

Jonah 3:1-5,10

Preface:

I begin with the basic presupposition that the Bible interprets the Bible, and the text illustrates the text. Therefore, there is very little “commentary” -- the chief thing is to notice what the text says, so that the power belongs to the Word of God and not to “human logic.” If it is helpful, praise God.

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Setting out the wrong way, having been thrown out of the ship and swallowed by the great fish, 3 days in its belly, Jonah is prays to God and is vomited up on to dry ground at the gates of Nineveh... Jonah hopefully will now listen when God speaks, and God humbles Jonah, when the men of Nineveh listen to the Word of God the first time.

3:1

וַיְהִי דְבַר-יְהוָה אֶל-יוֹנָה שֵׁנִית לְאַמֹּר:

καὶ ἐγένετο λόγος κυρίου πρὸς Ἰωνᾶν ἐκ δευτέρου λέγων
The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,

the simple words hide something very profound. What other God allows (in love) for such a thing as a 2nd time?

דְבַר-יְהוָה - 259x in BHS - 3x in Jonah -

1:1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying,

3:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

Gen 15:1, Gen 15:4, Exod 4:28, Exod 9:20, Exod 9:21, Exod 24:3, Exod 24:4, Num 11:24, Num 15:31, Deut 5:5, Josh 3:9, Josh 8:8, Josh 8:27, 1Sam 3:1, 1Sam 3:7, 1Sam 3:21, 1Sam 8:10, 1Sam 15:1, 1Sam 15:10, 1Sam 15:13, 1Sam 15:23, 1Sam 15:26, 1Sam 20:21, 2Sam 7:4, 2Sam 12:9, 2Sam 24:11, 1Kings 2:27, 1Kings 6:11, 1Kings 12:24, 1Kings 12:24, 1Kings 13:1, 1Kings 13:2, 1Kings 13:5, 1Kings 13:9, 1Kings 13:17, 1Kings 13:18, 1Kings 13:20, 1Kings 13:26, 1Kings 13:32, 1Kings 14:18, 1Kings 15:29, 1Kings 16:1, 1Kings 16:7, 1Kings 16:12, 1Kings 16:34, 1Kings 17:2, 1Kings 17:5, 1Kings 17:8, 1Kings 17:16, 1Kings 17:24, 1Kings 18:1, 1Kings 18:31, 1Kings 19:9, 1Kings 20:35, 1Kings 21:17, 1Kings 21:28, 1Kings 22:5, 1Kings 22:19, 1Kings 22:38, 2Kings 1:17, 2Kings 3:12, 2Kings 4:44, 2Kings 7:1, 2Kings 7:16, 2Kings 9:26, 2Kings 9:36, 2Kings 10:10, 2Kings 10:17, 2Kings 14:25, 2Kings 15:12, 2Kings 20:4, 2Kings 20:16, 2Kings 20:19, 2Kings 23:16, 2Kings 24:2, Isaiah 1:10, Isaiah 2:3, Isaiah 28:13, Isaiah 28:14, Isaiah 38:4, Isaiah 39:5, Isaiah 39:8, Isaiah 66:5, Jer 1:2, Jer 1:4, Jer 1:11, Jer 1:13, Jer 2:1, Jer 2:4, Jer 2:31, Jer 6:10, Jer 7:2, Jer 8:9, Jer 9:19, Jer 13:2, Jer 13:3, Jer 13:8, Jer 14:1, Jer 16:1, Jer 17:15, Jer 17:20, Jer 18:5, Jer 19:3, Jer 20:8, Jer 21:11, Jer 22:2, Jer 22:29, Jer 24:4, Jer 25:3, Jer 27:18, Jer 28:12, Jer 29:19, Jer 29:20, Jer 29:30, Jer 31:10, Jer 32:6, Jer 32:8, Jer 32:8, Jer 32:26, Jer 33:1, Jer 33:19, Jer 33:23, Jer 34:4, Jer 34:12, Jer 35:12, Jer 35:13, Jer 36:4, Jer 36:6, Jer 36:8, Jer 36:11, Jer 36:27, Jer 37:2, Jer 37:6, Jer 39:15, Jer 42:7, Jer 42:15, Jer 43:1, Jer 43:8, Jer 44:24, Jer 44:26, Jer 46:1, Jer 47:1, Jer 49:34, Ezek 1:3, Ezek 3:16, Ezek 6:1, Ezek 6:3, Ezek 7:1, Ezek 11:14, Ezek 11:25, Ezek 12:1, Ezek 12:8, Ezek 12:17, Ezek 12:21, Ezek 12:26, Ezek 13:1, Ezek 13:2, Ezek 14:2, Ezek 14:12, Ezek 15:1, Ezek 16:1, Ezek 16:35, Ezek 17:1, Ezek 17:11, Ezek 18:1, Ezek 20:2, Ezek 21:1, Ezek 21:3, Ezek 21:6, Ezek 21:13, Ezek 21:23, Ezek 22:1, Ezek 22:17, Ezek 22:23, Ezek 23:1, Ezek 24:1, Ezek 24:15, Ezek 24:20, Ezek 25:1, Ezek 25:3, Ezek 26:1, Ezek 27:1, Ezek 28:1, Ezek 28:11, Ezek 28:20, Ezek 29:1, Ezek 29:17, Ezek 30:1, Ezek 30:20, Ezek 31:1, Ezek 32:1, Ezek 32:17, Ezek 33:1, Ezek 33:23, Ezek 34:1, Ezek 34:7, Ezek 34:9, Ezek 35:1, Ezek 36:1, Ezek 36:4, Ezek 36:16, Ezek 37:4, Ezek 37:15, Ezek 38:1, Hosea 1:1, Hosea 4:1, Joel 1:1, Amos 7:16, Amos 8:11, Amos 8:12, Jonah 1:1, Jonah 3:1, Jonah 3:3, Micah 1:1, Micah 4:2, Zeph 1:1, Zeph 2:5, Haggai 1:1, Haggai 1:3, Haggai 2:1, Haggai 2:10, Haggai 2:20, Zech 1:1, Zech 1:7, Zech 4:6, Zech 4:8, Zech 6:9, Zech 7:1, Zech 7:4, Zech 7:8, Zech 8:1, Zech 8:18, Zech 9:1, Zech 11:11, Zech 12:1, Mal 1:1, Psalms 33:4, Psalms 33:6, Psalms 56:11, Dan 9:2, Ezra 1:1, Ezra 7:11, 1Chron 10:13, 1Chron 11:3, 1Chron 11:10, 1Chron 15:15, 1Chron 22:8, 2Chron 11:2, 2Chron 11:4, 2Chron 12:7, 2Chron 18:4, 2Chron 18:18, 2Chron 19:11, 2Chron 29:15, 2Chron 30:12, 2Chron 34:21, 2Chron 35:6, 2Chron 36:21, 2Chron 36:22

שְׁנִיָּתָא (f.adv.) is not very common and in the construction of the Word of Yahweh coming, it marks a singular occurrence in a very special prophet, look at what you find:

JER 1:13 The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north."

JER 13:3 And the word of the LORD came to me a second time,

JER 33:1 The word of the LORD came to Jeremiah a second time, while he was still shut up in the court of the guard:

JON 3:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

HAG 2:20 The word of the LORD came a second time to Haggai on the twenty-fourth day of the month,

ἐκ δευτέρου λέγων - 3x in LXX -

Jer 1:13 καὶ ἐγένετο λόγος κυρίου πρὸς με ἐκ δευτέρου λέγων τί σὺ ὄρας καὶ εἶπα λέβητα ὑποκαίόμενον καὶ τὸ πρόσωπον αὐτοῦ ἀπὸ προσώπου βορρᾶ The word of the LORD came to me a second time, saying, "What do you see?" And I said, "I see a boiling pot, facing away from the north."

