

THE BOOK OF NAHUM: THE DOOM OF NINEVEH

Nahum was of the town of Elkosh, which most scholars think was in Galilee. His prophecy came 120 - 150 years after Jonah's. During this time Assyria had destroyed Israel, and continued her brutality to other nations, including Judah (See II Kings 18-19). Read now Nahum's prophecy about Nineveh, given to the people of Judah:

A. A Description of Nineveh's Destroyer: Read Nahum 1

1. How is God described to Nineveh in Nahum 1:2, 3a?

2. What had proved to Nineveh in the past that God was slow to anger?

3. Notice the many areas of nature in which the Lord has His way: Nahum 1:3b-5

4. How is God described to Nineveh in Nahum 1:6?

5. Notice the contrasting pictures of God in Nahum 1:7-8. To whom is the first given? The second?

6. What did God promise He would do to Nineveh? Nahum 1:8-9, 10b, 12a, 14b

7. What was God's message to Judah in relation to the doom of Nineveh? Nahum 1:12b-13

8. What would the news of Nineveh's destruction be to Judah? Nahum 1:15

B. A Description of Nineveh's Destruction: Read Nahum 2

1. What would be the "overrunning flood" which would make an end of Nineveh? Nahum 1:8

2. Notice the description of Nineveh's chariots in the day of her destruction, Nahum 2:3b-4. Why do you think they would behave so?

3. Why would Nineveh's "worthies" or "gallants" stumble in their walk? Nahum 2:5 (See Nahum 1:10 for a clue.)

4. What place would the soldiers run to defend? Nahum 2:5b

5. Where would the enemy come through to the city? Nahum 2:6

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6. What would the soldiers then do? Nahum 2:8b

7. What would happen to the people of the city? Nahum 2:7

8. What was God's message to the enemies of Nineveh? Nahum 2:9

9. How is the city described after this? Nahum 2:10

10. To what did God compare Nineveh before her destruction? Nahum 2:11-12

11. What would happen to the city after she was conquered? Nahum 2:13, 3:13b, 3:15a

C. The Reasons for Nineveh's Destruction: Read Nahum 3

1. List some of the sins of the great city of Nineveh:
 - a. Nahum 3:1 _____
 - b. Nahum 3:3 _____
 - c. Nahum 3:4 _____
2. What did God say twice to her? Nahum 2:13a, 3:5a

3. How would all the nations feel when they heard of her destruction? Why? Nahum 3:19b

QUESTIONS FOR ME TO THINK ABOUT:

1. Will God always continue to warn people of their sins? What must He eventually send? See II Peter 3:9-10

2. What effect should these facts have on my life? II Peter 3:11b
