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Message Eight

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Scripture Reading: Jonah 1:1-2, 17; 2:10; 3:2; 4:11; Matt. 12:38-41

Outline

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壹 約拿是申言者，豫表在死、埋葬和復活裏的基督，就是更大的約拿——拿一 17，二 10，太十二 38～41：

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一 基督藉着祂在十字架上的死，把死廢掉，並廢除那掌死權的魔鬼——提後一 10，來二 14：

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來 2:14 兒女既有血肉之體，祂也照樣親自分於血肉之體，為要藉著死，廢除那掌死權的，就是魔鬼，

1 基督把死廢掉，使之歸於無有，廢掉、消除並取消它——提後一 10。

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will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something more than Jonah is here.

I. As a prophet, Jonah is a type of Christ, the greater Jonah, in His death, burial, and resurrection—Jonah 1:17; 2:10; Matt. 12:38-41:

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A. *Through His death on the cross Christ nullified death and destroyed the devil, who has the might of death—2 Tim. 1:10; Heb. 2:14:*

2 Tim 1:10 But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

Heb 2:14 Since therefore the children have shared in blood and flesh, He also Himself in like manner partook of the same, that through death He might destroy him who has the might of death, that is, the devil,

1. Christ nullified death, bringing it to naught, doing away with it, abolishing it, annulling it—2 Tim. 1:10.

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2 在創世記三章十五節，神應許女人的後裔要傷蛇的頭；及至時候滿足，神的兒子就為童女所生，來成為肉體，好在十字架上廢除魔鬼，使他歸於無有一羅八3，加四4，約三14，十二31。

創 3:15 我又要叫你 and 女人彼此為仇，你的後裔和女人的後裔也彼此為仇；女人的後裔要傷你的頭，你要傷他的腳跟。

羅 8:3 律法因肉體而軟弱，有所不能的，神，既在罪之肉體的樣式裏，並為著罪，差來了自己的兒子，就在肉體中定罪了罪，

加 4:4 及至時候滿足，神就差出祂的兒子，由女子所生，且生在律法以下，

約 3:14 摩西在曠野怎樣舉蛇，人子也必照樣被舉起來，

約 12:31 現在這世界受審判，這世界的王要被趕出去。

3 在基督十字架的工作裏，神得以將執政的和掌權的脫下，把他們公然示眾，並仗着十字架在凱旋中向他們誇勝一西二15。

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4 馬太二十七章五十一至五十三節描述主那廢除魔鬼之釘死的功效：

太 27:51 看哪，殿裏的幔子從上到下裂為兩半；地就震動，磐石也崩裂；

太 27:52 墳墓也開了，已睡聖徒的身體，多有起來的。

Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

2. In Genesis 3:15 God promised that the seed of the woman would bruise the head of the serpent; in the fullness of the time the Son of God came to become flesh by being born of a virgin so that on the cross He might destroy the devil, bringing him to naught—Rom. 8:3; Gal. 4:4; John 3:14; 12:31.

Gen 3:15 And I will put enmity / Between you and the woman / And between your seed and her seed; / He will bruise you on the head, / But you will bruise him on the heel.

Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

Gal 4:4 But when the fullness of the time came, God sent forth His Son, born of a woman, born under law,

John 3:14 And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

3. In His work on the cross Christ caused the rulers and the authorities to be stripped off, to be made a display of openly, and to be triumphed over in the cross by God—Col. 2:15.

Col 2:15 Stripping off the rulers and the authorities, He made a display of them openly, triumphing over them in it.

4. Matthew 27:51-53 describes the effectiveness of the Lord's devil-destroying crucifixion:

Matt 27:51 And behold, the veil of the temple was split in two from top to bottom, and the earth was shaken and the rocks were split,

Matt 27:52 And the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised.

