

# NAHUM

*“The prophecy of Jonah asks, ‘Does God control nature?’ Nahum asks, ‘Does God control history?’ The Bible says it is God who draws the atlas of history.” (Pawson, 2007, p. 333)*

**Author:** Nahum the Elkoshite

**Date:** 663 -612 BC

**Main Idea:** Wicked Nineveh will fall to God’s judgment. Nahum’s prophecy comes true when Babylonian Empire overruns Nineveh in 612 BC.

**Message:** If the strongest city on earth is no match for God’s strength then God can handle your issues. This message is to Judah, so they would have comfort that the Assyrian’s would be held to account for their atrocities.

## Memorable Verses:

**Nahum 1:3** | “The LORD is slow to anger and great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished.”

**Nahum 1:7** | “The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him.”

**Nahum 1:15** | “Look to the mountains – the feet of the herald, who proclaims peace.”

**The Gospel in Nahum:** The mercy of God stands together with justice. Salvation for God’s people is in God’s judgment poured out on an atonement sacrifice, but directly upon God’s enemies.

## Outline of Book:

### 1. *Destruction of Nineveh Decreed (1) (The Who?)*

- a. God of Justice described (1:1-8)
- b. Prophecy of destruction (1:8)
- c. Reasons for destruction (1:9-15)

### 2. *Destruction of Nineveh Described (2)(The How?)*

- a. Coming of the enemies (2:1-2)
- b. Attack on Nineveh (2:3-7)
  - i. Flooding of Nineveh (2:6)
- c. Plunder of Nineveh (2:8-10)
- d. Where is the Lion’s Den? (2:11-13)
  - i. Nineveh considered the Lion’s den of Assyria

### 3. *Destruction of Nineveh Deserved (3) (The Why?)*

- a. Because of Brutal Conquests (3:1-7)
- b. Example of Thebes (3:8-10)
- c. Inevitable destruction (3:11-18)
- d. Response of Other Nations.....JOY (3:19)

## Application:

1. God is Sovereign – He is in control.
2. God is Just – God confronts injustice.
3. God Protects His People – Who’s side are you on?
4. Don’t compromise your values for monetary gain/status/ or power.
5. Respond to evil with compassion – God’s justice is coming, save as many as you can.

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