

# Bible Reading Class - The Book of Jonah

March 16, 2023 - Chapters 3-4

## Chapter 3

1. **Chapter 3** opens as did **chapter 1** with Jehovah giving Jonah a \_\_\_\_\_; this is the \_\_\_\_\_ time for Jehovah to instruct Jonah to “\_\_\_\_\_, go to \_\_\_\_\_, that great city, and \_\_\_\_\_ to it the \_\_\_\_\_ that I tell you.”
2. The first time Jehovah gave this command to Jonah he traveled \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ rather than going \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.
3. Jonah was instructed to preach the following message, “Yet \_\_\_\_\_ days, and \_\_\_\_\_ shall be \_\_\_\_\_.”
4. **Thought Question:** It was a \_\_\_\_\_-day journey to \_\_\_\_\_; the fish swallowed Jonah shortly after the boat left \_\_\_\_\_; he began to preach after he arrived in Nineveh; the question is how did he arrive in Nineveh?  
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5. How did the people response to Jonah’s preaching? The text says that they \_\_\_\_\_, proclaimed a \_\_\_\_\_, and put on \_\_\_\_\_, from the \_\_\_\_\_ to the \_\_\_\_\_.
6. Not only did the people repent, but the \_\_\_\_\_ repented and declared the following decree, “Let neither \_\_\_\_\_ nor \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ not \_\_\_\_\_, taste anything; do not let them \_\_\_\_\_, or drink \_\_\_\_\_.”
7. One of several lessons from the **Book of Jonah** is there’s power in God’s \_\_\_\_\_ (**cf. Heb. 4:12**); Jonah preached God’s message and it \_\_\_\_\_ the \_\_\_\_\_ of the people and they \_\_\_\_\_.
8. **Verse 9** tells us that the people of Nineveh didn’t want to \_\_\_\_\_; this is the reason why they repented.
9. God changed His purpose of destroying the city because He saw “**their** \_\_\_\_\_, **that they turned from their** \_\_\_\_\_.”

## Chapter 4

1. The people of Nineveh had turned from their \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ to having hearts of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_; Jonah's responded to the \_\_\_\_\_ of the people of Nineveh by becoming \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The text tells us why Jonah didn't want to go preach to the people in Nineveh; Jonah knew that God would \_\_\_\_\_ the people \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, and he wanted the people to be \_\_\_\_\_. [What a sad mindset of a prophet of God; he would rather see people destroyed than for them to repent.]
3. Jonah gives God the following Hebrew name in **verse 2**; he called God by the name of **El-**\_\_\_\_\_. [The name means God is a great God of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_, slow to \_\_\_\_\_ and abundant in \_\_\_\_\_.]
4. The people of Nineveh valued \_\_\_\_\_; therefore, they \_\_\_\_\_ (**3:9**); the soldiers on the ship to Tarshish valued \_\_\_\_\_ and prayed to their \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_ their lives (**1:5-6**). Yet, in **verse 3** of this chapter, Jonah was ready to \_\_\_\_\_ because God \_\_\_\_\_ the people of Nineveh. [In my opinion, Jonah was as bad, even not worst, then a false prophet.]
5. What was God's question to Jonah? It was "Is it \_\_\_\_\_ for you to be \_\_\_\_\_?" He was angry because God \_\_\_\_\_ the people and Nineveh.
6. The text informs us that Jonah traveled outside of the \_\_\_\_\_; in this book God prepared several things to perform His will. **Identify them:** a \_\_\_\_\_ in the sea, a \_\_\_\_\_ to swallow Jonah, a \_\_\_\_\_ to provide Jonah shade, a \_\_\_\_\_ to damage the plant, and a vehement \_\_\_\_\_ to beat upon Jonah's head.
7. What was Jonah's response to the plant that God prepared to provide him \_\_\_\_\_? The text says, he was "very \_\_\_\_\_ for the \_\_\_\_\_." [Jonah's attitude toward the plant shows that he had a desire to live.]
8. In **verse 9**, God asked Jonah the same question that he asked in **verse 4**. The question was, "Is it \_\_\_\_\_ for you to be \_\_\_\_\_?"
9. Earlier Jonah gave no answer, but this time he gave the following answer, "It is \_\_\_\_\_ for me to be \_\_\_\_\_, even to \_\_\_\_\_!"

10. **Note:** Jonah was angry with God because He allowed the worm to destroy the plant to the point that he wanted to die; the people of Nineveh when given the choice between life and death, they gladly selected life; on the other hand, when Jonah was given the same choice, he chose death rather than life.

11. God declared to Jonah that he displayed more \_\_\_\_\_ for the life of a \_\_\_\_\_ than for the life of \_\_\_\_\_ people of Nineveh.

12. **Note:** The **Book of Jonah** ends with us not knowing if Jonah ever repented of his sinful mindset toward the people of Nineveh and God.