太 27:53 到耶穌復活以後，他們從墳墓裏出來，進了聖城，向許多人顯現。

a 『殿裏的幔子從上到下裂為兩半；』（51上；）這表徵神與人之間間隔除去了，因為基督所取罪之肉體（由幔子所象徵）的樣式，（羅八3，）已經釘在十字架上。（來十20。）

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來 10:20 是藉著祂給我們開創了一條又新又活的路，從幔子經過，這幔子就是祂的肉體，

b 『地就震動；』（太二七51中；）這表徵撒但背叛的根基動搖了。

c 『磐石也崩裂；』（51下；）這表徵撒但屬地之國的營壘崩潰了。

d 『墳墓也開了；』（52上；）這表徵死亡和陰間的權力已被勝過並征服了。

e 『已睡聖徒的身體，多有起來的；』（52下；）這表徵基督之死釋放人的能力。

二 基督埋葬後，在那作祂神性的靈裏，到那些監獄裏的靈（背叛的天使）那裏去宣揚神的得勝，就是神藉著祂在基督裏的成為肉體，以及基督在肉體裏的死，勝過了撒但阻撓神聖計畫的詭計——彼前三18～19，太十二40，弗四9：

彼前 3:18 因基督也曾一次為罪受死，就是義的代替不義的，為要引你們到神面前；在肉體裏祂被治死，在靈裏祂卻活著；

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太 27:53 And they came out of the tombs after His resurrection and entered into the holy city and appeared to many.

a. “The veil of the temple was split in two from top to bottom” (v. 51a); this signifies that the separation between God and man has been abolished because the flesh of sin (the flesh being signified by the veil) taken by Christ in its likeness (Rom. 8:3) has been crucified (Heb. 10:20).

Rom 8:3 For that which the law could not do, in that it was weak through the flesh, God, sending His own Son in the likeness of the flesh of sin and concerning sin, condemned sin in the flesh,

Heb 10:20 Which entrance He initiated for us as a new and living way through the veil, that is, His flesh,

b. “The earth was shaken” (Matt. 27:51b); this signifies that the base of Satan's rebellion was shaken.

c. “The rocks were split” (v. 51c); this signifies that the strongholds of Satan's earthly kingdom were broken.

d. “The tombs were opened” (v. 52a); this signifies that the power of death and Hades was conquered and subdued.

e. “Many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised” (v. 52b); this signifies the releasing power of the death of Christ.

B. After Christ was buried, He went in the Spirit as His divinity to the spirits in prison (the rebellious angels) to proclaim God's victory, through His incarnation in Christ and Christ's death in the flesh, over Satan's scheme to derange the divine plan—1 Pet. 3:18-19; Matt. 12:40; Eph. 4:9:

1 Pet 3:18 For Christ also has suffered once for sins, the Righteous on behalf of the unrighteous, that He might bring you to God, on the one hand being put to death in the flesh, but on the other, made alive in the spirit;

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弗 4:9 (若非祂也曾降到地的低下之處，『祂升上』是甚麼意思？

1 當主耶穌在肉體裏被治死，那作祂神性的靈反倒因着生命的新能力得以活潑的活着，以致在祂死後並祂復活以前，祂在這得了加力的靈裏，傳道給墮落的天使聽—彼前三 18 ~ 19。

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彼前 3:19 在這靈裏，祂也曾去向那些在監獄裏的靈，

2 基督宣揚神所成功的得勝，就是神藉着基督十字架的死毀壞了撒但，和他黑暗的權勢—約十二 31，西二 15，來二 14。

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三復活的基督是那活着的；祂『直活到永永遠遠』，並且拿着『死亡和陰間的鑰匙』—啟一 18：

啟 1:18 又是那活著的；我曾死過，看哪，現在又活了，直活到永永遠遠，並且拿著死亡和陰間的鑰匙。

1 主耶穌進入死裏，但死亡不能拘禁祂，因為祂乃是復活；基督死過，但祂這活着的，在復活裏要存到永永遠遠—徒二 24，約十一 25。

徒 2:24 神卻將死的痛苦解除，叫祂復活了，因為祂不能被死拘禁。

約 11:25 耶穌對她說，我是復活，我是生命；信入我的人，雖然死了，也必復活；

Eph 4:9 (Now this, "He ascended," what is it except that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

1. While the Lord Jesus was being put to death in the flesh, His Spirit as His divinity was made alive, enlivened, with new power of life, so that in this empowered Spirit He made proclamation to the fallen angels after His death and before His resurrection—1 Pet. 3:18-19.

