

The Book of the Vision of Nahum

Nahum 1-3

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נַחֻם – Nahum: “comfort” or “comforter”

נְחֻמָּה – Nehemiah: “Yah[weh] comforts”

Romans 8:31-32 (LSB)

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Sermon Outline

- I. The Context of the Book of Nahum (Nahum 1:1)
- II. The Character of God in Nahum (Nahum 1:2-3a)
- III. The Comfort from the Prophecies in Nahum (Nahum 1:2,7)

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Elkosh

1. Al Qosh (in Northern Iraq, near Ancient Nineveh)?
2. Capernaum ("Village of Nahum")?
3. Somewhere else in Judah?

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Jonah	Nahum
Written between 780 – 760 BC	Written between 660 – 620 BC
Mercy toward Assyria	Justice and Judgment for Assyria
Assyria rising as Superpower; but struggling with division and strife	Babylon rising as Superpower; Assyria at height and at full strength
The people of God have been in Civil War – Israel (N) versus Judah (S) [Divided Kingdom Period (931-722 BC)]	Israel (N) wiped out by Assyria in 722. Only Judah (S) remaining



“An image of Shalmanezar III portrays the king with piles of dismembered heads, hands, and feet around him along with bodies impaled on stakes.”

JoAnna M. Hoyt, *Amos, Jonah, & Micah*, EEC (Bellingham, WA, Lexham, 2018), 154



The Wickedness of Nineveh

Nahum 3:1 (LSB)

¹Woe to the city of bloodshed, completely full of deception and pillage; Her prey never departs.

Nahum 3:3 (LSB)

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!

The Wickedness of Nineveh

Nahum 3:10 (LSB)

¹⁰Yet she became an exile; She went into captivity; Also her infants were dashed to pieces At the head of every street; They cast lots for her honorable men, And all her great men were bound with fetters.

Nahum 3:19 (LSB)

¹⁹There is no relief for your breakdown, Your wound is incurable. All who hear the report about you Will clap their hands over you, For on whom has not your evil passed continually?

2 Kings 17:5-6 (LSB)

⁵Then the king of Assyria went up against the whole land and he went up to Samaria and besieged it three years.

⁶In the ninth year of Hoshea, the king of Assyria captured Samaria and took Israel away into exile to Assyria, and settled them in Halah and Habor, on the river of Gozan, and in the cities of the Medes.

Assyria Attacks the Southern Kingdom of Judah

2 Kings 18:13 (LSB)

¹³Now in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.

Isaiah 36:1–2 (LSB)

¹Now it happened in the fourteenth year of King Hezekiah, that Sennacherib king of Assyria came up against all the fortified cities of Judah and seized them.

²And the king of Assyria sent Rabshakeh from Lachish to Jerusalem to King Hezekiah with a heavy military force. And he stood by the conduit of the upper pool on the highway of the fuller's field.

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II. The Character of God in Nahum

1. Jealous (v.2)
2. Avenging (v.2)
3. Wrathful (v.2)
4. Angry (v.2)
5. Great in Power (v.3)
6. Just / "will not leave the guilty unpunished" (v.3)
7. Good (1:7)
8. Omniscient (1:8)
9. Unrelenting (1:9)

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The Goodness of God

Mark 10:18 (LSB)

¹⁸And Jesus said to him, “Why do you call Me good? No one is good except God alone.

Psalms 100:5 (LSB)

⁵For Yahweh is good; His lovingkindness endures forever And His faithfulness, generation unto generation.

1 Timothy 2:3–4 (LSB)

³This is good and acceptable in the sight of God our Savior,
⁴who desires all men to be saved and to come to the full knowledge of the truth.

