

Scriptures for Today: Nahum 3:1-7 – Nineveh’s doom is deserved; Nineveh is Executed

Title of Today’s Message: Mass Destruction – *Nineveh is exposed as a spiritual HARLOT!*

INTRODUCTION

Last week, we saw incredible prophecies **that came to pass** against Nineveh and the Assyrians. Historians record that the siege by Babylon and the Medes against Nineveh and its great walls baffled the engineering skill of the besiegers for 2 years. Then, God determined that He was going to help with His powerful weapon of choice – **CREATION!** Today, we will see a _____ number of dead bodies as a result of God’s judgment on Nineveh for her great sin and wickedness against Him. However, there was more behind her story than just cruel and fierce and ruthless warriors. There was a multitude of slain and _____ end of their corpses **BECAUSE** of her spiritual wickedness! God will call Nineveh “*the bloody city*” and “*the well favoured harlot*” and “*the mistress of witchcrafts.*” Do not miss that Nineveh had infected **NATIONS** and _____ through whoredoms and through her witchcrafts. May God open hearts today to hear from Him and to change for His glory...

PREACHING NOTES

1. The **destruction** of *the bloody city* was great – there was **none** _____ of **their corpses!**

Verses 1-3

- ✓ God called Nineveh “THE BLOODY CITY” because of her **sin and iniquity.**

Habakkuk 2:12

“*Woe to him that buildeth a town with blood, and stablisheth a city BY INIQUITY!*”

Ezekiel 24:6, 9

“*Woe to THE BLOODY CITY... Woe to THE BLOODY CITY!*”

NOTE

The phrase “*the bloody city*” appears 4 times in the Bible. Doctrinally speaking, Nineveh is a picture of the bloody CITY of the Antichrist and his one-world religion in Revelation 17-18.

- ✓ The **casualties** of Nineveh’s execution were TOO MANY TO BURY – a great number of **carcasses.**

Isaiah 37:36

“*Then THE ANGEL OF THE LORD went forth, and smote in the camp of the Assyrians a hundred and fourscore and five thousand: and when they arose in the morning, BEHOLD, THEY WERE ALL DEAD CORPSES.*”

Ezekiel 31:3-13

“*Behold, THE ASSYRIAN was a cedar in Lebanon... Upon HIS RUIN shall the fowls of the heaven remain, and all the beasts of the field shall be upon his branches.*”

Revelation 14:8, 20

“*Babylon is fallen, is fallen ... And THE WINEPRESS was trodden without the city, and BLOOD came out of THE WINEPRESS, EVEN UNTO THE HORSE BRIDLES, by the space of a thousand and six hundred furlongs.*” (200 miles!)

NOTE

Historically, God had foreshadowed the mass destruction to Nineveh when the angel of the LORD wipes out 185,000 soldiers in one night. The prophecy of the destruction of Nineveh and its fall was so great by the Babylonian and Mede confederacy that there was too many dead bodies to bury! That is not unusual in great wars and conflicts. But, let that sink in for a minute! Prophetically, Nineveh’s mass destruction is going to happen again only it will be during the Tribulation Period, and it will be THAT GREAT CITY of the Antichrist and his one-world religion – called “Babylon” and Jezebel” in the book of Revelation. The destruction that is prophesied on that day will be such that the blood will cover an area of 200 miles up to the level of the horses’ bridles! Woe to that bloody city! When we consider that Jesus Christ will be the victor on that great day, it is easy for us to rejoice in such a day – AMEN?! However, there is a great dilemma that God reveals in the next four verses that affects billions of people on planet earth right now – Nineveh’s spiritual wickedness has lived on...

2. God was **against** Nineveh _____ of her **whoredoms** and **spiritual witchcrafts!**

Verses 4-7

- ✓ With His **perfect** and **preserved** WORDS, God points **directly** to the HARLOT of Rev 17.

Revelation 17:1-18 *“And the angel said unto me ... I will tell thee THE **MYSTERY OF THE WOMAN**, and of THE BEAST **that carrieth her**, which hath the SEVEN HEADS and TEN HORNS... And here is the mind which hath wisdom. The SEVEN HEADS are SEVEN MOUNTAINS, on which **THE WOMAN** sitteth ... And **THE WOMAN** which thou sawest is THAT GREAT CITY, which reigneth over the kings of the earth.”*

NOTE Nineveh is a picture or type of Babylon in the Tribulation Period. The comparison is striking.

