

The Majesty of Israel pt. 1

Nahum 2;1-2

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Beacon Four-Fold Vision

The vision of the Beacon Church is to glorify God by establishing...

1. a church that engages in God-centered worship and not man-centered.
2. a church that equips every believer with God's inerrant Word.
3. a church that is committed to its members through love, accountability, support, and discipline.
4. a church that reaches out to its community with the gospel of Jesus Christ.

Biblical Foundations

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Job 42:2 (LSB)

²"I know that You can do all things, And that no purpose of Yours can be thwarted.

Psalm 115:3 (LSB)

³But our God is in the heavens; He does whatever He pleases.

Daniel 2:21–22 (LSB)

²¹"And He changes the times and the seasons; He removes kings and establishes kings; He gives wisdom to wise men And knowledge to men of understanding.

²²"He reveals the deep and hidden things; He knows what is in the darkness, And the light dwells with Him.

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Deuteronomy 29:29 (LSB)

²⁹"The secret things belong to Yahweh our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may do all the words of this law.

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Careful Searches; Great Pains

1 Peter 1:10–11 (LSB)

¹⁰Concerning this salvation, the prophets, who prophesied of the grace that would come to you, made careful searches and inquiries,

¹¹inquiring to know what time or what kind of time the Spirit of Christ within them was indicating as He was predicting the sufferings of Christ and the glories to follow.

1 Timothy 4:15–16 (LSB)

¹⁵Take pains with these things; be absorbed in them, so that your progress will be evident to all.

¹⁶Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will save both yourself and those who hear

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Outline (Nahum 2:1-2)

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Habakkuk 1:6 (LSB)

⁶“For behold, I am raising up the Chaldeans, That bitter and hasty nation Who walks on the breadth of the land To possess dwelling places which are not theirs.

Habakkuk 2:4 (LSB)

⁴“Behold, as for the proud one, His soul is not right within him; **But the righteous will live by his faith.** [Romans 1:17; Galatians 3:11; Hebrews 10:38]

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Jacob:

- "Heel grabber" (Genesis 25:26)
- "Supplanter; circumventer; deceiver" (Genesis 27:36)

Israel:

- "May God prevail"
- "One who contends/stands with God." (Genesis 32:28)

II. The Future of Israel [Nahum 2:2a]

Hosea 12:3–6 (LSB)

³In the womb he took his brother by the heel, And in his maturity he wrestled with God.

⁴Indeed, he wrestled with the angel and prevailed; He wept and sought His favor. He found Him at Bethel, **And there He spoke with us,**

⁵Even Yahweh, the God of hosts, Yahweh is His name of remembrance.

⁶Therefore, return to your God, Keep lovingkindness and justice, **And hope in your God continually.**

II. The Future of Israel [Nahum 2:2a]

2 Kings 6:28–29 (LSB)

²⁸And the king said to her, “What is the matter with you?” And she said, “This woman said to me, ‘Give your son that we may eat him today, and we will eat my son tomorrow.’

²⁹“So we boiled my son and ate him; and I said to her on the next day, ‘Give your son, that we may eat him’; but she has hidden her son.”

Lamentations 4:10 (LSB)

¹⁰The hands of compassionate women Boiled their own children; They became food for them Because of the destruction of the daughter of my people.

II. The Future of Israel

[Nahum 2:2a]

Deuteronomy 7:6–8 (LSB)

⁶“For you are a holy people to Yahweh your God; Yahweh your God has chosen you to be a people for His own treasured possession out of all the peoples who are on the face of the earth.

⁷“Yahweh did not set His affection on you nor choose you because you were more in number than any of the peoples, **for you were the fewest of all peoples,**

⁸**but because Yahweh loved you and kept the oath** which He swore to your fathers, Yahweh brought you out with a strong hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

II. The Future of Israel

[Nahum 2:2a]

Genesis 12:2–3 (LSB)

²And I will make you a great nation, And I will bless you, And make your name great; And so you shall be a blessing;

³And I will bless those who bless you, And the one who curses you I will curse. And in you all the families of the earth will be blessed.”

Galatians 3:7–8 (LSB)

⁷so know that those who are of faith, those are sons of Abraham.

⁸And the Scripture, foreseeing that God would justify the Gentiles by faith, proclaimed the gospel beforehand to Abraham, saying, “All the nations will be blessed in you.”

II. The Future of Israel [Nahum 2:2a]

Romans 10:20–11:6 (LSB)

²⁰And Isaiah is very bold and says, “I WAS FOUND BY THOSE WHO DID NOT SEEK ME, I BECAME MANIFEST TO THOSE WHO DID NOT ASK FOR ME.”

²¹But as for Israel He says, “ALL DAY LONG I HAVE STRETCHED OUT MY HANDS TO A DISOBEDIENT AND OBSTINATE PEOPLE.”

¹I say then, has God rejected His people? May it never be! For I too am an Israelite, a seed of Abraham, of the tribe of Benjamin.

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²**GOD HAS NOT REJECTED HIS PEOPLE whom He foreknew.** Or do you not know what the Scripture says in the passage about Elijah, how he appeals to God against Israel?

³“Lord, THEY HAVE KILLED YOUR PROPHETS, THEY HAVE TORN DOWN YOUR ALTARS, AND I ALONE AM LEFT, AND THEY ARE SEEKING MY LIFE.”

⁴But what does the divine response say to him? “I HAVE LEFT for Myself SEVEN THOUSAND MEN WHO HAVE NOT BOWED THE KNEE TO BAAL.”

⁵In this way then, at the present time, **a remnant according to God's gracious choice** has also come to be.

⁶But if it is by grace, it is no longer of works, otherwise grace is no longer grace.

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