Dan 2:7 ἀπεκρίθησαν δὲ ἐκ δευτέρου λέγοντες βασιλεῦ τὸ ὄραμα εἰπὸν καὶ οἱ παῖδές σου κρινούσι πρὸς ταῦτα They answered a second time, "Let the king tell his servants the dream, and we will show its interpretation."

Jonah 3:1 καὶ ἐγένετο λόγος κυρίου πρὸς Ἰωναν ἐκ δευτέρου λέγων Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

לְאמֹר - qal infinitive construct - 939x in BHS - 3x in Jonah -

1:1 Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amit'tai, saying,

3:1 Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying,

3:7 And he made proclamation and published through Nin'veh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, or drink water,

Remember that it was unusual for God to speak thru a prophet once, and extraordinary, for God to use the same prophet a second time, for the word of God coming to ordinary people..... If you stop here you miss the greatest thing about this, for that is hidden in what God does in 2nd time situations, note these uses where the adverb modifies God's work:

GEN 22:15 And the angel of the LORD called to Abraham a second time from heaven,

GEN 41:5 And he fell asleep and dreamed a second time; and behold, seven ears of grain, plump and good, were growing on one stalk.

JOS 5:2 At that time the LORD said to Joshua, "Make flint knives and circumcise the people of Israel again the second time."

1KI 9:2 the LORD appeared to Solomon a second time, as he had appeared to him at Gibeon.

1KI 19:7 And the angel of the LORD came again a second time, and touched him, and said, "Arise and eat, else the journey will be too great for you."

ISA 11:11 In that day the Lord will extend his hand yet a second time to recover the remnant which is left of his people, from Assyria, from Egypt, from Pathros, from Ethiopia, from Elam, from Shinar, from Hamath, and from the coastlands of the sea.

Note how the 2nd time, God deals in grace and love, and offers promise. Sure sounds like the good old Law/Gospel engine at work. I suppose its still true that we don't realize how bad things are until we see what our sins have earned us, it is only then that in fear we repent, and then the Gospel is good news, and promise.

3:2

קוּם לֵךְ אֶל-נִיְנוּהָ הָעִיר הַגְּדוֹלָה וְקְרָא
אֵלֶיהָ אֶת-הַקְּרִיאָה אֲשֶׁר אֲנֹכִי דֹבֵר אֵלֶיךָ:

ἀνάστηθι καὶ πορεύθητι εἰς Νινευη τὴν πόλιν τὴν μεγάλην καὶ κήρυξον ἐν αὐτῇ κατὰ τὸ κήρυγμα τὸ ἔμπροσθεν ὃ ἐγὼ ἐλάλησα πρὸς σέ

"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

קוּם - qal imperative, 94x in BHS, 3x in Jonah - *Arise: after lying down (sleep, mourning, etc.)*

1:2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before me."
 1:6 So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call upon your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we do not perish."
 3:2 "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

נִינְוֶה - 9x in Jonah - *Nineveh*

1:2 "Arise, go to Nin'veh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before me."
 3:2 "Arise, go to Nin'veh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."
 3:3 Soarose and went to Nin'veh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'veh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.
 3:3 Soarose and went to Nin'veh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'veh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.
 3:4 began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'veh shall be overthrown!"
 3:5 And the people of Nin'veh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.
 3:6 Then tidings reached the king of Nin'veh, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.
 3:7 And he made proclamation and published through Nin'veh, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, or drink water,
 4:11 And should not I pity Nin'veh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

הָעִיר הַגְּדוֹלָה - 12x in BHS -

Gen 10:12 Resen between Nin'veh and Calah; that is the great city.
 Deut 1:28 Whither are we going up? Our brethren have made our hearts melt, saying, "The people are greater and taller than we; the cities are great and fortified up to heaven; and moreover we have seen the sons of the Anakim there."
 Deut 6:10 "And when the LORD your God brings you into the land which he swore to your fathers, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, to give you, with great and goodly cities, which you did not build,
 Deut 9:1 "Hear, O Israel; you are to pass over the Jordan this day, to go in to dispossess nations greater and mightier than yourselves, cities great and fortified up to heaven,
 Josh 10:2 he feared greatly, because Gibeon was a great city, like one of the royal cities, and because it was greater than Ai, and all its men were mighty.
 Josh 14:12 So now give me this hill country of which the LORD spoke on that day; for you heard on that day how the Anakim were there, with great fortified cities: it may be that the LORD will be with me, and I shall drive them out as the LORD said."
 1Kings 4:13 Ben-geber, in Ra'moth-gil'ead (he had the villages of Ja'ir the son of Manas'seh, which are in Gilead, and he had the region of Argob, which is in Bashan, sixty great cities with walls and bronze bars);
 Jer 22:8 "And many nations will pass by this city, and every man will say to his neighbor, "Why has the LORD dealt thus with this great city?"
 Jonah 1:2 "Arise, go to Nin'veh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before me."
 Jonah 3:2 "Arise, go to Nin'veh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."
 Jonah 3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nin'veh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'veh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.
 Jonah 4:11 And should not I pity Nin'veh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

יִקְרָא - qal imperative, 12x in minor prophets - in the LXX : κήρυξον -

Hosea 1:4 And the LORD said to him, "Call his name Jezreel; for yet a little while, and I will punish the house of Jehu for the blood of Jezreel, and I will put an end to the kingdom of the house of Israel.
 Hosea 1:6 She conceived again and bore a daughter. And the LORD said to him, "Call her name Not pitied, for I will no more have pity on the house of Israel, to forgive them at all.
 Hosea 1:9 And the LORD said, "Call his name Not my people, for you are not my people and I am not your God."
 Joel 1:14 Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the LORD your God; and cry to the LORD.
 Joel 2:15 Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly;
 Joel 4:9 Proclaim this among the nations: Prepare war, stir up the mighty men. Let all the men of war draw near, let them come up.
 Amos 4:5 offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving of that which is leavened, and proclaim freewill offerings, publish them; for so you love to do, O people of Israel!" says the Lord GOD.
 Jonah 1:2 "Arise, go to Nin'veh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before me."

Jonah 1:6 So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call upon your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we do not perish."

Jonah 3:2 "Arise, go to Nin'veh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

Zech 1:14 So the angel who talked with me said to me, Cry out, Thus says the LORD of hosts: I am exceedingly jealous for Jerusalem and for Zion.

Zech 1:17 Cry again, Thus says the LORD of hosts: My cities shall again overflow with prosperity, and the LORD will again comfort Zion and again choose Jerusalem."

κήρυξον - aorist active imperative, 12x in LXX -

2Chr 24:9 καὶ κηρυξάτωσαν ἐν Ἰουδα καὶ ἐν Ἱερουσαλημ εἰσενέγκαι κυρίῳ καθὼς εἶπεν Μωυσῆς παῖς τοῦ θεοῦ ἐπὶ τὸν Ἰσραηλ ἐν τῇ ἐρήμῳ And proclamation was made throughout Judah and Jerusalem, to bring in for the LORD the tax that Moses the servant of God laid upon Israel in the wilderness.

Hos 5:8 σαλπύσατε σάλπιγγι ἐπὶ τοὺς βουνούς ἤχησατε ἐπὶ τῶν ὑψηλῶν κηρύξατε ἐν τῷ οἴκῳ Ὡν ἐξέστη Βενιαμιν Blow the horn in Gib'e-ah, the trumpet in Ramah. Sound the alarm at Beth-a'ven; tremble, O Benjamin!

