

# The Vanity of the Nations

Nahum 2:3-7  
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## Zechariah 4:6-7 [Legacy Standard Bible]

<sup>6</sup>Then he answered and spoke to me, saying, "This is the word of Yahweh to Zerubbabel, saying, 'Not by might nor by power, but by My Spirit,' says Yahweh of hosts.

<sup>7</sup>'What are you, O great mountain? Before Zerubbabel you will become a plain; and he will bring forth the top stone with shouts of "Grace, grace to it!" ' "

# Sermon Outline [Nahum 2:3-7]

- I. The Fighters (vv.3-5)
- II. The Fight (v. 6) Battle of Nineveh 612 BC
- III. The Fix (v.7)

## Nahum 1:14-15 [Legacy Standard Bible]

<sup>14</sup>And 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."

<sup>15</sup>Behold, 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.

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2 Samuel 23:8 (LSB)

<sup>8</sup>These are the names of the mighty men whom David had:  
Josheb-basshebeth a Tahchemonite, chief of the captains, he was  
called Adino the Eznite, because of eight hundred slain by him at  
one time;

2 Samuel 23:18 (LSB)

<sup>18</sup>Now Abishai, the brother of Joab, the son of Zeruiah, was chief of  
the thirty. And he swung his spear against three hundred who were  
slain by him; and he had a name as well as the three.



# I. The Fighters [Nahum 2:3-5]

2 Samuel 23:20–21 (LSB)

<sup>20</sup>Then Benaiah the son of Jehoiada, the son of a valiant man of Kabzeel, mighty in deeds, struck down the two sons of Ariel of Moab. He also went down and struck down a lion in the midst of a pit on a snowy day.

<sup>21</sup>He had also struck down an Egyptian, an impressive man. Now in the Egyptian's hand was a spear, but he went down to him with a club and snatched the spear from the Egyptian's hand and killed him with his own spear.

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1 Kings 5:8 (LSB)

<sup>8</sup>So Hiram sent word to Solomon, saying, “I have heard the message which you have sent me; I will do what you desire concerning the cedar and cypress timber.

1 Kings 6:15, 34 (LSB)

<sup>15</sup>Then he built the walls of the house on the inside with boards of cedar; from the floor of the house to the ceiling he overlaid the walls on the inside with wood, and he overlaid the floor of the house with boards of cypress.

<sup>34</sup>and two doors of cypress wood; the two leaves of the one door turned on pivots, and the two leaves of the other door turned on pivots.

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Nahum 2:1b (LSB)

<sup>1</sup>... Guard the fortification, watch the road; Strengthen your loins, instill your power with exceeding courage.

## II. The Fight [Nahum 2:6] – Battle of Nineveh 612

Nahum 1:3b–5 (LSB)

<sup>3</sup>... In whirlwind and storm is His way, And clouds are the dust beneath His feet.

<sup>4</sup>He rebukes the sea and makes it dry; He dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel languish; The blossoms of Lebanon languish.

<sup>5</sup>Mountains quake because of Him, And the hills melt; Indeed the earth is upheaved by His presence, The world and all the inhabitants in it.

Nahum 1:8 (LSB)

<sup>8</sup>But with an overflowing flood He will make a complete destruction of its place And will pursue His enemies into darkness.

