

“Jonah Obeys”



Jonah 3: Jonah Obeys

Jonah 1:1: *The word of the Lord came to Jonah, son of Amittai and said, ‘Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach against it, because its wickedness has come up before me.’*

- **Nineveh** = Fish City
- **Ninevites** = Fish People
- **Dagon** = Merman god

Jonah 3:1: *The word of the Lord came to Jonah, a second time.*

Shenyi [sha’nee] = Again



Verse 2: *“Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim the message I give you.”*

Quwm yalak = NOW! Go!

²³ “So if you are presenting your offering at the altar, and while there you remember that your brother has something [such as a grievance or legitimate complaint] against you, ²⁴ **immediately** leave your offering there at the altar and **immediately** go.” (Matthew 5)

Verse 3: *Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord.*

Verse 4: *He proclaimed, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned.”*

Haphak has two nuances = Overturned (Destroyed) or Changed (Renewed/ Revived)

Verse 5: *The Ninevites believed God... proclaimed a fast and put on sackcloth...*

Verses 6-10: *When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, he took off his royal robes, and he covered himself with sackcloth and sat down in the dust. He issued a proclamation to Nineveh and he said, “By the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let any man or beast or herd or flock taste anything; do not let them even eat or drink. But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth. Let everyone call urgently on God. Let them give up their evil ways and their unrighteousness. Who knows? God may yet relent and with compassion turn from his fierce anger so that we will not perish.”*

Verse 10: *And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented [relented; changed His mind] of the affliction and evil, that he had said that he would do unto them; and he did it not.*

Pray:

“Father, we urgently beg You to forgive us of our evil ways before it is too late. Forgive us for our unrighteousness, for our complacency, for our apathy, for our self-centeredness, for our immorality, for our worldliness, for our ungodliness; that as Your children we would repent of all sin that offends You and that would justly provoke You to damn us immediately and forever. O God, give us shenyi: give us Your compassion, give us Your kindness, give us Your mercy, give us Your grace, give us Your righteousness, give us Your love, give us Jesus; so that as Your redeemed children we might supernaturally and fearlessly and joyfully and passionately and obediently and contagiously and generously follow You until every knee bows and every tongue confesses that Jesus Christ is Lord.”