Joel 1:14 ἀγιάσατε νηστείαν κηρύξατε θεραπείαν συναγάγετε πρεσβυτέρους πάντας κατοικοῦντας γῆν εἰς οἶκον θεοῦ ὑμῶν καὶ κεκράξατε πρὸς κύριον ἐκτενωῶς Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly. Gather the elders and all the inhabitants of the land to the house of the LORD your God; and cry to the LORD.

Joel 2:1 σαλπύσατε σάλπιγγι ἐν Σιων κηρύξατε ἐν ὄρει ἁγίῳ μου καὶ συγχυθήτωσαν πάντες οἱ κατοικοῦντες τὴν γῆν διότι πάρεστιν ἡμέρα κυρίου ὅτι ἐγγύς Blow the trumpet in Zion; sound the alarm on my holy mountain! Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble, for the day of the LORD is coming, it is near,

Joel 2:15 σαλπύσατε σάλπιγγι ἐν Σιων ἀγιάσατε νηστείαν κηρύξατε θεραπείαν Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly;

Joel 4:9 κηρύξατε ταῦτα ἐν τοῖς ἔθνεσιν ἀγιάσατε πόλεμον ἐξεγείρατε τοὺς μαχητάς προσαγάγετε καὶ ἀναβαίνετε πάντες ἄνδρες πολεμισταί

Jonah 1:2 ἀνάστηθι καὶ πορεύθητι εἰς Νινευη τὴν πόλιν τὴν μεγάλην καὶ κήρυξον ἐν αὐτῇ ὅτι ἀνέβη ἡ κραυγὴ τῆς κακίας αὐτῆς πρὸς με "Arise, go to Nin'veh, that great city, and cry against it; for their wickedness has come up before me."

Jonah 3:2 ἀνάστηθι καὶ πορεύθητι εἰς Νινευη τὴν πόλιν τὴν μεγάλην καὶ κήρυξον ἐν αὐτῇ κατὰ τὸ κήρυγμα τὸ ἔμπροσθεν ὃ ἐγὼ ἐλάλησα πρὸς σέ "Arise, go to Nin'veh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

1Mac 10:63 καὶ ἐκάθισεν αὐτὸν ὁ βασιλεὺς μετ' αὐτοῦ καὶ εἶπεν τοῖς ἄρχουσιν αὐτοῦ ἐξελθατε μετ' αὐτοῦ εἰς μέσον τῆς πόλεως καὶ κηρύξατε τοῦ μηδένα ἐντυγχάνειν κατ' αὐτοῦ περὶ μηδενὸς πράγματος καὶ μηδεὶς αὐτῷ παρενοχλείτω περὶ παντὸς λόγου The king also seated him at his side; and he said to his officers, "Go forth with him into the middle of the city and proclaim that no one is to bring charges against him about any matter, and let no one annoy him for any reason."

PsSol 11:1 σαλπύσατε ἐν Σιων ἐν σάλπιγγι σημασίας ἁγίων κηρύξατε ἐν Ἱερουσαλημ φωνὴν εὐαγγελιζομένου ὅτι ἠλέησεν ὁ θεὸς Ἰσραηλ ἐν τῇ ἐπισκοπῇ αὐτῶν

קְרָא - BHS Hapax - *n.f. proclam* - in the LXX: κήρυγμα - 4x -

2Chr 30:5 καὶ ἔστησαν λόγον διελθεῖν κήρυγμα ἐν παντὶ Ἰσραηλ ἀπὸ Βηρσαβεε ἕως Δαν ἐλθόντας ποιῆσαι τὸ φασεκ κυρίῳ θεῷ Ἰσραηλ ἐν Ἱερουσαλημ ὅτι πλῆθος οὐκ ἐποίησεν κατὰ τὴν γραφὴν So they decreed to make a proclamation throughout all Israel, from Beer-sheba to Dan, that the people should come and keep the passover to the LORD the God of Israel, at Jerusalem; for they had not kept it in great numbers as prescribed.

1Esdr 9:3 καὶ ἐγένετο κήρυγμα ἐν ὅλῃ τῇ Ἰουδαίᾳ καὶ Ἱερουσαλημ πᾶσι τοῖς ἐκ τῆς αἰχμαλωσίας συναχθῆναι εἰς Ἱερουσαλημ And a proclamation was made throughout Judea and Jerusalem to all who had returned from the captivity that they should assemble at Jerusalem,

Prov 9:3 ἀπέστειλεν τοὺς ἑαυτῆς δούλους συγκαλοῦσα μετὰ ὑψηλοῦ κηρύγματος ἐπὶ κρατῆρα λέγουσα She has sent out her maids to call from the highest places in the town,

Jonah 3:2 ἀνάστηθι καὶ πορεύθητι εἰς Νινευη τὴν πόλιν τὴν μεγάλην καὶ κήρυξον ἐν αὐτῇ κατὰ τὸ κήρυγμα τὸ ἔμπροσθεν ὃ ἐγὼ ἐλάλησα πρὸς σέ "Arise, go to Nin'veh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." 4 matches

קָרָא - qal participle - 39x in BHS -

Gen 16:13, Exod 6:29, Num 27:7, Num 32:27, Num 36:5, Deut 5:1, Isaiah 9:16, Isaiah 33:15, Isaiah 45:19, Jer 28:7, Jer 32:42, Jer 38:20, Jer 40:16, Amos 5:10, Jonah 3:2, Micah 7:3, Zech 1:9, Zech 1:13, Zech 1:14, Zech 2:2, Zech 2:7, Zech 4:1, Zech 4:4, Zech 4:5, Zech 5:5, Zech 5:10, Zech 6:4, Psalms 5:7, Psalms 15:2, Psalms 28:3, Psalms 31:19, Psalms 58:4, Psalms 63:12, Psalms 101:7, Psalms 109:20, Job 2:13, Prov 16:13, Esther 10:3, Dan 10:11

The story is still the same, from human terms God continues to send us out to do the impossible, except it isn't impossible (God makes the difference) our problem is too often we give up before we begin, thinking that God might like it, but doesn't really expect much (we're sinners after all)

3:3

וַיִּקַּם יוֹנָה וַיֵּלֶךְ אֶל-נִינְוָה כְּדַבַּר יְהוָה
וַנִּינְוָה הִיְתָה עִיר-גְּדוֹלָה לְאַלְהִים מְהֻלָּךְ שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים׃

καὶ ἀνέστη Ἰωνᾶς καὶ ἐπορεύθη εἰς Νινευη καθὼς ἐλάλησεν κύριος ἢ δὲ Νινευη ἦν πόλις μεγάλη τῷ θεῷ ὡσεὶ πορείας ὁδοῦ ἡμερῶν τριῶν

So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.

וַיִּקַּם - qal waw consecutive imperfect, 168x in BHS, 3x in Jonah -

Jonah 1:3 But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish; so he paid the fare, and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

Jonah 3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nin'evah, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'evah was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

Jonah 3:6 Then tidings reached the king of Nin'evah, and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, and covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

יוֹנָה - Jonah

כְּדַבַּר יְהוָה - 26x in BHS -

Josh 8:8 And when you have taken the city, you shall set the city on fire, doing as the LORD has bidden; see, I have commanded you."

Josh 8:27 Only the cattle and the spoil of that city Israel took as their booty, according to the word of the LORD which he commanded Joshua.

