approx. 200 years
 - Nineveh will eventually be overthrown by Babylon (612 B.C.)
 - The book of Nahum prophecies this destruction
- God's mercy extends to the gentiles also
- We must trust God
 - who sees the end from the beginning, knows what we don't know.



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• Chapter 3

– The Revival in Nineveh

¹ And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the **second time**, *saying.....*

Jonah 3:1

- Grace

Getting It Right The 2nd Time!

1st Time Disobedience

Law broken

Exodus 32

Spies to Canaan

Numbers 13

Israel rejected their Messiah

John 19:15

Israel to be a witness Deut 28:10

Instead Deut 28:37 'Astonishment'

We were 'dead in
trespasses & sins'

Eph 2:1

2nd Time Obedience

Law received

Exodus 34

Conquest

Josh 2

Israel will gladly receive Him

Matt 23:39

Israel a sign to all nations

Ezek 39:23

'He made us alive'

Eph 2:1

¹ And the word of the LORD came unto Jonah the *second time, saying.....*

Jonah 3:1

- God still had to call Jonah a 2nd time
- Jonah may have been thinking he was now 'off the hook'

2 Arise, go unto Nineveh, that great city,
and preach unto it the preaching that I bid thee.

Jonah 3:2

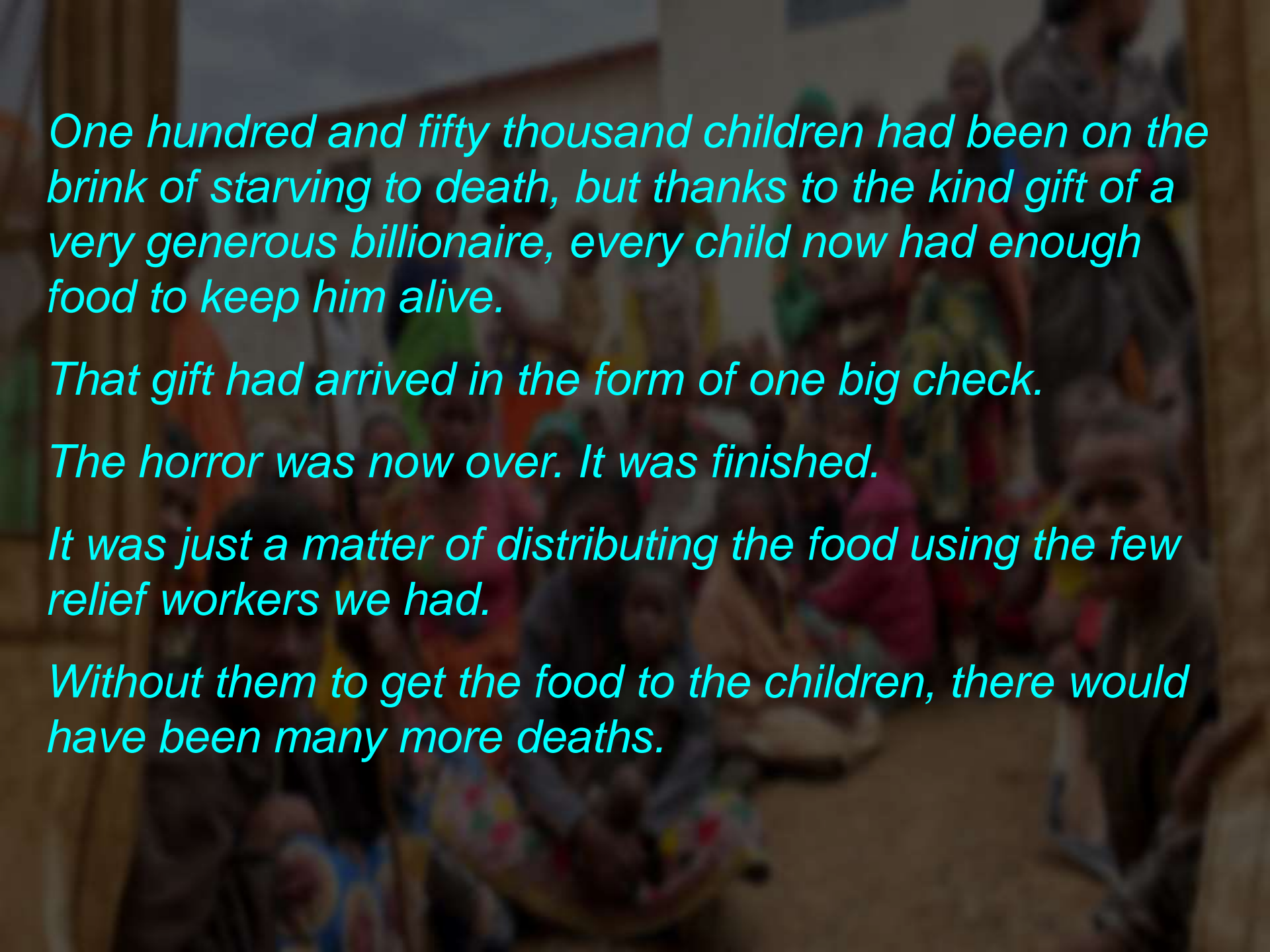
Preach The Word

21 For after that in the wisdom of God the world by wisdom knew not God, it pleased God by the foolishness of preaching to save them that believe.

