

Nahum 1 Pre-Judgment

Jesus

- **Date:** 630 BC: 18 Yrs. before Assyria ceases to exist
- **Author:** Nahum. Lit. comfort. Caper-naum city of Nahum?
- **Outline:**
 1. Pre-Judgment
 2. Judgment
 3. Post-Judgment
- Assyria in the Minor Prophets so far:

Jonah	Assyria Repents	760 BC	38 years later...
Micah	Assyria Attacks	722 BC	110 years later...
Nahum	Assyria Destroyed	612 BC	



I. The LORD our Avenger

1 The burden against Nineveh. The book of the **vision of Nahum** the Elkoshite.

- Burden against **Nineveh**

1. Capital of Assyria
2. Nineveh/Babylon cities founded by Nimrod

Notorious for False Religion/Demonic Practices
Perpetual/Cruel enemies of Israel

2 God is jealous, and the LORD avenges; The LORD avenges and is **furious.** The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies

- **Context:**

1. After Assyria took Israel [Northern Kingdom]
2. After Judah was invaded/ridiculed by Assyria [later]
3. Before Assyria can re-group/Attack Judah again

God is jealous for His people. God is furious w/Assyria
God is about to avenge His people

3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, And will not at all acquit the wicked.

Now 40 yrs after Jonah/Repentance of Nineveh
Assyria regresses to prior cruelty/Attack Israel/Provoke God *one last time*

God was slow to anger/Holding back His power
He is now furious/Coming to Nineveh in fury/power...

3b...The LORD has His way In the whirlwind and in the storm, And the clouds are the dust of His feet. 4 He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, And

dries up all the rivers. **Bashan and Carmel wither**, And the flower of Lebanon wilts.

Near Prophesy: The LORD leaves Jerusalem
Dust kicked up/Places of Fertility wither as the LORD moves toward Assyria

Distant Prophesy: The LORD heads to Jerusalem
The Second Coming...

5 The mountains quake **before Him**, The hills melt, And the earth heaves **at His presence**, Yes, the world and all who dwell in it. 6 **Who can stand** before His indignation? And **who can endure** the **fierceness of His anger**? His **fury is poured out like fire**, And the rocks are thrown down by Him. 7 **The LORD is good**, A **stronghold** in the day of trouble; And **He knows those who trust in Him**. 8 **But...**with an overflowing flood He will make an **utter end of its place**, And darkness will pursue His enemies.

To those who trust the LORD...
The LORD is good...A stronghold in the day of trouble

To those who rebel against Him
They will experience the fierceness/power of His anger

Hebrews 10:31 It is a **fearful thing** to fall into the hands of the living God.

Who can stand?

Malachi 3:2 "...**who can endure the day of His coming?** And **who can stand when He appears?**

Revelation 6:15 ...the kings of the earth, the great men, the rich men, the commanders, the mighty men, every slave and every free man, hid themselves in the caves and in the rocks of the mountains, 16 and said to the mountains and rocks, "Fall on us and hide us from the face of Him who sits on the throne and from the **wrath of the Lamb!** 17 For the great day of **His wrath has come, and who is able to stand?**"

Q. Who is able to stand?
A. Only clothed/protected by His righteousness

Revelation 7:9 ... I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, **standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes**, with palm branches in their hands...14 ..."These are the ones who come out of the great tribulation, and **washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.**

Currently: The LORD is coming to Ninevah in Fury/Power
Darkness/Blindness will pursue His enemies...

10 For while **tangled like thorns**, And while **drunken like drunkards**, They **shall be devoured** like stubble fully dried.

