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(5) So the people of Nineveh believed God, and proclaimed a fast, and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them even to the least of them.

(6) Because word came to the king of Nineveh, and he arose from his throne, and he laid aside his robe, and covered *himself* with sackcloth, and sat in ashes.

(7) And he caused *it* to be proclaimed and published through Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles, saying, Let neither man nor beast, herd nor flock, taste anything: let them not feed, nor drink water:

(8) But let man and beast be covered with sackcloth, and cry mightily to God: yes, let everyone turn from his evil way, and from the violence that *is* in their hands.

(9) Who can tell *if* God will turn and repent, and turn away from His fierce anger, that we not perish?

(10) And God saw their works, that they turned from their evil way; and God repented of the evil, that He had said that He would do to them; and He did not do *it*.

Chapter 4

(1) But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was very angry.

(2) And he prayed to the LORD {Jehovah}, and said, I ask You, O LORD {Jehovah}, *was* this not what I said, when I was yet in my country? Therefore I fled before to Tarshish: because I knew that You *are* a gracious God, and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and You repent of the evil.

(3) Therefore now, O LORD {Jehovah}, I beg You, take my life from me; because *it is* better for me to die than to live.

(4) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said, **Do you have reason to be angry?**

(5) So Jonah went out of the city, and sat on the east side of the city, and there made for himself a booth, and sat under it in the shadow, until he might see what would become of the city.

(6) And the LORD {Jehovah} God prepared a gourd, and caused *it* to come up over Jonah, that it might be a shadow over his head, to deliver him from his grief. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the gourd.

(7) But God prepared a worm when the morning rose the next day, and it struck the gourd so that it withered.

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(8) And it came to pass, when the sun arose, that God prepared a strong east wind; and the sun beat upon the head of Jonah, so that he fainted, and wished in himself to die, and said, *It is better for me to die than to live.*

(9) And God said to Jonah, *Do you have reason to be angry for the gourd?* And he said, I have reason to be angry, *even to death.*

(10) Then the LORD {Jehovah} said, *You had pity on the gourd, for which you had not labored, neither caused it to grow; which came up in a night, and perished in a night:*

(11) *And should I not spare Nineveh, that great city, in which are more than a hundred-twenty thousand persons who cannot discern between their right hand and their left hand; and also much cattle?*