1 Cor 1:21

Was St Francis a Sissy?





One hundred and fifty thousand children had been on the brink of starving to death, but thanks to the kind gift of a very generous billionaire, every child now had enough food to keep him alive.

That gift had arrived in the form of one big check.

The horror was now over. It was finished.

It was just a matter of distributing the food using the few relief workers we had.

Without them to get the food to the children, there would have been many more deaths.

Some days later, a frantic worker burst into the camp and cried, "Some of the relief workers have stopped distributing food. Masses of children are dying!"

Why would the workers stop when there was plenty of food? It didn't make sense.

The distraught man said, "It's because one of them held up a sign that said, 'Feed the starving children. Where necessary, use food.'

That has caused some of the workers to simply befriend the starving children without giving them food.

It's insane!"

I heard that Saint Francis of Assisi said

"Preach the Gospel at all times. Where necessary, use words."

That statement upset me beyond words, because it was a philosophy that I knew sounded deeply spiritual . . . to those who were spiritually shallow.

It made as much sense as:

"Feed starving children. Where necessary, use food."



*Peace Prayer
St. Francis of Assisi*

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*Lord, make me an instrument of
Your peace,
Where there is hatred, let me sow
love;
Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,
Where there is despair, hope,
Where there is darkness, light
and where there is sadness, joy
O Divine Master, grant that I may
not so much seek to be consoled,
as to console;
To be understood, as to understand;
To be loved, as to love;
For it is in giving that we receive
It is in pardoning that we are
pardoned;
And it is in dying that we are
born to eternal life.*

St. Francis of Assisi

On 16 July 1228 Francis of Assisi was pronounced a saint by Pope Gregory IX.

That's a long time ago, so it's a little late for questions, but if I could I would like to find out why anyone would say such a strange thing?

Was it because he was fearful to use actual words to preach the truth of the Gospel?

Or was it because he thought that people would see that he had good works and hear the message of salvation without a preacher, something contrary to Scripture's

"How then shall they call on Him in whom they have not believed? And how shall they believe in Him of whom they have not heard? And how shall they hear without a preacher?" (Romans 10:14).

Peace Prayer

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Your peace.

Where there is hatred, let me sow
love.

Where there is injury, pardon,
Where there is doubt, faith,

Where there is despair, hope,

Where there is darkness, light.

O Divine Master, grant that I may
understand that which I believe,
and believe that which I understand;

For it is in giving that we receive,
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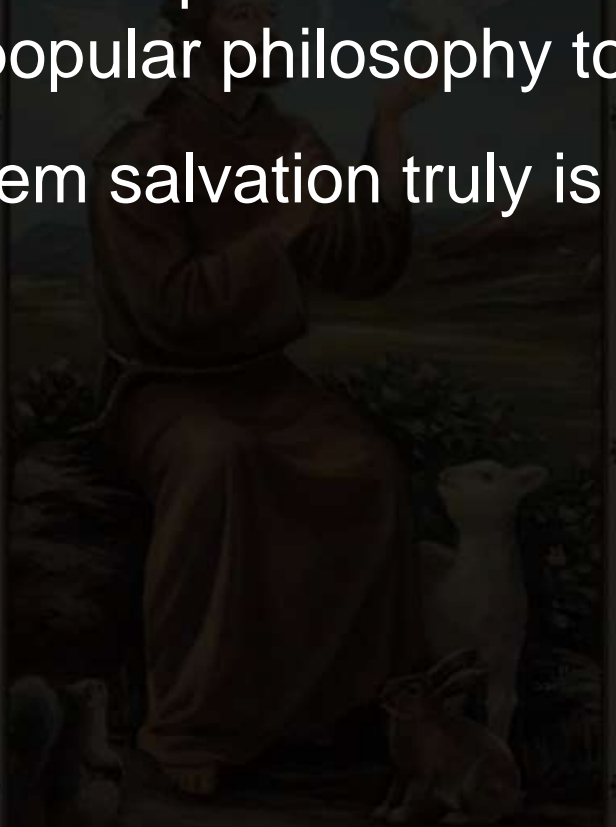
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Whatever the case, 800 years since Francis we have many who profess faith in Jesus, and are no doubt using this popular philosophy to justify being speechless.

To them salvation truly is an "unspeakable" gift.

