

Nahum

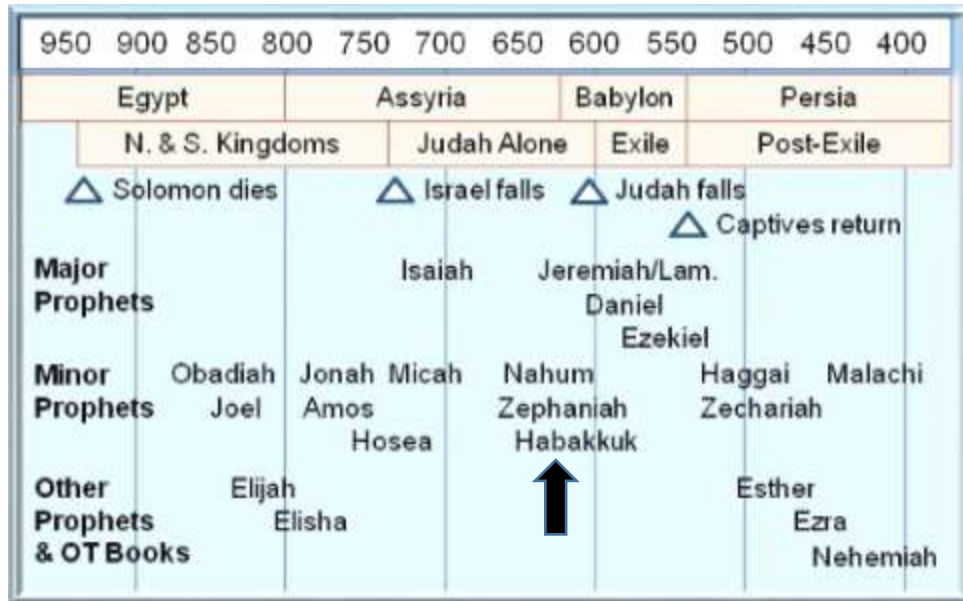
Nahum foretells of God's judgment on Nineveh, 100 plus years after the revival of Jonah.

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In Nahum – Jesus is the One Who Avenges us

Nahum 1:7

"The Lord is good, a refuge in times of trouble.
He cares for those who trust in Him."



TEACHER: 3 CHAPTERS

Nahum's prophesy comes sometime before Nineveh's fall in 612 B.C. This is the prophesy of that fall. And Nahum also talks of the fall of Thebes, an Egyptian city along the Nile 500 miles south of Israel that we know occurred in 663 B.C. The arrow shows where he belongs according to those 2 truths. The city of Nineveh had gone through a revival, thanks to Jonah, around 120-150 years earlier. The revival of Godly worship lasted 3 generations, and now God is done with Nineveh.

CH. 1

STUDENT:

This is a message about Nineveh, the account of a vision seen by Nahum, who was from Elkosh. ²The LORD God tolerates no rivals; he punishes those who oppose him. In his anger he pays them back.

³The LORD does not easily become angry,

but he is powerful and never lets the guilty go unpunished.

Where the LORD walks, storms arise; the clouds are the dust raised by his feet!

(GNT)



TEACHER:

The Lord is stern, but He is good.

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STUDENT:

The LORD is good; he protects his people in times of trouble; he takes care of those who turn to him. (GNT)

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TEACHER:

God turns His attention towards Nineveh.

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STUDENT:

From you, Nineveh, there came someone full of wicked schemes, who plotted against the LORD. ¹²This is what the LORD says to his people Israel: "Even though the Assyrians are strong and numerous, they will be destroyed and disappear. My people, I made you suffer, but I will not do it again. ¹³I will now end Assyria's power over you and break the chains that bind you."

¹⁴This is what the LORD has decreed about the Assyrians: "They will have no descendants to carry on their name. I will destroy the idols that are in the temples of their gods. I am preparing a grave for the Assyrians—they don't deserve to live!" (GNT)

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TEACHER:

Nahum shows what the fall of Nineveh will look like.

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STUDENT:

Nineveh, you are under attack! The power that will shatter you has come.

Prepare the defenses! Guard the road! Prepare for battle!.....

Chariots dash wildly through the streets, rushing back and forth in the city squares.

They flash like torches and dart about like lightning.

⁵The officers are summoned; they stumble as they press forward.

The attackers rush to the wall and set up the shield for the battering ram.

⁶The gates by the river burst open; the palace is filled with terror.

⁷The queen is taken captive; her servants moan like doves and beat their breasts in sorrow.....

Plunder the silver! Plunder the gold! The city is full of treasure!

¹⁰Nineveh is destroyed, deserted, desolate! Hearts melt with fear;

knees tremble, strength is gone; faces grow pale. (GNT)

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TEACHER:

Nahum pictures Nineveh sighing her last breath.

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STUDENT:

Doomed is the lying, murderous city, full of wealth to be looted and plundered!

²Listen! The crack of the whip, the rattle of wheels, the gallop of horses, the jolting of chariots!

³Cavalry troops charge, swords flash, spears gleam!

Corpses are piled high, dead bodies without number— men stumble over them!

⁴Nineveh the whore is being punished.

Attractive and full of deadly charms, she enchanted nations and enslaved them. (GNT)

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CH. 2

CH. 3

TEACHER:

God asks Nineveh if she is any better than Thebes by the Nile that He laid waste. Then closes with her end.

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STUDENT:

You multiplied like locusts! ¹⁶ You produced more merchants than there are stars in the sky! But now they are gone, like locusts that spread their wings and fly away. ¹⁷ Your officials are like a swarm of locusts that stay in the walls on a cold day. But when the sun comes out, they fly away, and no one knows where they have gone! ¹⁸ Emperor of Assyria, your governors are dead, and your noblemen are asleep forever! Your people are scattered on the mountains, and there is no one to bring them home again. ¹⁹ There is no remedy for your injuries, and your wounds cannot be healed. All those who hear the news of your destruction clap their hands for joy. Did anyone escape your endless cruelty? (GNT)

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NEXT LESSON HABAKKUK

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*"The Lord is good; he protects his people in times of trouble;
he takes care of those who turn to him."*

Nahum 1:7

Lion Hunt of Ashurbanipal: wounded lion,
detail of relief from the North Palace at Nineveh
(Kuyunjik, Iraq)



Musicians playing the dulcimer, harp
And percussion instruments.