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2. Christ proclaimed the victory achieved by God, that is, that through Christ's death on the cross God destroyed Satan and his power of darkness—John 12:31; Col. 2:15; Heb. 2:14.

John 12:31 Now is the judgment of this world; now shall the ruler of this world be cast out.

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C. The resurrected Christ is the living One; He is "living forever and ever" and has "the keys of death and of Hades"—Rev. 1:18:

Rev 1:18 And the living One; and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and ever; and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

1. The Lord Jesus entered into death, but death could not hold Him, because He is the resurrection; Christ died, but in resurrection He, the living One, will exist forever and ever—Acts 2:24; John 11:25.

Acts 2:24 Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

John 11:25 Jesus said to her, I am the resurrection and the life; he who believes into Me, even if he should die, shall live;

2 基督的復活是祂勝過了死、撒但、陰間和墳墓，如今死亡和陰間的鑰匙在祂手中；死亡受祂的支配，陰間也在祂的控制之下——啟 1:18。

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3 今天在召會生活裏，我們不再受死亡和陰間的支配，因為基督在十字架上廢掉了死，並在祂的復活裏勝過了陰間——提後 1:10，徒 2:24。

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四 神所賜的獨一神蹟乃是『申言者約拿的神蹟』——釘死並復活之基督的神蹟——太 12:38 ~ 41：

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1 申言者約拿在大魚腹中三日，出來後成了那世代叫人悔改的神蹟——拿 2, 17, 三 2 ~ 10。

拿 1:2 你起來往尼尼微大城去，向那城的居民呼喊，因為他們的惡已經達到我面前。

2. Christ's resurrection was His victory over death, Satan, Hades, and the grave, and the keys of death and of Hades are now in His hand; death is subject to Him, and Hades is under His control—Rev. 1:18.

Rev 1:18 And the living One; and I became dead, and behold, I am living forever and ever; and I have the keys of death and of Hades.

3. In the church life today we are no longer subject to death and Hades, for Christ nullified death on the cross and overcame Hades in His resurrection—2 Tim. 1:10; Acts 2:24.

2 Tim 1:10 But now has been manifested through the appearing of our Savior Christ Jesus, who nullified death and brought life and incorruption to light through the gospel,

Acts 2:24 Whom God has raised up, having loosed the pangs of death, since it was not possible for Him to be held by it.

D. The unique sign given by God is “the sign of Jonah the prophet”—the sign of the crucified and resurrected Christ—Matt. 12:38-41:

Matt 12:38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying, Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.

Matt 12:39 But He answered and said to them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and a sign shall not be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

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Matt 12:41 Ninevite men will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something more than Jonah is here.

1. After the prophet Jonah was in the belly of the great fish for three days, he came out to become a sign to that generation for repentance—Jonah 1:2, 17; 3:2-10.

Jonah 1:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry out against it, for their evil has come up before Me.

拿 1:17 耶和華安排一條大魚吞了約拿，約拿在魚腹中三日三夜。

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拿 3:3 約拿便照耶和華的話起來，往尼尼微去。這尼尼微是極大的城，要三日纔能走完。

拿 3:4 約拿進城走了一日，宣告說，再等四十日，尼尼微必傾覆了！

拿 3:5 尼尼微人信服神，便宣告禁食，從最大的到至小的都穿上麻衣。

拿 3:6 這話傳到尼尼微王那裏，他就從寶座上起來，脫下朝服，披上麻布，坐在爐灰中。

拿 3:7 他又發出通告，使人在尼尼微城，憑王和大臣之令宣告說，人和牲畜、牛羊，都不可嘗甚麼；不可喫甚麼，也不可喝水。

拿 3:8 人與牲畜都當披上麻布，人要切切呼求神。各人要回轉，離開惡的行徑，丟棄手中的強暴。

拿 3:9 或者神轉意後悔，不發烈怒，使我們不至滅亡，也未可知。

拿 3:10 於是神察看他們所作的，見他們回轉，離開惡的行徑，他就後悔，不把所說的災禍降與他們了。

2 約拿豫表基督要從以色列人轉向外邦人，並要埋在地心裏三日三夜，然後復活，成了這世代叫人得救的神蹟——太 12:40～41。

太 12:40 因為約拿怎樣三日三夜在大魚腹中，人子也必照樣三日三夜在地心裏。

Jonah 1:17 And Jehovah prepared a great fish to swallow Jonah up, and Jonah was in the stomach of the fish for three days and three nights.