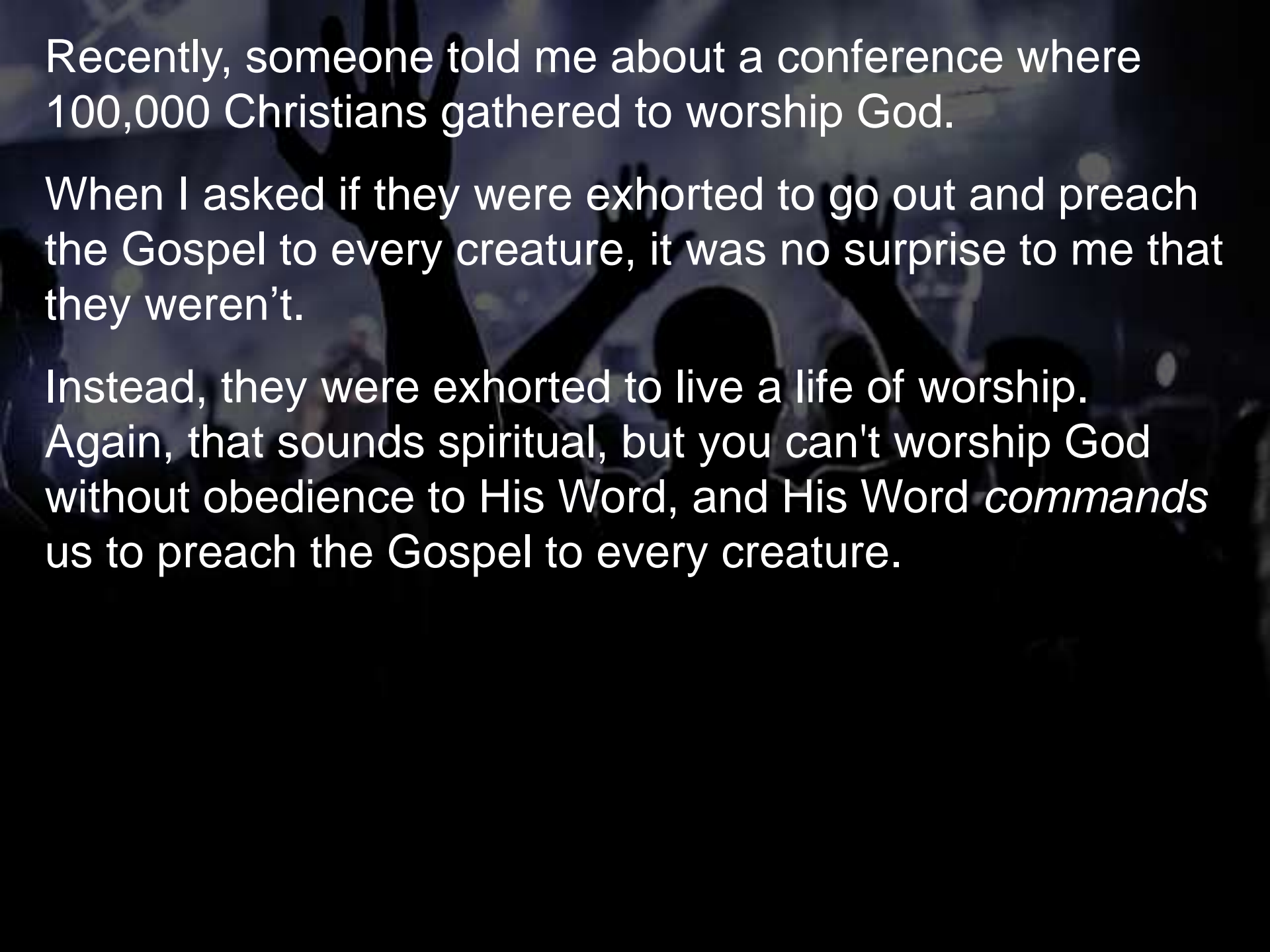


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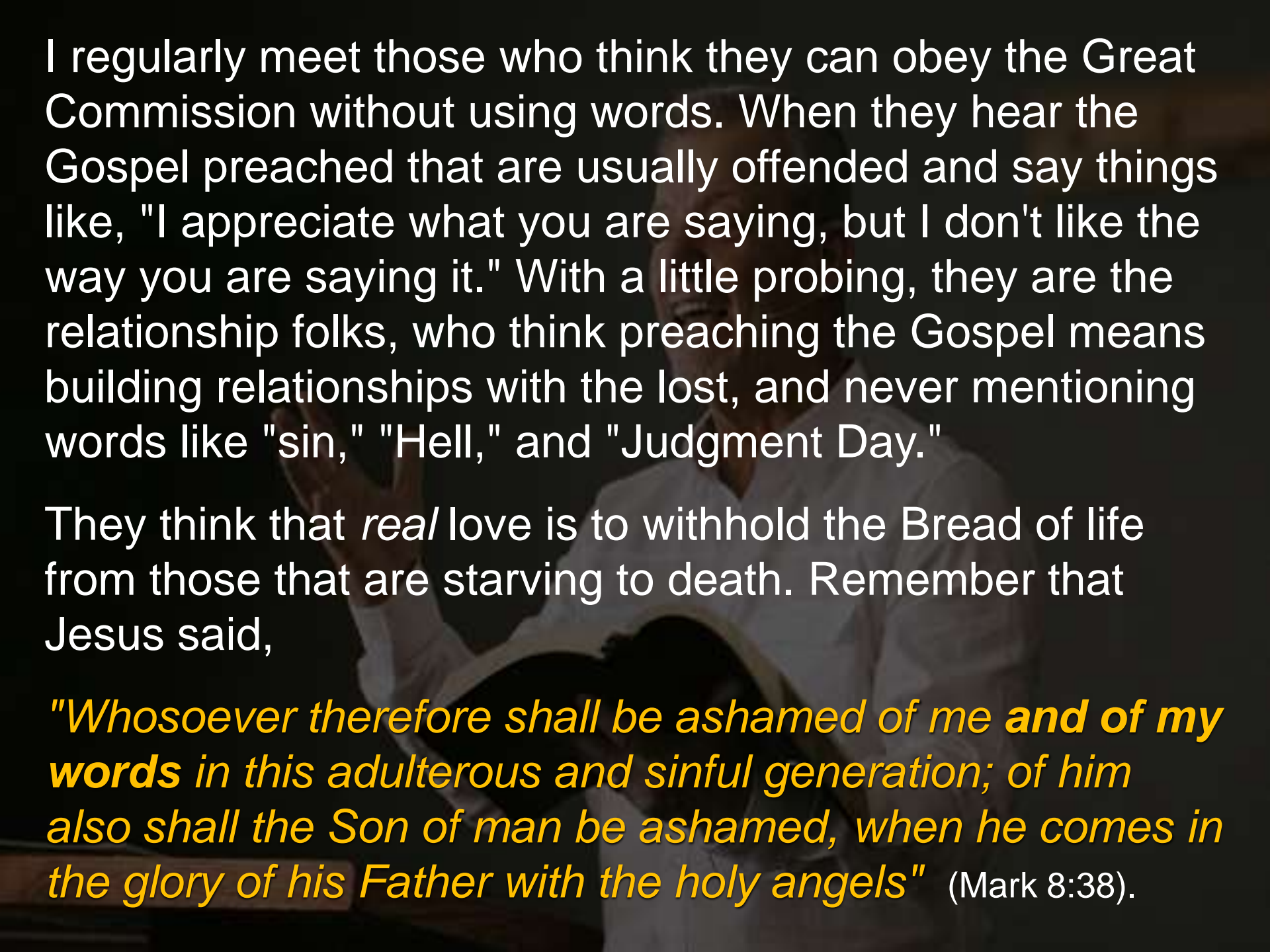
St. Francis of Assisi



Recently, someone told me about a conference where 100,000 Christians gathered to worship God.

When I asked if they were exhorted to go out and preach the Gospel to every creature, it was no surprise to me that they weren't.

Instead, they were exhorted to live a life of worship. Again, that sounds spiritual, but you can't worship God without obedience to His Word, and His Word *commands* us to preach the Gospel to every creature.

A man in a white shirt is holding a baby. The background is dark, and the text is overlaid on the image. The man is looking down at the baby with a smile.

I regularly meet those who think they can obey the Great Commission without using words. When they hear the Gospel preached that are usually offended and say things like, "I appreciate what you are saying, but I don't like the way you are saying it." With a little probing, they are the relationship folks, who think preaching the Gospel means building relationships with the lost, and never mentioning words like "sin," "Hell," and "Judgment Day."

They think that *real* love is to withhold the Bread of life from those that are starving to death. Remember that Jesus said,

*"Whosoever therefore shall be ashamed of me **and of my words** in this adulterous and sinful generation; of him also shall the Son of man be ashamed, when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels" (Mark 8:38).*

According to the dictionary, a "sissy" is "a timid or cowardly person." From what I understand of Saint Francis, he was no sissy.

He was a loving man who was not afraid to use words when he preached. He wasn't frightened to preach repentance to a sinful world.

However, there have been times when I could have been called that name. I have felt the grip of fear and have wanted to drop words such as sin, Hell, repentance and Judgment Day when I have preached to sinners.

I don't want to come across as being unloving or judgmental, but I fear God more than I fear man. So when God's Word tells me to use words, I use words, despite the consequences.

Peace Prayer St. Francis of Assisi

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St. Francis of Assisi

Listen to the Apostle Paul's sobering warning to his hearers:

"Wherefore I take you to record this day, that I am pure from the blood of all men. For I have not shunned to declare unto you all the counsel of God" (Acts 20: 26-27).

Perhaps he spoke about being free from their blood because he was familiar with God Himself warning Ezekiel of his responsibility to warn his generation:

"When I say to the wicked, 'You shall surely die,' and you give him no warning, nor speak to warn the wicked from his wicked way, to save his life, that same wicked man shall die in his iniquity; but his blood I will require at your hand." (Ezekiel 3:18).