Babylon’s Origin

- A. Nimrod Establishes a _____ – Genesis 10:8-10; 11:1-4
 - One-World Language (Gen. 11:1)
 - One-World Government (Gen. 11:2-4)
 - Man-Made Nation (Gen. 11:3-4)
- B. Nimrod Establishes a _____ – Genesis 11:1-4
 - One-World Religion (Gen. 11:4)
 - Man-Made Religion (Gen. 11:3-4)
 - Worshiped a goddess (Semiramis) and her child (Tammuz)
 - The goddess was called the “*queen of heaven*” (see Jer. 7:18; 44:17-19, 25)
 - The child was born of a virgin
 - The child was Nimrod reincarnated
- C. God’s RESPONSE to the **Kingdom** and **Religion** – Genesis 11:5-9

The People and their Religion were Scattered

China: The mother Goddess Shingmoo with child	Greece: Aphrodite or Ceres
Ancient Germany: The virgin Hertha with child	Sumerians: Nana
Scandinavia: Disa with child	Egypt: Isis with child Horus
Etruscans: Nutria	Ancient Ephesus: Diana (See Acts 19:27)
Druids: The Virgo - The virgin mother Goddess Patitura	Ancient Rome: Venus or Fortuna with child Jupiter
India: Indrani and child; Devaki and Crishna; Isa and Iswara	

Babylon’s Identity – Revelation 17

1. She is a harlot – vs. 1-5
2. She sits upon many waters – vs. 1
3. She has fornicated with all the kings of the world – vs. 2 (Rev. 14:8; 18:3, 9)
4. She is seated on a scarlet, blasphemy-named, 7-headed, 10-horned beast – vs. 3, 9, 21-13
5. She is arrayed in the colors are purple and scarlet – vs. 4
6. She is decked with fine jewels and gold – vs. 4
7. Her symbol is a GOLDEN CUP – vs. 4
8. She is a CITY that reigns over the kings of the earth – Rev. 17:18
9. This city sets upon SEVEN mountains (HILLS) – Rev. 17:9
10. She is called “*Jezebel*” – Rev 2:20-25; Jud 17-18; 1 Kin 16:29-33; 18:21; 2 Kin 9:22, 30-37; Rev 18:21
11. She idolizes (worships) a virgin woman with child

12. She has martyred untold millions upon millions of Born Again Bible Believers throughout church history for opposing her religion.

13. She is the ultimate counterfeit – 2 Cor. 11:1-4, 12-15

NOTE God's church is referred to as a bride, a chaste virgin, without spot or blemish (Eph. 5:27; Rev. 19:7-8) ...But in a stark contrast, this counterfeit church is an unclean, defiled, fornicating harlot (Rev. 17:1-6)

The Truthful Conclusion:

In the Old Testament, Satan used a **literal** woman named *Jezebel* to corrupt Israel by introducing to them a false religious system that had black-robed priests called "*fathers*," who used idols as aids in worship. That false religion was called Baalism. She has been in operation, in various forms, since Genesis 11.

In the New Testament, after 314 AD, Satan used a **figurative** woman named *Jezebel* in an attempt to corrupt biblical truth and dilute true Christianity. This false religion also has black-robed priests called "*fathers*," who use idols as aids in worship. She will once again unite all other false religions under her leadership... this false religion is: The ROMAN _____ CHURCH.

In this universal (*CATHOLIC*) church, Baal is called Jesus, but He is not the Jesus of the Bible. It is ANOTHER Jesus (*2 Cor. 11:4*), proclaimed in ANOTHER gospel (*2 Cor. 11:4*), received through ANOTHER spirit (*2 Cor. 11:4*), and is preached by false apostles (*2 Cor. 11:13*), who are actually Satan's ministers (*2 Cor. 11:15*). While Satan Himself masquerades as an angel of light (*2 Cor. 11:13*) ruling over her affairs.

✓ God says that Nineveh will be **disgraced publicly** as a naked woman with filth cast upon her!