Jonah 3:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city; and proclaim to it the proclamation that I will speak to you.

Jonah 3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of Jehovah. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three days' journey in size.

Jonah 3:4 And Jonah began to go through the city a day's journey and cried out and said, Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overturned!

Jonah 3:5 And the men of Nineveh believed God, and they proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

Jonah 3:6 And the word reached the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne and put away his majestic clothes from him and covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.

Jonah 3:7 And he issued a proclamation and declared in Nineveh by the decree of the king and his great men, saying, Let neither man nor beast nor herd nor flock taste anything; let them not feed, nor let them drink water.

Jonah 3:8 And let man and beast be covered in sackcloth, and let them call to God strongly. And let each turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.

Jonah 3:9 Who knows whether God will turn and repent, and will turn from His burning anger so that we do not perish?

Jonah 3:10 And God saw their deeds, that they turned from their evil way, and God repented for the evil that He said He would do to them; and He did not do it.

2. Jonah is a type of Christ, who would turn from Israel to the Gentiles and who would be buried in the heart of the earth for three days and three nights and then be resurrected, becoming a sign to this generation for salvation—Matt. 12:40-41.

Matt 12:40 For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.

大 12:41 在審判的時候，尼尼微人要同這世代站起來，並要定這世代的罪，因為他們聽了約拿所傳揚的，就悔改了。看哪，在這裏有比約拿更大的。

3 基督這位比約拿更大的，在復活裏乃是今天獨一的神蹟—38～41 節。

大 12:38 當時有幾個經學家和法利賽人應聲對耶穌說，夫子，我們願意你顯個神蹟給我們看。

大 12:39 耶穌回答他們說，邪惡淫亂的世代尋求神蹟，除了申言者約拿的神蹟以外，再沒有神蹟給它。

大 12:40 因為約拿怎樣三日三夜在大魚腹中，人子也必照樣三日三夜在地心裏。

大 12:41 在審判的時候，尼尼微人要同這世代站起來，並要定這世代的罪，因為他們聽了約拿所傳揚的，就悔改了。看哪，在這裏有比約拿更大的。

貳 三 2：約拿豫表傳和平福音的基督—拿—1～2，

拿 1:1 耶和華的話臨到亞米太的兒子約拿，說，

拿 1:2 你起來往尼尼微大城去，向那城的居民呼喊，因為他們的惡已經達到我面前。

拿 3:2 起來，往尼尼微大城去，向那城的居民宣告我所要吩咐你宣告的話。

一 『約拿』這名字，希伯來原文意『鴿子』，指明神要約拿像鴿子出去，傳和平為福音；因此，約拿豫表向外邦人傳和平福音的基督—太十二41。

大 12:41 在審判的時候，尼尼微人要同這世代站起來，並要定這世代的罪，因為他們聽了約拿所傳揚的，就悔改了。看哪，在這裏有比約拿更大的。

Matt 12:41 Ninevite men will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something more than Jonah is here.

3. As the One greater than Jonah, Christ in resurrection is the unique sign for today—vv. 38-41.

Matt 12:38 Then some of the scribes and Pharisees answered Him, saying, Teacher, we want to see a sign from You.

Matt 12:39 But He answered and said to them, An evil and adulterous generation seeks after a sign, and a sign shall not be given to it except the sign of Jonah the prophet.

Matt 12:40 For just as Jonah was in the belly of the great fish three days and three nights, so will the Son of Man be in the heart of the earth three days and three nights.

Matt 12:41 Ninevite men will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something more than Jonah is here.

II. Jonah is a type of Christ announcing the gospel of peace—Jonah 1:1-2; 3:2:

Jonah 1:1 Now the word of Jehovah came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

Jonah 1:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry out against it, for their evil has come up before Me.

Jonah 3:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city; and proclaim to it the proclamation that I will speak to you.