When someone thinks that they can feed starving children and not use food, that's their business.

But when their philosophy spreads throughout the camp, it becomes an unspeakable tragedy.

If we become passive about the Great Commission because we are more concerned about ourselves than the eternal well-being of others, we may be able to hide our motives from man, but not from God. He warns,

"Deliver those who are drawn toward death, and hold back those stumbling to the slaughter. If you say, 'Surely we did not know this,' does not He who weighs the hearts consider it? He who keeps your soul, does He not know it? And will He not render to each man according to his deeds?" (Proverbs 24:11-12).

There's an interesting irony to this story.

After a little research I came across a quote about the famous saying. It is from someone who had been a Franciscan monk for 28 years--and had earned an M.A. in Franciscan studies.

He contacted some of the most eminent Franciscan scholars in the world to try and verify the saying. He said,

"It is clearly not in any of Francis' writings. After a couple weeks of searching, no scholar could find this quote in a story written within 200 years of Francis' death."

So if it wasn't Saint Francis who said not to use words, who was it? Who is it that would like to see the truth of the Gospel hindered from being preached to every creature?

That doesn't need to be answered.

The time is short. The laborers are few. Please, cast off your fears and equip yourself to preach the Gospel with words. **They *are* necessary.**

Ray Comfort

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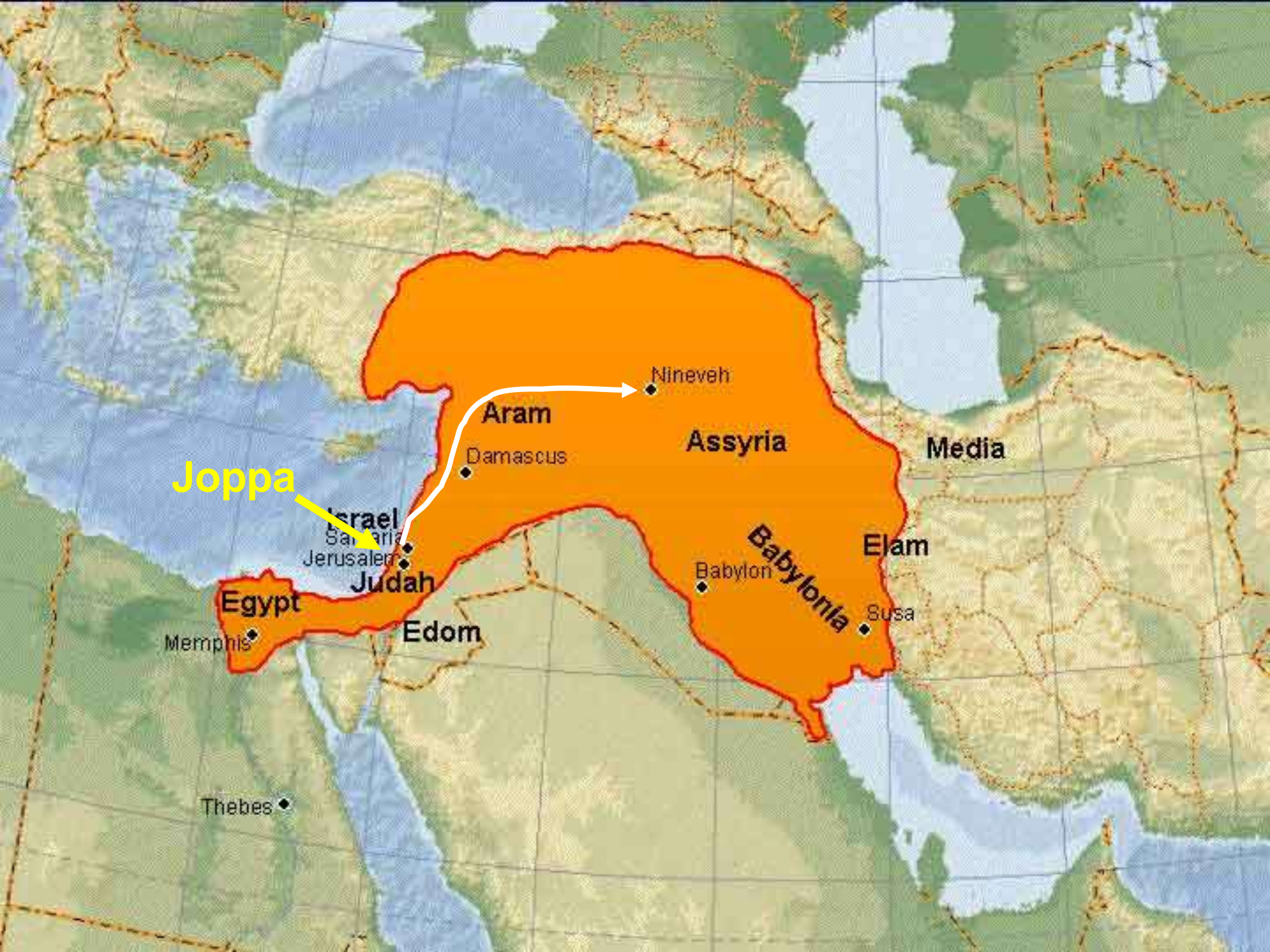
Joppa



Part of the tribe of Dan, unable to secure its inheritance, migrated north and captured Laish, renaming it Dan.