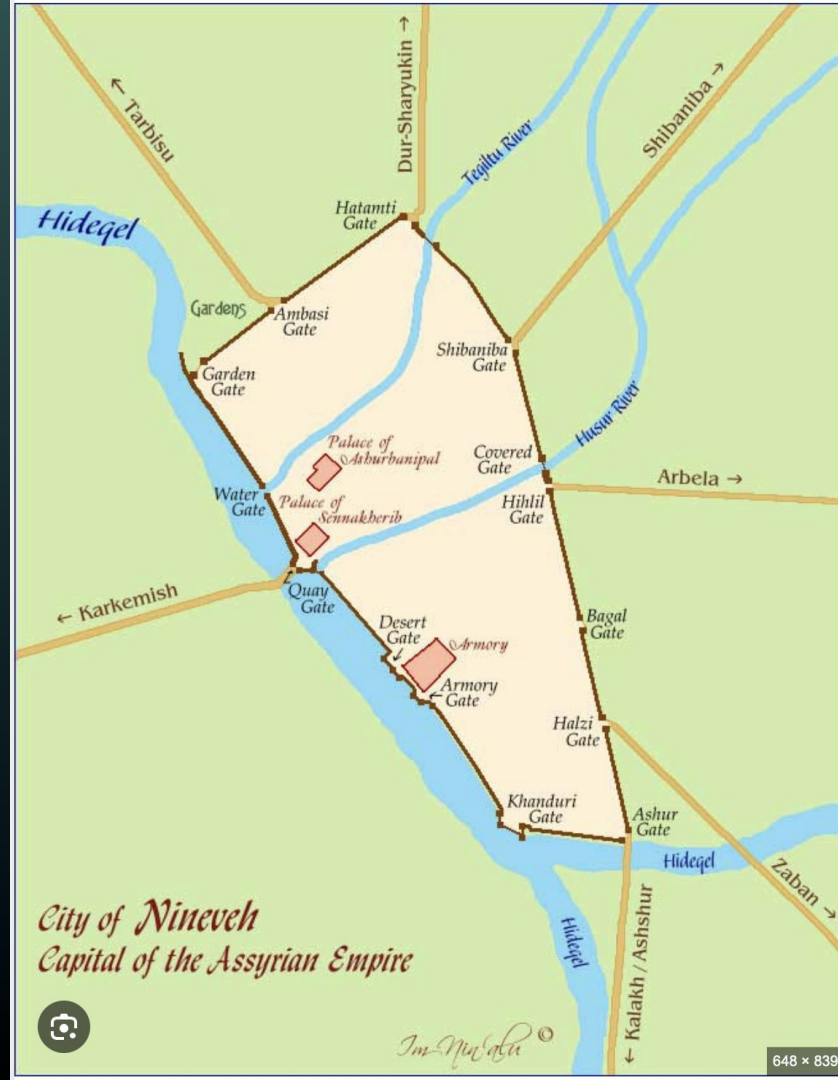
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Nahum 2:6 (LSB)

<sup>6</sup>The gates of the rivers are opened, And the palace is melted away.

Nahum 2:8a (LSB)

<sup>8</sup>Though Nineveh was like a pool of water throughout her days....



## II. The Fight [Nahum 2:6]

Isaiah 54:17 (LSB)

<sup>17</sup>“No weapon that is formed against you will succeed;

Proverbs 21:30–31 (LSB)

<sup>30</sup>There is no wisdom, there is no discernment And there is no counsel against Yahweh.

<sup>31</sup>The horse is set for the day of battle, But salvation belongs to Yahweh.

Romans 8:31 (LSB)

<sup>31</sup>What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?



### III. The Fix [Nahum 2:7]

Nahum 2:7 (LSB)

<sup>7</sup>So it stands fixed: She is exiled, she is carried away, And her maidservants are moaning like the sound of doves, Beating on their hearts.

### III. The Fix [Nahum 2:7]

Daniel 2:21 (LSB)

<sup>21</sup>“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.

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Isaiah 10:5–7 (LSB)

<sup>5</sup>Woe to Assyria, the rod of My anger And the staff in whose hands is My indignation,

<sup>6</sup>I send it against a godless nation And command it against the people of My fury To capture spoil and to seize plunder, And to trample them down like mud in the streets.

<sup>7</sup>But it does not intend to act in this way, And it does not think in its heart in this way, Rather, what is in its heart is to destroy And to cut off many nations.

### III. The Fix [Nahum 2:7]

Isaiah 10:12 (LSB)

<sup>12</sup>So it will be that when the Lord has completed all His work on Mount Zion and on Jerusalem, He will say, “I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the pomp of his eyes which are raised high.”

Isaiah 10:17–18 (LSB)

<sup>17</sup>And the light of Israel will become a fire and his Holy One a flame, And it will burn and devour his thorns and his briars in a single day.

<sup>18</sup>And He will bring to an end the glory of his forest and of his fruitful orchard, both soul and body, And it will be as when a sick man wastes away.

# More than Conquerors

Exodus 14:13–14 (LSB)

<sup>13</sup>But Moses said to the people, “Do not fear! Stand by and see the salvation of Yahweh which He will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you have seen today, you will never see them again forever.

<sup>14</sup>“Yahweh will fight for you, and you will keep silent.”

Isaiah 41:10 (LSB)

<sup>10</sup>‘Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will make you mighty, surely I will help you; Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.’

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John 16:33 (LSB)

<sup>33</sup>“These things I have spoken to you, so that in Me you may have peace. In the world you have tribulation, but take courage; I have overcome the world.”

# More than Conquerors

Romans 8:37–39 (LSB)

<sup>37</sup>But in all these things we overwhelmingly conquer through Him who loved us.

<sup>38</sup>For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers,  
<sup>39</sup>nor height, nor depth, nor any other created thing, will be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

# More than Conquerors

Hebrews 12:2–3 (LSB)

<sup>2</sup>fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

<sup>3</sup>For consider Him who has endured such hostility by sinners against Himself, so that you will not grow weary, fainting in heart.