

Satan, the God of Assyria

Nahum 3:1-7

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Nahum 3:4-5 [Legacy Standard Bible]

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The Love of Deception

2 Timothy 3:13 (LSB)

¹³But evil men and impostors will proceed from bad to worse, **deceiving and being deceived.**

Romans 1:25 (LSB)

²⁵For they **exchanged the truth of God for a lie**, and worshiped and served the creature rather than the Creator, who is blessed forever. Amen.

Sermon Outline [Nahum 3:1-7]

- I. The Fruit of Deception (vv. 1-3)
- II. The Source of Deception (v. 4)
- III. The Destiny of the Deceived (vv. 5-7)

I. The Fruit of Deception (vv.1-3)

Nahum 3:1–3 (LSB)

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³Horsemen charging, And swords flaming, and spears flashing, Many slain, a mass of corpses, And there is no end to dead bodies— They stumble over the dead bodies!

I. The Fruit of Deception (vv.1-3)

Genesis 4:10 (LSB)

¹⁰And He said, "What have you done? The voice of your brother's blood is crying out to Me from the ground.

Genesis 9:6 (LSB)

⁶"Whoever sheds man's blood, By man his blood shall be shed, For in the image of God He made man.

I. The Fruit of Deception (vv.1-3)

“I slew their warriors with the sword, descending upon them like Adad when makes a rainstorm pour down. In the moat (of the town) I piled them up, I covered the wide plain with the corpses of their fighting men, I dyed the mountains with their blood like wool. I took away from him many chariots (and) horses broken to the yoke. I erected pillars of skulls in front of his town, destroyed his (other) towns, tore down (their walls) and burnt (them down).” [King Shalmanezar III]

- James B. Pritchard: The Ancient Near Eastern Texts Relating to the Old Testament, p277)

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II. The Source of Deception (v. 4)

John 8:44 (LSB)

⁴⁴“You are of your father the devil, and you want to do the desires of your father. He was a murderer from the beginning, and does not stand in the truth because there is no truth in him. Whenever he speaks a lie, he speaks from his own nature, for he is a liar and the father of lies.

II. The Source of Deception (v. 4)

1 John 3:8,10-13 (LSB)

⁸The one who does sin is of the devil, because the devil sins from the beginning. The Son of God was manifested for this purpose, to destroy the works of the devil.

¹⁰By this the children of God and the children of the devil are manifested: everyone who does not do righteousness is not of God, as well as the one who does not love his brother.

¹¹For this is the message which you have heard from the beginning, that we should love one another;

¹²not as **Cain, who was of the evil one** and slew his brother. And for what reason did he slay him? Because his deeds were evil, and his brother's were righteous.

¹³Do not marvel, brothers, if the world hates you.

II. The Source of Deception (v. 4)

Genesis 3:1–4 (LSB)

¹Now the serpent was more crafty than any beast of the field which Yahweh God had made. And he said to the woman, **“Indeed, has God said, ‘You shall not eat from any tree of the garden’?”**

²And the woman said to the serpent, “From the fruit of the trees of the garden we may eat;

³but from the fruit of the tree which is in the midst of the garden, God said, **‘You shall not eat from it, and you shall not touch it, lest you die.’”**

⁴And the serpent said to the woman, **“You surely will not die!**

II. The Source of Deception (v. 4)

1 John 5:19 (LSB)

¹⁹We know that we are of God, and that **the whole world lies in the power of the evil one.**

Ephesians 6:11–12 (LSB)

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.

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2 Kings 18:23,28-31 (LSB)

²³“So now, come, make a bargain with my master the king of Assyria, and I will give you two thousand horses, if you are able on your part to give riders for them.

²⁸Then Rabshakeh stood and cried with a loud voice in Judean, saying, “Hear the word of the great king, the king of Assyria.

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2 Kings 18:23,28-31 (LSB)

²⁹“Thus says the king, ‘Do not let Hezekiah deceive you, for he will not be able to deliver you from his hand;

³⁰and do not let Hezekiah make you trust in Yahweh, saying, “Yahweh will surely deliver us, and this city will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”

³¹‘Do not listen to Hezekiah, for thus says the king of Assyria, “Make your peace with me and come out to me, and eat each of his vine and each of his fig tree and drink each of the waters of his own cistern,

II. The Source of Deception (v. 4)

Proverbs 7:21–22 (LSB)

²¹With her abundant persuasions she entices him; With her flattering lips she drives him to herself.

²²He suddenly follows her As an ox goes to the slaughter, Or as one in fetters to the discipline of an ignorant fool,

II. The Source of Deception (v. 4)

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,

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⁵“Behold, I am against you,” declares Yahweh of hosts; “And I will uncover your skirts over your face And show to the nations your nakedness And to the kingdoms your disgrace.

⁶“I will throw detestable filth on you And display you as a wicked fool And set you up as a spectacle.

⁷“And it will be that all who see you Will flee from you and say, ‘Nineveh is devastated! Who will console her?’ Where will I seek comforters for you?”

III. The Destiny of the Deceived (vv.5-7)

Philippians 3:18–20 (LSB)

¹⁸For many walk—of whom I often told you, and now tell you even crying—as enemies of the cross of Christ,

¹⁹whose end is destruction, whose god is their stomach and glory is in their shame, who set their thoughts on earthly things.

²⁰For our citizenship is in heaven, from which also we eagerly wait for a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ,

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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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¹⁴Stand firm therefore, HAVING GIRDED YOUR LOINS WITH TRUTH, and HAVING PUT ON THE BREASTPLATE OF RIGHTEOUSNESS,

¹⁵and having shod YOUR FEET WITH THE PREPARATION OF THE GOSPEL OF PEACE.

¹⁶In addition to all, having taken up the shield of faith with which you will be able to extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one,

¹⁷also receive THE HELMET OF SALVATION, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God,

¹⁸praying at all times with all prayer and petition in the Spirit, and to this end, being on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints,