

A Fleeing Prophet

Jonah 1:1-3

Main Point:

Christians are encouraged to disobey God in various ways.

1. By the difficulty of God's command (v.1-2)

2. By the confusion produced by disobedience (v.3a)

3. By the favorable circumstances of disobedience (v.3b)

2 Kings 14:23-27 In the fifteenth year of Amaziah the son of Joash, king of Judah, Jeroboam the son of Joash, king of Israel, became king in Samaria, *and reigned* forty-one years. **24** And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he did not depart from all the sins of Jeroboam the son of Nebat, who had made Israel sin. **25** He restored the territory of Israel from the entrance of Hamath to the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the Lord God of Israel, which He had spoken through His servant Jonah the son of Amittai, the prophet who *was* from Gath Hopher. **26** For the Lord saw *that* the affliction of Israel *was* very bitter; and whether bond or free, there was no helper for Israel. **27** And the Lord did not say that He would blot out the name of Israel from under heaven; but He saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash. (NKJV)

Nahum 3:1-5a

Woe to the bloody city!

It *is* all full of lies *and* robbery.

Its victim never departs.

2 The noise of a whip

And the noise of rattling wheels,

Of galloping horses,

Of clattering chariots!

3 Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear.

There is a multitude of slain,

A great number of bodies,

Countless corpses—

They stumble over the corpses—

4 Because of the multitude of harlotries of the seductive harlot,

The mistress of sorceries,

Who sells nations through her harlotries,

And families through her sorceries.

5a “Behold, I *am* against you,” says the Lord of hosts; (NKJV)