Jeremiah 13:22 *"And if thou say in thine heart, Wherefore come these things upon me? For the greatness of thine iniquity are THY SKIRTS discovered, and thy heels made bare."*

Ezekiel 16:35-44 *"Wherefore, O HARLOT, hear the WORD of the LORD: Thus saith the Lord GOD; Because thy filthiness was poured out, and thy nakedness discovered through thy whoredoms with thy lovers, and with ALL THE IDOLS of thy ABOMINATIONS, and by the BLOOD of thy children, which thou didst GIVE UNTO THEM..."*

Isaiah 47:1-3 *"Come down, and sit in the dust, O virgin daughter of BABYLON, sit on the ground: there is NO THRONE, O daughter of the Chaldeans: for thou shalt no more be called delicate. Take millstones, and grind meal ... THY NAKEDNESS shall be uncovered, yea, THY SHAME shall be seen: I will take vengeance, and I will not meet thee as a man...Sit thou silent...for thou shalt no more be called, THE LADY OF KINGDOMS."*

NOTE Clearly, God's WRATH is kindled against Nineveh the HARLOT and Babylon the HARLOT!! It is important to see how angry (righteous) God is with FALSE RELIGION. The Bible says that God HATES every false way. Why?? Because He sent His Son to pay the price for the sins of all people! He is not willing that ANY should perish. However, SATAN has a plan to dupe people so that they will not receive the FREE GIFT of salvation through Christ alone. Over 1 billion people on the planet are DECEIVED RIGHT NOW! What are **you** going to do about it?

In closing, remember in verse 4 that THE HARLOT is selling her whoredoms and witchcrafts to nations and FAMILIES! That means that Satan is trying to seduce YOU right now and YOUR FAMILY to follow his false RELIGION and selfish, ungodly LIVING. He is the prince of the power of the air, and he is looking for the crack in **your** armor. What will **you** do??

Who is this **JEZEBEL**?

Rev. 17:4 says that she is “arrayed in **purple and scarlet** ...deckerd with **gold and precious stones and pearls**, having a **golden cup** in her hand”.

Rev. 17:18 says that she is “that great **city** that ruleth over the kings of the earth.”

Rev. 17:9 says that there are “**seven mountains**, on which the woman sitteth.”

With this in mind, hear the following testimonies:

The Catholic Encyclopedia states:

Cappa Magna A cloak with a long train and a hooded shoulder cape... (it) was **PURPLE** wool for bishops; for cardinals, it was **SCARLET** watered silk...

Cassock The close-fitting, ankle-length robe worn by the Catholic clergy was their official garb...The color for bishops and other prelates is **PURPLE**, for cardinals **SCARLET**.²

²Peter M.J. Stravinskias, ed., *Catholic Encyclopedia* (Our Sunday Visitor Pub., 1995), 175, 178



Woman with cup from Rome, on reverse of medal. -(ELLIOTT'S Hor z.)



The Catholic Encyclopedia states:

“The pectoral cross (suspended by a chain around the neck of abbots, bishops, and archbishops, cardinals and the Pope) should be made of **GOLD** and ...decorated with **GEMS**.”³ (or precious stones)

³ Robert Broderick, ed., *The Catholic Encyclopedia* (Thomas Nelson, 1876), 466.

Clarence Larkin wrote:

“Of the different articles of attire specified for the Pope to wear when installed into office, five are scarlet. A vest covered with **PEARLS** and a mitre adorned with **GOLD** and precious stones was also to be worn.”⁴

⁴ Clarence Larkin, *Dispensational Truth* (Rev. Clarence Larkin Est., 1918) 141.

Alexander Hislop states:

“The Apocalyptic emblem of the **Harlot** woman with the cup in her hand was even embodied in the symbols of idolatry derived from ancient Babylon, as they were exhibited in Greece; for thus was the Greek Venus originally represented, and it is singular that in our own day, ... the **Roman Church** has actually taken this very symbol as her own chosen emblem. In 1825...Pope Leo XII struck a medal, bearing on the one side his own image, and on the other, that of the Church of Rome symbolized as a “**Woman**,” holding in her left hand a **cross**, and in her right a **cup**, with the legend around her, ‘Sedet super universum.’ (Meaning) “the whole world is her **seat**.”⁵

⁵Alexander Hislop, *The Two Babylons* (Neptune, N.J. Loizeaux Brothers, 1916)

The Catholic Encyclopedia states: “The golden **CHALICE** (cup) is “the most important of the sacred vessels.”

The Catholic Encyclopedia states: “It is within the **CITY** of Rome, called **THE CITY** of **SEVEN** hills that the entire area of Vatican State proper is now confined.”⁶

⁶The *Catholic Encyclopedia* (Thomas Nelson, 1976), under the heading, Rome.