

The Judgment of the Nations

Nahum 2:8-13

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The God of Wrath

Nahum 1:2–3a (LSB)

²A jealous and avenging God is Yahweh; Yahweh is avenging and wrathful. Yahweh is avenging against His adversaries, And He keeps His anger for His enemies.

³Yahweh is slow to anger and great in power, And Yahweh will by no means leave the guilty unpunished.

Nahum 1:6 (LSB)

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The God of Hate

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Nahum 3:5 (LSB)

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.

Sermon Outline [Nahum 2:8-13]

- I. The End of Assyria's Prosperity (vv. 8-9)
- II. The End of Assyria's Pride (v. 10)
- III. The End of Assyria's Pillage and Plunder (vv. 11-12)
- IV. The End of Assyria (v. 13)

I. The End of Assyria's Prosperity (vv.8-9)

Nahum 2:8–9 (LSB)

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I. The End of Assyria's Prosperity (vv.8-9)

Amos 3:11 (LSB)

¹¹Therefore, thus says Lord Yahweh, "An adversary, even one surrounding the land, Will pull down your strength from you, And your citadels will be plundered."

I. The End of Assyria's Prosperity (vv.8-9)

James 4:4 (LSB)

⁴You adulteresses, do you not know that friendship with the world is enmity toward God? Therefore, whoever wishes to be a friend of the world sets himself as an enemy of God.

I. The End of Assyria's Prosperity (vv.8-9)

1 Timothy 6:9–10 (LSB)

⁹But those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a snare and many foolish and harmful desires which plunge men into ruin and destruction.

¹⁰For the love of money is a root of all sorts of evils, and some by aspiring to it have wandered away from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

I. The End of Assyria's Prosperity (vv.8-9)

Proverbs 10:22 (LSB)

²²It is the blessing of Yahweh that makes rich, And He adds no pain with it.

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their loins, And all their faces turn pale!

II. The End of Assyria's Pride (v. 10)

2 Kings 19:6 (LSB)

⁶And Isaiah said to them, “Thus you shall say to your master, ‘Thus says Yahweh, “Do not be afraid because of the words that you have heard, with which the young men of the king of Assyria have blasphemed Me.

2 Kings 19:10–12 (LSB)

¹⁰“Thus you shall say to Hezekiah king of Judah, ‘**Do not let your God in whom you trust deceive you,** saying, “Jerusalem will not be given into the hand of the king of Assyria.”

¹¹‘Behold, you have heard what the kings of Assyria have done to all the lands, devoting them to destruction. So will you be delivered?’

¹²‘Did the gods of those nations which my fathers brought to ruin deliver them, even Gozan and Haran and Rezeph and the sons of Eden who were in Telassar?’

II. The End of Assyria's Pride (v. 10)

2 Kings 19:34–35 (LSB)

³⁴'Indeed I will defend this city to save it for My own sake and for My servant David's sake.'"

³⁵Now it happened that night, that the angel of Yahweh went out and struck 185,000 in the camp of the Assyrians. And the men arose early in the morning, and behold, all of them were dead bodies.

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Proverbs 16:5 (LSB)

⁵Everyone who is proud in heart is an abomination to Yahweh;
Assuredly, he will not be unpunished.

Proverbs 16:18 (LSB)

¹⁸Pride goes before destruction, And a haughty spirit before
stumbling.

III. The End of Assyria's Pillage and Plunder (v. 11-12)

Nahum 2:11–12 (LSB)

¹¹Where is the den of the lions And the feeding place of the young lions, Where the lion, lioness, and lion's cub prowled, With nothing to make them tremble?

¹²The lion **tore** enough for its cubs And strangled enough for its lionesses And filled its lairs with **torn up** prey And its dens with **torn up** flesh.

III. The End of Assyria's Pillage and Plunder (v. 11-12)

Nahum 3:1 (LSB)

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

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.

III. The End of Assyria's Pillage and Plunder (v. 11-12)

2 Timothy 3:1–4 (LSB)

¹But know this, that in the last days difficult times will come.

²For men will be **lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, blasphemers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy,**

³**unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, without gentleness, without love for good,**

⁴**treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God,**

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Hebrews 13:5 (LSB)

⁵Make sure that your way of life is free from the love of money, being content with what you have; for He Himself has said, “I WILL NEVER DESERT YOU, NOR WILL I EVER FORSAKE YOU,”

Applications

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1. Pursue poverty
2. Feign humility
3. Try hard to love people

DO

- Take refuge in God
 - [Done to us] Growth in the knowledge of God
 - [Done to us] Growth in the knowledge of your purpose

Hatred of God for Sin; Love of God for the Saint

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