- **616:** The Babylonians led by Nabo-polassar invade Assyria proper
- **614:** The Medes led by Cyaxares [*Sī-ax-sereze*] capture Assyrian city of Ashur
- **614:** An alliance is formed between the Medes/Babylonians
- **612:** Medo-Babylonian army besiege Nineveh
- **609:** Medo-Babylonian forces defeat the last Assyrian king ending the Assyria empire

Pride before Destruction
Defeated while gates left unguarded/Engaging in drunken orgies

Palace reliefs from Nineveh depict kings and officers reclining with cups while musicians play—visual evidence of an **entrenched courtly drinking culture...**

9 What do you conspire against the LORD?

- Assyria was planning another attack
- What you do to God's people you do to Him

9b... He will make an utter end of it. Affliction **will not rise up a second time.**

God will not be mocked

Psalm 2:1 [End of Trib] Why do the nations rage, And the people plot a vain thing? 2 The kings of the earth set themselves, And the rulers take counsel together, Against the Lord and against His Anointed, saying, 3 "Let us break Their bonds in pieces And cast away Their cords from us." 4 **He who sits in the heavens shall laugh ...9** You shall break them with a rod of iron; You shall dash them to pieces like a potter's vessel.' "

One punch/Knockout punch
Ninevah will not rise a second time...Why?

11 From you comes forth one Who plots evil against the LORD, **A wicked counselor.** 12 Thus says the LORD: "**Though they are safe**, and likewise many, Yet in this manner they will be cut down **When he passes through.** Though I have afflicted you, **I will afflict you no more** [Judah]; 13 For now **I will break off his** [Assyrians] **yoke from you, And burst your bonds apart.**"

From Assyria comes forth a wicked counselor

- 701 Assyria's King Sennacherib sent Rabshakeh/Army to Judah
- Mocks/Ridicules God and God's people...

2 Kings 18:27 ...the Rabshakeh said to them, "Has my master sent me to your master and to you to speak these words, and not to the men who sit on the wall, **who will eat and drink their own waste with you?**"

Micah warned Judah to repent/They did
King Hezekiah cried out to the LORD/The LORD answered...

2 Kings 19:32 "Therefore thus says the LORD concerning the king of Assyria: 'He shall not come into this city, Nor shoot an arrow there, Nor come before it with shield, Nor build a siege mound against it. 33 By the way that he came, By the same shall he return; And he shall not come into this city,' Says the LORD. 34 'For I will defend this city, to save it For My own sake and for My servant David's sake.' " [God avenges His people] 35 And it came to pass on a certain night that **the angel of the LORD went out, and killed in the camp of the Assyrians one hundred and eighty-five thousand; and when people arose early in the morning, there were the corpses—all dead.**

- Rabshakeh/Army cut down by The Angel of the LORD

Self-deceived/Self-confident... Assyria will now be attacked on their own soil
Outer city walls up to 148 ft Tick/Wide enough for 3 chariots yet...

14 The LORD has given a command concerning you: "**Your name shall be** perpetuated no longer. Out of the house of your gods I will cut off the carved image and the molded image. **I will dig your grave, For you are vile.**"

The God slow to anger is now the God who is furious
A Jealous Furious God is about to Avenge His people

Luke 18:7 ...shall God not avenge His own elect who cry out day and night to Him, though **He bears long with them?**

15 Behold, on the mountains The feet of him who **brings good tidings, Who proclaims peace!** O Judah, keep your appointed feasts, Perform your vows.

In Isaiah, the good news is the coming of the Messiah. In Nahum, the good news is the defeat of the enemies of God's people. [Guzik]

Unlike sinful man...God avenges in righteousness
Not unhinged outbursts...but perfectly meted out vengeance

2 Thessalonians 1:6 ... it is a righteous thing with God to **repay with tribulation those who trouble you**, 7 and to give you who are troubled rest with us when the LORD Jesus is revealed from heaven with His mighty angels, 8 **in flaming fire taking vengeance on those who do not know God**, and on those who do not obey the gospel of our LORD Jesus Christ. 9 These shall be punished with everlasting destruction from the presence of the LORD and from the glory of His power...

Messengers bring Righteous News of Good Tidings to God's people
Assyria will no longer be a problem...

...For the wicked one shall no more pass through you; He is utterly cut off.

