Return to Nineveh
Nahum 2:8-10, 3:1, 3:6, 3:19

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Techniques are described on the first page
Loop / FX may be unused if no devices are available
Overall level baseline is mezzoforte
Mic distance baseline is average distance
Reverb level baseline is off
Other FX described as needed; baseline is off
yet they shall flee away stand! stand!

but none shall look back - Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold

for there is none end of the store and of the glory

of all its treasures. She is empty,
and void, and waste: and the heart melt eth (th....)

more whispered creak, very harsh, but moving lips open and closed, keeping the sound filtered opened and closed like rushing water quiet, long whisper

and the knees smite together and much pain

whisper turns increasingly pitched richly expressive and very dark, on careful pitch, without vibrato

is in all their loins and the faces of them all

airy, without vibrato, cleanly pitched

grow blank grow blank
louder, frantic  even louder, gesturing, starting to scream

Woe!  Woe!  Woe!  Woe!  Woe!  Woe!  Woe!

very large lips, exploding sounds of “b” and “d”

b-b-b-b-b-b-b  b-b-b-b-b-b-b-b-b-b-b-b-b-b

to the blood-y blood-y blood-y blood-y blood-

blood-y cit-y

begin pacing back and forth on the stage, toward and away from the audience

irregular, repeating the phrase, breathing in between very loudly, wildly

blood-y cit-y  It is all full of lies and rob-ber-y; the prey de-part-eth not.

now get very, very still and stare

And I will cast a-bom-in-a-ble filth up-on thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a ga-zing-stock
There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous.

All that hear the bruit of thee shall clap their hands over thee; for upon whom hath not thy wickedness and cruelty been

microphone almost in mouth
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In ancient times, it is said that the city of Nineveh on the Tigris River was brought down by the wrath of a vengeful God. In modern times, its people have suffered again through great wars and civil strife. And now they suffer again through the vengeance of a small man who would be God.