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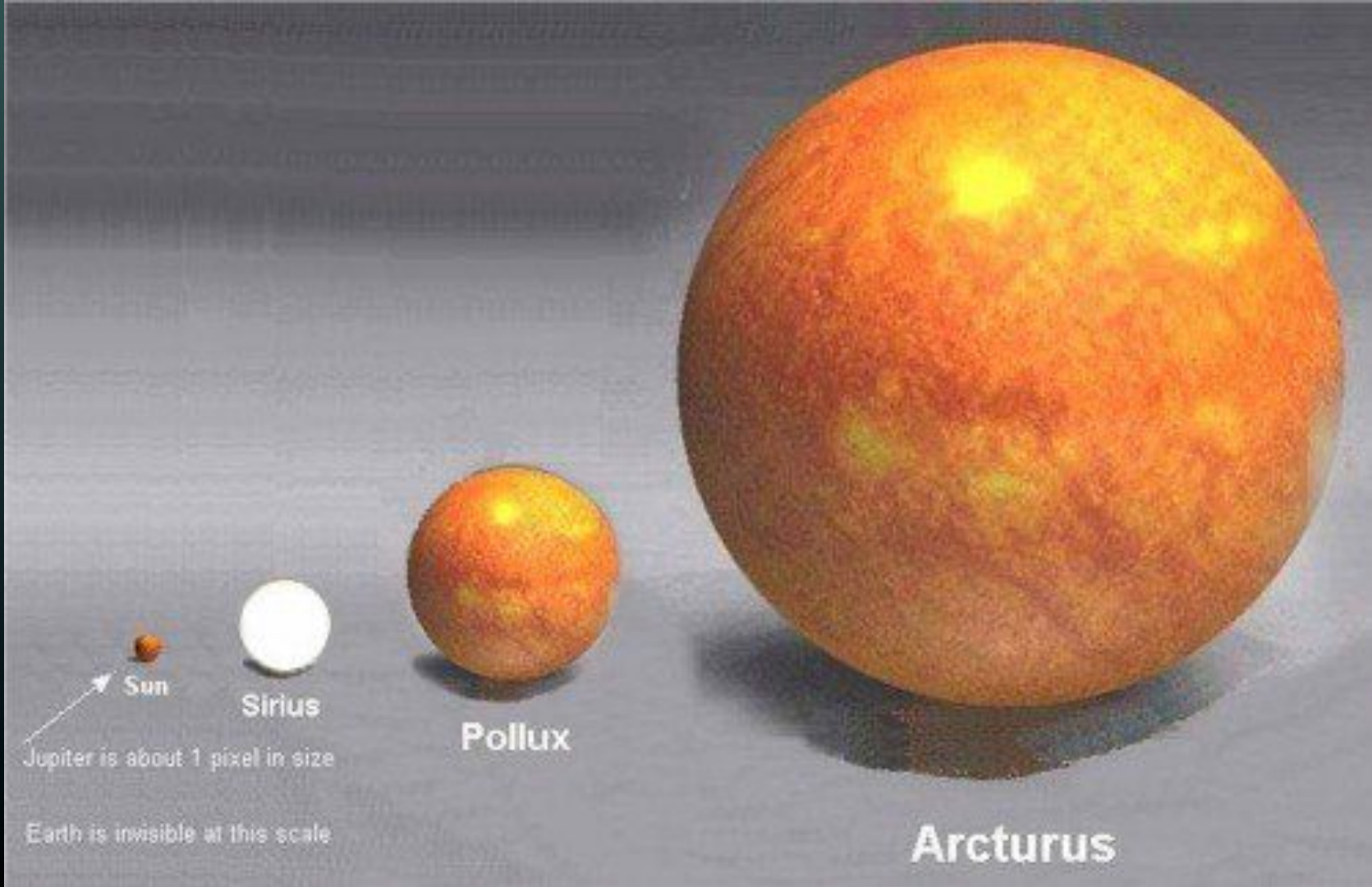
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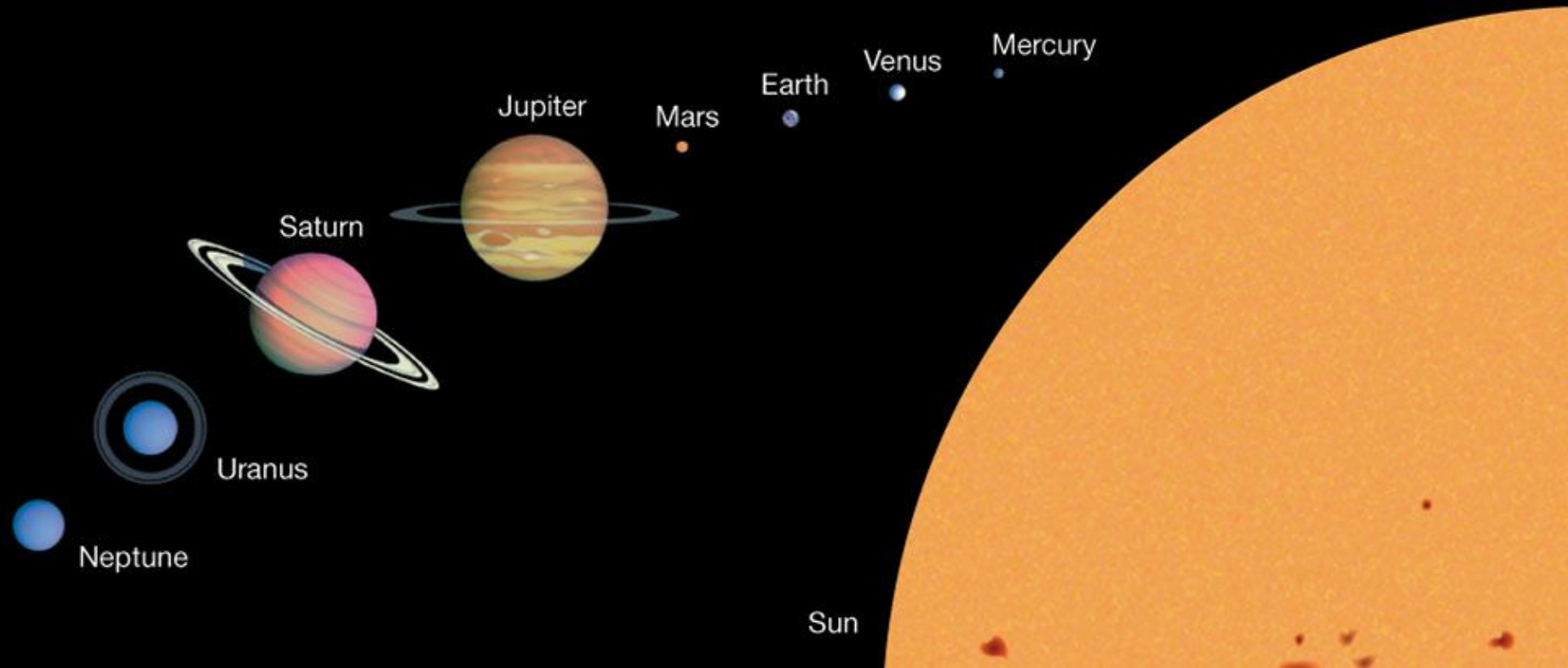
Isaiah 40:1 (LSB)

¹“Comfort, O comfort My people,” says your God.

Isaiah 40:26 (LSB)

²⁶Lift up your eyes on high And see who has created these stars, The One who leads forth their host by number, He calls them all by name; Because of the greatness of His vigor and the strength of His power, Not one of them is missing.





Comfort in the Power of God

Psalms 23:4 (LSB)

⁴Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil, for You are with me; Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.

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Nahum 1:12-13 [Legacy Standard Bible]

¹²Thus says Yahweh, "Though they are at full strength and likewise many, Even so, they will be cut off and pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no longer.

¹³"So now, I will break his yoke bar from upon you, And I will break your bands apart."

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