

Nahum 2

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(The destruction of Nineveh; God destroyed the government and the nation of Assyria; not the people) (The city of Capernaum got its name from the name Nahum. Nahum means compassionate counselor)

2 He that dasheth in pieces is come up before thy face: keep the munition, watch the way, make thy loins strong, fortify thy power mightily. (Go ahead and arm yourselves. Make yourselves strong, if you believe that your weapons will save you. God is coming up against you, and you will fail)

²For the LORD hath turned away the excellency of Jacob, as the excellency of Israel: for the emptiers have emptied them out, and marred their vine branches. (God is coming for the Assyrians because they have robbed and abused the 10 northern tribes of Israel)

(God wanted Israel taken captive, in order to chastise them for their evil and their idolatry. HE didn't want them abused, murdered and robbed. Now He wants to stop the Assyrians and turn them back toward salvation, with this warning)

³The shield of his mighty men is made red, the valiant men are in scarlet: the chariots shall be with flaming torches in the day of his preparation, and the fir trees shall be terribly shaken. (Their armies cannot stand against God. Those who fight against God will die)

(Our shield against this wicked world is Jesus Christ) Ephesians

⁴The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways: they shall seem like torches, they shall run like the lightnings. (They will lose everything, in their confusion)

⁵He shall recount his worthies: they shall stumble in their walk; they shall make haste to the wall thereof, and the defence shall be prepared. (The Assyrian king and his army will assemble themselves to fight against God. They will make their plans, but it will be to no avail)

NOTE: (The Christian nations of the west have all degraded into atheism, Islam, political correctness, immorality and perversion. What happened to Assyria should be a lesson and a warning to us. But no one is listening. The government sinks deeper and deeper into greed and corruption. Our day of reckoning is also coming)

⁶The gates of the rivers shall be opened, and the palace shall be dissolved. (Nineveh was on the banks of the Tigris River. Assyria would disappear as though they were washed away by the flooding of a river)

⁷And Huzzab shall be led away captive, she shall be brought up, and her maids shall lead her as with the voice of doves, tabering upon their breasts. (Huzzab was the queen goddess of Ninevah – a false goddess, a wicked idol)

⁸But Nineveh is of old like a pool of water: yet they shall flee away. Stand, stand, shall they cry; but none shall look back. (They'll stand for nothing. Although Nineveh was a very ancient city, they will disappear as a people forever. They abandoned God, and now He will abandon them)

⁹Take ye the spoil of silver, take the spoil of gold: for there is none end of the store and glory out of all the pleasant furniture. (Pick up your loot and run for it. They have vessels of desire, but no faith in God. Worldly pleasures and earthly treasures are nothing of any real value)

(Our faith in God and our good works are our true treasures. They are waiting for us in Heaven, not on this earth)

¹⁰She is empty, and void, and waste: and the heart melteth, and the knees smite together, and much pain is in all loins, and the faces of them all gather blackness. (empty = bakka, bakka, bakka <Hebrew> – like the sound of emptying a large jug)

(There's nothing worth saving in the entire city of Nineveh. It's all idolatry and low morals; void; empty of any real values. They are finished as a people. Assyria will be no more)

¹¹Where is the dwelling of the lions, and the feedingplace of the young lions, where the lion, even the old lion, walked, and the lion's whelp, and none made them afraid? (Taken from 2Kings-18 as a comparison) (These people are nothing like that. They have degraded themselves into a pathetic lot of idol worshippers)

¹²The lion did tear in pieces enough for his whelps, and strangled for his lionesses, and filled his holes with prey, and his dens with ravin. (The lion took what he needed. These people stand for nothing)

¹³ Behold, I am against thee, saith the LORD of hosts, and I will burn her chariots in the smoke, and the sword shall devour thy young lions: and I will cut off thy prey from the earth, and the voice of thy messengers shall no more be heard. (God ended Assyria for ever because of their trespasses against Him and against other nations. God used them to capture the 10 northern tribes of Israel and to subdue them; because they had abandoned God for idol worship)

(The Assyrians did take Israel, but then they went too far. They abused the people and took everything from them. Then, they in turn, also turned away from God. They went back to idol worship and perversion; so God ended them as well)

(The Assyrian is a type for the antichrist of the end times. He will lead the whole world away from God with his lies and his tricks. He will deceive them into worshipping him; as if he were God)