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Jonah 4:10–11	
¹⁰ Then the LORD said, "You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labor and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. ¹¹ And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?" (NRSV)	ּיוַיּ כָּאָה יְהוָהאַתָּ חַסְתָּעַל-הַקִּיקָיוֹן אֲשֶׁ לא-עָמַלְתָּ בּוֹוְל אִּדַּלְתּוֹּ: שָׁבָּן-לַיְלָ הָיָ ה וּבִן-לַיְלָ אָּבָ ד יא וַאֲנִי לא אָחוּס עַל-נִנְוַ וּהָּע יהַגְּ עָ ה אֲשָׁשֶׁ עָּ -שָׁבַ הַּוְבֵ וּמִשְׁתֵּ סַ-עֶשְׂר הְבּוֹאָדָ כ אֲשָׁשֶׁ עָּ -שָׁבַ גַּן-יְיָמ ימּלָשְׁמ אלוֹבְהֵהַמָ ה וַבָּ ה
Jonah 3:6–9	
⁶ When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. ⁷ Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his	וַיּגַּ עַתַדָּבָ ראָ לַבֶּעָלֶדְ נִינְוַ וַזְּקָ בִּזּכִּסְאוֹ וַיַּעֲבֵ וּאַדַרְ וּשַּׁמַעָלָ יּווַיְכַ כּשַּׁ כַּתְיָשָׁ וּצַל- הָאֵכֶּ ר זוַיַּזְעֵ כַּזְיֹ אָא בְּנִנְוָ וּמִיּטַעַ בַּזּמֶלֶדְ גְוּדֹלָ יו
nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. ⁸ Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and	ָּרְבַּיְּגֵ זֵי בָּדְּבְּיְגָ יְבָיְצָ בַּשְׁעֶּצֶוּ אָזָ דְ לַ מֹּא יּתָאָדָ מְתַּבְּהֵמָ תַּבָּק וְתַזּצֹאן אַ -ל יִטְעֲ מַמְּ אָמָּהאַל-יִרְ עוּמַיִּי מַּגל-יִשְׁ תּוּ ח וְיִתְכַּסּוּ שַׂקִים הָאָדָם וְהַבְּהֵמָה וְיִקְרָאוּ
they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. ⁹ Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his	אָל-אָאלהִי בְּדָחָזְקָ הִיְשָׁי באָ ישָּׁדַרְ כּו הָרָעָ וּמָן-הֶחָמָ אֲזַשָׁ וּבְּכַפֵּיהָ ם
fierce anger, so that we do not perish." (NRSV)	ט מִי-יוֹדֵעַ יָשׁוּב וְנִחֵם הָאֱלֹהִים ; וְשָׁב מֵחֲרוֹן אַפּוֹ וְלֹ וּאֹ םֵּא ד
Sūrah Aṣ-Ṣaffāt 37:139–148	
 And indeed, Jonah was among the messengers. [Mention] when he ran away to the laden ship. And he drew lots and was among the losers. Then the fish swallowed him, while he was blameworthy. And had he not been of those who exalt Allah, He would have remained inside its belly until the Day they are resurrected. But We threw him onto the open shore while he was ill. And We caused to grow over him a gourd vine. And We sent him to [his people of] a hundred thousand or more. And they believed, so We gave them enjoyment [of life] for a time. 	
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