

The Destruction of a Nation Foretold Nahum 3

III. Proofs for Nineveh's Doom (Nahum 3:1-19)

A. Because of her **bloody** history (Nahum 3:1-7)

1. God's **Woe** (Nahum 3:1-4)

1 Woe to the **bloody city!** it is all full of lies and robbery(**fork in the road**); the prey departeth not;

2 The noise of a whip, and the noise of **the rattling of the wheels**, and of the **pransing** horses, and of **the jumping(leaping)** chariots.

3 The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcasses; and there is none end of their corpses; **they stumble upon their corpses(body, dead or alive)**:

4 Because of the multitude of the **whoredoms** of the **wellfavoured(favorite)** harlot, the **mistress of witchcrafts(sorcery)**, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts.

2. God's **Rejection** – explained (Nahum 3:5-7)

5 Behold, **I am against thee**, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy **skirts** upon thy face, and I will shew the nations **thy nakedness**, and the kingdoms **thy shame(dishonor)**.

6 And I will cast **abominable filth(idolatrous)** upon thee, and make thee **vile(wicked)**, and will set thee as a **gazingstock(spectacle)**.

7 And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, **Nineveh is laid waste**: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee?

B. Because of God's **judgment** upon Egypt (Nahum 3:8-14)

1. Comparison to the fall of **Thebes (663BC)** (Nahum 3:8-10)

8 Art thou better than **populous(Egyptians)** No, that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose **rampart(bulwark, protection)** was the sea, and her wall was from the sea?

9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her **strength**, and **it was infinite**; **Put(son of Ham)** and **Lubim(from Northern Africa possibly Lybia)** were thy helpers.

10 Yet **was she carried away, she went into captivity**: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains.

- **The Sack of Thebes took place in 663 BC in the city of Thebes at the hands of the Neo-Assyrian Empire under king Ashurbanipal, then at war with the Kushite Twenty-fifth Dynasty of Egypt under Tantamani, during the Assyrian conquest of Egypt.**

2. Nineveh's **Realization** (Nahum 3:11-13)

SPECIAL NOTE: The Cover up promised

11 Thou also shalt be **drunken: thou shalt be hid**(The ruins of Nineveh uncovered in **1839, 2439 years covered up**), thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy.

12 All thy strong holds shall be like fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the **mouth of the eater**.

13 Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are **women(adultress)**: the gates of thy land shall be **set wide open** unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy **bars(a bolt)**.

3. Nineveh's destruction explained (Nahum 3:14)

14 Draw thee **waters** for the siege(**mound hemming in**), fortify(**bind or restrain**) thy **strong holds(fortress)**: go into **clay(sticky mud)**, and tread the **morter(a wave of mire or clay)**, make strong the **brickkiln(brickwork)**.

C. Because of their **apathy** (Nahum 3:15-19)

1. **Annihilation** - Fire and Sword will destroy you (Nahum 3:15)

15 There shall **the fire devour thee**; the **sword shall cut thee off**, it shall eat thee up like the **cankerworm(a young locust)**: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the **locusts**.

2. **Abundance** - Financial wealth will leave (Nahum 3:16-17)

16 Thou hast **multiplied thy merchants** above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm spoileth, and **flieth away**.

17 Thy crowned are as the **locusts**, and thy captains as **the great grasshoppers**, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth **they flee away**, and their place is not known where they are.

3. **Apathy** - The workers will become **lazy** (Nahum 3:18-19)

18 Thy **shepherds slumber(sleep)**, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall dwell in the dust: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man gathereth them.

19 **There is no healing of thy bruise(fracture)**; thy **wound(slaughter)** is grievous: all that hear the **bruit(fame)** of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath **not** thy wickedness passed continually?

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

The fall of Nahum was in 612

Nahum gave them a nearly 50-year announcement but they were oblivious to his warnings