

# NAHUM

## Background Information

### The Man

Name means consolation

City of birth was Elkosh (no one knows for sure where it was)

Nothing else is known of him

### The Book

It is a sequel to Jonah

- The date is somewhere between 663-612 BC
- It is largely a poem

Purpose

- A prophetic word of a threatening nature
- Comfort to Judah because her enemy would be destroyed.

### The City

Nahum 3:18 tells us the city of Nineveh would be hidden. It was destroyed in 612 BC and not discovered again until AD 1842

Nineveh, unlike other cities, was never rebuilt (1:9,14)

# NAHUM 1:1-2:8

Nahum 1:7

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble;  
and he knoweth them that trust in him.

THE THINGS I WANT TO ACCOMPLISH THIS WEEK!!!

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Weekly memory verse – Nahum 1:7

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Read – Nahum 1:1-4

Examine –

1. What city is this book about?
2. Who is the writer of this book?
3. Where is he from or what way does he describe himself?
4. What is God?
5. What will the LORD do?
6. He is also \_\_\_\_\_.
7. On whom will he take vengeance?
8. Against whom does He reserve wrath?
9. At what is God slow?
10. In what is He great?
11. Whom will He not acquit?
12. What two things does God control?
13. To what are the clouds likened?
14. What does He do to the sea?
15. What does He do to the sea and the rivers?
16. What three places are languishing?

Apply-

It is comforting to know that God is in control of the natural elements. However, I would not want God's anger to be released on me by any means. How do you recognize God to be a jealous God?

What are you giving that's His to other things? (Ex: People, money, time, making plans without Him)

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Read – Nahum 1:5-8

Examine –

1. How do the mountains respond to God?
2. What happens to the hills?
3. What happens to the earth?
4. To what are all these elements responding?
5. What are the obvious answers to the questions in verse 6?
6. How is His fury poured out?
7. What does He do with the rocks?
8. What is God according to the first part of verse 7?
9. What is He in the day of trouble?
10. What does He know?
11. How will He make an end to the place of His enemies?
12. What will pursue His enemies?

Apply-

If none of us can stand His wrath, why do we try to oppose Him?

Do you trust in Him?

Is He your stronghold?

How do you demonstrate that today?

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Read – Nahum 1:9-12

Examine –

1. Who are they plotting against in verse 9?  
NOTE: The word “imagine” means to think to do, devise, plan.
2. What will God make?
3. Will it get back up?
4. The word “folden” means to interweave. With what were they being interwoven?
5. What else is the state of these people?
6. How will they be devoured while they are in this state?
7. What is stubble and why would it need to be fully dry?
8. What is come out from them?
9. What is he doing against the LORD?
10. Remember he is describing the army of Assyrian. How does he describe them? (2 things)
11. What will happen to them when God passes through them?
12. God has been using this army to punish Israel, but what good news does He give them now?

Apply-

When our enemies stand before God, none can handle Him! How will you allow God to fight your battles for you?

What battles will you give Him today?

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Read – Nahum 1:13-15

Examine –

1. What will God break off Israel?
2. What will He do with the bonds?
3. If Nahum were written during the battle that is described in three places in Scripture (II Kings, II Chronicles, Isaiah) then verse 14 is describing the death of Sennacherib. What will happen to his name?
4. What will God take out of his house of gods?
5. What will God make for him in this house?
6. Why does God do this?
7. Read Isaiah 37:38. Is this what happened?
8. What is on the mountains?
9. What does he bring to the people?
10. What were they to keep?
11. What were they to perform?
12. What will not bother them any more?
13. Why not?

Apply-

We could apply this by saying, “Keep doing what you know to do that’s right. Help is on the way!

Will **YOU** keep on doing right no matter what happens?

Name some things?

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Read – Nahum 2:1-4

Examine –

1. Who is the first part of verse one talking about?
2. Where is He come?
3. What four military things were they to do?
4. What has God turned away?  
NOTE: This means to turn back or return. The idea is God is restoring Jacob.
5. The word “empty” carries with it the idea of lying waste. What then has the emptier done to Jacob?
6. What have they done to the vine branches?
7. Define Marred –
8. As the men of Babylon march against Assyrian, how will their shields be made?
9. How are their valiant men dressed?
10. What will their chariots have on them?
11. What will be shaken?
12. What will rage (to boast, glory, make one's boast) in the streets?
13. What will they do one against another?
14. This word means to rush to and fro, rush back and forth
15. Where will they do this?
16. What will they seem like?
17. How will they run?

Apply-

God is sending a great army against Nineveh for its wickedness. God will never excuse sin, but He is merciful (remember Jonah and Nineveh). List some ways He has shown mercy to you in the past week or two?

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Read – Nahum 2:5-8

Examine –

1. What shall He recount?
2. Note: The word “worthies” mean their nobles or rulers!
3. In what shall they stumble?
4. To what will they run?
5. What will be prepared for them?
6. What will be opened?
7. With what will they do away?
8. Who shall be lead away captive?  
FACT: This is the mistress or Queen of Nineveh.
9. Who will lead her?
10. What kind of voice will they have?
11. What are they doing on their breast?  
NOTE: This word means to beat!
12. This verse is probably figurative, as are some of these other passages. What is Nineveh like?
13. Will the “pool” stay together?
14. What will the leaders say as they flee?
15. Does it affect the army at all?