1Kings 12:24 Thus says the LORD, You shall not go up or fight against your kinsmen the people of Israel. Return every man to his home, for this thing is from me.'" So they hearkened to the word of the LORD, and went home again, according to the word of the LORD.

1Kings 13:26 And when the prophet who had brought him back from the way heard of it, he said, "It is the man of God, who disobeyed the word of the LORD; therefore the LORD has given him to the lion, which has torn him and slain him, according to the word which the LORD spoke to him."

1Kings 14:18 And all Israel buried him and mourned for him, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by his servant Ahi'jah the prophet.

1Kings 15:29 And as soon as he was king, he killed all the house of Jerobo'am; he left to the house of Jerobo'am not one that breathed, until he had destroyed it, according to the word of the LORD which he spoke by his servant Ahi'jah the Shi'lonite;

1Kings 16:12 Thus Zimri destroyed all the house of Ba'asha, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke against Ba'asha by Jehu the prophet,

1Kings 16:34 In his days Hi'el of Bethel built Jericho; he laid its foundation at the cost of Abi'ram his first-born, and set up its gates at the cost of his youngest son Segub, according to the word of the LORD, which he spoke by Joshua the son of Nun.

1Kings 17:5 So he went and did according to the word of the LORD; he went and dwelt by the brook Cherith that is east of the Jordan.

1Kings 17:16 The jar of meal was not spent, neither did the cruse of oil fail, according to the word of the LORD which he spoke by Eli'jah.

1Kings 22:38 And they washed the chariot by the pool of Sama'ria, and the dogs licked up his blood, and the harlots washed themselves in it, according to the word of the LORD which he had spoken.

2Kings 1:17 So he died according to the word of the LORD which Eli'jah had spoken. Jeho'ram, his brother, became king in his stead in the second year of Jeho'ram the son of Jehosh'aphat, king of Judah, because Ahazi'ah had no son.

2Kings 4:44 So he set it before them. And they ate, and had some left, according to the word of the LORD.

2Kings 7:16 Then the people went out, and plundered the camp of the Syrians. So a measure of fine meal was sold for a shekel, and two measures of barley for a shekel, according to the word of the LORD.

2Kings 9:26 As surely as I saw yesterday the blood of Naboth and the blood of his sons -- says the LORD -- I will requite you on this plot of ground.' Now therefore take him up and cast him on the plot of ground, in accordance with the word of the LORD."

2Kings 10:17 And when he came to Sama'ria, he slew all that remained to Ahab in Sama'ria, till he had wiped them out, according to the word of the LORD which he spoke to Eli'jah.

2Kings 14:25 He restored the border of Israel from the entrance of Hamath as far as the Sea of the Arabah, according to the word of the LORD, the God of Israel, which he spoke by his servant Jonah the son of Amit'tai, the prophet, who was from Gath-he'pher.

2Kings 23:16 And as Josi'ah turned, he saw the tombs there on the mount; and he sent and took the bones out of the tombs, and burned them upon the altar, and defiled it, according to the word of the LORD which the man of God proclaimed, who had predicted these things.

2Kings 24:2 And the LORD sent against him bands of the Chalde'ans, and bands of the Syrians, and bands of the Moabites, and bands of the Ammonites, and sent them against Judah to destroy it, according to the word of the LORD which he spoke by his servants the prophets.

Jer 13:2 So I bought a waistcloth according to the word of the LORD, and put it on my loins.

Jer 32:8 Then Han'amel my cousin came to me in the court of the guard, in accordance with the word of the LORD, and said to me, Buy my field which is at An'athoth in the land of Benjamin, for the right of possession and redemption is yours; buy it for yourself.' Then I knew that this was the word of the LORD.

Jonah 3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nin'veeh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'veeh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

1Chron 11:3 So all the elders of Israel came to the king at Hebron; and David made a covenant with them at Hebron before the LORD, and they anointed David king over Israel, according to the word of the LORD by Samuel.

1Chron 11:10 Now these are the chiefs of David's mighty men, who gave him strong support in his kingdom, together with all Israel, to make him king, according to the word of the LORD concerning Israel.

1Chron 15:15 And the Levites carried the ark of God upon their shoulders with the poles, as Moses had commanded according to the word of the LORD.

2Chron 35:6 And kill the passover lamb, and sanctify yourselves, and prepare for your brethren, to do according to the word of the LORD by Moses."

הִיָּתָה - qal perfect - *become*

עִיר-גְּדוּלָהּ - 12x in BHS, see 3.2 above

אֱלֹהִים - 16x in Jonah -

1:5 Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried to his god; and they threw the wares that were in the ship into the sea, to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down, and was fast asleep.

1:6 So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call upon your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we do not perish."

1:6 So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call upon your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we do not perish."

1:9 And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

2:2 Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish,

2:7 at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me for ever; yet thou didst bring up my life from the Pit, O LORD my God.

3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nin'veeh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'veeh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

3:5 And the people of Nin'veeh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

3:8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them cry mightily to God; yea, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence which is in his hands.

3:9 Who knows, God may yet repent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we perish not?"

3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

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4:6 And the LORD God appointed a plant, and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant.

4:7 But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm which attacked the plant, so that it withered.

4:8 When the sun rose, God appointed a sultry east wind, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he was faint; and he asked that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."

4:9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "I do well to be angry, angry enough to die."

מַהְלָךְ - 4x in BHS - *journey*

Ezek 42:4 And before the chambers was a passage inward, ten cubits wide and a hundred cubits long, and their doors were on the north.

Jonah 3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nin'evah, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'evah was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

Jonah 3:4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'evah shall be overthrown!"

Neh 2:6 And the king said to me (the queen sitting beside him), "How long will you be gone, and when will you return?" So it pleased the king to send me; and I set him a time.

שְׁלֹשֶׁת יָמִים - 38x in BHS -

Gen 30:36 and he set a distance of three days' journey between himself and Jacob; and Jacob fed the rest of Laban's flock.

Gen 40:12 Then Joseph said to him, "This is its interpretation: the three

Gen 40:13 within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head and restore you to your office; and you shall place Pharaoh's cup in his hand as formerly, when you were his butler.

Gen 40:18 And Joseph answered, "This is its interpretation: the three baskets are three days;

Gen 40:19 within three days Pharaoh will lift up your head -- from you! -- and hang you on a tree; and the birds will eat the flesh from you."

Gen 42:17 And he put them all together in prison for three days.

Exod 3:18 And they will hearken to your voice; and you and the elders of Israel shall go to the king of Egypt and say to him, The LORD, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us; and now, we pray you, let us go a three days' journey into the wilderness, that we may sacrifice to the LORD our God.'

Exod 5:3 Then they said, "The God of the Hebrews has met with us; let us go, we pray, a three days' journey into the wilderness, and sacrifice to the LORD our God, lest he fall upon us with pestilence or with the sword."

Exod 8:23 We must go three days' journey into the wilderness and sacrifice to the LORD our God as he will command us."

Exod 10:22 So Moses stretched out his hand toward heaven, and there was thick darkness in all the land of Egypt three days;

Exod 10:23 they did not see one another, nor did any rise from his place for three days; but all the people of Israel had light where they dwelt.

Exod 15:22 Then Moses led Israel onward from the Red Sea, and they went into the wilderness of Shur; they went three days in the wilderness and found no water.

Exod 19:15 And he said to the people, "Be ready by the third day; do not go near a woman."

Lev 12:4 Then she shall continue for thirty-three days in the blood of her

Num 10:33 So they set out from the mount of the LORD three days' journey; and the ark of the covenant of the LORD went before them three days' journey, to seek out a resting place for them.

