

The Majesty of Israel pt. 2

Nahum 2:1-2

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2 Corinthians 10:3-5 (LSB)

³For though we walk in the flesh, we do not war according to the flesh,

⁴for the weapons of our warfare are not of the flesh, but divinely powerful for the tearing down of strongholds,

⁵as we tear down speculations and every lofty thing raised up against the knowledge of God, and take every thought captive to the obedience of Christ,

Outline (Nahum 2:1-2)

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1. The Emptiers

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3. The Restoration of Those Emptied (Nahum 2:1)

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Emptiers: Assyrian Empire

The Emptied: The Northern Kingdom of Israel

Vine Branches: represented posterity, descendants, and national vitality.

Curses for not violating covenant (Deut. 28:15-68)

Deuteronomy 28:32–34 (LSB)

32 “Your sons and your daughters shall be given to another people, while your eyes look on and yearn for them all the day long; but there will be nothing you can do.

33 “A people whom you do not know shall eat up the produce of your ground and all your labors, and you will never be anything but oppressed and crushed all your days.

34 “And you shall be driven mad by the sight of what your eyes see.

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Revelation 12:9 (LSB)

⁹And the great dragon was thrown down, the serpent of old who is called the devil and Satan, who deceives the whole world. He was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him.

- Father of lies (John 8:44)
- Murderer (John 8:44)
- The tempter (1 Thessalonians 3:5)
- The schemer (Ephesians 6:11)
- God of this age (2 Corinthians 4:4)
- Ruler of the power of the air (Ephesians 2:2)

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Ephesians 2:2–3 (LSB)

²in which you formerly walked according to the course of this world, according to the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now working in the sons of disobedience,

³among whom we all also formerly conducted ourselves in the lusts of our flesh, doing the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature children of wrath, even as the rest.

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Psalm 83:2–5 (LSB)

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Esther 3:5–6 (LSB)

⁵Then Haman saw that Mordecai was not bowing down or prostrating himself before him. So Haman was filled with wrath.

⁶But he despised in his eyes to send forth his hand against Mordecai alone, for they had told him who the people of Mordecai were; therefore Haman sought to destroy all the Jews, the people of Mordecai, who were throughout the whole kingdom of Ahasuerus.

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Ephesians 6:10–13 (LSB)

¹⁰Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the might of His strength.

¹¹Put on the full armor of God, so that you will be able to stand firm against the schemes of the devil.

¹²For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the world forces of this darkness, against the spiritual forces of wickedness in the heavenly places.

¹³Therefore, take up the full armor of God, so that you will be able to resist in the evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm.

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Romans 11:11,25,30 (LSB)

¹¹I say then, did they stumble so as to fall? May it never be! But by their transgression salvation has come to the Gentiles, to make them jealous.

²⁵For I do not want you, brothers, to be uninformed of this mystery—so that you will not be wise in your own estimation—that a partial hardening has happened to Israel until the fullness of the Gentiles has come in;

³⁰For just as you once were disobedient to God, but now have been shown mercy because of their disobedience,

God has not rejected His people.

Romans 11:1–2 (LSB)

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.

²God 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?

Romans 11:29 (LSB)

²⁹for the gifts and the calling of God are irrevocable.

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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.”

Exodus 33:1 (LSB)

¹Then Yahweh spoke to Moses, “Go! Go up from here, you and the people whom you have brought up from the land of Egypt, **to the land** of which I swore to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob, saying, **‘To your seed I will give it.’**

Joel 3:20 (LSB)

²⁰But Judah will be **inhabited forever** And Jerusalem from generation to generation.

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Zechariah 2:7–8 (LSB)

⁷“Woe, Zion! Escape, you who are living with the daughter of Babylon.”

⁸For thus says Yahweh of hosts, “After glory He has sent me against the nations which have taken you as spoil, for he who touches you, touches the apple of His eye.

Obadiah 10 (LSB)

¹⁰“Because of violence to your brother Jacob, You will be covered with shame, And you will be cut off forever.

Matthew 24:4-14 (LSB)

⁴And Jesus answered and said to them, “See to it that no one deceives you.

⁵“For many will come in My name, saying, ‘I am the Christ,’ and will deceive many.

⁶“And you are going to hear of wars and rumors of wars. See that you are not alarmed, for those things must take place, but that is not yet the end.

⁷“For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom, and in various places there will be famines and earthquakes.

⁸“But all these things are merely the beginning of birth pains.

Matthew 24:4-14 (LSB)

⁹"Then they will deliver you to tribulation, and will kill you, and you will be hated by all nations because of My name.

¹⁰"And at that time many will fall away and will betray one another and hate one another.

¹¹"Many false prophets will arise and will deceive many.

¹²"And because lawlessness is multiplied, most people's love will grow cold.

¹³"But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.

¹⁴"And this gospel of the kingdom shall be proclaimed in the whole world as a witness to all the nations, and then the end will come.

1 Corinthians 11:23-29

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.”

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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.”

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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.