- Heinous/Cruel crimes go unpunished today
- **11/27/25:** Two National Guards ambushed. One dead. Sarah Beckstrom. 20 yrs old. 5 months National Guard. Senseless cruelty by the enemy

- **12/1/25** UK abolishes trial by jury. From Greatness to Lawlessness

The Cruelty of the Enemy will end
Chapter 1: *Pre-Judgment*

Nahum 2 Judgment

Jesus

I. Destruction of Nineveh

1 **He who scatters** has come up **before your face**. Man the fort! Watch the road! Strengthen your flanks! Fortify your power mightily. 2 For **the LORD will restore the excellence of Jacob** Like the **excellence of Israel**, For the emptiers have emptied them out And ruined their vine branches.

Both Northern/Southern Kingdoms will be desolate in less than 50 yrs
Yet the LORD will restore the Excellence of Jacob

3 The shields of his mighty men are made red, The valiant men are in scarlet. The chariots come with flaming torches In the day of his preparation, And the spears are brandished. 4 The chariots rage in the streets, They jostle one another in the broad roads; They seem like torches, They run like lightning. 5 He remembers his nobles; They stumble in their walk; They make haste to her walls, And the defense is prepared. 6 The **gates of the rivers are opened**, And the **palace is dissolved**. 7 It is decreed: She shall be led away captive, She shall be brought up; And her maidservants shall lead her as with the voice of doves, Beating their breasts.

Battle of Ninevah described before it happens
Gate opened/Palace dissolved

Clouds formed over Ninevah as the Tigris floods and the foundation of the wall crumbled/sank/fell down causing breaches for the Medes/Babylonians to storm the city

8 Though Nineveh of old was like a **pool of water** [*that drains away*], Now they flee away. "Halt! Halt!" they cry; But no one turns back. 9 Take spoil of silver! Take spoil of gold! There is no end of treasure, Or wealth of every desirable prize. 10 She is **empty, desolate, and waste!** The **heart melts, and the knees shake**; **Much pain** is in every side, And all their **faces are drained of color**. 11 Where is the dwelling of the lions, And the feeding place of the young lions, Where the lion walked, the lioness and lion's cub, And no one made them afraid? 12 The lion tore in pieces enough for his cubs, Killed for his lionesses, Filled his caves with prey, And his dens with flesh. 13 "Behold, I am against you," says the LORD of hosts, "I will burn your chariots in smoke, and the sword shall devour your young lions; I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your messengers shall be heard no more.""

An impressive confirmation of this prophecy is that nothing of all this gold and silver has been discovered in the ruins of Nineveh by archaeologists. Nineveh was indeed stripped bare [Boice].

God will not be mocked
Pride leads to Destruction

2 Kings 19:20 Then Isaiah the son of Amoz sent to Hezekiah, saying, "Thus says the LORD God of Israel: 'Because you have prayed to Me against Sennacherib king of Assyria, I have heard.' 21 This is the word which the LORD has spoken concerning him: 'The virgin, the daughter of Zion, **Has despised you, laughed you to scorn**; The daughter of Jerusalem **Has shaken her head behind your back!** 22 'Whom have you reproached and blasphemed? **Against whom have you raised your voice**, And lifted up your eyes on high? Against the Holy One of Israel. 23 By your messengers you have reproached the LORD, And said: "By the multitude of my chariots I have come up to the height of the mountains, To the limits of Lebanon; I will cut down its tall cedars And its choice cypress trees; I will enter the extremity of its borders, To its fruitful forest. 24 I have dug and drunk strange water, And with the soles of my feet I have dried up All the brooks of defense." 25 'Did you not hear long ago **How I made it**, From ancient times that **I formed it?** Now **I have brought it to pass**, That you should be For crushing fortified cities into heaps of ruins. 26 Therefore their inhabitants had little power; They were dismayed and confounded; They were as the grass of the field And the green herb, As the grass on the housetops And grain blighted before it is grown. 27 'But I know your dwelling place, Your going out and your coming in, And **your rage against Me**. 28 Because your rage against Me and your tumult Have come up to My ears, Therefore I will **put My hook in your nose** And My bridle in your lips, And **I will turn you back** By the way which you came.