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Num 33:8 And they set out from before Hahi'roth, and passed through the midst of the sea into the wilderness, and they went a three days' journey in the wilderness of Etham, and encamped at Marah.

Josh 1:11 "Pass through the camp, and command the people, Prepare your provisions; for within three days you are to pass over this Jordan, to go in to take possession of the land which the LORD your God gives you to possess."

Josh 2:16 And she said to them, "Go into the hills, lest the pursuers meet you; and hide yourselves there three days, until the pursuers have returned; then afterward you may go your way."

Josh 2:22 They departed, and went into the hills, and remained there three

Josh 3:2 At the end of three days the officers went through the camp

Josh 9:16 At the end of three days after they had made a covenant with them, they heard that they were their neighbors, and that they dwelt among them.

Judg 14:14 And he said to them, "Out of the eater came something to eat. Out of the strong came something sweet." And they could not in three days tell what the riddle was.

Judg 19:4 And his father-in-law, the girl's father, made him stay, and he remained with him three days; so they ate and drank, and lodged there.

1Sam 9:20 As for your asses that were lost three days ago, do not set your mind on them, for they have been found. And for whom is all that is desirable in Israel? Is it not for you and for all your father's house?"

1Sam 30:12 and they gave him a piece of a cake of figs and two clusters of raisins. And when he had eaten, his spirit revived; for he had not eaten bread or drunk water for three days and three nights.

2Sam 20:4 Then the king said to Ama'sa, "Call the men of Judah together to me within three days, and be here yourself."

2Sam 24:13 So Gad came to David and told him, and said to him, "Shall three years of famine come to you in your land? Or will you flee three months before your foes while they pursue you? Or shall there be three days' pestilence in your land? Now consider, and decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me."

1Kings 12:5 He said to them, "Depart for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away.

2Kings 2:17 But when they urged him till he was ashamed, he said, "Send." They sent therefore fifty men; and for three days they sought him but did not find him.

Amos 4:4 "Come to Bethel, and transgress; to Gilgal, and multiply transgression; bring your sacrifices every morning, your tithes every three days;

Jonah 2:1 And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah; and Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

Jonah 3:3 So Jonah arose and went to Nin'evah, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'evah was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

Esther 4:16 "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish."

Ezra 10:8 and that if any one did not come within three days, by order of the officials and the elders all his property should be forfeited, and he himself banned from the congregation of the exiles.

Ezra 10:9 Then all the men of Judah and Benjamin assembled at Jerusalem within the three days; it was the ninth month, on the twentieth day of the month. And all the people sat in the open square before the house of God, trembling because of this matter and because of the heavy rain.

1Chron 21:12 either three years of famine; or three months of devastation by your foes, while the sword of your enemies overtakes you; or else three days of the sword of the LORD, pestilence upon the land, and the angel of the LORD destroying throughout all the territory of Israel.' Now decide what answer I shall return to him who sent me."

2Chron 10:5 He said to them, "Come to me again in three days." So the people went away.

ἡμερῶν τριῶν - 15x in LXX -

Gen 42:17 καὶ ἔθετο αὐτοὺς ἐν φυλακῇ ἡμέρας τρεῖς And he put them all together in prison for three days.

JudgA 19:4 καὶ εἰσήγαγεν αὐτὸν ὁ γαμβρὸς αὐτοῦ ὁ πατήρ τῆς νεάνιδος καὶ ἐκάθισεν μετ' αὐτοῦ ἡμέρας τρεῖς καὶ ἔφαγον καὶ ἔπιον καὶ ὑπνωσαν ἐκεῖ And his father-in-law, the girl's father, made him stay, and he remained with him three days; so they ate and drank, and lodged there.

1/3Kgs 12:5 καὶ εἶπεν πρὸς αὐτοὺς ἀπέλθετε ἕως ἡμερῶν τριῶν καὶ ἀναστρέψατε πρὸς με καὶ ἀπῆλθον He said to them, "Depart for three days, then come again to me." So the people went away. 1Chr 12:40 καὶ ἦσαν ἐκεῖ ἡμέρας τρεῖς ἐσθιοντες καὶ πίνοντες ὅτι ἠτοίμασαν αὐτοῖς οἱ ἀδελφοὶ αὐτῶν And also their neighbors, from as far as Is'sachar and Zeb'ulun and Naph'tali, came bringing food on asses and on camels and on mules and on oxen, abundant provisions of meal, cakes of figs, clusters of raisins, and wine and oil, oxen and sheep, for there was joy in Israel. 2Chr 20:25 καὶ ἦλθεν Ἰωσαφατ καὶ ὁ λαὸς αὐτοῦ σκυλευσαι τὰ σκύλα αὐτῶν καὶ εὔρον κτήνη πολλὰ καὶ ἀποσκευὴν καὶ σκύλα καὶ σκευὴ ἐπιθυμητὰ καὶ ἐσκύλευσαν ἑαυτοῖς καὶ ἐγένοντο ἡμέραι τρεῖς σκυλευόντων αὐτῶν τὰ σκύλα ὅτι πολλὰ ἦν When Jehosh'aphat and his people came to take the spoil from them, they found cattle in great numbers, goods, clothing, and precious things, which they took for themselves until they could carry no more. They were three days in taking the spoil, it was so much.

1Esdr 8:41 καὶ συνήγαγον αὐτοὺς ἐπὶ τὸν λεγόμενον Θερὰν ποταμὸν καὶ παρενεβάλομεν αὐτόθι ἡμέρας τρεῖς καὶ κατέμαθον αὐτούς I assembled them at the river called Theras, and we encamped there three days, and I inspected them.

2Esdr(Ez-Neh) 8:15 καὶ συνήξα αὐτοὺς πρὸς τὸν ποταμὸν τὸν ἐρχόμενον πρὸς τὸν Εὐι καὶ παρενεβάλομεν ἐκεῖ ἡμέρας τρεῖς καὶ συνήκα ἐν τῷ λαῷ καὶ ἐν τοῖς ἱερεῦσιν καὶ ἀπὸ υἱῶν Λευι οὐχ εὔρον ἐκεῖ

2Esdr(Ez-Neh) 8:32 καὶ ἦλθομεν εἰς Ἱερουσαλημ καὶ ἐκαθίσασαμεν ἐκεῖ ἡμέρας τρεῖς

2Esdr(Ez-Neh) 12:11 καὶ ἦλθον εἰς Ἱερουσαλημ καὶ ἤμην ἐκεῖ ἡμέρας τρεῖς

Esth 4:16 βαδίσας ἐκκλησίασον τοὺς Ἰουδαίους τοὺς ἐν Σούσις καὶ νηστεύσατε ἐπ' ἐμοὶ καὶ μὴ φάγητε μηδὲ πίητε ἐπὶ ἡμέρας τρεῖς νύκτα καὶ ἡμέραν κάγω δὲ καὶ αἱ ἄβραι μου ἀσιτήσομεν καὶ τότε εἰσελεύσομαι πρὸς τὸν βασιλέα παρὰ τὸν νόμον ἐὰν καὶ ἀπολέσθαι με ἦ "Go, gather all the Jews to be found in Susa, and hold a fast on my behalf, and neither eat nor drink for three days, night or day. I and my maids will also fast as you do. Then I will go to the king, though it is against the law; and if I perish, I perish."

Jonah 3:3 καὶ ἀνέστη Ἰωνὰς καὶ ἐπορεύθη εἰς Νινευη καθὼς ἐλάλησεν κύριος ἡ δὲ Νινευη ἦν πόλις μεγάλη τῷ θεῷ ὥσει πορείας ὁδοῦ ἡμερῶν τριῶν So Jonah arose and went to Nin'evah, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nin'evah was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth.