A. In Hebrew the name Jonah means “dove,” indicating that God wanted Jonah to go out like a dove to preach the gospel of peace; thus, Jonah typifies Christ preaching the gospel of peace to the Gentiles—Matt. 12:41.

Matt 12:41 Ninevite men will stand up in the judgment with this generation and will condemn it, because they repented at the preaching of Jonah, and behold, something more than Jonah is here.

二 基督自己就是和平，祂在十字架上成就了和平，又在復活裏來傳和平為福音——弗二 13～17。

弗 2:13 但如今在基督耶穌裏，你們這從前遠離的人，靠著基督的血，已經得親近了。

弗 2:14 因祂自己是我們的和平，將兩下作成一個，拆毀了中間隔斷的牆，就是仇恨，

弗 2:15 在祂的肉體裏，廢掉了那規條中誠命的律法，好把兩下在祂自己裏面，創造成一個新人，成就了和平；

弗 2:16 既用十字架除滅了仇恨，便藉這十字架，使兩下在一個身體裏與神和好；

弗 2:17 又來傳和平為福音，給你們這遠離的人，也傳和平為福音，給那相近的人，

三 基督在復活裏從陰間出來；並且在復活裏，祂成了賜生命的靈，為着使福音能傳揚、開展到外邦列國，如在使徒行傳所看到的一二 27 上，弗四 9，林前十五 45 下。

徒 2:27 上因你必不將我的魂撇在陰間，...

弗 4:9（若非祂也曾降到地的低下之處，『祂升上』是甚麼意思？

林前 15:45 下 ...末後的亞當成了賜生命的靈。

四 基督這更大的約拿在祂的復活裏，為着祂的繁殖，豫備並囑咐門徒傳揚福音，使萬民作主的門徒，使召會得以產生——太二 18～19，可十六 15，路二 46～48。

太 28:18 耶穌進前來，對他們說，天上地上所有的權柄，都賜給我了。

太 28:19 所以你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒，將他們浸入父、子、聖靈的名裏，

B. Christ Himself is peace, on the cross Christ made peace, and in resurrection Christ came to announce peace as the gospel—Eph. 2:13-17.

Eph 2:13 But now in Christ Jesus you who were once far off have become near in the blood of Christ.

Eph 2:14 For He Himself is our peace, He who has made both one and has broken down the middle wall of partition, the enmity,

Eph 2:15 Abolishing in His flesh the law of the commandments in ordinances, that He might create the two in Himself into one new man, so making peace,

Eph 2:16 And might reconcile both in one Body to God through the cross, having slain the enmity by it.

Eph 2:17 And coming, He announced peace as the gospel to you who were far off, and peace to those who were near,

C. Christ came forth from Hades in resurrection, and in resurrection He became the life-giving Spirit for the preaching, the spreading, of the gospel to all the Gentile nations, as seen in the book of Acts—2:27a; Eph. 4:9; 1 Cor. 15:45b.

Acts 2:27a Because You will not abandon my soul to Hades, ...

Eph 4:9 (Now this, "He ascended," what is it except that He also descended into the lower parts of the earth?

1 Cor 15:45b ... the last Adam became a life-giving Spirit.

D. In His resurrection Christ, as the greater Jonah, prepared and charged His disciples to preach the gospel and disciple the nations for His propagation so that the church may be produced—Matt. 28:18-19; Mark 16:15; Luke 24:46-48.

Matt 28:18 And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth.

