

COMMENTARY

NAHUM

Nahum 1

Nahum came along about 140 years after Jonah, to prophesy against Nineveh (capital of the Assyrian Empire).

Nahum describes the power of God and His righteousness. Assyria will be punished because of their sin. They would be totally destroyed-- and were! (for centuries man felt that references to the Assyrians, were simply exaggerated stories and that there was no such Kingdom, in reality).

Judah however, would be delivered from the Assyrians.

Nahum 2

Nahum thoroughly describes the fall of Nineveh. A people who had been so ruthless and powerful, who had collected the riches of the nations; would be completely and mercilessly destroyed. Even the mention of the "river gates" being thrown open is accurate, as the rise of the river washed away part of the wall and allowed the entrance of the Babylonians into the city of Nineveh!

Nahum 3

Nineveh had become very wicked and proud. God warns them that He will totally humiliate them and that they would fall just like the great nations before them. Their destruction would be fierce and complete because they had failed to repent.

STUDY GUIDE

NAHUM 1

1. What does Nahum say about the Lord in verse 2?
2. In what, is the Lord slow? (vs. 3)
3. What does Nahum say about the Lord in verse 7?
4. Who would the Lord put an end to? (vs. 8)
5. How is Nineveh described? (vs. 12)
6. What will the Lord do to Nineveh? (vs. 14)

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NAHUM 2

1. What will the Lord restore? (vs. 2)
2. What would happen to the river gates of Nineveh? (vs. 6)
3. What has been decreed? (vs. 7)
4. What would be done to the city? (vs. 10)
5. To what, were the Assyrians compared? (vs. 11)
6. What would the Lord burn, destroy and leave none of? (vs. 13)



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NAHUM 3

1. How is the city of Nineveh now described? (vs. 1)
2. What would God do to Nineveh? (vs. 6)
3. What places were to be lessons for Nineveh? (vs. 8,9)
4. What had happened to them? (vs. 10)
5. What would be fatal? (vs. 19)