



## Jonah chapter 3

1 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying,

2 “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and preach to it the message that I tell you.”

3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, a three-day journey in extent.

4 And Jonah began to enter the city on the first day’s walk. Then he cried out and said, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

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

6 Then word came to the king of Nineveh; and he arose from his throne and laid aside his robe, covered himself with sackcloth and sat in ashes.

7 And he caused it to be proclaimed and published throughout Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying,

Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; do not let them eat, or drink water.

8 But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God; yes, let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.

9 Who can tell if God will turn and relent, and turn away from His fierce anger, so that we may not perish?

10 Then God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God relented from the disaster that He had said He would bring upon them, and He did not do it.

## The Alphabet Bible Study Method

Begin by reading the passage at least three times. Read it differently each time: first read it silently, then aloud, and finally pausing for a time of reflection at the end of each verse.

Note: you will need a separate piece of paper to complete this study.

**A title:** chose a title that clearly identifies the main point of the passage & makes it memorable to you (make it fun). It's best to do this after you have read through the text a few times so that you are familiar with its content.

**Best verse:** the best verse is the one you like most in the passage. Write down the number of the verse.

**Challenge:** what is God speaking to you in this passage? Record the **verse** of challenge; the **truth** of challenge, and the **personal application** of the challenge.

**Difficulties:** is there something you don't understand or is any verse too difficult for you to explain to someone else? If so, write down the verse(s) reference and the question you have about its meaning—be specific. Now, do your own study to see if you can find the answer to your questions.

**Essence:** Outline or paraphrase the passage in your own words.