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

可 16:15 祂又對他們說，你們往普天下去，向一切受造之物傳揚福音。

路 24:46 又對他們說，經上這樣記著：基督要受害，第三日從死人中復活；

路 24:47 並且人要靠著祂的名，傳悔改以得赦罪之道，從耶路撒冷起，直到萬邦。

路 24:48 你們就是這些事的見證人。

叁 約拿書特別指明，神不是僅屬某一班人的神；祂乃是所有人的神——二，四 11，羅 3：29：

拿 1:2 你起來往尼尼微大城去，向那城的居民呼喊，因為他們的惡已經達到我面前。

拿 4:11 何況這尼尼微大城，其中不能分辨右手和左手的有十二萬多人，並有許多牲畜，我豈能不憐惜呢？

羅 3:29 難道神只是猶太人的神麼？不也是外邦人的麼？是的，也是外邦人的；

一 猶太人認為自己是神惟一的子民；他們認為自己是長子，有權利先享受神所有的一切——出 4：22，路 15：11～32。

出 4:22 你要對法老說，耶和華這樣說，以色列是我的兒子，我的長子。

路 15:11 耶穌又說，一個人有兩個兒子。

路 15:12 小的對父親說，父親，請把歸我的那一分家產給我。他父親就把產業分給他們。

路 15:13 過了不多幾日，小兒子就收拾一切，起身往遠方去了，在那裏生活放蕩，揮霍家產。

Mark 16:15 And He said to them, Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all the creation.

Luke 24:46 And He said to them, Thus it is written, that the Christ would suffer and rise up from the dead on the third day,

Luke 24:47 And that repentance for forgiveness of sins would be proclaimed in His name to all the nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

Luke 24:48 You are witnesses of these things.

III. The book of Jonah indicates particularly that God is not the God only of a certain people; He is the God of all peoples—1:2; 4:11; Rom. 3:29:

Jonah 1:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry out against it, for their evil has come up before Me.

Jonah 4:11 And I, should I not have pity on Nineveh, the great city, in which are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot discern between their right hand and their left, and many cattle?

Rom 3:29 Or is He the God of the Jews only? Is He not of the Gentiles also? Yes, of the Gentiles also,

A. *The Jews thought that they were the unique people of God; they considered themselves the firstborn son with the right to be the first to enjoy all that is of God—Exo. 4:22; Luke 15:11-32.*

Exo 4:22 Then you shall say to Pharaoh, Thus says Jehovah, Israel is My son, My firstborn.

Luke 15:11 And He said, A certain man had two sons.

Luke 15:12 And the younger of them said to the father, Father, give me the share of the estate that falls to me. And he distributed to them his living.

Luke 15:13 And not many days after, the younger son, having gathered everything together, went abroad to a distant country and there squandered his estate by living dissolutely.

路 15:14 既耗盡了一切，又遇著那地方大遭饑荒，就窮乏起來。

路 15:15 於是去投靠那地方的一個居民，那人打發他到自己的田裏去放豬。

路 15:16 他恨不得拿豬所喫的豆莢充飢，也沒有人給他。

路 15:17 他醒悟過來，就說，我父親有多少的雇工，口糧有餘，我倒在這裏餓死麼？

路 15:18 我要起來，到我父親那裏去，向他說，父親，我犯罪得罪了天，並得罪了你。

路 15:19 我不配再稱為你的兒子，把我當作一個雇工罷。

路 15:20 於是起來往他父親那裏去。相離還遠，他父親看見，就動了慈心，跑去抱著他的頸項，熱切的與他親嘴。

路 15:21 兒子說，父親，我犯罪得罪了天，並得罪了你。我不配再稱為你的兒子。

路 15:22 父親卻吩咐奴僕說，快把那上好的袍子拿出來給他穿，把戒指戴在他手上，把鞋穿在他腳上，

路 15:23 把那肥牛犢牽來宰了，讓我們喫喝快樂。

路 15:24 因為我這個兒子是死而復活，失而又得的。他們就快樂起來。

路 15:25 那時，大兒子正在田裏。他回來，離家不遠，聽見作樂跳舞的聲音，

路 15:26 便叫過一個僕人來，查問是甚麼事。

路 15:27 僕人說，你兄弟來了，你父親因為得他無災無

路 15:14 And when he had spent all, a severe famine occurred throughout that country, and he began to be in want.

路 15:15 And he went and joined himself to one of the citizens of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed hogs.

路 15:16 And he longed to be satisfied with the carob pods which the hogs were eating, and no one gave him anything.

路 15:17 But when he came to himself, he said, How many of my father's hired servants abound in bread, but I am perishing here in famine!

路 15:18 I will rise up and go to my father, and I will say to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you.

路 15:19 I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.

路 15:20 And he rose up and came to his own father. But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was moved with compassion, and he ran and fell on his neck and kissed him affectionately.

