God's Heart of Mercy: A Study of the Book of Jonah

OBSERVATION QUESTIONS: JONAH 3

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WHO are the main characters or groups of people found in Jonah chapter 3? Who are front and center? In the attached printout of chapter 1, underline each main character as well as the pronouns and synonyms that refer back to them. Color code.

WHAT do you learn about these main characters in chapter 3? WHAT did they do? WHAT did they say? Begin with the main characters and continue with the other characters in the chapter.

*** List the main characters below. (After the main characters, also take note of other characters in the chapter and list them.)

Who?	What?
Lord	His word came to Jonah

^{*}Read Jonah chapter 3 (A printout of this chapter is attached.)

	E: Are there any geographical references? If you come to a geographical location, mark be double underline) and color code.
-	Example: Nineveh (3:2)
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	: Are there any references to time? Days, months, years, or words like <i>before, after, then</i> , <i>il</i> . Mark the references to time with a simple clock drawing. Draw a circle with two
-	Example: "word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time" (3:1)
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KEY WORDS AND PHRASES: This is usually made up of repeated words or phrases. When you find a key word or phrase, mark them distinctly by color and symbol. Examine the word's context to see what you can learn about it.
Example: "word of the Lord" (3:1, 3:3, 3:6) – What is said about it? Context around it?
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ANY COMPARISONS AND CONTRASTS THAT YOU OBSERVE:
Example: "Arise" & "so Jonah arose"
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CAUSE AND EFFECT RELATIONSHIPS:
Example: "he cried out, 'Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown' \rightarrow ther the people of Nineveh believed in God" (3:4-5)
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SUMMARIZE THE PARAGRAPHS: (Short phrase or sentence.)

*Jonah 3:1-4

*Jonah 3:5-10

OTHER OBSERVATIONS YOU HAVE MADE:

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Jonah 3

Nineveh Repents

3 Now the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time, saying, 2 "Arise, go to Nineveh the great city and proclaim to it the proclamation which I am going to tell you." 3 So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was [a]an exceedingly great city, a three days' walk. 4 Then Jonah began to go through the city one day's walk; and he cried out and said, "Yet forty days and Nineveh will be overthrown."

5 Then the people of Nineveh believed in God; and they called a fast and put on sackcloth from the greatest to the least of them. 6 When the word reached the king of Nineveh, he arose from his throne, laid aside his robe from him, covered himself with sackcloth and sat on the [b]ashes. 7 He issued a proclamation and it said, "In Nineveh by the decree of the king and his nobles: Do not let man, beast, herd, or flock taste a thing. Do not let

them eat or drink water. 8 But both man and beast must be covered with sackcloth; and let [c]men call on God earnestly that each may turn from his wicked way and from the violence which is in [d]his hands. 9 Who knows, God may turn and relent and withdraw His burning anger so that we will not perish."

10 When God saw their deeds, that they turned from their wicked way, then God relented concerning the calamity which He had declared He would [e]bring upon them. And He did not do it.