Jdt 12:7 καὶ προσέταξεν Ολοφέρνης τοῖς σωματοφύλαξιν μὴ διακωλύειν αὐτήν καὶ παρέμεινεν ἐν τῇ παρεμβολῇ ἡμέρας τρεῖς καὶ ἐξεπορεύετο κατὰ νύκτα εἰς τὴν φάραγγα Βαιτυλουὰ καὶ ἐβαπτίζετο ἐν τῇ παρεμβολῇ ἐπὶ τῆς πηγῆς τοῦ ὕδατος She was beautiful in appearance, and had a very lovely face; and her husband Manasseh had left her gold and silver, and men and women slaves, and cattle, and fields; and she maintained this estate.

2Mac 5:14 ὄκτω δὲ μυριάδες ἐν ταῖς πάσαις ἡμέραις τρισὶν κατεφθάρησαν τέσσαρες μὲν ἐν χειρῶν νομαῖς οὐχ ἦττον δὲ τῶν ἐσφαγμένων ἐπράθησαν Within the total of three days eighty thousand were destroyed, forty thousand in hand-to-hand fighting; and as many were sold into slavery as were slain.

2Mac 13:12 πάντων δὲ τὸ αὐτὸ ποιησάντων ὁμοῦ καὶ καταξίωσάντων τὸν ἐλεήμονα κύριον μετὰ κλαυθμοῦ καὶ νηστειῶν καὶ προπτώσεως ἐπὶ ἡμέρας τρεῖς ἀδιαλείπτως παρακαλέσας αὐτούς ὁ Ἰουδᾶς ἐκέλευσεν παραγίνεσθαι When they had all joined in the same petition and had besought the merciful Lord with weeping and fasting and lying prostrate for three days without ceasing, Judas exhorted them and ordered them to stand ready.

3Mac 6:38 ἀπογράφονται δὲ αὐτούς ἀπὸ πέμπτης καὶ εἰκάδος τοῦ Παχων ἕως τῆς τετάρτης τοῦ Επιφι ἐπὶ ἡμέρας τεσσαράκοντα συνίστανται δὲ αὐτῶν τὴν ἀπώλειαν ἀπὸ πέμπτης τοῦ Επιφι ἕως ἐβδόμης ἡμέραις τρισὶν So their registration was carried out from the twenty-fifth of Pachon to the fourth of Epeiph, for forty days; and their destruction was set for the fifth to the seventh of Epeiph, the three days

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וַיִּחַל יוֹנָה לְבָנוֹא בְעִיר מְהֻלָּךְ יוֹם
אַחַד וַיִּקְרָא וַיֹּאמֶר עוֹד אַרְבָּעִים יוֹם וְנִינְוָה נִהְפָּכֶת:

καὶ ἤρξατο Ἰωνᾶς τοῦ εἰσελθεῖν εἰς τὴν πόλιν ὥσει πορείαν ἡμέρας μιᾶς καὶ ἐκήρυξεν καὶ εἶπεν ἔτι τρεῖς ἡμέραι καὶ Νινευη καταστραφήσεται

Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

לְבָנוֹא בְעִיר - 3x in BHS - *go into the city*

1Sam 23:7 Now it was told Saul that David had come to Kei'lah. And Saul said, "God has given him into my hand; for he has shut himself in by entering a town that has gates and bars."

Hosea 11:9 I will not execute my fierce anger, I will not again destroy E'phraim; for I am God and not man, the Holy One in your midst, and I will not come to destroy.

Jonah 3:4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'evah shall be overthrown!"

מְהֻלָּךְ - see 3.3 above

אַחַד - 1x in Jonah - *one*

וַיִּקְרָא - qal waw consecutive imperfect - 3x in Jonah - *calling*

1:14 Therefore they cried to the LORD, "We beseech thee, O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood; for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee."

3:4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'evah shall be overthrown!"

3:5 And the people of Nin'evah believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

וַיֹּאמֶר - qal waw consecutive imperfect - 18x in Jonah - *saying*

1:6 So the captain came and said to him, "What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call upon your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we do not perish."

1:7 And they said to one another, "Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us." So they cast lots, and the lot fell upon Jonah.

1:8 Then they said to him, "Tell us, on whose account this evil has come upon us? What is your occupation? And whence do you come? What is your country? And of what people are you?"

1:9 And he said to them, "I am a Hebrew; and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land."

1:10 Then the men were exceedingly afraid, and said to him, "What is this that you have done!" For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

1:11 Then they said to him, "What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?" For the sea grew more and more tempestuous.

1:12 He said to them, "Take me up and throw me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you; for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you."

1:14 Therefore they cried to the LORD, "We beseech thee, O LORD, let us not perish for this man's life, and lay not on us innocent blood; for thou, O LORD, hast done as it pleased thee."
 2:3 saying, "I called to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me;
 2:11 And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited out Jonah upon the dry land.
 3:4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'evah shall be overthrown!"
 3:7 And he made proclamation and published through Nin'evah, "By the decree of the king and his nobles: Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything; let them not feed, or drink water,
 4:2 And he prayed to the LORD and said, "I pray thee, LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that thou art a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and repentest of evil.
 4:4 And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"
 4:8 When the sun rose, God appointed a sultry east wind, and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah so that he was faint; and he asked that he might die, and said, "It is better for me to die than to live."
 4:9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "I do well to be angry, angry enough to die."
 4:9 But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "I do well to be angry, angry enough to die."
 4:10 And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night, and perished in a night."

עֹד - 492x in BHS, 1x in Jonah - *still*

יָוֵם - 18x in BHS - *40 days* -

Gen 7:4 For in seven days I will send rain upon the earth forty days and forty nights; and every living thing that I have made I will blot out from the face of the ground."
 Gen 7:12 And rain fell upon the earth forty days and forty nights.
 Gen 7:17 The flood continued forty days upon the earth; and the waters increased, and bore up the ark, and it rose high above the earth.
 Gen 8:6 At the end of forty days Noah opened the window of the ark which he had made,
 Gen 50:3 forty days were required for it, for so many are required for embalming. And the Egyptians wept for him seventy days.
 Exod 24:18 And Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. And Moses was on the mountain forty days and forty nights.
 Exod 34:28 And he was there with the LORD forty days and forty nights; he neither ate bread nor drank water. And he wrote upon the tables the words of the covenant, the ten commandments.
 Num 13:25 At the end of forty days they returned from spying out the land.
 Num 14:34 According to the number of the days in which you spied out the land, forty days, for every day a year, you shall bear your iniquity, forty years, and you shall know my displeasure.'
 Deut 9:9 When I went up the mountain to receive the tables of stone, the tables of the covenant which the LORD made with you, I remained on the mountain forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water.
 Deut 9:11 And at the end of forty days and forty nights the LORD gave me the two tables of stone, the tables of the covenant.
 Deut 9:18 Then I lay prostrate before the LORD as before, forty days and forty nights; I neither ate bread nor drank water, because of all the sin which you had committed, in doing what was evil in the sight of the LORD, to provoke him to anger.
 Deut 9:25 "So I lay prostrate before the LORD for these forty days and forty nights, because the LORD had said he would destroy you.
 Deut 10:10 "I stayed on the mountain, as at the first time, forty days and forty nights, and the LORD hearkened to me that time also; the LORD was unwilling to destroy you.
 1Sam 17:16 For forty days the Philistine came forward and took his stand, morning and evening.
 1Kings 19:8 And he arose, and ate and drank, and went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God.
 Ezek 4:6 And when you have completed these, you shall lie down a second time, but on your right side, and bear the punishment of the house of Judah; forty days I assign you, a day for each year.
 Jonah 3:4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'evah shall be overthrown!"