Although all of Bashan was assigned to the half tribe of Manasseh, it is doubtful that settlement reached beyond the Yarmuk Valley.

During the period of Judges, invading Ammonites, Moabites and Midianites...



Joppa

Israel
Samaritan
Jerusalem

Judah

Egypt

Memphis

Thebes

Edom

Aram

Damascus

Nineveh

Assyria

Media

Elam

Babylon

Babylonia

Susa

Nineveh

- At the time of Jonah, the city was 14 miles across
- With 100ft walls all around the city.
- There were 1500 towers 200ft tall around the city
- 15 gates
 - (of which 5 have now been uncovered).



Who Do You Fear?

- 4 And I say unto you my friends, Be not afraid of them that kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do.
- 5 But I will forewarn you whom ye shall fear: Fear him, which after he hath killed hath power to cast into hell; yea, I say unto you, Fear him.

Luke 12:4-5

³ So Jonah arose, and went unto Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceeding great city of three days' journey.

Jonah 3:3

⁴ And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown".

Jonah 3:4

- Jonah preaches of the coming judgment
- 'Forty days' 'Nineveh' 'Overthrown'
- The same in Hebrew / Assyrian

Judgment To Come

- 24 And after certain days, when Felix came with his wife Drusilla, which was a Jewess, he sent for Paul, and heard him concerning the faith in Christ.
- 25 And as he reasoned of righteousness, temperance, and judgment to come **Felix trembled**

Acts 24:24-25

C. H. Spurgeon

“God has appointed a day in which He will judge the world, and we sigh and cry until it shall end the reign of wickedness, and give rest to the oppressed. Brethren, we must preach the coming of the Lord, and preach it somewhat more than we have done; because it is the driving power of the gospel.”

To many have kept back these truths, and thus the bone has been taken out of the arm of the gospel. Its point has been broken; its edge has been blunted.”

C. H. Spurgeon

“The doctrine of judgment to come is the power by which men are to be stirred.

There is another life; the Lord will come a second time; judgment will arrive; the wrath of God will be revealed.

Where this is not preached, I am bold to say the gospel is not preached”

Jonah's 21st Century Message

- People of Nineveh – God loves you!
- You have a God shaped hole in your heart!
- Believe in the God of Israel and you will have peace, joy & lasting happiness!
- God has a wonderful plan for your life!

Jonah's Emergent Message

- People of Nineveh – God loves you!
- You don't have a sin problem, it's a self-esteem problem!
- If you call God 'Dagon', that's fine with us! As long as you're sincere, worship the way you feel comfortable
- We need to work together to tackle the social problems – combine our resources!
- Let's not get bogged down with doctrine; we need to reinterpret our beliefs to make them inclusive
- We reject fundamentalism of any kind, it's divisive!
– we're all going to the same place after all!

A. W. Pink

“The unsaved today are in no condition for the gospel till the Law be applied to their hearts, for ‘by the Law is the knowledge of sin’. It is a waste of time to sow seed on ground which has never been ploughed or spaded!”



C. H. Spurgeon

“One other reason why this soil was so uncongenial was that it was totally unprepared for the seed. There had been no ploughing before the seed was sown, and no harrowing afterwards. He that sows without a plough may reap without a sickle. He who preaches the gospel without preaching the Law may hold all the results of it in his hand, and there will be little for him to hold”.

Why Was the Law Given?

- 19 Now we know that what things soever the law saith, it saith to them who are under the law: that every mouth may be stopped, and all the world may become guilty before God.
- 20 Therefore by the deeds of the law there shall no flesh be justified in his sight: for by the law is the knowledge of sin.

Romans 3:19-20

Why Was the Law Given?

7b I had not known sin, but by the law

Romans 7:7b

Why Was the Law Given?

20a Moreover the law entered, that the offence might abound....

Romans 5:20a

The Law Magnifies Sin



The Coming Judgment

- 30 And the times of this ignorance God winked at; but now commandeth all men every where to repent:
- 31 Because he hath appointed a day, in the which he will judge the world in righteousness by that man whom he hath ordained; whereof he hath given assurance unto all men, in that he hath raised him from the dead.

Acts 17:30-31

Paris Reidhead

If I had my way, I would declare a moratorium on public preaching of "the plan of salvation" in America for one to two years. Then I would call on everyone who has the use of the airwaves and the pulpits, to preach the holiness of God, the righteousness of God and the law of God, until sinners would cry out, "What must we do to be saved?" Then I would take them off in a corner and whisper the Gospel to them. Such drastic action is needed because we have gospel-hardened a generation of sinners by telling them how to be saved before they have any understanding why they need to be saved.

