

JONAH CHAPTER 3

1 The word of the Eternal came to the prophet Jonah a second time.

— ETERNAL ONE —

2 Get up, and go to that powerful and notorious city of Nineveh, and pass on to them the message I'm giving you.

3 Having learned his lesson, Jonah yielded to the Eternal's command and headed on the road to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was an important city, so large that it took three days to travel throughout it. 4 Jonah had barely begun to walk the first day's journey into the city when he stopped.

— JONAH —

(Shouting out to the poeple of Ninevah)

After 40 days, Nineveh will be annihilated.

5 With that announcement, the people of Nineveh started to trust in Jonah's God! Every person—whether young or old, rich or poor, male or female—fasted and wore a sack as a sign of remorse for his past wickedness. 6 The people of Nineveh told each other about this, until the news made it all the way to the king of Nineveh, who ruled the entire Assyrian Empire. The king changed from his royal robes to sackcloth, and instead of sitting up high on his throne, he sat down low in the dust. 7 He sent an official message to his subjects.

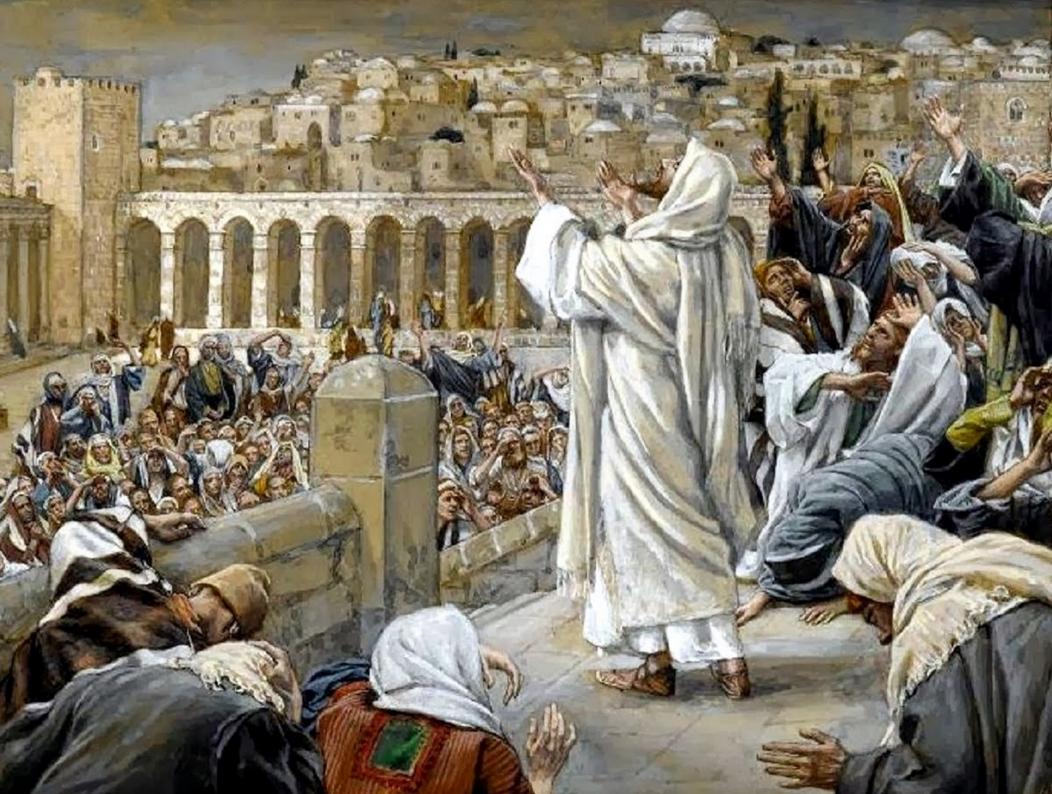
— KING'S MESSAGE —

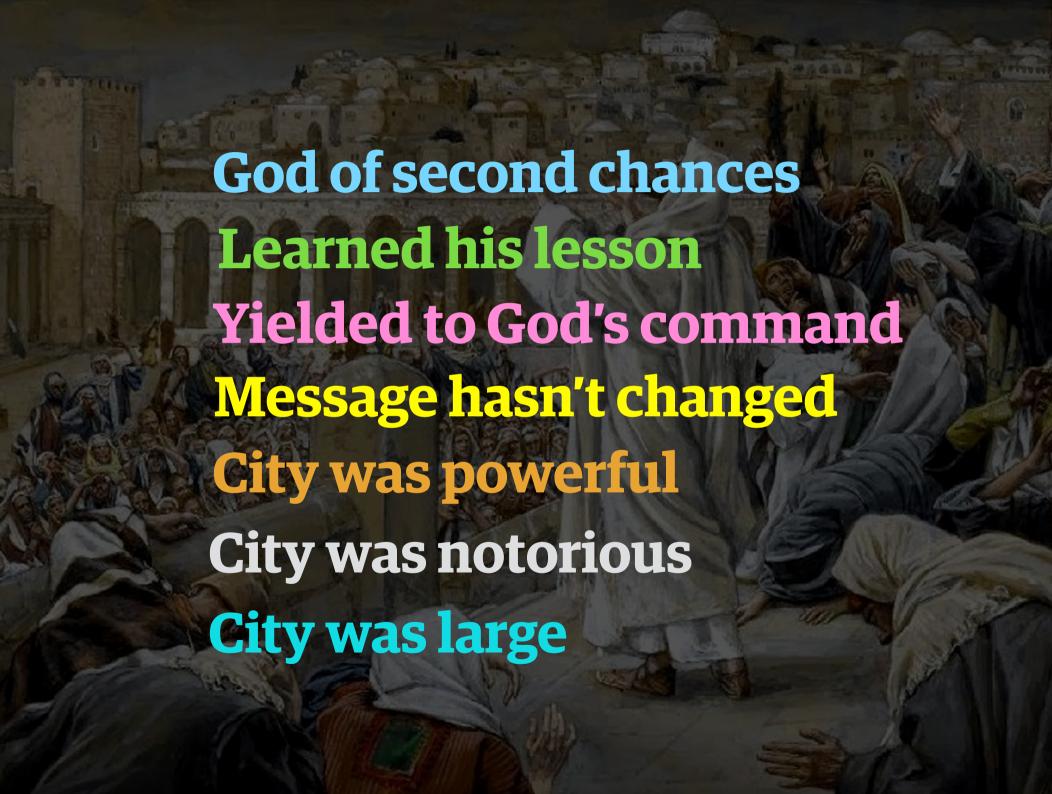
By order of the king of Nineveh and his nobles,

"No human being, animal, cattle, or flock may taste anything. None of them may go out to eat or drink any water. 8 Instead let both humans and animals cover themselves with sacks. Let all who belong to this empire call to God sincerely and turn from their wicked ways and violent acts. 9 Perhaps Jonah's God will show mercy and relent from His judgment. Perhaps out of compassion He will not unleash His fierce anger against us, and we may be spared."

10 God saw all they did and how they turned from their evil ways. So He relented and decided not to unleash the disasters He said He would through His servant Jonah.









Believed in God Fasted and wore sackcloth Told each other Message reached the King King's proclamation Called upon God **Evidence of repentence**

Jeremiah 18:7-8

If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned.