Apply-

Even the rulers of this great city will not be spared this judgment. Will you?

Is there anything that you have not judged about yourself?

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Read – Review

Examine –

1. What did you learn about God in this passage?
  
  
  
  
  
2. Who is this book about?
3. For whom does God give hope?
4. What are some things God will do no more to His people?
  
  
  
  
  
5. Describe the advancing enemy that will fight Nineveh?
  
  
  
  
  
6. Describe God's judgment on Nineveh?

Apply-

What a comparison of God in mercy and God in Judgment! Which will you face?

Why?

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# NAHUM 2:9-3

Nahum 2:13

Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts,  
and I will burn her chariots in the smoke,  
and the sword shall devour thy young lions:  
and I will cut off thy prey from the earth,  
and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard.

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Read – Nahum 2:9-13

Examine – Reread the first 8 verses to get the context!

1. What two items of the spoil will the enemy take?
2. Is there plenty to go around?
3. What else might they take?
4. After the spoil is taken what will the city be like? (3 things)
5. What four things describe the physical condition of the inhabitants of Nineveh?
6. Nineveh had once walked as a lion, terrifying all people. What obvious answer is he indicating?
7. How did the lion act in the past?
8. With what did he fill his holes?
9. Who is against them?
10. What will He do to her chariots?
11. What will the sword devour?
12. What do you think this represents?
13. What will be heard no more?

Apply-

When God judges a life, it is empty, void, and waste. The good news is He can restore! Will you let Him restore you if you need it?

When Satan uses a life it is also empty, void, and waste, but he cannot nor will not restore it!

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Read – Nahum 3:1-4

Examine –

1. What does God call Nineveh?
2. Of what is the city full?
3. What four noises do the inhabitants hear?
  
4. What do you think each one of these represents?
  
5. What two weapons does the horseman use?
6. How many are slain?
7. What is happening with the corpses?  
FACT: God now gives the reason for this city's judgment.
8. How did they treat the harlot?
9. What were they doing in multitudes?
10. Who was selling nations?
11. How was she doing it?
12. How was she selling families?

Apply-

This city had an influence on other nations and people. We see this clearly in the life of Israel. All of us influence people whether we want to admit it or not. How are you influencing people?

Is your life encouraging godliness / wickedness / apathy

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Read – Nahum 3:5-8

Examine –

1. Who is against them?
2. What will He put on their faces?
3. What will He show the nations?
4. What will He show the kingdoms?
5. What will He cast on them?
6. What will He make them?
7. What will He set them as?
8. What will all people do when they look on Nineveh?
9. What will they say?
10. Will anyone mourn her?
11. Will they be able to hire people to comfort?
12. What city does he use as an example to them?
13. Where was this city located?
14. What was her primary protection?

Apply-

God has a way of showing others what we are really like. Look up the following verses and write what you think they mean.

Numbers 32:23 –

Psalms 90:8 –

Luke 12:2 –

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Read – Nahum 3:9-12

Examine – Reread yesterday's passage to get the context!

1. What was her strength?
2. How does he describe her strength?
3. Who helped her?
4. Even though she had all this, what happened to her?
5. What happened to her children?
6. For what did they cast lots?
7. What happened to her great men?
8. He now refers back to Nineveh. What would be the condition of the city?
9. What will they seek?
10. Why?
11. To what are her strong holds likened?
12. What will happen if they are shaken?
13. To whom will they fall?

Apply-

All her own strength could not stand when it came time for God to destroy her.

Do you have enough strength to resist God?

In what area do you most often try to resist Him?

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Read – Nahum 3:13-16

Examine –

1. To what does he liken all the people?
2. Note: This is not a cut down of women. It's just the fact that they are not a great fighting force.
3. What will happen to their gates?
4. What will devour the bars?
5. What should they draw?
6. Why?
7. What should they do to the strong holds?
8. Of what should they make plenty?
9. What two things will be used to destroy them?
10. What thing should they make themselves like?  
FACT: The cankerworm is the early stage of a locust!
11. What specifically like the locust should they be?
12. During their time of prosperity, what did they multiply to themselves?
13. What happened to these people when the war came?  
NOTE: Just as a butterfly changes and is gone, so the merchants would be gone when war came!

Apply-

God is telling them to prepare for war, but it's not going to do them any good. It is almost like God is saying: "You have been totally self-sufficient until now, so see what you can do in the face of this enemy."

How do you demonstrate your self-sufficiency?

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Read – Nahum 3:17-19

Examine –

1. To what does he compare the leadership?
2. Where do they camp?
3. What do they do when it gets hot?
4. Can anyone find them?
5. What slumbers?
6. To whom does he call in this verse?
7. Where are the nobles dwelling?
8. Where are the people scattered?
9. Will anyone bring them together?
10. Will there be any healing?
11. How does he describe her wound?
12. How will others respond to the news of their fall?
13. Why do others seem so happy about their fall?

Apply-

Those who lead you to do wrong or influence you to do so usually leave when things get rough. When you finally get your just dues, those “friends” will laugh at you. On the other hand, if you’re around those who love God, they will stand when things get rough and will weep with you when you fall. With which crowd would you rather be?

With which crowd are you?

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Reread chapters 2-3 and rewrite the story in your own words as if you were a reporter talking about what happened.

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