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# MAJOR LESSONS FROM THE MINOR PROPHETS

**AUG 21 // WEEK 1 // GUEST SPEAKER: MARSHALL SMITH**

## NAHUM NOTES PART 1:

### Why study Nahum?

For whatever things were written before were written for our learning, that we through the patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope. - **Romans 15:4**

Thus says the LORD, "Let not a wise man boast of his wisdom, and let not the mighty man boast of his might, let not a rich man boast of his riches; but let him who boasts boast of this, that he understands and knows Me, that I am the LORD who exercises loving kindness, justice and righteousness on earth; for I delight in these things," declares the LORD. - **Jeremiah 9:23-24**

### Historical background

"I felled 3,000 of their fighting men with the sword ... I captured many troops alive: I cut off of some their arms [and] hands; I cut off of others their noses, ears, [and] extremities. I gouged out the eyes of many troops. I made one pile of the living [and] one of heads. I hung their heads on trees around the city." - **Ashurnasirpal II (883-859)**

"Their dismembered bodies I fed to the dogs, swine, wolves, and eagles, to the birds of heaven and the fish of the deep" To those whom he left alive he "pierced the lips and took them to Assyria as a spectacle for the people of my land." "I will punish the fruit of the arrogant heart of the king of Assyria and the pomp of his haughtiness." For he has said, "By the power of my hand and by my wisdom I did this, for I have understanding; and I removed the boundaries of the peoples and plundered their treasures. - **Ashurbanipal: (669-631)**

And like a mighty man I brought down their inhabitants, and my hand reached to the riches of the peoples like a nest, and as one gathers abandoned eggs, I gathered all the earth; And there was not one that flapped its wing or opened its beak or chirped." - **Isaiah 10:12-14**

This is the exultant city which dwells securely, Who says in her heart, "I am, and there is no one besides me." - **Zephaniah 2:15**

"Has any one of the gods of the nations delivered its land from the hand of the king of Assyria? ... Who among all the gods of these lands have delivered their countries from my hand, that the LORD should deliver Jerusalem from my hand?" - **Isaiah 36:18, 20**

### Outline of Nahum:

**Chapter 1: Judgment of Nineveh declared**

**Chapter 2: Judgment of Nineveh via Babylonians and Medes described vividly**

**Chapter 3: Judgment of Nineveh deserved**

- 1 The oracle of Nineveh. The book of the vision of Nahum the Elkoshite:
- 2 A jealous and avenging God is the LORD; The LORD is avenging and wrathful. The LORD takes vengeance on His adversaries, And He reserves wrath for His enemies.
- 3 The LORD is slow to anger and great in power, And the LORD will by no means leave the guilty unpunished. In whirlwind and storm is His way, And clouds are the dust beneath His feet.
- 4 He rebukes the sea makes it dry; He dries up all the rivers. Bashan and Carmel wither; The blossoms of Lebanon wither.
- 5 Mountains quake because of Him, And the hills dissolve; Indeed the earth is upheaved by His presence, The world and all the inhabitants in it.
- 6 Who can stand before His indignation? Who can endure the burning of His anger? His wrath is poured out like fire And the rocks are broken up by Him.

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## NAHUM NOTES PART 2:

7 The LORD is good, A stronghold in the day of trouble, And He knows those who take refuge in Him.

8 But with an overflowing flood He will make a complete end of [Nineveh's] site, And will pursue His enemies into darkness.

9 Whatever you devise against the LORD, He will make a complete end of it. Distress will not rise up twice.

10 Like tangled thorns, And like those who are drunken with their drink, They are consumed. As stubble, completely withered.

11 From you has gone forth One who plotted evil against the LORD, A wicked counselor.

12 Thus says the LORD, "Though they are at full strength and likewise many, Even so, they will be cut off and pass away. Though I have afflicted you, I will afflict you no longer. 13 So now, I will break his yoke from upon you, And I will tear off your shackles."

14 The LORD has issued a command concerning you: "Your name will no longer be perpetuated. I will cut off idol and image. From the house of your gods. I will prepare your grave, For you are contemptible."

15 Behold, on the mountains the feet of him who brings good news, Who announces peace! Celebrate your feasts, Judah; Pay your vows. For never again will the wicked one pass through you; He is cut off completely. - **Nahum 1**

## God kept His promise

"The palace had been destroyed by fire, the alabaster slabs were almost reduced to lime. ... The mound upon which it stood was once washed by the river. ... Without the evidence that these monuments afford, we might doubt that the great Nineveh ever existed, so completely 'has she become a desolation and a waste.'" - **Nineteenth century archaeologist Austen Henry Layard**

Because He has fixed a day in which He will judge the world in righteousness through a Man whom He has appointed, having furnished proof to all men by raising Him from the dead. -

**Acts 17:31**

We should flee the wrath to come and take refuge in Christ.

Therefore, there is now no condemnation at all for those who are in Christ Jesus. - **Romans 8:1**

## What of those who ARE in Christ?

But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" - **Romans 10:15**

that if you confess with your mouth Jesus as Lord, and believe in your heart that God raised Him from the dead, you will be saved; 10 for with the heart a person believes, resulting in righteousness, and with the mouth he confesses, resulting in salvation. - **Romans 10:9-10**

13 for "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved." 14 How then are they to call on Him in whom they have not believed? How are they to believe in Him whom they have not heard? And how are they to hear without a preacher? 15 But how are they to preach unless they are sent? Just as it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news of good things!" - **Romans 10:13-15**