

Nahum – 3 Chapters

Title:

Nahum- after its author.

Author:

Nahum the Elkoshite. Nahum means “comfort”. Very little is known about Nahum.

Occasion and Purpose:

About two generations after Jonah (between 663 B.C. and 612 B.C. [when Nineveh was destroyed]) Nahum prophesied God’s coming destruction on Nineveh, just as Jonah had done. Though God relented of destroying Nineveh in Jonah’s time, Nahum is very clear that Nineveh would indeed be destroyed, and this will bring comfort to God’s people.

Theme:

1. Wrath against Nineveh

Summary:

Nahum speaks against the Assyrian city of Ninevah. He predicts her violent overthrow and destruction, bringing the punishment she deserved. God punishes the wicked and brings comfort to the righteous. The God of Israel is also the God who is sovereign over all nations and they must answer to him.

Organization:

Anger and Warning	1:1 Introduction	1:1-15
	1:2-6 The LORD is a God of wrath	
	1:7-11 The LORD is good, but destroys His enemies	
	1:12-15 The LORD will destroy Judah's oppressor	
Nineveh to Fall	2:1-6 An army attacks Nineveh	2:1-13
	2:7-10 Nineveh will be destroyed	
	2:11-13 Gloating over the defeated "Lions"	
Woe to Nineveh	3:1-4 Woe to the City of Blood	3:1-19
	3:5-7 "I am against you"	
	3:8-11 "You will fall like Thebes"	
	3:12-13 They will fall like Figs	
	3:14-17 They will be destroyed by fire and locust	
	3:18-19 Assyria's wound is fatal	

Key Verses:

1:2-4; 1:7-8