- God destroyed 185000 Assyrians in Judah at that time 701BC. 89 yrs later..
- God pursued/Made an end of Assyria so to never happen again 612 BC

The Cruelty of the Enemy has Ended
Chapter 2: *Judgement*

Nahum 3 Post-Judgment

Jesus

I. End of Nineveh

1 Woe to the bloody city! It is all full of lies and robbery. Its victim never departs. 2 The **noise of a whip** And the noise of **rattling wheels**, Of galloping horses, Of clattering chariots! 3 Horsemen charge with bright sword and glittering spear. There is a **multitude of slain**, A great number of bodies, **Countless corpses**— They stumble over the corpses— 4 Because of the **multitude of harlotries** of the seductive harlot, The **mistress of sorceries**, Who **sells nations through her harlotries**, And **families through her sorceries**.

Cruelty Judged: How cruel were they?
Quotes from Excavated Assyrian Monuments

- I cut off their heads/formed them into pillars

- Bubo, son of Buba I flayed in the city of Arbela/Spread his skin upon the city wall
- I flayed all the chief men who had revolted, and I covered the pillar with their skins
- Many within the border of my own land I flayed/Spread their skins upon the walls
- I cut off the limbs of the royal officers who had rebelled
- 3,000 captives I burned with fire
- Their corpses I formed into pillars
- I cut off hands/fingers/from others I cut off noses/ears/fingers/cut out eyes
- I made a pillar of the living/another of heads/bound heads to posts around the city

From Nimrod to Babylon to Assyria to the entire World
Spread of False Religion: Mistress of Sorceries throughout history

▪ **Mistress of Sorceries AKA**

1. Semiramis
2. Ashtoreth
3. Astarte
4. Ishtar
5. Asherah
6. Aštaru
7. Aphrodite
8. Queen of Heaven Jer 7
9. Jezebel Spirit. Rev 2
10. Roman Catholic "Mary" Co-redemptrix. No
11. **Woman who rides the Beast**

Revelation 17:1 Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls came and talked with me, saying to me, "Come, I will show you **the judgment of the great harlot** who sits on many waters, 2 with whom the kings of the earth committed fornication, and the inhabitants of the earth were made drunk with the wine of her fornication." 3 So he carried me away in the Spirit **into the wilderness** [Back to Nimrod's in Babylon]. And I saw **a woman sitting on a scarlet beast** which was full of names of blasphemy, having seven heads and ten horns. 4 The woman was arrayed in purple and scarlet, and adorned with gold and precious stones and pearls, having in her hand a golden cup full of abominations and the filthiness of her fornication. 5 And on her forehead a name was written: MYSTERY, BABYLON THE GREAT, THE MOTHER OF HARLOTS AND OF THE ABOMINATIONS OF THE EARTH. 6 I saw the woman, drunk with the blood of the saints and with the blood of the martyrs of Jesus. And when I saw her, I marveled with great amazement.

The Mistress of Sorceries seduces the world w/False Religion
The origin of all religion is the devil, i.e. The Covering Cherib. Substitute

5 **"Behold, I am against you,"** says the LORD of hosts; "I will lift your skirts over your face, I will show the nations your nakedness, And the kingdoms your shame. 6 I will **cast abominable filth** upon you, **Make you vile**, And make you a spectacle.

- **Rev 17 Spiritual Mistress** of Sorceries judged
- **Rev 18 Physical Mistress** of Sorceries judged...

Revelation 17:15 Then he said to me, "The waters which you saw, where the harlot sits, are peoples, multitudes, nations, and tongues. 16 And the ten horns which you saw on the beast, these will **hate the harlot**, make her desolate and naked, eat her flesh and burn her with

fire. 17 For God has put it into their hearts to fulfill His purpose, to be of one mind, and to give their kingdom to the beast, until the words of God are fulfilled.

