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Nahum (Pg. 829)



# 1) The Message of Nahum





The pronouncement concerning ~~Nineveh~~. The book of the vision of Nahum the ~~Elkoshite~~.

**Nahum 1:1**



Sea of Galilee

Mediterranean Sea

Jordan River

Dead Sea

Dor

Jezreel

**ISRAEL**

Abel-meholah?

Elisha

Elijah

Tishbe?

Samaria

Hosea

Jonah

Joppa

Shiloh

Bethel

Jeremiah

Elkosh?

Nahum

Isaiah  
Jeremiah  
Zephaniah  
Haggai  
Zechariah  
Malachi

Jerusalem

Micah

Moreseth-gath?

Tekoa

Amos

**JUDAH**

	Israel	Judah
8 <sup>th</sup> century	Jonah, Amos, Hosea	Isaiah, Micah
7 <sup>th</sup> century		<del>Zephaniah</del> , Nahum, <del>Habakkuk</del>
6 <sup>th</sup> century		Obadiah, Joel?, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel

**“The earliest Nahum could have prophesied seems to be 663 BC, since he refers to the past conquest of the Egyptian capital of Thebes, which occurred in that year (see 3:8). Nahum says that the Assyrian Empire is currently at “full strength” (1:12), suggesting that he wrote prior to the death of King Assurbanipal in 627 BC, when the Assyrian Empire began to decline. In any case, the latest possible date of the book is 612 BC, when Nineveh fell to the Medes and the Babylonians. That future event is predicted throughout the book.”**

*Eric Tully*

God's glory in salvation through judgment

*Jim Hamilton*



# 1) The Message of Nahum

## A. Yahweh Is...





The LORD is a jealous and avenging God;  
the LORD takes vengeance  
and is fierce in wrath.

The LORD takes vengeance against his foes;  
he is furious with his enemies.

The LORD is slow to anger but great in power;  
the LORD will never leave the guilty unpunished.  
His path is in the whirlwind and storm,  
and clouds are the dust beneath his feet.

**Nahum 1:2-3**



He rebukes the sea and dries it up,  
and he makes all the rivers run dry.  
Bashan and Carmel wither;  
even the flower of Lebanon withers.  
The mountains quake before him,  
and the hills melt;  
the earth trembles at his presence—  
the world and all who live in it.

**Nahum 1:4-5**



**Who can withstand his indignation?  
Who can endure his burning anger?  
His wrath is poured out like fire;  
even rocks are shattered before him.  
The LORD is good,  
a stronghold in a day of distress;  
he cares for those who take refuge in him.**

**Nahum 1:6-7**

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A. Yahweh Is...

B. The Destruction of Ninevah





But he will ~~completely~~ ~~destroy~~ Nineveh  
with an overwhelming flood,  
and he will chase his enemies into ~~darkness~~.

**Nahum 1:8**



**The LORD has issued an order concerning you:  
There will be no offspring  
to carry on your name.  
I will eliminate the carved idol and cast image  
from the house of your gods;  
I will prepare your grave,  
for you are contemptible.**

**Nahum 1:14**



**“Plunder the silver! Plunder the gold!”  
There is no end to the treasure,  
an abundance of every precious thing.  
~~Desolation, decimation, devastation!~~  
~~Hearts melt,~~  
~~knees tremble,~~  
~~insides churn,~~  
~~every face grows~~ pale!**

**Nahum 2:9-10**



**Where is the lions' lair,  
or the feeding ground of the young lions,  
where the lion and lioness prowled,  
and the lion's cub,  
with nothing to frighten them away?  
The lion mauled whatever its cubs needed  
and strangled prey for its lionesses.  
It filled up its dens with the kill,  
and its lairs with mauled prey.**

**Nahum 2:11-12**



Please do not touch the objects



**Collecting and empire**

When the British Museum was founded in 1753, it was the first museum to be established in London. It was created to house the collections of the British monarch, which included objects from the British Empire.

The Museum's collections are a testament to the power and influence of the British Empire. They include objects from all over the world, and they provide a unique insight into the lives of people from different cultures and times.

Today, the Museum is a world-renowned institution, and its collections are a source of pride and inspiration for people from all over the world. It is a place where we can learn about the past and the present, and where we can appreciate the diversity of human culture.

More information about the Museum's collections is available on our website: [www.britishmuseum.org](http://www.britishmuseum.org)

Icons for accessibility: a person in a wheelchair, a person with a hearing aid, and a person with a white cane.

# Ancient Assyria

Enter the palace of the Assyrian king, ruler of the world's first empire. Located in northern Iraq, the Assyrian empire dominated the Middle East from 900 to 600 BC.

The sculptures in these rooms are from the royal capitals of Nineveh, Khorsabad and Nimrud. Many of them were excavated in the 1800s and new discoveries continue today.

#### We're trying something new

The British Museum is piloting its future galleries, and we are testing some new display approaches to our Assyrian display (Rooms 6, 7 and 10).

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The royal lion hunt display includes changing lights and sound effects.



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**Beware, I am against you.**

**This is the declaration of the LORD of Armies.  
I will make your chariots go up in smoke,  
and the sword will devour your young lions.  
I will cut off your prey from the earth,  
and the sound of your messengers  
will never be heard again.**

**Nahum 2:13**



**Are you better than Thebes  
that sat along the Nile  
with water surrounding her,  
whose rampart was the sea,  
the river her wall?**

**Cush and Egypt were her endless source of  
strength;**

**Put and Libya were among her allies.**

**Yet she became an exile;  
she went into captivity.**

**Nahum 3:8-10**



→ Assurbanipal campaign



**There is no remedy for your injury;  
your wound is severe.  
All who hear the news about you  
will clap their hands because of you,  
for who has not experienced  
your constant cruelty?**

**Nahum 3:19**

# 1) The Message of Nahum

## 2) Vengeance is Whose?





**“Vengeance and retribution belong to me.  
In time their foot will slip,  
for their day of disaster is near,  
and their doom is coming quickly.”**

**Deuteronomy 32:35**



**Do not repay anyone evil for evil. Give careful thought to do what is honorable in everyone's eyes. If possible, as far as it depends on you, live at peace with everyone. Friends, do not avenge yourselves; instead, leave room for God's wrath, because it is written, "Vengeance belongs to me; I will repay," says the Lord.**

**Romans 12:17-19**

**God's wrath is retributive justice doles out in response to the creation acting in willful rebellion against the Creator**



love  
God  
3

wrath  
man  
)



“We have to deal with an ~~antimony~~ in the biblical revelation, and in such circumstances our finite, fallen minds are more than ordinarily apt to go astray.

What is antimony? The *Shorter Oxford English Dictionary* defines it as ‘a contradiction between conclusion with seem equally logical, reasonable or necessary.’”

*J.I. Packer*



**“This definition is not quite accurate; the opening words should read ‘an appearance of contradiction.’ For the whole point of an antimony - in theology, at any rate - is that it is not a real contradiction, though it looks like one.”**

*J.I. Packer*





How, then, can they call on him they have not **believed** in? And how can they believe without **hearing** about him? And how can they hear without a **preacher**? And how can they preach unless they are **sent**? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news." But not all obeyed the gospel. For Isaiah says, "Lord, who has **believed** our message?" So **faith** comes from what **is heard**, and what is heard comes through the **message about Christ**.

**Romans 10:14-17**



Look to the mountains—  
the feet of the herald,  
who proclaims peace.

Celebrate your festivals, Judah;  
fulfill your vows.

For the wicked one will never again  
march through you;  
he will be entirely wiped out.

**Nahum 1:15**

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