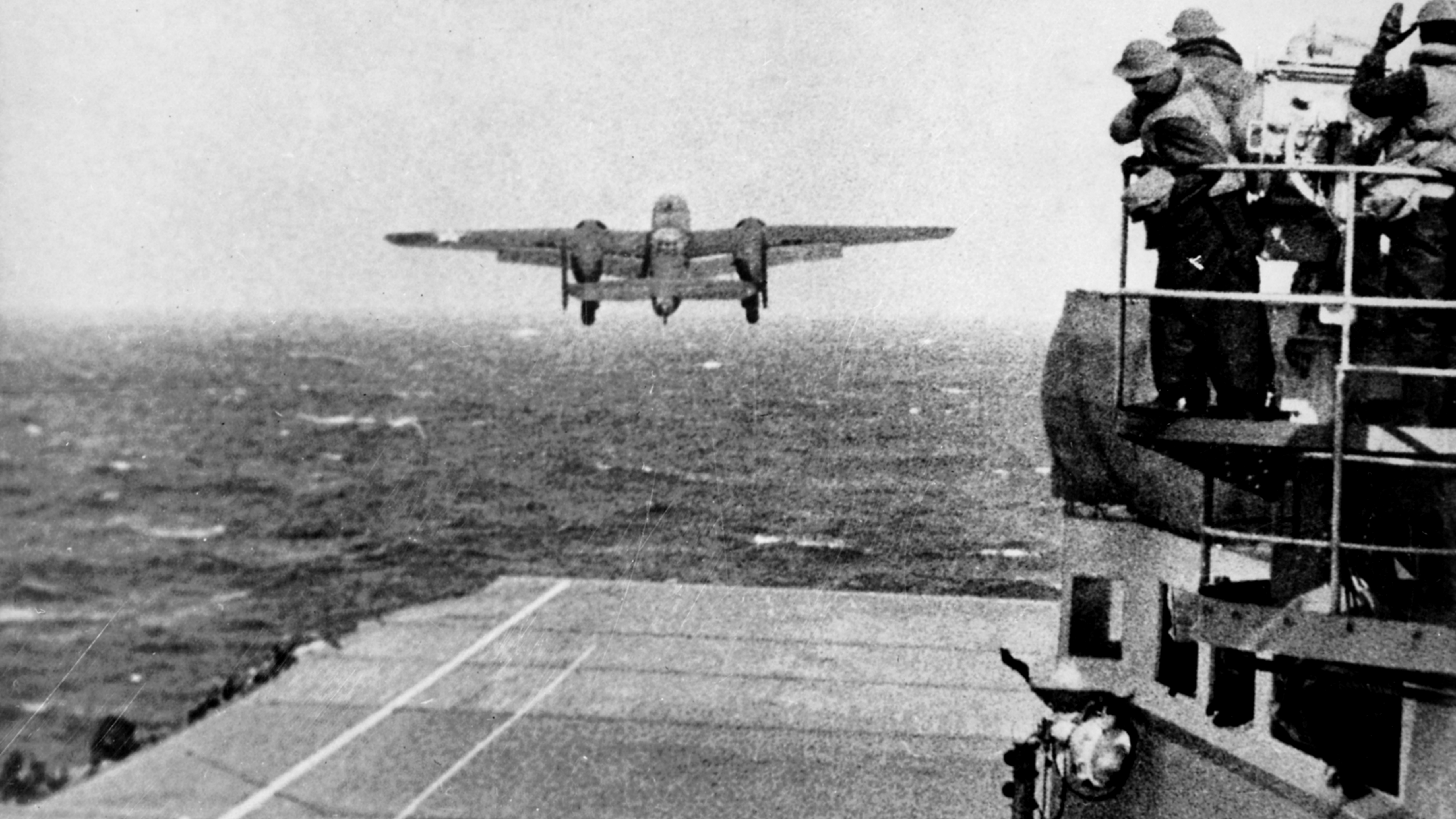


# JONAH

**Reluctant Prophet. Relentless God.**







THE BOOK OF  
JONAH

# JONAH 4:1-11

Jonah's anger at God.

Our discomfort with the  
mercy of God.



The wideness of God's  
mercy.

“But to Jonah this seemed very wrong, and **he became angry**. He prayed to the Lord, “Isn’t this what I said, Lord, when I was still at home? That is what I tried to forestall by fleeing to Tarshish.

Jonah 4:1-2a

I knew that you are a gracious and  
compassionate God, slow to anger  
and abounding in love, a God who  
relents from sending calamity.

Jonah 4:2b

Now, Lord, take away my life, for it is better for me to die than to live.”

But the Lord replied,  
“Is it right for you to be angry?”

Jonah 4:3-4



	Assyrian heartland
	Assyrian Empire 824 BCE

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Palmyra

Carchemish

Harran

Khorsabad

Ninevah

Nimrud

Assur

Samarra

Babylon

Kish

Nippur

Susa

*Sayan*

*Euphrates*

*Tigris*

*Qezel Ouzan*









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compassionate God, slow to anger  
and abounding in love, a God who  
relents from sending calamity.

Jonah 4:2

Jonah's analogy from God.

Our value in the sight  
of God.

Our dependence on the  
compassion of God.

The worth of all  
humanity.

Jonah had gone out and sat down at a place east of the city. There he made himself a shelter, sat in its shade and waited to see what would happen to the city.

Jonah 4:5

Then the *Lord God provided a leafy plant* and made it grow up over Jonah to give shade for his head to ease his discomfort, and Jonah was very happy about the plant.

Jonah 4:6

But at dawn the next day  
*God provided a worm*, which  
chewed the plant so that it  
withered.

Jonah 4:7



When the sun rose, *God provided a scorching east wind*, and the sun blazed on Jonah's head so that he grew faint. He wanted to die, and said, "It would be better for me to die than to live.

Jonah 4:8-9

But the Lord said, “*You have been concerned about this plant,* though you did not tend it or make it grow. It sprang up overnight and died overnight.

Jonah 4:10

*And should I not have concern*  
for the great city of Nineveh, in  
which there are more than a hundred  
and twenty thousand people who  
cannot tell their right hand from  
their left—and also many animals?”

Jonah 4:11







And should I not have concern for  
...more than a hundred and twenty  
thousand people who *cannot tell  
their right hand from their left?*

Jonah 4:11

"When they came to the place called The Skull, there they crucified Him and the criminals, one on the right and the other on the left. But Jesus was saying, *“Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.”*

Luke 23:34









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