

## Study Outline of Nahum

- A. 3:8 sets the earliest possible date by mentioning *No-Amon* or *Thebes*. This city of Egypt fell in 663 BC. Nineveh was destroyed in 612 BC by the Medo-Persians.
- B. The book is titled "The burden against Nineveh" (1:1).
- C. 1:1-8 – God will be an overwhelming flood to Nineveh.
  - a. Jonah had preached to this city about 100 years earlier and they repented (Jon. 3:5-10).
  - b. Notice the words used to describe God's mindset toward them now:
    - i. Avenge – a verb meaning to take revenge.
    - ii. Furious – wrath, heat, rage.
    - iii. Adversaries – one's personal enemy.
  - c. The good thing is that God is slow (long, drawn out) to anger (nose, nostril, and anger). Jeremiah 15:14-15.
  - d. Indignation – intense anger.
  - e. Fierce – the heat of one's nose. 2 Kings 23:26.
  - f. Even though Nineveh was not God's "chosen people," they were still subject to His law and judgment.
- D. 1:9-15 – Nineveh's plans cannot bring an escape from God's judgment.
  - a. Verse 12 shows that numbers do not matter to God. 2 Kings 19 records the death of 185,000 Assyrians in one night!
  - b. The yoke of Assyria would be broken from the neck of God's people in this judgment.
  - c. Verse 15 would give hope to Judah.
- E. 2:1-7 – Nineveh's destroyer is on the way.
  - a. Nineveh is called to attention in verse 1. When Nineveh is destroyed (612 BC) it would cause Israel to look for a time of restoration (v. 2).
  - b. Their coming enemy is going to be prepared for battle, powerful, and fast.
  - c. The certainty of these events is seen in verse 7.
- F. 2:8-13 – The Lord will cut them off.
  - a. Her luxury and wealth will be consumed by the enemy.
  - b. This is not going to be as a war with a country, but with God Himself.
- G. 3:1-4 – Nineveh has brought this punishment upon herself.
- H. 3:5-7 – God is the enemy. The nations of the world do not consider the fact that there is only one true God to whom they must give account. 1 Kings 20:23.
- I. 3:8-13 – Nineveh will be no different than any other nation. *No-Amon* is a reference to the ancient city of Thebes. For many years it had been an important city to Egypt but was destroyed in 663 BC by Assyria.
  - a. Verse 10 describes the brutality of the Assyrian army.
  - b. Nineveh is going to fall like a drunken man (v. 11).
- J. 3:14-19 – In spite of her strength Nineveh will be destroyed and the nations will rejoice.