



Nahum

Chapter 1

1 ¶ The ^aburden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

Anger Against Nineveh

2 God *is* ^bjealous and the LORD revenges. The LORD revenges and *is* furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries and He reserves *wrath* for His enemies.

3 The LORD *is* ^cslow to anger and ^dgreat in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*. ^eThe LORD has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of His feet.

4 ^fHe rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers. ^gBashan and Carmel wither. The blossoms of Lebanon wither.

5 The mountains quake because of Him and the hills melt. And the earth is burned because of His presence, yes, the world and all who dwell in it.

6 Who can stand before His indignation? And ^hwho can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire and the rocks are thrown down by Him.

7 ⁱThe LORD *is* good, a stronghold in the day of trouble. And ^jHe knows those who trust in Him.

8 But with an overflowing flood He will make a complete end of its site. And darkness will pursue His enemies.

9 ¶ ^kWhat do you imagine against the LORD? ^lHe will make a complete end. Affliction will not rise up the second time.

10 For while *they are* entangled *as* ^mthorns, and while ⁿthey are drunken *as* drunkards, ^othey will be devoured as dry stubble.

11 There is *one* who comes out of you who imagines evil against the LORD, a wicked counselor.

12 ¶ Thus says the LORD, “Though *they have* many allies and are numerous, yet they will be ^pcut down when He passes through. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more.

13 “For now I will break his yoke from off you and will burst your bonds asunder.”

14 ¶ And the LORD has given a commandment concerning you, “Your name will no longer be perpetuated. Out of the house of your gods I will cut off the graven image and the molten image. I will make your ^qgrave, for you are ^rvile.”

15 ¶ Behold on the mountains the ^sfeet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace! O Judah, keep your solemn feasts. Perform your vows, for the wicked will never again pass through you. He is ^tutterly cut off.

Chapter 1: a Zp 2:13 b Ex 20:5 c Ex 34:6,7 d Jb 9:4 e Ps 18:17 f Mt 8:26 g Is 33:9 h MI 3:2 i Jr 33:11 j 2 Tm 2:19 k Ps 2:1 l 1 Sm 3:12 m 2 Sm 23:6 n Nh 3:11 o MI 4:1 p Is 10:16-19,33,34 q Ez 32:22,23 r Nh 3:6 s Rm 10:15 t Is 29:7,8

Chapter 2

The Fall of Nineveh

1 ¶ He who scatters has come up before your face. Man the fortress. Watch the way. Make strong *your* flanks. Fortify *your* power mightily.

2 For the LORD will restore the excellency of Jacob as the excellency

of Israel, though the devastators have devastated them and ruined their vine branches.

3 ¶ The shields of his mighty men are made red. The valiant men *are* in scarlet. The chariots *are* with flaming torches in the day of his preparation and the spears are brandished.

4 The chariots race in the streets. They jostle one against another in the broad ways. They seem like torches. They run like the lightnings.

5 ¶ He summons his picked troops. They stumble in their walk. They make haste to its wall and the defense is prepared.

6 The gates of the rivers are opened and the palace is dissolved.

7 And it is decreed: She is led away captive. She is brought up and her handmaids lead *her* as with the voice of doves, beating their breasts.

8 ¶ Though Nineveh of old *was* like a pool of water, yet they will flee away. “Stand, stand,” *they will command*, but no one will look back.

9 Take the spoil of silver. Take the spoil of ^agold. For *there is* no end of the treasure *or* wealth of all its treasures.

10 She is empty and void and waste, and the heart melts and the knees knock together. And anguish is in the whole body and all their faces are grown pale!

11 ¶ Where *now is* the dwelling of the ^blions and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion, lioness and lion’s cub walked, with nothing to disturb *them*?

12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses. And he ^cfilled his caves with prey and his dens with torn flesh.

13 ¶ “Behold, ^dI *am* against you,” says the LORD of armies, “and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions. And I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your ^emessengers will no longer be heard.”

Chapter 2: a Zp 1:18 b Jb 4:10,11 c Jr 51:34 d Nh 3:5 e 2 Kg 18:17-25; 19:9-13,23

Chapter 3

Woe to Nineveh

1 ¶ Woe to the ^acity of blood! It *is* all full of lies *and* robbery. The prey does not depart.

2 The noise of a whip and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the galloping horses and of the jolting chariots.

3 The horseman lifts up both the bright sword and the gleaming spear. And *there is* a multitude of slain and a great number of corpses. And *there is* no end of *their* corpses. They stumble over their corpses,

4 because of the multitude of harlotries of the ^bseductive harlot who sells nations through her harlotries and families through her sorceries.

5 ¶ “Behold, I *am* ^cagainst you,” says the LORD of armies. “And ^dI will lift up your skirts over your face and will show the nations your nakedness and the kingdoms your shame.

6 “Then I will cast abominable filth on you and make you ^evile. And I will set you as a ^fspectacle.

7 “Then it will come to pass *that* all those who look on ^gyou will flee from you and say, ^h“Nineveh is laid waste. ⁱWho will grieve over her?” From where will I seek comforters for you?”

8 ¶ ^jAre you better than ^kNo Amon that was situated among the rivers, *that had* the waters around her, whose rampart *was* the sea *and* her wall *was* from the sea?

Nahum 3

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9 Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength, and *it was* without limits. ¹Put and Lubim were your helpers.

10 Yet she *was* carried away. She went into captivity. ^mHer young children also were dashed to pieces ⁿat the head of all the streets. And they ^ocast lots for her honorable men and all her great men were bound in chains.

11 You also will be ^pdrunk. You will go into hiding. You also will seek refuge because of the enemy.

12 ¶ All your strongholds *will be like* ^qfig trees with the ripened figs. If they are shaken, they will fall into the mouth of the eater.

13 Behold, ^ryour people in the midst of you *are* women. The gates of your land will be set wide open unto your enemies. The fire will devour your ^sbars.

14 Draw waters for the siege. ^tFortify your strongholds. Go into clay and tread the mortar. Make strong the brick kiln.

15 There the fire will devour you. The sword will cut you off. It will eat you up like the ^ulocust. Make yourself many as the creeping locust. Multiply yourself as the swarming locust.

16 You have multiplied your ^vmerchants above the stars of heaven. The creeping locust strips and flies away.

17 ^wYour guards *are* as the locusts and your captains as the great locusts that camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun arises they flee away, and the place where they *are* is not known.

18 ¶ ^xYour shepherds slumber, O ^yking of Assyria. Your nobles will dwell *in the dust*. Your people are ^zscattered on the mountains and no man gathers *them*.

19 *There is* no healing of your bruise. ^aYour wound is grievous. ^bAll who hear about you will clap the hands. For on whom has your wickedness not passed continually?

Chapter 3: a Hk 2:12 b Is 47:9-12 c Nh 2:13 d Is 47:2,3 e Nh 1:14 f Hb 10:33 g Rv 18:10 h Jh 3:3; 4:11 i Jr 15:5 j Am 6:2 k Jr 46:25 l Ez 27:10 m Hs 13:16 n Lm 2:19 o Jl 3:3 p Nh 1:10 q Rv 6:12,13 r Is 19:16 s Jr 51:30 t Nh 2:1 u Jl 1:4 v Rv 18:3,11-19 w Rv 9:7 x Ps 76:5,6 y Jr 50:18 z 1 Kg 22:17 a Mc 1:9 b Lm 2:15

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