

THE SECOND COMMISSION OF JONAH:
"I Am Here."
(Chapter 3)

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A. Jonah's departure for Nineveh (3:3)

1. This journey would take Jonah _____ to walk the distance on foot from the coast to this great city inland.
2. Nineveh was one of the _____ in the ancient world.

B. Jonah's arrival in Nineveh (3:4a)

1. The Assyrians were ruthless, violent people, and most visitors would not dare to enter their gates _____.
2. Jonah spent the entire day _____ walking throughout the city preaching his _____ message.

C. Jonah's preaching to Nineveh (3:4b)

1. The Hebrew word for "overthrown" (%p;h' haphak) is the same exact word used in Genesis 19:21 for the overthrow of _____.
2. The Lord gave the city of Nineveh 40 days because He is _____, and _____ and He does not desire that _____ should perish.

VII. The Inhabitants of Nineveh REPENT

A. The people's repentance (3:5)

1. Fasting and wearing sackcloth demonstrated _____ that reflected an attitude of _____ in the ancient Near East.

2. There was an inward transformation of _____, which was _____ outwardly by wearing sackcloth.

B. The king's repentance (3:6)

1. The king of Nineveh would most likely have been the king of _____ since Nineveh was _____ city of the empire.
2. The king along with his nobles had to _____ himself and themselves, just as any average citizen living in the city did.

C. The king's decree (3:7-8)

1. It is very clear that the king wanted his decree to go out _____, and it was to be _____ by both man and beast.
2. It is not that the king and nobles actually thought that the animals needed to humble themselves, but it viewed the sackcloth on the animals as _____ the humble _____ of their owners.

VIII. The Lord Shows MERCY to the City of Nineveh

A. Nineveh's hope for mercy (3:9)

1. God does _____ change, God does _____ repent, but He uses anthropomorphic terms so that we humans can understand Him.

B. God's mercy extended (3:10)

1. God saw their _____, which was evidenced by _____ works.
2. The conversion of an _____ with the population of a _____ people is by far the greatest miracle in the book of Jonah.

* How does this apply to you?