

The Book of Nahum

Nahum 1:7-9

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

8 But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of the place thereof, and darkness shall pursue his enemies.

9 What do ye imagine against the Lord? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time.

Author: Nahum (**comforter**) the Elkoshite (**God the Ensnarer**)

Main Purpose: Pronounce judgment on Nineveh the capital of the **Assyrian** Empire

Number of Chapters: 3

Number of verses: 47

To whom written: The people of Nineveh and **Judah**

Date Written: between **663 BC -654 BC**

Historical reference: the fall of Thebes in **663 BC** (Nahum 3:8-10)

Place: **Nineveh** the capital of the Assyrians

Contemporary of Isaiah or just one who quoted Isaiah??

Isaiah 52:7 How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace; that bringeth good tidings of good, that publisheth salvation; that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Nahum 1:15 Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off.

Thoughts:

- Jonah's Revival in Nineveh occurred in **862 BC**
- Nineveh captured the Northern Kingdom of Israel in **722 BC** (**140** years after **Jonah**)
- Nahum's writings occurred in **713 BC** (**9** years after they destroyed Israel)
- Nineveh's demise occurred in **612 BC** (**101** years after Nahum)
- Babylon was destroyed in **539 BC**

God's **Promises** are always carried out!

I. Nineveh's Doom **Pronounced** (Nahum 1:1-15)

A. The prophecy of **doom** (Nahum 1:1)

B. The **Divine Agent** of the doom (Nahum 1:2-8)

- C. The **verdict** of the doom (Nahum 1:9-13)
- D. The **realization** of the doom (Nahum 1:14-15)
- II. Nineveh's Doom **Portrayed** (Nahum 2:1-13)
 - A. The **warning** sounded (Nahum 2:1-2)
 - B. The **invasion** described (Nahum 2:3-7)
 - C. The **destruction** defined (Nahum 2:8-13)
- III. **Proofs** for Nineveh's Doom (Nahum 3:1-19)
 - A. Because of her **bloody** history (Nahum 3:1-7)
 - B. Because of God's judgment upon **Egypt** (Nahum 3:8-15a)
 - C. Because of their **apathy** (Nahum 3:15b-19)

Interesting thoughts:

Has our nation come to that place today?
This little book has a message for us!

A United States Senator has stated that the average life of the great civilizations of the world has been about **200** years. He goes on to say that these civilizations have progressed through the following stages:

- **From bondage to spiritual faith**
- **From spiritual faith to courage**
- **From courage to liberty**
- **From liberty to abundance**
- **From abundance to selfishness**
- **From selfishness to complacency**
- **From complacency to apathy**
- **From apathy back to bondage**

Could this be **America**?

Which of the above **stages** do you think we're in?

How much longer is our **civilization** going to last?

What would have happened if Israel would have aggressively **worked** with those Ninevites and **Disciplined** them to follow God?

Would they have kept themselves and the Ninevites from facing God's wrath?

Could and should we not strive to do the same for **America**?