- Finding the Reality of God, pg. 54.

⁴ And Jonah began to enter into the city a day's journey, and he cried, and said, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown".

Jonah 3:4

A Sign

- 29 And when the people were gathered thick together, he began to say, This is an evil generation: they seek a sign; and there shall no sign be given it, but the sign of Jonah the prophet.
- 30 For as Jonah was a sign unto the Ninevites, so shall also the Son of man be to this generation.

Luke 11:29-30

Dagon – The Fish God!



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Jonah 3:4

40 Days in the Bible

(Time of testing)

- 40 days of rain in the flood (Gen 7)
- 40 days of mourning when Jacob died (Gen 50)
- Moses was up the mountain 40 days (Ex 24)
- 40 days of spying out the land (Num 13)
- 40 days Goliath presented himself (1 Sam 17)
- Elijah sustained 40 days on 1 meal (1 Kings 19)
- Jesus was 40 days in the wilderness (Matt 4)

5 So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

6 For **word came** unto the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid his robe from him, and covered him with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

Jonah 3:5-6

7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste any thing: let them not feed, nor drink water:

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily unto God: yea, let them turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in their hands.

Jonah 3:5-6

⁹ Who can tell if God will turn and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we perish not?

¹⁰ And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God **repented of** the evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.

Jonah 3:5-6

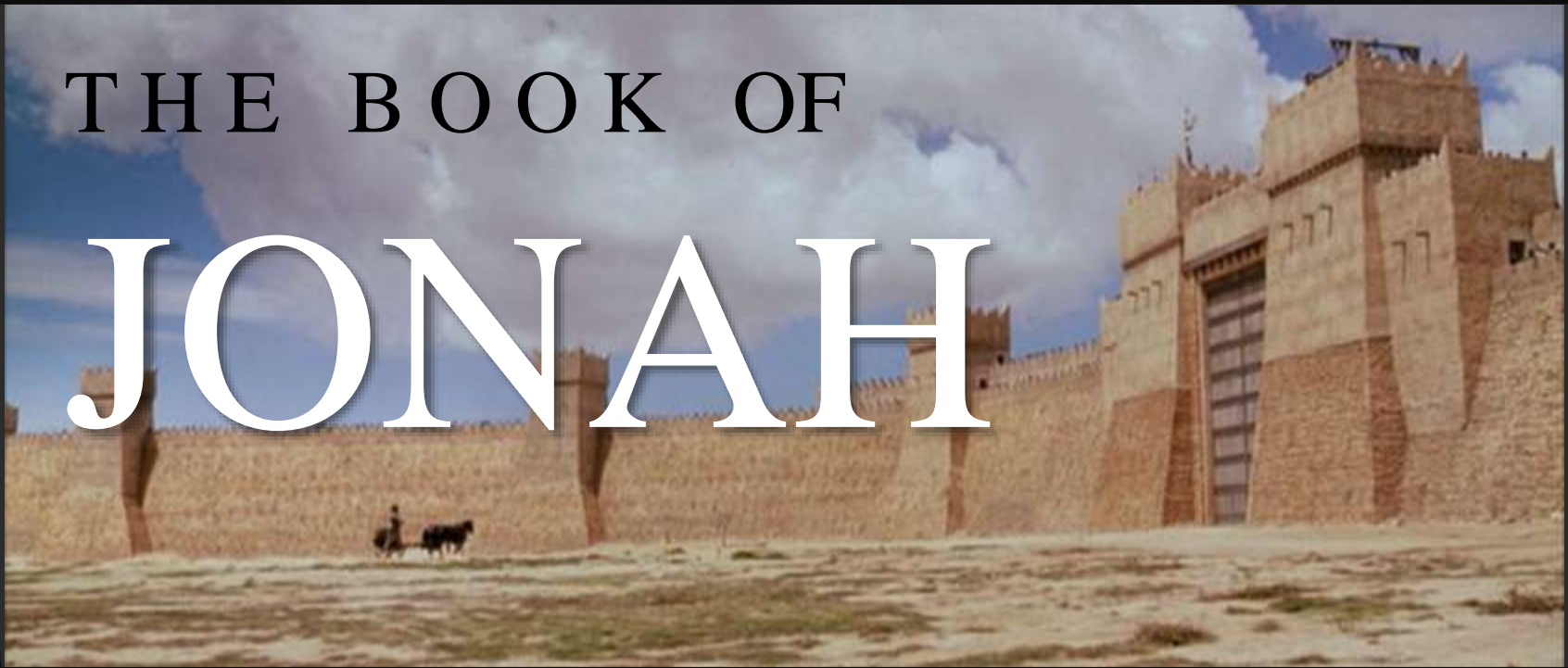
Hebrew: *nacham* (*naw-kham'*); to sigh, i.e. breathe strongly;

“God breathed a sigh of relief”



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• Chapter 4

– The Short-Sighted Prophet

¹ But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

² And he prayed unto the LORD, and said, I pray thee, O LORD, was not this my saying, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before unto Tarshish: for I knew that thou art a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repentest thee of the evil.