Revelation 18:1 After these things I saw another angel coming down from heaven, having great authority, and the earth was illuminated with his glory. 2 And he cried mightily with a loud voice, saying, **“Babylon the great is fallen, is fallen**, and has become a dwelling place of demons, a prison for every foul spirit, and a cage for every unclean and hated bird! 3 For all the nations have drunk of the wine of the wrath of her fornication, the kings of the earth have committed fornication with her, and the merchants of the earth have become rich through the abundance of her luxury.” 4 And I heard another voice from heaven saying, **“Come out of her, my people, lest you share in her sins**, and lest you receive of her plagues. ...7 In the measure that she glorified herself and lived luxuriously, in the same measure give her torment and sorrow; for she says in her heart, **‘I sit as queen, and am no widow, and will not see sorrow.’** 8 Therefore her plagues will come in one day—death and mourning and famine. And she will be utterly burned with fire, **for strong is the LORD God who judges her.**

Mistress of Sorceries
Selling out Nations/Families through Sorcery/Harlotry, i.e. Substitutes

7 It shall come to pass that all who look upon you Will flee from you, and say, 'Nineveh is **laid waste!** Who will bemoan her?' Where shall I seek comforters for you?"

Revelation 18:9 [Greed leading to human trafficking leading to destruction] “The kings of the earth who committed fornication and lived luxuriously with her will weep and lament for her, when they see the smoke of her burning, 10 standing at a distance for fear of her torment, saying, ‘Alas, alas, that great city Babylon, that mighty city! For in one hour your judgment has come.’ 11 “And the merchants of the earth will weep and mourn over her, for no one buys their merchandise anymore: 12 merchandise of gold and silver... horses and chariots, and **bodies and souls of men...**

8 Are you better than No Amon That was situated by the River, That had the waters around her, Whose rampart was the sea, Whose wall was the sea? 9 Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, And it was boundless; Put and Lubim were your helpers. 10 Yet she was carried away [by you], She went into captivity; Her young children also were **dashed to pieces** At the head of every street; They cast lots for her honorable men, And all her great men were bound in chains. 11 You also **will be drunk**; You will be hidden; You also will seek refuge from the enemy.

Remember what you did to Amon? Your next
The LORD Encourages His enemy to prepare to meet Him...

12 All your strongholds are fig trees with ripened figs: If they are shaken, They fall into the mouth of the eater. 13 Surely, your people in your midst **are women!** The gates of your land are wide open for your enemies; Fire shall devour the bars of your gates. 14 Draw your water for the siege! Fortify your strongholds! Go into the clay and tread the mortar! Make strong the brick kiln!

15 There the fire will devour you, The sword will cut you off; It will eat you up like a locust. Make yourself many—like the locust! Make yourself many—like the swarming locusts! 16 You have multiplied your merchants more than the stars of heaven. The locust plunders and flies away. 17 Your commanders are like swarming locusts, And your generals like great grasshoppers, Which camp in the hedges on a cold day; **When the sun rises** they flee away, And the place where they are is not known. 18 **Your shepherds slumber, O king of Assyria;** Your **nobles rest in the dust.** Your **people are scattered** on the mountains, And no one gathers them. 19 Your injury **has no healing,** Your **wound is severe.** All who hear news of you Will clap their hands over you, For upon whom has not your wickedness passed continually?

Zephaniah 2:15 [Ninevah] This is the **rejoicing city That dwelt securely**, That said in her heart, **"I am it, and there is none besides me."** How has she become a desolation, A place for beasts to lie down! Everyone who passes by her Shall hiss and shake his fist.

- **Ch 1:** Pre-judgment
- **Ch 2:** Judgment
- **Ch 3:** Post Judgment

How does a nation get to the point of warranting God's judgment?
How did so many in Germany condone/participate in the evil/cruelty of the Nazis?

- *Godless assertion* infects a few spreading exponentially to others; a *Social Contagion*
- **Propagated by the world:** Media/Educational systems see *opportunity* for exposure
- A once insane notion now *Group Think* enflamed by **flesh**/Fueled by the **devil**

Group Think: When the desire for harmony or conformity in a group result in an irrational or dysfunctional decision-making outcome. Occurring when individuals suppress dissenting or alternative viewpoints, leading to flawed decisions because critical thinking is not fully explored.

That nation begins to grow dark casting aside the Word of God/Absolute truth

Resulting in Blindness to Reality/Suppression of Truth
Given over to a False Sense of Power/Unity/Safety...The End