

Morning Rundown: Jonah and the Whale? Kayaker's Frightening Encounter

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Jonah and the Whale? Kayaker's Frightening Encounter

Off of the coast of Chile, 24-year-old Adrián Simancas was kayaking with his father close to the San Isidro lighthouse when he was briefly swallowed by a massive humpback whale, according to The Guardian.

Simancas' father, Dell Simancas, caught the entire moment on camera, which shows the whale swallowing Adrián and spitting him out soon after.

"I thought I was dead," Simancas said. "I thought that it had eaten me, that it had swallowed me. But when I came out, I understood that it was probably out of curiosity, that the whale had approached me or maybe to communicate something."

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Imagining a Kamala Harris Inauguration

Remember the classic Christian song "I Can Only Imagine" by MercyMe?" Let's have some fun by thinking about what the Inauguration Day event would have been like if Kamala Harris had become president. Mercy me, God spared us!

President Donald Trump gave God all the glory in his inauguration address when he said, "God spared me from that [assassination attempt] for a purpose—to make America great again!" He declared, "We will not forget our country, we will not forget our Constitution and we will not forget our

God!"

The assassin's bullet that grazed his ear missed killing Trump by less than a centimeter. He dodged a bullet, which is a prophetic picture of what America dodged through intervention as God responded to our prayers and engagement to reelect President Trump after a four-year hiatus. He returned more competent, courageous and calm as a statesman and man on a mission to pursue the rebuilding of America after being handed a mess by the disastrous Biden/Harris administration.

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Why the Red Heifer Must Be Perfect and Unblemished

The red heifer holds a unique and sacred place in biblical tradition, especially in the purification rituals described in Numbers 19. To be considered suitable for these ceremonies, the red heifer must be completely free from blemishes, have no more than two non-red hairs and must never have been used for labor. These strict requirements highlight an important biblical principle: offerings to God should be pure and without flaw.

As Rabbi Kirt Schneider explains in his book "Decoding the Torah," "This command reflects the broader biblical principle that God deserves our best in everything. The requirement for animals to be without defect symbolizes the perfection required in offerings given to God, pointing to the holiness and purity that should characterize anything devoted to Him." In other words, the need for an unblemished red heifer is about more than just its physical appearance—it represents God's standard of holiness and the importance of giving Him our very best.

This careful selection process is still happening today. According to CBN News, as of Jan. 28, 2025, two of the five red heifers brought to Israel in 2022 have been disqualified because they developed non-red hairs. That leaves only three that still meet the biblical requirements.

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