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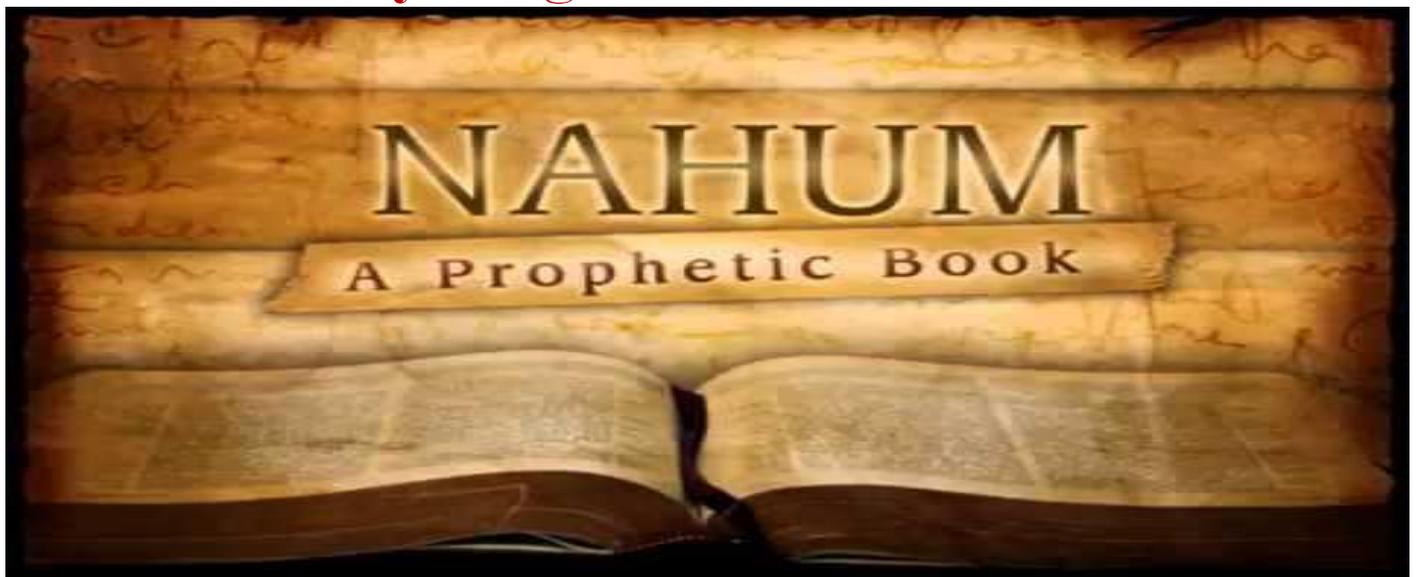
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“Almost” Everything You Need to Know About...



**Tuesday, June 22, 2021
Online Bible Study**

One way to look at this book: The Book of Jonah, Part 2

Why?

Because it is a prophecy to and against
Nineveh, the capital of Assyria.

I. INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT NAHUM

1. Most people have probably never heard of this book, let alone ever read it.
2. Nahum is one of the 12 Minor Prophets.
3. The name Nahum means “**comfort, consolation.**” It is a shortened form of Nehemiah.
4. The only time Nahum is mentioned in the Old Testament is in 1:1.

II. REMEMBER JONAH & HIS MESSAGE TO NINEVEH?

1. Jonah (prophet) was told by God to go “**prophecy**” to the Assyrians.
2. Jonah hated the people and didn’t want to go. Jonah wanted vengeance against their disobedience.
3. Jonah ran in the opposite direction. (Nineveh)
4. God stopped him, turned him around. He ended up going.
5. The people he hated ended up receiving God’s message through him. God spared the city.

III. POST-JONAH

1. Jonah’s preaching and the city’s repentance “**held**” for about 100 years. They ended up:

1. Loss of heavenly values.
2. Loss of conviction of sin.
3. Lazy in service.
4. Putting people’s word ahead of God’s Word.
5. Loss of testimony.



