

## Jonah 3

# Advent and the City

Sermon Notes for the Fourth Sunday in Advent, December 23, 2012 by Pastor Dennis R. Tuuri  
Jonah and Advent, Part Three of Four

### Structure (Source - David Dorsey)

**3** Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup> 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.

<sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”

<sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a **fast** and put on **sackcloth**, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

<sup>6</sup> The word reached the king of Nineveh,

and he arose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

<sup>7</sup> And he issued a proclamation and published *through Nineveh*,

“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, <sup>8</sup> but let man and beast be covered with **sackcloth**, and **let them call out mightily to God. Let everyone turn from his evil way and from the violence that is in his hands.** <sup>9</sup> Who knows? God may turn and relent and turn from his fierce anger, so that we may not perish.”

<sup>10</sup> When God saw what they *did*, how they **turned from their evil way**, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

### The Text

Prologue - Jonah's Second Chance - A Forgiving Compassionate Saving God

1. From Threat to Relent
2. From ritual repentance to deed repentance
3. The King hears and commands
4. Now the old King is dead, long live the King!

Was the King softened up for the knock-out punch? Invasion, Total Solar Eclipse, Famine, Flood

### Comments

God Cares for Cities

The Significance of Nineveh (Boat and Great City)

The Gospel Implies "Bad" News; "Bad" News Implies the Gospel

Repentance is a change of heart and actions. Talk is dirt cheap.

The Dove, the Flood, 40 Days, the Animals - The Coming Cosmic Gospel

Jesus, Caesar, An Ark, the Animals, The Dove, Forty Days - The Past and Present Cosmic Gospel

We have settled for a truncated Gospel and a truncated repentance and a truncated grace.

For the disobedient, Christmas is a fearful holiday (think the giving of presents and Esther).

For the Christian, Christmas is a time for great joy!

## Jonah 3 "Advent and A Great City"

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1. God is a God of \_\_\_\_\_ chances

2. Who built Nineveh? \_\_\_\_\_

3. What other city did he build? \_\_\_\_\_

4. How many days was Nineveh given to repent. \_\_\_\_\_

5. Once more, we are reminded of \_\_\_\_\_

6. What three things are called great in Jonah 1-3?

\_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_ ; \_\_\_\_\_

7,8. While Chapter 2 was about saving a \_\_\_\_\_,

chapter three is about saving a \_\_\_\_\_.

9. The Gospel is the good news that Jesus came to save us from our

\_\_\_\_\_.

10. And the Gospel is the good news that God is \_\_\_\_\_ the world.

11. In Jonah 1, God's Advent was a \_\_\_\_\_.

12. In Jonah 2, God's Advent was a \_\_\_\_\_.

13. In Jonah 3, God's Advent was His \_\_\_\_\_.

14. When men repent, God \_\_\_\_\_.

15. Jesus was born in the time of Augustus \_\_\_\_\_.

16. After his 3 days in a \_\_\_\_\_, he brings new life to the world.

17. Paul was the advent of the Gospel to great \_\_\_\_\_.

18. After Paul got on a ship with pagans, and the ship was wrecked in a

great storm, he went to \_\_\_\_\_.