Jonah 4:1-2

- He complains of the very mercy that had given him a second chance!
- It is hard to see the end from where we are
- It is a matter of trust

³ Therefore now, O LORD, take, I beseech thee, my life from me; for it is better for me to die than to live.

Jonah 4:3

- How can he return home to Israel with the news that, because of his preaching, God has spared their enemies?
- Jonah is broken hearted at the prospect of what is coming
- Yet what a message this should have been for Israel – themselves given over to idolatry!
- If God had spared the Gentiles, He might also spare them!

A Sign to Israel?

¹¹ I say then, Have they stumbled that they should fall? God forbid: but rather through their fall salvation is come unto the Gentiles, for to provoke them to jealousy.

Romans 11:11

4 Then said the LORD, Doest thou well to be angry?

Jonah 4:4

- Whenever God asks us a question, it's not because He is looking for information!
- We are quick to react, slower to muse!

Potter & Clay

- 33 O the depth of the riches both of the wisdom and knowledge of God! how unsearchable are his judgments, and his ways past finding out!
- 34 For who hath known the mind of the Lord? or who hath been his counsellor?

Rom 11:33-34

Potter & Clay

- 20 Nay but, O man, who art thou that repliest against God? Shall the thing formed say to him that formed it, Why hast thou made me thus?
- 21 Hath not the potter power over the clay, of the same lump to make one vessel unto honour, and another unto dishonour?
- 22 What if God, willing to shew his wrath, and to make his power known, endured with much longsuffering the vessels of wrath fitted to destruction:

Rom 9:20-24

Potter & Clay

- 23 And that he might make known the riches of his glory on the vessels of mercy, which he had afore prepared unto glory,
- 24 Even us, whom he hath called, not of the Jews only, but also of the Gentiles?

Rom 9:20-24

Potter & Clay

“The idea is not that we do work for God, but that we are so loyal to Him that He can do His work through us – ‘I reckon on you for extreme service, with no complaining on your part and no explanation on mine’. God wants to use us as He used His own Son.”

– Oswald Chambers

5 So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made him a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, till he might see what would become of the city.

6 And the LORD God prepared a gourd, and made it to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceeding glad of the gourd.

Jonah 4:5-6

⁷ But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it smote the gourd that it withered.

⁸ And it came to pass, when the sun did arise, that God prepared a vehement east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, It is better for me to die than to live.

Jonah 4:5-6

Lessons From The External

- God prepared a great fish
- God prepared a gourd
- God prepared a worm
- God prepared a vehement wind
- Heb: מְנָה mî-nâh, maw-naw
– ‘Appointed’
- When things happen that seem unusual, stop and ask if God trying to get your attention. (Ref: Samuel & Eli)

Lessons From The External

28 And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.

Rom 8:28

- We know this is true...
- Right up to the point it happens to us!
- Then we doubt and question God!

⁹ And God said to Jonah, Doest thou well to be angry for the gourd? And he said, I do well to be angry, even unto death.

¹⁰ Then said the LORD, Thou hast had pity on the gourd, for the which thou hast not laboured, neither madest it grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:

Jonah 4:9-10

¹¹ And should not I spare Nineveh, that great city, wherein are more than sixscore thousand persons that cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?

Jonah 4:11

- 120,000 Children
- Jonah is humbled
- He leaves us this record

THE BOOK OF

JONAH

Models & Types

Jonah as a type of Christ

- Jonah loved his own people
- His own people had rejected God
- Jonah gave his own life to save Israel
- He was in the grave for 3 days & 3 nights
- After he 'rose' the message of God's coming judgment and salvation through faith went to the gentiles

Jonah as a type of Israel

- Called to be a witness to Gentiles
- Disobeyed and rejected the Lord
- Cast into the sea of nations & consumed
- Cried to the Lord from the depths
- Miraculously given life again
- Eventually to become a witness to the Gentiles

Jonah as a type of Us

- We were called by God
- We ran away from His voice
- We went down to the depths & cry out to God
- He puts a new song in our mouths
- We are given a 2nd chance & new life
- We are commissioned to witness of the coming judgement
- God allows us to go through windstorms to show where our heart is
- He labours & causes to grow all those He loves

Jonah as a type of Us

- A model of life
 - *Running from God*
 - *Repentance*
 - *Revival*
 - *The Struggle – learning to submit to the will of God*

Conclusion:

⁷ Some trust in chariots, and some in horses: but we will remember the name of the LORD our God.

Psalm 20:7

Conclusion:

¹⁵ Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him:

Job 13:15

Conclusion:

- 5 Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.
- 6 In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

Proverbs 3:5-6



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