"The **backslider** in heart shall be filled with his own ways: and a good man shall be satisfied from himself." - **Proverbs 14:14, KJV**

"Turn, O **backsliding** children, saith the LORD; for I am married unto you: and I will take you one of a city, and two of a family, and I will bring you to Zion:" - **Jeremiah 3:14, KJV**

"Why then is this people of Jerusalem **slidden back** by a perpetual backsliding? they hold fast deceit, they refuse to return." - **Jeremiah 8:5, KJV**

2. Nahum prophesied against Nineveh 50 years before Nineveh would be conquered.

IV. WHY WAS THIS SUCH A BIG DEAL?

1. Nineveh had become the mightiest city on earth.
 - a. 100 foot high walls
 - b. Walls surrounded by a moat 150 feet wide and 60 feet deep
 - c. They felt invincible!

V. LET'S READ

- God is merciful and just, BUT....

A prophecy concerning Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite. ²The LORD is a jealous and avenging God; the LORD takes vengeance and is filled with wrath. The LORD takes vengeance on his foes and vents his wrath against his enemies. ³The LORD is slow to anger but great in power; the LORD will not leave the guilty unpunished. His way is in the whirlwind and the storm, and clouds are the dust of his feet. ⁴He rebukes the sea and dries it up; he makes all the rivers run dry. Bashan and Carmel wither and the blossoms of Lebanon fade. ⁵The mountains quake before him and the hills melt away. The earth trembles at his presence, the world and all who live in it. ⁶Who can withstand his indignation? Who can endure his fierce anger? His wrath is poured out like fire; the rocks are shattered before him. ⁷The LORD is good, a refuge in times of trouble. He cares for those who trust in him, ⁸but with an overwhelming flood he will make an end of Nineveh; he will pursue his foes into the realm of darkness. – 1:1-8

- God will judge and destroy Nineveh

¹² This is what the LORD says: "Although they have allies and are numerous, they will be destroyed and pass away. Although I have afflicted you, Judah, I will afflict you no more. ¹³ Now I will break their yoke from your neck and tear your shackles away." ¹⁴ The LORD has given a command concerning you, Nineveh: "You will have no descendants to bear your name. I will destroy the images and idols that are in the temple of your gods. I will prepare your grave, for you are vile." ¹⁵ Look, there on the mountains, the feet of one who brings good news, who proclaims peace! Celebrate your festivals, Judah, and fulfill your vows. No more will the wicked invade you; they will be completely destroyed. – 1:12-15

- Woe to Nineveh

Woe to the city of blood, full of lies, full of plunder, never without victims!
² The crack of whips, the clatter of wheels, galloping horses and jolting chariots!
³ Charging cavalry, flashing swords and glittering spears! Many casualties, piles of dead, bodies without number, people stumbling over the corpses—⁴ all because of the wanton lust of a prostitute, alluring, the mistress of sorceries, who enslaved nations by her prostitution and peoples by her witchcraft. ⁵ "I am against you," declares the LORD Almighty. "I will lift your skirts over your face. I will show the nations your nakedness and the kingdoms your shame. ⁶ I will pelt you with filth, I will treat you with contempt and make you a spectacle. ⁷ All who see you will flee from you and say, 'Nineveh is in ruins—who will mourn for her?' Where can I find anyone to comfort you?" – 3:1-7

VI. ISSUES RAISED BY NAHUM

1. How do you feel about a God who is both **“kind”** and **“stern?”**
2. Doing something against God’s people is like doing something against God.
3. Nineveh was destroyed in 612 B.C. It has never been rebuilt. What does that tell us?

**oh look how the
mighty have fallen.**

VII. BIBLE PROJECT VIDEO ON NAHUM

For Next Week: Please read The Book of Revelation

Next week is the last official Bible Study for the summer, unless...

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