路 15:21 And the son said to him, Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.

路 15:22 But the father said to his slaves, Bring out quickly the best robe and put it on him, and put a ring on his hand and sandals on his feet.

路 15:23 And bring the fattened calf; slaughter it, and let us eat and be merry,

路 15:24 Because this son of mine was dead and lives again; he was lost and has been found. And they began to be merry.

路 15:25 Now his older son was in the field. And as he came and drew near to the house, he heard music and dancing,

路 15:26 And calling to him one of the servants, he inquired what these things might be.

路 15:27 And he said to him, Your brother has come, and your father has

病的回來，把肥牛犢宰了。

路 15:28 大兒子就生氣，不肯進去，他父親就出來勸他。

路 15:29 他對父親說，看哪，我像奴僕服事你這麼多年，從來沒有違背過你的命令，你並沒有給我一隻山羊羔，叫我和朋友一同快樂。

路 15:30 但你這個兒子，和娼妓吞盡了你的產業，他來了，你倒為他宰了肥牛犢。

路 15:31 父親對他說，孩子，你始終和我同在，我一切所有的都是你的。

路 15:32 只是你這個兄弟是死而復活，失而又得的，所以我們理當歡喜快樂。

二 因着猶太人對神錯誤的反應，反而是外邦人，而不是猶太人，成了首先在神救恩中享受神的人—太二—28～32，徒十三45～48，羅十一—11，17，25。

太 21:28 你們怎麼看？一個人有兩個孩子，他來對大的說，孩子，你今天到葡萄園裏去作工。

太 21:29 他回答說，我不去；後來懊悔，就去了。

太 21:30 又來對另一個也這樣說，他回答說，主阿，我去；卻沒有去。

太 21:31 兩個當中，那一個完成了父親的心意？他們說，大的。耶穌對他們說，我實在告訴你們，稅吏和娼妓要在你們以前進神的國。

太 21:32 因為約翰在義路中來到你們這裏，你們不信他，稅吏和娼妓倒信他。你們看見了，後來還是不悔改去信他。

徒 13:45 但猶太人看見群眾，就充滿嫉妒，硬駁保羅所

slaughtered the fattened calf because he has received him back healthy.

Luke 15:28 But he became angry and was not willing to enter. And his father came out and entreated him.

Luke 15:29 But he answered and said to his father, Behold, so many years I have been slaving for you and have never neglected a command of yours, and you have never given me a goat that I might be merry with my friends;

Luke 15:30 But when this son of yours came, who devoured your living with harlots, you slaughtered for him the fattened calf.

Luke 15:31 And he said to him, Child, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours.

Luke 15:32 But we had to be merry and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life, and he was lost and has been found.

B. *Because the Jews responded to God wrongly, the Gentiles, not the Jews, became the first to enjoy God in His salvation—Matt. 21:18-32; Acts 13:45-48; Rom. 11:11, 17, 25.*

Matt 21:28 But what do you think? A man had two children. And he came to his first son and said, Child, go today and work in the vineyard.

Matt 21:29 And he answered and said, I do not want to; yet later he regretted and went.

Matt 21:30 And he came to the other and said likewise. And he answered and said, I will, sir; yet he did not go.

Matt 21:31 Which of the two did the will of the father? They said, The first. Jesus said to them, Truly I say to you that the tax collectors and the harlots are going into the kingdom of God before you.

Matt 21:32 For John came to you in the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the harlots believed him. And you, when you saw it, did not later regret it to believe him.

