

The Gospel for the Self-Exalting

Nahum 3:8-19

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Nahum 3:18-19 [Legacy Standard Bible]

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The Good News to the Israel of God

Nahum 1:14–15 (LSB)

¹⁴And Yahweh has commanded concerning you: “There will no longer be seed from your name. From the house of your gods, I will cut off graven image and molten image. I will prepare your grave, For you are contemptible.”

¹⁵Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who proclaims good news, Who announces peace! Celebrate your feasts, O Judah; Pay your vows. For never again will the vile one pass through you; He is cut off completely.

The Futility of Assyria's Resistance

Nahum 2:11–13 (LSB)

¹¹Where is the den of the lions And the feeding place of the young lions, Where the lion, lioness, and lion's cub prowled, With nothing to make them tremble?

¹²The lion tore enough for its cubs And strangled enough for its lionesses And filled its lairs with torn up prey And its dens with torn up flesh.

¹³"Behold, I am against you," declares Yahweh of hosts. "And I will burn up her chariots in smoke, and a sword will devour your young lions; and I will cut off your prey from the land, and no longer will the voice of your messengers be heard."

Sermon Outline [Nahum 3:8-19]

God's judgment on self-exalting nations will be...

- I. Predicated and Predictable (vv. 8-13)
- II. Pervasive (vv. 14-17)
- III. Permanent (vv. 18-19)
- IV. Good News for the Humble (Nahum 3:11; cf 1:6-7)

I. God's Judgment... Predicated and Predictable (vv.8-13)

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Isaiah 20:3–5 (LSB)

³And Yahweh said, "Even as My servant Isaiah has gone naked and barefoot three years as a sign and wonder against Egypt and Ethiopia,

⁴so the king of Assyria will lead away the captives of Egypt and the exiles of Ethiopia, young and old, naked and barefoot with buttocks uncovered, to the shame of Egypt.

⁵"Then they will be dismayed and ashamed because of Ethiopia their hope and Egypt their boast.

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¹²All your fortifications are fig trees with ripe fruit— When shaken, they fall into the eater's mouth.

¹³Behold, your people are women in your midst! The gates of your land are opened wide to your enemies; Fire consumes your gate bars.

II. God's Judgment... Pervasive (vv.14-17)

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Romans 12:14–19 (LSB)

¹⁴Bless those who persecute you; bless, and do not curse.

¹⁵Rejoice with those who rejoice; weep with those who weep,

¹⁶by being of the same mind toward one another, not being haughty in mind, but associating with the humble. Do not be wise in your own mind.

¹⁷Never paying back evil for evil to anyone, respecting what is good in the sight of all men,

¹⁸if possible, so far as it depends on you, being at peace with all men,

¹⁹never taking your own revenge, beloved—instead leave room for the wrath of God. For it is written, "VENGEANCE IS MINE, I WILL REPAY," says the Lord.

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Revelation 19:1–4 (LSB)

¹After these things I heard something like a loud voice of a great crowd in heaven, saying, "Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power belong to our God;

²BECAUSE HIS JUDGMENTS ARE TRUE AND RIGHTEOUS; for He has judged the great harlot who was corrupting the earth with her sexual immorality, and HE HAS AVENGED THE BLOOD OF HIS SLAVES shed BY HER HAND."

³And a second time they said, "Hallelujah! HER SMOKE RISES UP FOREVER AND EVER."

⁴And the twenty-four elders and the four living creatures fell down and worshiped God who sits on the throne saying, "Amen. Hallelujah!"

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Revelation 19:11,15-16 (LSB)

¹¹Then I saw heaven opened, and behold, a white horse, and He who sits on it is called **Faithful and True**, and in righteousness He judges and wages war.

¹⁵And from His mouth comes a sharp sword, so that with it He may STRIKE DOWN THE NATIONS, and He will RULE THEM WITH A ROD OF IRON; and HE TREADS THE WINE PRESS OF THE WRATH OF THE RAGE OF GOD, the Almighty.

¹⁶And He has on His garment and on His thigh a name written, "KING OF KINGS, AND LORD OF LORDS."

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Revelation 21:4–5 (LSB)

⁴and He will WIPE AWAY EVERY TEAR FROM THEIR EYES; and there will no longer be any death; there will no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain. The first things passed away.”

⁵And He who sits on the throne said, “Behold, I am making all things new.” And He said, “Write, for these words are **faithful and true.**”

IV. Good News to the Humble (Nahum 3:11 cf. 1:6-7)

Nahum 3:19 (LSB)

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Micah 1:8–9 (LSB)

⁸Because of this I must lament and wail; I must go barefoot and naked; I must make a lament like the jackals And a mourning like the ostriches.

⁹For **her wound is incurable, For it has come to Judah; It has reached the gate of my people, Even to Jerusalem.**

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Acts 4:12 (LSB)

¹²“And there is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”

Proverbs 18:10–11 (LSB)

¹⁰The name of Yahweh is a strong tower; The righteous runs into it and is set securely on high.

¹¹A rich man's wealth is his strong city, And like a high wall in his own delusion.

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1 Corinthians 11:23-24 (LSB)

²³For I received from the Lord that which I also delivered to you, that the Lord Jesus in the night in which He was being betrayed took bread,

²⁴and when He had given thanks, He broke it and said, "This is My body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:25 (LSB)

²⁵In the same way He took the cup also after supper, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in My blood; do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

1 Corinthians 11:26-29 (LSB)

²⁶For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the death of the Lord until He comes.

²⁷Therefore whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner, shall be guilty of the body and the blood of the Lord.

²⁸But a man must test himself, and in so doing he is to eat of the bread and drink of the cup.

²⁹For he who eats and drinks, eats and drinks judgment to himself if he does not judge the body rightly.