



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Jonah 3:1–5; 4:6–11** **Scripture Handout New English Version**

Assign each person in the class one or more verses to study.

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

(Jonah 3:2) "Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you."

(Jonah 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.

(Jonah 3:4) Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

(Jonah 3:5) 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.

(Jonah 4:6) Now 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.

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

(Jonah 4:8) When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on 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."

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

(Jonah 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.

(Jonah 4:11) And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

**Write out the verse or verses you have been assigned below**

**Answer These Questions for Class Discussion or Personal Study**

1. What does the verse say?
2. What does the verse mean to me?