



# NAHUM

## Chapter 1

**1** ¶ The <sup>a</sup>burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite.

### *Anger Against Nineveh*

**2** God *is* <sup>b</sup>jealous and the LORD revenges. The LORD revenges and *is* furious. The LORD will take vengeance on His adversaries and He reserves *wrath* for His enemies.

**3** The LORD *is* <sup>c</sup>slow to anger and <sup>d</sup>great in power, and will not at all acquit *the wicked*. <sup>e</sup>The LORD has His way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds *are* the dust of His feet.

**4** <sup>f</sup>He rebukes the sea and makes it dry, and dries up all the rivers. <sup>g</sup>Bashan and Carmel wither. The blossoms of Lebanon wither.

**5** The mountains quake because of Him and the hills melt. And the earth is burned because of His presence, yes, the world and all who dwell in it.

**6** Who can stand before His indignation? And <sup>h</sup>who can endure the fierceness of His anger? His fury is poured out like fire and the rocks are thrown down by Him.

**7** <sup>i</sup>The LORD *is* good, a stronghold in the day of trouble. And <sup>j</sup>He knows those who trust in Him.

**8** But with an overflowing flood He will make a complete end of its site.

And darkness will pursue His enemies.

**9** ¶ <sup>k</sup>What do you imagine against the LORD? <sup>l</sup>He will make a complete end. Affliction will not rise up the second time.

**10** For while *they are* entangled as <sup>m</sup>thorns, and while <sup>n</sup>they are drunken as drunkards, <sup>o</sup>they will be devoured as dry stubble.

**11** There is *one* who comes out of you who imagines evil against the LORD, a wicked counselor.

**12** ¶ Thus says the LORD, “Though *they have* many allies and are numerous, yet they will be <sup>p</sup>cut down when He passes through. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no more.

**13** “For now I will break his yoke from off you and will burst your bonds asunder.”

**14** ¶ And the LORD has given a commandment concerning you, “Your name will no longer be perpetuated. Out of the house of your gods I will cut off the graven image and the molten image. I will make your <sup>q</sup>grave, for you are <sup>r</sup>vile.”

**15** ¶ Behold on the mountains the <sup>s</sup>feet of him who brings good news, who publishes peace! O Judah, keep your solemn feasts. Perform your vows, for the wicked will never again pass through you. He is <sup>t</sup>utterly cut off.

Chapter 1: a Zp 2:13 b Ex 20:5 c Ex 34:6,7 d Jb 9:4 e Ps 18:17 f Mt 8:26 g Is 33:9 h MI 3:2 i Jr 33:11 j 2 Tm 2:19 k Ps 2:1 l 1 Sm 3:12 m 2 Sm 23:6 n Nh 3:11 o MI 4:1 p Is 10:16-19,33,34 q Ez 32:22,23 r Nh 3:6 s Rm 10:15 t Is 29:7,8

**Chapter 2***The Fall of Nineveh*

**1** ¶ He who scatters has come up before your face. Man the fortress. Watch the way. Make strong *your* flanks. Fortify *your* power mightily.

**2** For the LORD will restore the excellency of Jacob as the excellency of Israel, though the devastators have devastated them and ruined their vine branches.

**3** ¶ The shields of his mighty men are made red. The valiant men *are* in scarlet. The chariots *are* with flaming torches in the day of his preparation and the spears are brandished.

**4** The chariots race in the streets. They jostle one against another in the broad ways. They seem like torches. They run like the lightnings.

**5** ¶ He summons his picked troops. They stumble in their walk. They make haste to its wall and the defense is prepared.

**6** The gates of the rivers are opened and the palace is dissolved.

**7** And it is decreed: She is led away captive. She is brought up and her handmaids lead *her* as with the voice of doves, beating their breasts.

**8** ¶ Though Nineveh of old *was* like a pool of water, yet they will flee away. “Stand, stand,” *they will command*, but no one will look back.

**9** Take the spoil of silver. Take the spoil of <sup>a</sup>gold. For *there is* no end of the treasure *or* wealth of all its treasures.

**10** She is empty and void and waste, and the heart melts and the knees

knock together. And anguish is in the whole body and all their faces are grown pale!

**11** ¶ Where *now is* the dwelling of the <sup>b</sup>lions and the feeding place of the young lions, where the lion, lioness and lion’s cub walked, with nothing to disturb *them*?

