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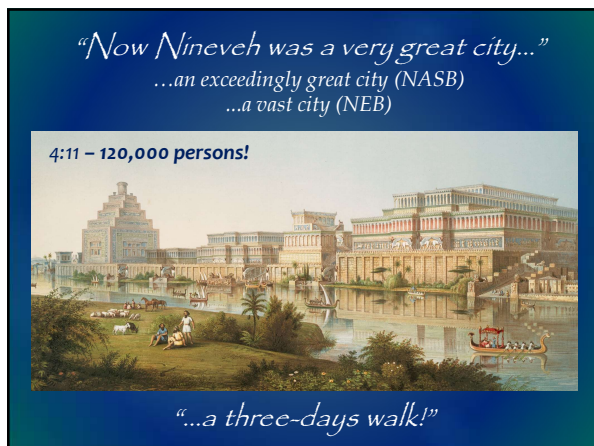
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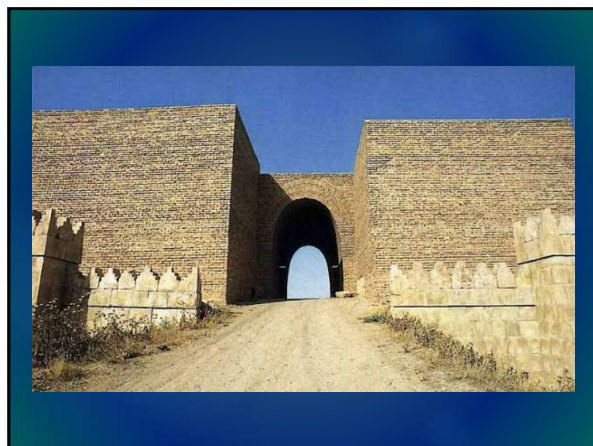
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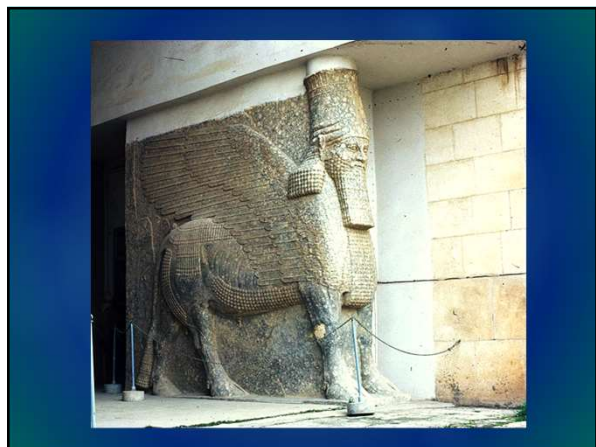
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The city walls have been discovered and records have been found that reveal that greater Nineveh beyond the walls extended at least forty miles outward.

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“Yet forty days & Nineveh will be overthrown!”
5 words in Hebrew!

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“*hapak*”
- To turn about or over.
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“So He overthrew those cities, all the plain, all the inhabitants of the cities, and what grew on the ground.”
Genesis 19:25


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To change, be converted...
“My heart is changed within me; all my compassion is aroused.”
Hosea 11:8

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“Then the people of Nineveh believed God!”
 Jonah 3:5
 ✓ They declared a fast
 ✓ Put on sackcloth
 ✓ The king arose from his throne...
 - Took off his royal robes... (Humility)
 - Dressed in sackcloth (Mourning, Sorrow Repentance)
 - Sat in the dust/ashes (Desolation, Hopelessness)
Issued a decree!

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No offer of mercy!

Yet...
“Who knows?”
Jonah 3:9
 Mercy is what they SEEK!

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No offer of mercy!

Yet...
“Who knows?”
Jonah 3:9
 Mercy is what they GET!
 And...
“When God saw... He relented!”
Jonah 3:10

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“God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble...”
1 Peter 5:5-6

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“God does not desire for anyone to perish...”
2 Peter 3:9

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"But You, O Lord, are a God full of compassion, and gracious, longsuffering and abundant in mercy and truth."

Psalm 86:15

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"Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives transgression... You do not stay angry but delight to show mercy!"

Micah 7:18

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Some thoughts...

1 - God is relentless in His effort to conform us into the image of Christ!

Romans 8:29
Ephesians 1:4-5

Transformed into the Image of CHRIST

"Déjà Do!"

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Some thoughts...

2 - Our "effectiveness" rests in our **obedience**, not our ability!

'Not by might nor by power, but by my Spirit'

The spirit of the Almighty Lord
Zechariah 4:6 (NIV84)

Hebrews 4:12 - "For the **word of God** is quick, and powerful..."

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Some thoughts...

2 - Our "effectiveness" rests in our **obedience**, not our ability!

But that doesn't leave us "off the hook!"

Matthew 28
Matthew 22

John 15:13
2 Corinthians 5

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Colossians 4:6
Let your words always be gracious, seasoned with salt, so as to know how to give an answer to each one.

Being a Useful Vessel to God

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Some thoughts...

3 - A life growing spiritually responds to God in humility, not in arrogance and pride.




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Some thoughts...

4 - A life growing spiritually sees itself AND others as God sees!

... Sheep w/o a shepherd!
... Extends grace to and rejoices in the transformation of others.



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How are YOU responding to God?

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