Nahum 3

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3 Woe to the bloody city! it is all full of lies and robbery; the prey departeth not; (These are the people who took the 10 tribes of Israel captive) (Nineveh was the capital city of Assyria)

(God used Jonah to convert them, and they gladly accepted God. Now, they had reverted to their idol worship, and were abusing their captives from Israel. God judged them for both offenses and ended them as a nation)

²The noise of a whip, and the noise of the rattling of the wheels, and of the pransing horses, and of the jumping chariots. (Their mighty army took whatever they wanted. They began to believe that they were invincible)

NOTE: (Look at the US today. God blessed us and made us powerful. But, since WW2, we have become arrogant; full of ourselves. Pride was Satan's sin, and it has become the sin of the US. When God's patience runs out, He will correct us too)

- ³The horseman lifteth up both the bright sword and the glittering spear: and there is a multitude of slain, and a great number of carcases; and there is none end of their corpses; they stumble upon their corpses: (They wreaked destruction on other nations, including Israel <the 10 northern tribes>. That is not what God wanted of them. They were only supposed to take them captive and subdue them. God didn't tell them to torture and murder the people)
- ⁴Because of the multitude of the whoredoms of the well favoured harlot, the mistress of witchcrafts, that selleth nations through her whoredoms, and families through her witchcrafts. (They became mired in perversion, false teachings, and corruption. They forsook the teachings of God that Jonah had brought to them earlier)

NOTE: (Unfortunately this is human nature. When we become successful and powerful, we forget how we got there. It was God that blessed them, not their own greatness. We have the same problem in the US today. It is shameful to hear our corrupt politicians talking about "American exceptionalism")

⁵Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts; and I will discover thy skirts upon thy face, and I will shew the nations thy nakedness,

and the kingdoms thy shame. (God knows what they have been doing and He doesn't appreciate it. HE has judged them and He will chastise them)

⁶ And I will cast abominable filth upon thee, and make thee vile, and will set thee as a gazingstock. (Their shame was exposed before the whole world. God abased them so that the whole world saw them as a disgrace)

Revelation-19:8 (Our fine linens in heaven are woven from our good works in this life. People who have none will be ashamed before God and the people)

- ⁷And it shall come to pass, that all they that look upon thee shall flee from thee, and say, Nineveh is laid waste: who will bemoan her? whence shall I seek comforters for thee? (People will ridicule and abase them as a foolish people. No one will feel sorry for them)
- ⁸ Art thou better than populous \underline{No} , that was situate among the rivers, that had the waters round about it, whose rampart was the sea, and her wall was from the sea? (In Egypt, No was Amun-Nu = god's city. It was well defended)

(God is asking - Are you better than "god's city"? It didn't amount to anything, and neither will Nineveh)

- ⁹ Ethiopia and Egypt were her strength, and it was infinite; <u>Put</u> and <u>Lubim</u> were thy helpers. (Put= Africa; Lubim= the dwellers of a thirsty land desert dwellers) (These were all mercenaries for Tyre)
- ¹⁰ Yet was she carried away, she went into captivity: her young children also were dashed in pieces at the top of all the streets: and they cast lots for her honourable men, and all her great men were bound in chains. (None of them could stand against God either)
- ¹¹Thou also shalt be drunken: thou shalt be hid, thou also shalt seek strength because of the enemy. (The heathen peoples seek strength from other nations. God's people seek strength from God)
- ¹² All thy strong holds shall be like fig trees with the firstripe figs: if they be shaken, they shall even fall into the mouth of the eater. (The figs are easily shaken off of the tree. They are overripe and ready to be eaten)

(Just like that, these people are already defeated without any resistance. They are a prime target for the taking)

- ¹³ Behold, thy people in the midst of thee are women: the gates of thy land shall be set wide open unto thine enemies: the fire shall devour thy bars. (They won't even be able to defend themselves adequately. No training, no discipline. They are being compared to women because women weren't trained to fight battles in those nations)
- ¹⁴ Draw thee waters for the siege, fortify thy strong holds: go into clay, and tread the morter, make strong the brickkiln. (Get ready. Fortify your walls. It won't help you because God has judged you to destruction)
- ¹⁵ There shall the fire devour thee; the sword shall cut thee off, it shall eat thee up like the cankerworm: make thyself many as the cankerworm, make thyself many as the locusts. (Just like the locust army of the end days; with their false teaching, deception and spiritual death) see Revelation-9, Joel
- ¹⁶Thou hast multiplied thy merchants above the stars of heaven: the cankerworm spoileth, and fleeth away. (Corruption and greedy commerce consumes the good people that are left)
- ¹⁷Thy crowned are as the locusts, and thy captains as the great grasshoppers, which camp in the hedges in the cold day, but when the sun ariseth they flee away, and their place is not known where they are. (Their royals, their leaders and their army operate in deception, lies and manipulation behind the scenes. When they are exposed in the sunlight, they flee like scared rabbits)

NOTES: (Jesus is the Light of the world. When He will expose the locust army in the end days, they will flee before Him. The locust army is the Kenites and those who work with them. They work best in darkness and deception; behind the scenes)

(The battle of the end days will be a spiritual one. The wicked will use propaganda and deception. Their weapons will be censorship and seizure of financial assets for those who resist antichrist; and remain true to God)

¹⁸Thy <u>shepherds</u> slumber, O king of Assyria: thy nobles shall <u>dwell in</u> <u>the dust</u>: thy people is scattered upon the mountains, and no man

gathereth them. (Shepherds = preachers; they are asleep so their flocks scatter. They have no true spiritual leader)

(To dwell in the dust is an expression of degradation. The king of Assyria is a type for antichrist, at the end of this Age)

¹⁹ There is no healing of thy bruise; thy wound is grievous: all that hear the bruit of thee shall clap the hands over thee: for upon whom hath not thy wickedness passed continually? (Judgment is pronounced on them. Their captives are freed from their wickedness, their abuse and their perversions) Isaiah-43:26

NOTES: (200 Years later, Babylon took Judah captive. After a while, they also abused Judah. They would later fall the same way that Assyria fell; in disgrace and shame before all the nations) (In the end times of this Age, Satan and the Kenites will deceive and control the whole world for a short time. They will also fall the same way, along with antichrist. God will end them)