נִהְפָּכָת - nifal participle, 2x in BHS - *overturn*

Jonah 3:4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he cried, "Yet forty days, and Nin'evah shall be overthrown!"

Prov 17:20 A man of crooked mind does not prosper, and one with a perverse tongue falls into calamity.

In spite of all the public relations and advertising hype, honesty still has the greatest impact. No silver lining, unless its this, you have 40 days to reshape your world. The only possible solution is repentance, but forgiveness is not yet promised (or even hinted at). Another thought - do we today take "end of the world" prophets seriously - would we listen if Jonah were to come to us?

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וַיֵּאֱמְנוּ אֲנָשֵׁי נִינְוָה בְּאֱלֹהִים וַיִּקְרְאוּ צוֹם וַיִּלְבְּשׁוּ
שָׂקִים מִגְדוּלָם וְעַד-קְטָנָם:

καὶ ἐνεπίστευσαν οἱ ἄνδρες Νινευη τῷ θεῷ καὶ ἐκήρυξαν νηστείαν καὶ ἐνεδύσαντο
σάκκους ἀπὸ μεγάλου αὐτῶν ἕως μικροῦ αὐτῶν

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

וַיֵּאֱמְנוּ - hifil waw consecutive imperfect, 5x in BHS -

Exod 4:31 And the people believed; and when they heard that the LORD had visited the people of Israel and that he had seen their affliction, they bowed their heads and worshiped.

Exod 14:31 And Israel saw the great work which the LORD did against the Egyptians, and the people feared the LORD; and they believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

1Sam 27:12 And A'chish trusted David, thinking, "He has made himself utterly abhorred by his people Israel; therefore he shall be my servant always."

Jonah 3:5 And the people of Nin'evah believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

Psalms 106:12 Then they believed his words; they sang his praise.

אֲנָשֵׁי - *men*

נִינְוָה - *Nineveh* - Isn't it always harder to get the men to live their faith?

וַיֵּאֱמְנוּ בְּאֱלֹהִים - 2x in BHS -

Jonah 3:5 And the people of Nin'evah believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

Psalms 78:22 because they had no faith in God, and did not trust his saving power.

וַיִּקְרְאוּ צוֹם - 4x in BHS -

1Kings 21:9 And she wrote in the letters, "Proclaim a fast, and set Naboth on high among the people;

Isaiah 58:5 Is such the fast that I choose, a day for a man to humble himself? Is it to bow down his head like a rush, and to spread sackcloth and ashes under him? Will you call this a fast, and a day acceptable to the LORD?

Jonah 3:5 And the people of Nin'evah believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

2Chron 20:3 Then Jehosh'aphat feared, and set himself to seek the LORD, and proclaimed a fast throughout all Judah.

וַיִּלְבְּשׁוּ - qal waw consecutive imperfect, 9x in BHS - *to be clothed*

Gen 38:19 Then she arose and went away, and taking off her veil she put on the garments of her widowhood.

1Sam 28:8 So Saul disguised himself and put on other garments, and went, he and two men with him; and they came to the woman by night. And he said, "Divine for me by a spirit, and bring up for me whomever I shall name to you."

Isaiah 59:17 He put on righteousness as a breastplate, and a helmet of salvation upon his head; he put on garments of vengeance for clothing, and wrapped himself in fury as a mantle.

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Psalms 109:18 He clothed himself with cursing as his coat, may it soak into his body like water, like oil into his bones!
 Job 29:14 I put on righteousness, and it clothed me; my justice was like a robe and a turban.
 Esther 4:1 When Mor'decai learned all that had been done, Mor'decai rent his clothes and put on sackcloth and ashes, and went out into the midst of the city, wailing with a loud and bitter cry;
 Esther 5:1 On the third day Esther put on her royal robes and stood in the inner court of the king's palace, opposite the king's hall. The king was sitting on his royal throne inside the palace opposite the entrance to the palace;

שָׂקִים - *sackcloth* - exact grammatical form, 17x in BHS -

Gen 42:35 As they emptied their sacks, behold, every man's bundle of money was in his sack; and when they and their father saw their bundles of money, they were dismayed.
 Josh 9:4 they on their part acted with cunning, and went and made ready provisions, and took worn-out sacks upon their asses, and wineskins, worn-out and torn and mended,
 2Sam 3:31 Then David said to Jo'ab and to all the people who were with him, "Rend your clothes, and gird on sackcloth, and mourn before Abner." And King David followed the bier.
 1Kings 20:31 And his servants said to him, "Behold now, we have heard that the kings of the house of Israel are merciful kings; let us put sackcloth on our loins and ropes upon our heads, and go out to the king of Israel; perhaps he will spare your life."
 1Kings 20:32 So they girded sackcloth on their loins, and put ropes on their heads, and went to the king of Israel and said, "Your servant Ben-ha'dad says, Pray, let me live.'" And he said, "Does he still live? He is my brother."
 2Kings 19:2 And he sent Eli'akim, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, covered with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz.
 Isaiah 37:2 And he sent Eli'akim, who was over the household, and Shebna the secretary, and the senior priests, clothed with sackcloth, to the prophet Isaiah the son of Amoz.
 Jer 4:8 For this gird you with sackcloth, lament and wail; for the fierce anger of the LORD has not turned back from us."
 Jer 49:3 "Wail, O Heshbon, for Ai is laid waste! Cry, O daughters of Rabbah! Gird yourselves with sackcloth, lament, and run to and fro among the hedges! For Milcom shall go into exile, with his priests and his princes.
 Ezek 7:18 They gird themselves with sackcloth, and horror covers them; shame is upon all faces, and baldness on all their heads.
 Ezek 27:31 they make themselves bald for you, and gird themselves with sackcloth, and they weep over you in bitterness of soul, with bitter mourning.
 Joel 1:13 Gird on sackcloth and lament, O priests, wail, O ministers of the altar. Go in, pass the night in sackcloth, O ministers of my God! Because cereal offering and drink offering are withheld from the house of your God.
 Jonah 3:5 And the people of Nin'veh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.
 Jonah 3:8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them cry mightily to God; yea, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence which is in his hands.
 Lam 2:10 The elders of the daughter of Zion sit on the ground in silence; they have cast dust on their heads and put on sackcloth; the maidens of Jerusalem have bowed their heads to the ground.
 Neh 9:1 Now on the twenty-fourth day of this month the people of Israel were assembled with fasting and in sackcloth, and with earth upon their heads.
 1Chron 21:16 And David lifted his eyes and saw the angel of the LORD standing between earth and heaven, and in his hand a drawn sword stretched out over Jerusalem. Then David and the elders, clothed in sackcloth, fell upon their faces.

מִגְדוֹלִם וְעַד־קְטָנִים - 4x in BHS - *great and small*

Deut 25:13 "You shall not have in your bag two kinds of weights, a large and a small.
 Jer 16:6 Both great and small shall die in this land; they shall not be buried, and no one shall lament for them or cut himself or make himself bald for them.
 Jonah 3:5 And the people of Nin'veh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.
 2Chron 36:18 And all the vessels of the house of God, great and small, and the treasures of the house of the LORD, and the treasures of the king and of his princes, all these he brought to Babylon.

This is the great wonder, the people (heathen gentiles) believed God, God works faith that can changed the world.