Acts 13:45 But when the Jews saw the crowds, they were filled with jealousy and

說的話，並且毀謗。

徒 13:46 保羅和巴拿巴放膽說，神的話先講給你們聽，原是應當的；只因你們棄絕這話，斷定自己不配得永遠的生命，看哪，我們就轉向外邦人去。

徒 13:47 因為主曾這樣吩咐我們說，『我已經立你作外邦人的光，叫你施行救恩直到地極。』

徒 13:48 外邦人聽見了，就歡樂，並且榮耀主的話，凡指定得永遠生命的人都信了。

羅 11:11 這樣，我說，他們失腳是要他們跌倒麼？絕對不是！反倒因他們的過失，救恩便臨到外邦人，好惹動他們妒忌。

羅 11:17 若有幾根枝子被折下來，你這野橄欖得在其中接上去，一同有分於橄欖根的肥汁，

羅 11:25 弟兄們，我不願意你們不知道這奧祕，（恐怕你們自以為精明，）就是以色列人有幾分硬心，直到外邦人的數目添滿了，

三 約拿書指明，當神向亞述發怒時，祂向尼尼微這樣一座邪惡的大城，仍然有恩典，有憐恤——1~2，四 11。

拿 1:1 耶和華的話臨到亞米大的兒子約拿，說，

拿 1:2 你起來往尼尼微大城去，向那城的居民呼喊，因為他們的惡已經達到我面前。

拿 4:11 何況這尼尼微大城，其中不能分辨右手和左手的有十二萬多人，並有許多牲畜，我豈能不憐惜呢？

四 神的經綸就是要藉着以色列（祂受苦的子民）和列國（銷毀的蝗蟲——珥一4）來作事，好將祂的救恩延伸到地上所有

contradicted the things being spoken by Paul and blasphemed.

Acts 13:46 And Paul and Barnabas spoke boldly and said, It was necessary for the word of God to be spoken to you first. Since you thrust it away and do not judge yourselves worthy of eternal life, behold, we turn to the Gentiles.

Acts 13:47 For so the Lord has commanded us, "I have set you as a light of the Gentiles, that you would be for salvation unto the uttermost part of the earth."

Acts 13:48 And the Gentiles, hearing this, rejoiced and glorified the word of the Lord; and as many as were appointed to eternal life believed.

Rom 11:11 I say then, Have they stumbled so as to fall? Absolutely not! But by their misstep salvation has come to the Gentiles, to provoke them to jealousy.

Rom 11:17 But if some of the branches were broken off, and you, being a wild olive tree, were grafted in among them and became a fellow partaker of the root of fatness of the olive tree,

Rom 11:25 For I do not want you, brothers, to be ignorant of this mystery (lest you be wise in yourselves), that hardness has come upon Israel in part, until the fullness of the Gentiles comes in;

C. *The book of Jonah indicates that while God was angry with Assyria, He would still be gracious and compassionate toward a great and sinful city such as Nineveh—1:1-2; 4:11.*

Jonah 1:1 Now the word of Jehovah came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

Jonah 1:2 Arise, go to Nineveh, the great city, and cry out against it, for their evil has come up before Me.

Jonah 4:11 And I, should I not have pity on Nineveh, the great city, in which are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who cannot discern between their right hand and their left, and many cattle?

D. *God's economy is to do things through Israel, His suffering people, and the nations, the consuming "locusts" (Joel 1:4), to extend His salvation to all the peoples on earth—*

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Matt. 28:19; Acts 1:8; John 3:16; Rev. 22:17.

珥 1:4 剪蝗剩下的，群蝗來喫；群蝗剩下的，舔蝗來喫；
舔蝗剩下的，毀蝗來喫。

Joel 1:4 What the cutting locust has left, the swarming locust has eaten; / And what the swarming locust has left, the licking locust has eaten; / And what the licking locust has left, the consuming locust has eaten.

太 28:19 所以你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒，將他們
浸入父、子、聖靈的名裏，

Matt 28:19 Go therefore and disciple all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

徒 1:8 但聖靈降臨在你們身上，你們就必得著能力，
並要在耶路撒冷、猶太全地、撒瑪利亞，直到地極，
作我的見證人。

Acts 1:8 But you shall receive power when the Holy Spirit comes upon you, and you shall be My witnesses both in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria and unto the uttermost part of the earth.

約 3:16 神愛世人，甚至將祂的獨生子賜給他們，叫一
切信入祂的，不至滅亡，反得永遠的生命。

John 3:16 For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that everyone who believes into Him would not perish, but would have eternal life.

啓 22:17 那靈和新婦說，來！聽見的人也該說，來！口
渴的人也當來；願意的都可以白白取生命的水喝。

Rev 22:17 And the Spirit and the bride say, Come! And let him who hears say, Come! And let him who is thirsty come; let him who wills take the water of life freely.