Nahum 1

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(Written to Assyria Approx. 603 BC)

(Nahum was sent to Assyria after Jonah had converted them in Nineveh. Eventually, they began to fall away from God's Word back to their fish god. Nahum was sent to warn them that turning away from God would eventually lead to their own destruction. They were now in the process of taking the 10 northern tribes of Israel captive)

1 The burden of Nineveh. The book of the vision of <u>Nahum</u> the Elkoshite. (Nahum= compassionate counselor)

NOTE: (El Kush – his town was about 2 miles north of Mosul, today, in Iraq. Close to where Saddam Hussein's 2 sons were killed by US troops in the Gulf War)

²God is jealous, and the LORD revengeth; the LORD revengeth, and is furious; the LORD will take vengeance on his adversaries, and he reserveth wrath for his enemies. (They were abandoning God and falling back into idolatry and the worship of their fish god)

(God loves all His people. HE blesses them when they love Him and live by His commandments. If they turn away from Him, He eventually removes His blessings and His protection from them. When that happens, the wicked world will eat them up)

The LORD is slow to anger, and great in power, and will not at all acquit the wicked: the LORD hath his way in the whirlwind and in the storm, and the clouds are the dust of his feet. (God is patient, and all powerful. He will not tolerate evil forever. Eventually even His patience comes to an end. Even nature, itself, obeys His commands)

2Peter-3:9, Numbers-14:18 (The Lord is longsuffering <patient>)

⁴He rebuketh the sea, and maketh it dry, and drieth up all the rivers: <u>Bashan</u> languisheth, and <u>Carmel</u>, and the flower of Lebanon languisheth. (<u>Bashan was a fertile place</u>; <u>Carmel means a pleasant place</u>)

(God can give us blessings and prosperity, or He can take it away)

⁵The mountains quake at him, and the hills melt, and the earth is burned at his presence, yea, the world, and <u>all that dwell therein</u>. (God

is in control of the world. No one can oppose Him. Mountains and hills are symbolic for nations, cities and towns) 2Peter-3:10

⁶ Who can stand before his indignation? and who can abide in the fierceness of his anger? his fury is poured out like fire, and the rocks are thrown down by him. (The wicked people who oppose God had better fear Him. HE is all powerful and all knowing)

(The good people who love God are blessed, safe and protected. They receive His love His blessings)

(But upon repentance, even the wicked are forgiven and God's blessings follow. God wishes that all His children would repent and be saved. Unfortunately, many won't) 2Peter-3:9

The LORD is good, a strong hold in the day of trouble; and he knoweth them that trust in him. (God knows who He can trust, from our behavior in the First Age. We are the same people now, only we are in flesh bodies during the Second Age. That's why God said – Jacob I loved, Esau I hated. Because of what they were in the First Age) See Romans-9:13

Ephesians-1:4 (God chose the Elect < the saints, as Paul called them> before the foundations of this Age – i.e. during the First Age)

⁸ But with an overrunning flood he will make an utter end of <u>the place</u> <u>thereof</u>, and darkness shall pursue his enemies. (This is Ninevah, in Assyria)

In Isaiah-14 (Lucifer <the bright morning star> is also called the Assyrian. What happens to Nineveh is prophecy for what will happen to Antichrist; to end his reign in the end times of this Age)

- ⁹ What do ye imagine against the LORD? he will make an utter end: affliction shall not rise up the second time. (When God ends something, it ends quickly and forever. HE doesn't need a second try to end something or someone)
- ¹⁰ For while they be folden together as thorns, and while they are drunken as drunkards, they shall be devoured as stubble fully dry. (There is no defense against God's wrath. Stay on His good side and be saved; or fight against Him in your ignorance and drunkenness, and you will be consumed in an instant, like dry straw in a fire)

¹¹There is one come out of thee, that imagineth evil against the LORD, a wicked counsellor. (The Assyrian is also a type for antichrist in the end times)

(Antichrist will make a full effort to turn people against God, by claiming that he is Jesus, returned as messiah. Most people will be deceived by him and they will worship him) see Matthew-24:24, 2Thessalonians-2:3-4

¹² Thus saith the LORD; Though they be <u>quiet</u>, and likewise many, yet thus shall they be cut down, when he shall pass through. Though I have afflicted thee, I will afflict thee no more. (quiet = secure, they feel safe because they are many. Numbers mean nothing to God. HE can defeat the greatest army with a single word)

NOTE: (This verse peaks to Judah. Moffett believed this verse should come after verse 15)

¹³ For now will I break his yoke from off thee, and will burst thy bonds in sunder. (God will free His people from the Assyrian)

(Today, we are freed from Satan by the salvation of Jesus – God in the flesh. Jesus said – you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free) John-8:32

¹⁴ And the LORD hath given a commandment concerning thee, that no more of thy name be sown: out of the house of thy gods will I cut off the graven image and the molten image: I will make thy grave; for thou art vile. (This warning was to the Assyrians. God would end idolatry, and He will end the Assyrians <if they don't repent>. They refused, so God destroyed them)

NOTE: (God later freed the 10 northern tribes of Israel; to go over the Caucasus Mountains and settle in Europe, and later, in America. This is where the word Caucasian comes from)

¹⁵ Behold upon the mountains the feet of him that bringeth good tidings, that publisheth peace! O Judah, keep thy solemn feasts, perform thy vows: for the wicked shall no more pass through thee; he is utterly cut off. (Moffett believed that verse 12 should follow this verse, because the subject is Judah in both verses. Others disagree)