3:10

וַיֵּרָא הָאֱלֹהִים אֶת־מַעֲשֵׂיהֶם כִּי־שָׁבוּ מִדְּרָכָם הָרָעָה
 וַיִּנְחָם הָאֱלֹהִים עַל־הָרָעָה אֲשֶׁר־דָּבַר לַעֲשׂוֹת־לָהֶם וְלֹא עָשָׂה׃

καὶ εἶδεν ὁ θεὸς τὰ ἔργα αὐτῶν ὅτι ἀπέστρεψαυ ἀπὸ τῶν ὀδῶν αὐτῶν τῶν πονηρῶν

καὶ μετενόησεν ὁ θεὸς ἐπὶ τῇ κακίᾳ ἣ ἐλάλησεν τοῦ ποιῆσαι αὐτοῖς καὶ οὐκ ἐποίησεν

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

וַיֵּרָא הָאֱלֹהִים - 10x in BHS - qal waw conv imperfect -

Gen 1:4 And God saw that the light was good; and God separated the light from the darkness.

Gen 1:10 God called the dry land Earth, and the waters that were gathered together he called Seas. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:12 The earth brought forth vegetation, plants yielding seed according to their own kinds, and trees bearing fruit in which is their seed, each according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:18 to rule over the day and over the night, and to separate the light from the darkness. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:21 So God created the great sea monsters and every living creature that moves, with which the waters swarm, according to their kinds, and every winged bird according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:25 And God made the beasts of the earth according to their kinds and the cattle according to their kinds, and everything that creeps upon the ground according to its kind. And God saw that it was good.

Gen 1:31 And God saw everything that he had made, and behold, it was very good. And there was evening and there was morning, a sixth day.

Gen 6:12 And God saw the earth, and behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted their way upon the earth.

Exod 2:25 And God saw the people of Israel, and God knew their condition.

Jonah 3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

Yahweh also sees, [5x in BHS] but it would be inappropriate for the heathen of Niniveh to know Yahweh -

Gen 6:5 The LORD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually.

Gen 29:31 When the LORD saw that Leah was hated, he opened her womb; but Rachel was barren.

Exod 3:4 When the LORD saw that he turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, "Moses, Moses!" And he said, "Here am I."

Deut 32:19 "The LORD saw it, and spurned them, because of the provocation of his sons and his daughters.

Isaiah 59:15 Truth is lacking, and he who departs from evil makes himself a prey. The LORD saw it, and it displeased him that there was no justice.

מַעֲשֵׂיהֶם - exact grammatical form, 13x in BHS - *something done, a work* -

Exod 23:24 you shall not bow down to their gods, nor serve them, nor do according to their works, but you shall utterly overthrow them and break their pillars in pieces.

Isaiah 29:15 Woe to those who hide deep from the LORD their counsel, whose deeds are in the dark, and who say, "Who sees us? Who knows us?"

Isaiah 41:29 Behold, they are all a delusion; their works are nothing; their molten images are empty wind.

Isaiah 59:6 Their webs will not serve as clothing; men will not cover themselves with what they make. Their works are works of iniquity, and deeds of violence are in their hands.

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Isaiah 66:18 "For I know their works and their thoughts, and I am coming to gather all nations and tongues; and they shall come and shall see my glory,

Ezek 1:16 As for the appearance of the wheels and their construction: their appearance was like the gleaming of a chrysolite; and the four had the same likeness, their construction being as it were a wheel within a wheel.

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Amos 8:7 The LORD has sworn by the pride of Jacob: "Surely I will never forget any of their deeds.

Jonah 3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

Psalms 33:15 he who fashions the hearts of them all, and observes all their deeds.

Psalms 106:35 but they mingled with the nations and learned to do as they did.

Psalms 106:39 Thus they became unclean by their acts, and played the harlot in their doings.

שָׁבוּ מִדְרָכֵי הָרָעָה - 8x in BHS - *turn from ways wicked*

1Kings 13:33 After this thing Jerobo'am did not turn from his evil way, but made priests for the high places again from among all the people; any who would, he consecrated to be priests of the high places.

Jer 25:5 saying, Turn now, every one of you, from his evil way and wrong doings, and dwell upon the land which the LORD has given to you and your fathers from of old and for ever;

Jer 26:3 It may be they will listen, and every one turn from his evil way, that I may repent of the evil which I intend to do to them because of their evil doings.

Jer 35:15 I have sent to you all my servants the prophets, sending them persistently, saying, Turn now every one of you from his evil way, and amend your doings, and do not go after other gods to serve them, and then you shall dwell in the land which I gave to you and your fathers.' But you did not incline your ear or listen to me.

Jer 36:3 It may be that the house of Judah will hear all the evil which I intend to do to them, so that every one may turn from his evil way, and that I may forgive their iniquity and their sin."

Jer 36:7 It may be that their supplication will come before the LORD, and that every one will turn from his evil way, for great is the anger and wrath that the LORD has pronounced against this people."

Jonah 3:8 but let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and let them cry mightily to God; yea, let every one turn from his evil way and from the violence which is in his hands.

Jonah 3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

וַיִּנְחַם הָאֱלֹהִים - nifal waw consecutive imperfect - *regret* - BHS Hapax, however, Yahweh regrets 4x in BHS -

Gen 6:6 And the LORD was sorry that he had made man on the earth, and it grieved him to his heart.

Exod 32:14 And the LORD repented of the evil which he thought to do to his people.

2Sam 24:16 And when the angel stretched forth his hand toward Jerusalem to destroy it, the LORD repented of the evil, and said to the angel who was working destruction among the people, "It is enough; now stay your hand." And the angel of the LORD was by the threshing floor of Arau'nah the Jeb'usite.

Jer 26:19 Did Hezeki'ah king of Judah and all Judah put him to death? Did he not fear the LORD and entreat the favor of the LORD, and did not the LORD repent of the evil which he had pronounced against them? But we are about to bring great evil upon ourselves."

Note that a second case of Elohim regretting does occur at Jonah 3:9, but that is just a nifal perfect -

Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish."

לַעֲשׂוֹת - qal infinitive construct - 298x in BHS, 8x in minor prophets - *to perform a work* -

Joel 2:20 "I will remove the northerner far from you, and drive him into a parched and desolate land, his front into the eastern sea, and his rear into the western sea; the stench and foul smell of him will rise, for he has done great things.

Joel 2:21 "Fear not, O land; be glad and rejoice, for the LORD has done great things!

Amos 3:10 "They do not know how to do right," says the LORD, "those who store up violence and robbery in their strongholds."

Jonah 3:10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God repented of the evil which he had said he would do to them; and he did not do it.

Micah 6:8 He has showed you, O man, what is good; and what does the LORD require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Hab 2:18 What profit is an idol when its maker has shaped it, a metal image, a teacher of lies? For the workman trusts in his own creation when he makes dumb idols!

Zech 1:6 But my words and my statutes, which I commanded my servants the prophets, did they not overtake your fathers? So they repented and said, As the LORD of hosts purposed to deal with us for our ways and deeds, so has he dealt with us."

Zech 2:4 And I said, "What are these coming to do?" He answered, "These are the horns which scattered Judah, so that no man raised his head; and these have come to terrify them, to cast down the horns of the nations who lifted up their horns against the land of Judah to scatter it."

Key to this text is the difference between God bringing salvation, which is a LAW & GOSPEL event, the elements we see are contrition, repentance & forgiveness, (though be assured, from God perceptive much more is happening)... and God "letting people off the hook" (that is no or mere outward repentance, and that just to avoid punishment.) Don't be fooled, God doesn't let things slide, although the way God works change may be subtle.