**12** The lion tore in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses. And he <sup>c</sup>filled his caves with prey and his dens with torn flesh.

**13** ¶ “Behold, <sup>d</sup>I *am* against you,” says the LORD of armies, “and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword will devour your young lions. And I will cut off your prey from the earth, and the voice of your <sup>e</sup>messengers will no longer be heard.”

**Chapter 3***Woe to Nineveh*

**1** ¶ Woe to the <sup>a</sup>city of blood! It *is* all full of lies *and* robbery. The prey does not depart.

**2** The noise of a whip and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the galloping horses and of the jolting chariots.

**3** The horseman lifts up both the bright sword and the gleaming spear. And *there is* a multitude of slain and a great number of corpses. And *there is* no end of *their* corpses. They stumble over their corpses,

**4** because of the multitude of harlotries of the <sup>b</sup>seductive harlot who sells nations through her harlotries and families through her sorceries.

**5** ¶ “Behold, I *am* <sup>c</sup>against you,” says

**Chapter 2:** a Zp 1:18 b Jb 4:10,11 c Jr 51:34 d Nh 3:5 e 2 Kg 18:17-25; 19:9-13,23 **Chapter 3:** a Hk 2:12 b Is 47:9-12 c Nh 2:13

the LORD of armies. "And <sup>d</sup>I will lift up your skirts over your face and will show the nations your nakedness and the kingdoms your shame.

**6** "Then I will cast abominable filth on you and make you <sup>e</sup>vile. And I will set you as a <sup>f</sup>spectacle.

**7** "Then it will come to pass *that* all those who look on <sup>g</sup>you will flee from you and say, <sup>h</sup>"Nineveh is laid waste. <sup>i</sup>Who will grieve over her?" From where will I seek comforters for you?"

**8** ¶ <sup>j</sup>Are you better than <sup>k</sup>No Amon that was situated among the rivers, *that had* the waters around her, whose rampart *was* the sea *and* her wall *was* from the sea?

**9** Ethiopia and Egypt *were* her strength, and *it was* without limits. <sup>l</sup>Put and Lubim were your helpers.

**10** Yet she *was* carried away. She went into captivity. <sup>m</sup>Her young children also were dashed to pieces <sup>n</sup>at the head of all the streets. And they <sup>o</sup>cast lots for her honorable men and all her great men were bound in chains.

**11** You also will be <sup>p</sup>drunk. You will go into hiding. You also will seek refuge because of the enemy.

**12** ¶ All your strongholds *will be like* <sup>q</sup>fig trees with the ripened figs. If they are shaken, they will fall into the mouth of the eater.

**13** Behold, <sup>r</sup>your people in the midst of you *are* women. The gates of your land will be set wide open unto your enemies. The fire will devour your <sup>s</sup>bars.

**14** Draw waters for the siege. <sup>t</sup>Fortify your strongholds. Go into clay and tread the mortar. Make strong the brick kiln.

**15** There the fire will devour you. The sword will cut you off. It will eat you up like the <sup>u</sup>locust. Make yourself many as the creeping locust. Multiply yourself as the swarming locust.

**16** You have multiplied your <sup>v</sup>merchants above the stars of heaven. The creeping locust strips and flies away.

**17** <sup>w</sup>Your guards *are* as the locusts and your captains as the great locusts that camp in the hedges in the cold day, *but* when the sun arises they flee away, and the place where they *are* is not known.

**18** ¶ <sup>x</sup>Your shepherds slumber, O <sup>y</sup>king of Assyria. Your nobles will dwell *in the dust*. Your people are <sup>z</sup>scattered on the mountains and no man gathers *them*.

**19** *There is* no healing of your bruise. <sup>a</sup>Your wound is grievous. <sup>b</sup>All who hear about you will clap the hands. For on whom has your wickedness not passed continually?

d Is 47:2,3 e Nh 1:14 f Hb 10:33 g Rv 18:10 h Jh 3:3; 4:11 i Jr 15:5 j Am 6:2 k Jr 46:25 l Ez 27:10 m Hs 13:16 n Lm 2:19 o Jl 3:3 p Nh 1:10 q Rv 6:12,13 r Is 19:16 s Jr 51:30 t Nh 2:1 u Jl 1:4 v Rv 18:3,11-19 w Rv 9:7 x Ps 76:5,6 y Jr 50:18 z 1 Kg 22:17 a Mc 1:9 b Lm 2:15